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# NORTHERN COLORADO

## SERRAN



SERRA CLUB OF THE FT. COLLINS DEANERY

District 6, Club #1078

Chaplain: Very Reverend. Grzegorz Cioch V. F.

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS SERRA CLUB OF THE FT. COLLINS DEANERY

Saturday, November 7: Regular Club meeting and Mass at 8:00 a.m., with meeting in Emmitsburg Room, SEAS.

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Saturday, Nov. 7: Serra/Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass for deceased members, 5:00 p.m. SEAS

Monday, Nov. 16: Serra Social, Harmony Grill

Wednesday, Nov. 18: Serra Trust lunch at Cinzetti's and delivery of Christmas boxes to Seminary.

Monday, Nov. 23: Serra Executive Board Meeting, SEAS

Thursday, Nov. 26: THANKSGIVING DAY. 

Saturday, December 5: Regular Club meeting and Mass and Breakfast, Emmitsburg Room SEAS



Seminarians of the Archdiocese of Denver

**Remember to pray for our seminarians.**

**MARY, MOTHER OF VOCATIONS,  
PRAY FOR US.**

### PRESIDENT'S NOTES:

Dear Serrans:

The Serra Club has a very distinct mission, it is threefold. Our responsibility is 1) to encourage efforts to increase vocations through prayer and programs, 2) to affirm the priests and religious vocations, particularly those in our area, and 3) to share ways Serrans can live more fully their Christian values.

Our next three projects certainly affirm this mission. In November we will be filling Christmas gift packages for seminarians at St. John Vianney and Redemptorist Mater Seminaries. In December we will be having our annual Food Drive for the Sisters at Walburga. And in January we will be sponsoring our annual Server Appreciation Event for all altar Servers in our deanery. These are aggressive programs for a group our size. But it is only through the personal commitment from each of us, that all can be accomplished. And I have no doubt that each event will be successful.

I continue to be a vocal supporter of Serra, and particularly our local club. Each of you members is strongly committed to our mission. While Mem and I were away, three members took it upon themselves to attend the Serra Trust

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**A VERY SPECIAL SERRAN  
A VERY SPECIAL AWARD**

For the first time in its 74-year history, Serra presented a special award designed to honor two men who played a vital role in shaping Serra into what it is today – the global lay apostolate for vocations in the Catholic Church. Presented on Friday, August 28, 2009 in Omaha, this new award was created to recognize inspired apostleship and unwavering support of Serra’s global lay apostolate for vocations. It is named “The Samuel Cardinal Stritch Award” in honor of Serra’s first Episcopal Adviser, His Eminence Samuel Alphonsus Cardinal Stritch, who as Archbishop of Chicago convinced Serra to locate its world headquarters in Chicago in 1947. In 1951, Cardinal Stritch put his vision into action by successfully petitioning His Holiness Pope Pius XII to attach Serra to the Sacred Congregation for Seminaries and Universities. The Cardinal’s enthusiastic encouragement of Serra’s work for vocations on this earth was only brought to an end by his untimely death in May 1958.

The recipient of this new award is Ralph W. Hauenstein who joined Serra in 1948 as a founding member of the Serra Club of Grand Rapids in Michigan. During his visits to The Vatican in the early 1950’s Ralph worked closely with Cardinal Stritch in support of his request that the Holy See formally recognize Serra’s apostolic work of promoting priestly vocations. These efforts culminated in the signing on November 4, 1951 of a formal document attaching the fledgling lay organization to the Pontifical Work for Priestly Vocations, part of the Sacred Congregation for Seminaries and Universities. In presenting the Samuel Cardinal Stritch Award to Serran Ralph W. Hauenstein, Serra is proud to pay tribute to the fruitful collaboration of two faithful disciples of Jesus Christ and outstanding promoters of Serra’s global lay apostolate for vocations. *Deo Gratias!*

(excerpted from *The Bellringers*, News & Information for Serra leaders, October 11, 2009.)

