



# *Serra Club of Southwest Denver*

## **NEWSLETTER**

### *October 2024*

#### **< Calendar of Upcoming Events >**

- **Club Meetings Every First and Third Friday of each month at 7:30 AM in the St. Agnes Center at Holy Name Church**
- **October 26, 2024 – Serra District 6/ Regional Conference, St. Francis of Assisi Church, Castle Rock, CO**
- **October 26, 2024 at 7:00 AM – Serra Global Rosary for Vocations**
- **November 3-9, 2024 – National Vocations Awareness Week**
- **November 9, 2024 at 10:00 AM – Serra MEETS on-line video speaker/presentation**
- **November 14, 2024 at 12:00 Noon – Affirmation Mass, All Souls Church**
- **November 30, 2024 at 7:00 AM – Serra Global Rosary for Vocations**

#### **TRAVELING CROSS**

**October 4 – October 18: Ken Krug**  
**October 18 – November 1: Henry Nieto**

**November 1 – November 15: Bob Bucheit**  
**November 15 – December 6: Julie Keller**

#### **ATTENDANCE & GUESTS**

**October 6, 2024 – 27 members and 6 guests** attended the meeting.

**October 20, 2024 – 23 members and 5 guests** attended the meeting. Our guests included Pat and Pasquale Girolamo, Iggy and Auggie Schreiber, and Joe Chocole.

#### **DEACON'S CORNER**

**October 6, 2024**

This day our club attended daily Mass at Notre Dame Church. We held our meeting at Notre Dame after Mass and invited all Notre Dame Parishioners to join us. Deacon Don began the meeting with his usual quiz of members. We learned St. Simon Stock developed the first brown scapular. The first title given to Mary, the mother of Jesus, was Theotokos. The name is Greek for “God-bearer” or “Mother of God”.

The name was officially given to Mary at the Third Ecumenical Council in Ephesus in 431 AD. The Miraculous Medal is modeled on the apparition of Mary to St. Catherine Labouré in 1830. The first medals were made in 1832. By 1876 (the year of St. Catherine's death) more than one billion medals had been produced and distributed.



Deacon Don Schaefer

### October 20, 2024

Due to our special tour of the Mullen High School campus this day, there was no Deacon's Corner. (Being tested in a high school setting may have been a bit too triggering for some members.)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### October 6, 2024

- **Ben Cobos**: told us the next **Affirmation Mass** scheduled to be at **All Souls Church on Thursday, Oct. 10** would be rescheduled to **Thursday, November 14** in order to allow club members to attend the funeral of our former club member, Norbert Brady.
- **Phil Ryman**: requested all receipts for purchases related to the Serra Club Picnic be turned in to him as soon as is convenient.
- **Bruce Keller**: mentioned the **Serra District 6 Convention** will be held on **Saturday, October 26** at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Castle Rock, CO. A hospitality event will be held from 5:00pm until 7:00pm at the Holiday Inn & Suites in Castle Rock on Friday, October 25. Registrations and payments for the Serra District 6 Convention should be sent to Bruce (Serra District 6 Treasurer) to arrive by October 10.

### October 20, 2024

- **Diane Schreiber**: reminded us of upcoming events. The next **Affirmation Mass** will be at **All Souls Church on Thursday, Nov. 14** at their **noon Mass**. Lunch at Romano's Restaurant will follow the Mass. The **Serra District 6 Convention** will be held at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Castle Rock on Saturday, October 26 beginning with 8:00am Mass. Our annual Christmas Party is tentatively scheduled for Sunday afternoon, December 8. Parish liaisons are encouraged to consider organizing an event at their parishes for **National Vocations Awareness Week** that runs from November 3 through 9.
- **Stanton La Breche**: passed around a sign-up sheet for the club's Vocation Cross Prayer Kit. There are still a couple dates available. If you have not yet signed up, please talk to Stanton.
- **Newsletter**: If you wish to have information included in the newsletter, please e-mail the information to Communications VP, Bruce Keller ([www.lakewoodkellers@q.com](mailto:www.lakewoodkellers@q.com))

## **PROGRAMS**

### **October 6, 2024**

Our program for this “Come and See” meeting for the benefit of Notre Dame parishioners was a presentation about the need for priests and religious vocations in the Catholic Church, what Serra Clubs do to address this need, and how parishioners can help by participating in our prayer programs and events. This 15 minute presentation is intended to be delivered to small groups (ministries) of our 16 affiliated parishes in order to educate parishioners on the way they can help foster vocations in their parishes.



Doug Brummel



Kate Dykstra

### **October 20, 2024**

Our program this day was a tour of Mullen HS. Our host was Mr. Doug Brummel the Pastoral Director. He introduced us to the school program beginning with a short history of St. Jean Baptiste de La Salle and the Brothers of Christian Education Order (aka. Christian Brothers). The school was founded by J.K. Mullen and his wife who modeled what was originally an orphanage after Father Flanagan’s Boy’s Town (of Omaha, NE). The Christian Brothers were invited up from Santa Fe, NM to administer the orphanage. Mullen High School and all La Sallian schools are part of the largest school system in the world (one million students in 80 different schools throughout the world attend a La Sallian school). Students from 87 different zip codes and 150 different feeder schools attend Mullen High School. The school is independent of the Archdiocese of Denver. The school principal, Sam Govea, greeted us. Mr. Govea attended Christian Brothers schools as a child. He has since spent 41 years in education, all of them in La Sallian schools. Kate Dykstra, Chief Development Officer, accompanied us throughout the tour. She spoke of the ongoing capital campaign and recently completed new construction as well as planned construction. During the tour of the campus facilities, we learned much about the history of the campus and previous buildings that no longer exist. We also received insight into the administration of the school, the educational philosophy of the school, and planned programs and facilities. Mullen High School offers regular “Open House” events and other opportunities to learn more about the school and its educational programs.

**October 10, 2023**

Our regular Thursday Affirmation Mass was postponed so club members could attend the funeral of our beloved club member, Norbert Brady. May he rest in peace.



Norbert Merle Brady  
November 7, 1928 – September 29, 2024

**PRIEST/ DEACON ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES**

Rev Daniel Cardó, SCV

November 25, 2006

Holy Name Church



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