**PRESIDENTS’ NOTES** (Cont. from Page 1, Col. 2)

'Lunch with Seminarians' (and had a wonderful experience, I understand). Karen Guyette saw to it that prayer cards were printed and distributed for Priesthood Sunday. And all of you participated in distributing the cards to parishioners at Masses on Oct. 26. Again I want to thank you for your commitment. I know that northern Colorado is being made aware of the importance of our priests, and the need for more priests. Please encourage your friend's to "thank a priest" for his personal vocation. God Bless you and Mary Mother of Vocations, pray for your priests and pray for us.

Patsy



**NO ONE IS BORN A PRIEST**

*It takes a community to raise a priest; from families who talk about vocations, to parishioners who pray for and champion religious life, to priests themselves, who through their lives of compassion and sacrifice, reveal Christ’s abundant love. If you know someone who would make a good priest, tell him. And ask him to call our Vocations Office. Your encouragement could make all the difference.*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**

(Courtesy Vocation Office: The Diocese of Saint Augustine Fl.)

**SAINT OF THE MONTH**  
**St. Catherine of Alexandria**

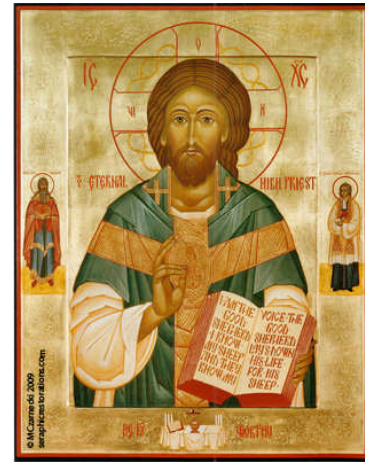


Saint Catherine of Alexandria was a virgin and martyr whose feast is celebrated in the on 25 November, and who for almost six centuries was the object of a very popular devotion. She was born of nobility and was educated in the sciences.

At eighteen she went to Emperor Maximinus who was persecuting Christians and reproached him for his cruelty. She also proved how wicked it was to worship false gods. He was not able to argue her points but detained her in his palace and attempted to have her proved wrong by bringing in numerous scholars. But she emerged from the debate victorious. Several of her adversaries, conquered by her eloquence, declared themselves Christians and were at once put to death. Maximinus had Catherine scourged and the imprisoned. Meanwhile the empress was eager to see this extraordinary young woman and with the head of the troops, went to visit Catherine in her dungeon. They were converted, baptized and immediately became martyrs. Catherine was then condemned to die on the wheel, however, when she touched the torture instrument it was destroyed. The emperor was so enraged that he had her beheaded instead.

Legend says, angels carried her body to Mount Sinai where later a church and monastery were built in her honor. St. Catherine was invested by Catholic peoples with a halo of charming poetry and miraculous power. St. Catherine became the patroness of young maidens and female students.

Karen Guyette, Researcher



Please Pray for Priests

Dear Lord,  
 we pray that the Blessed Mother wrap her mantle around your priests and through her intercession strengthen them for their ministry.  
 We pray that Mary will guide your priests to follow her own words,  
 "Do whatever He tells you" (Jn 2:5).  
 May your priests have the heart of St. Joseph, Mary's most chaste spouse.  
 May the Blessed Mother's own pierced heart inspire them to embrace all who suffer at the foot of the cross.  
 May your priests be holy, filled with the fire of your love seeking nothing but your greater glory and the salvation of souls.

Amen.

Saint John Vianney, pray for us.

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**WEAR YOUR PIN**  
**BE PROUD TO BE A SERRAN**



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**CALENDAR**  
**PRAYER REQUESTS FOR PRIESTS AND CLUB PLANNER**  
**November 2009**

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<b>1</b>  <b>Pray for Archbishop Charles Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.</b>	<b>2</b> Sr. Maria Josepha Hombrebueno, OSB – St. Walburga  Rev. Roger Lascelle – St. Joseph's	<b>3</b> Justin Hall – Seminarian  Deacon James Devlin – St. Scholastica  Waril de Arujo Castro - seminarian	<b>4</b> Ryan O'Neill – Seminarian  Deacon Warren Lybarger – St. Joseph's  Sr. Maria Gertrude Read, OSB – St. Walburga	<b>5</b> Deacon Edward Armijo – St. John the Evangelist  Sr. Immaculata Bertolli, OSB – St. Walburga  Tyler Eberle - seminarian	<b>6</b> Sr. Maria Columba O'Leary- St. Walburga OSB  Sr. Maria-Gabriel Pitpit OSB – St. Walburga	<b>7</b> <i>Regular club meeting Mass at 8:00, breakfast following in Emmitsburg room at SEAS</i>  <i>Annual Serra/KC Memorial Mass for deceased members.</i>
<b>8</b>  <b>Pray for Pope Benedict the XVI</b>	<b>9</b> Deacon John McKeown – St. John The Evangelist  Roberto Rodriguez - Seminarian	<b>10</b> Dan Vanyo – Seminarian  Mother Maria Michael Newe OSB – St. Walburga	<b>11</b> Sr. Raffaella DiBauda OSB – St. Walburga  Sr. Hildegard Dubnick OSB – St. Walburga	<b>12</b> Sr. Luitgard Kussmann OSB – St. Walburga  Rev. Joseph Toledo – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	<b>13</b> <b>Happy Birthday Sr. Ancilla Armijo OSB – St. Walburga</b>  <b>Happy Birthday Sr. Scholastica England OSB – St. Walburga</b>	<b>14</b> Sr. Maria-Walburga Shortmeyer OSB – St. Walburga  Geronimo Gonzalez - seminarian
<b>15</b> Sr. Mary Sebastian Geary OSB – St. Walburga  Sr. Magdalena Berndlmeier OSB – St. Walburga	<b>16</b> Rev. Damian de la Cruz, C.R. – Holy Family  Joe Doman – Seminarian  Sr. Mary Alice Murphy – Center for Hope	<b>17</b> Sr. Mary Garcia S.S.S.F.– Holy Family  Deacon John Kunsemiller – St. John The Evangelist  Sam Morehead – Seminarian	<b>18</b> Deacon Donald Weiss – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton  Michael Bodzioch – Seminarian  <b>Anniv. Of Ord. Deacon Richard Grimler 1979</b>	<b>19</b> Deacon Robert Haigh – St. John The Evangelist  Rafael Martinez - seminarian  Sr. Kristina McBride, OSB – St. Walburga	<b>20</b> Rev. Felicien Mbala – St. John The Evangelist  Mother Maria Thomas OSB (ret.) St. Walburga  Sean Mulligan – Seminarian	<b>21</b> Rev. Lawrence Christensen – Risen Christ  Sr. Pauline La Plante OSB - St. Walburga  John Meyer - seminarian
<b>22</b> Rev. Joseph Hartmann – Our Lady of the Mountains  Deacon William Trewartha – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	<b>23</b> V. Rev. Gregory Cioch V.F. – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton  Deacon Richard Grimler – St. Joseph's  Deacon Howard Frisinger – SEAS	<b>24</b> Deacon William McClellan – Bl. John XXIII  Rev. Tadeusz Kopczynski – St. Peter's Greeley  Sr. Genevive Glen OSB - St. Walburga	<b>25</b> Deacon Dan Marthe (ret.) – St. John The Evangelist  Paolo Capra – seminarian  Sr. Augustina Hochbauer OSB – St. Walburga	<b>26</b>  <b>Pray daily for your Seminarian</b>	<b>27</b> Deacon Leonard Benzel – Bl. John XXIII  <b>Happy Birthday Rev. Roger Lasalle – St. Joseph</b>  Matt Magee - Seminarian	<b>28</b>  <b>Pray for Bishop James Conley</b>
<b>29</b> Sr. Lioba Headlee, OSB – St. Walburga	<b>30</b> Rev. Donald Willette – Bl. John XXIII	<b>31</b>  <b>Pray for all our Serra Chaplains</b>				