



THE SERRA-NADER

Club #25

District XII-2E

Central Region

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What Guides the Various Orders of Sisters that Serra Celebrates?

In conjunction with the Serrans' annual celebration of the women religious who serve people on both sides of State Line Road – **Blisters for Sisters** – it seemed appropriate to inform our readers about the missions and activities of the various communities/orders that have sisters in the dioceses of Kansas and Missouri. About half of the orders responded to a request for this information. What follows are condensed versions of what was returned to us. (We apologize for any distortions or deletions as we tried to keep each entry under ninety words.) We have divided the orders into two categories: Contemplative and Active.

Contemplative Orders Serving through Prayer

1. With more than 100 **Benedictine sisters at Mount St. Scholastica in Atchison, Kansas (OSB)**, this monastic community carries out its mission by daily chanting of the Divine Office, the witness of simple living in community, and care of creation. The sisters offer hospitality and service to others at Sophia Retreat Center in Atchison and Keeler Women's Center in Kansas City, Kansas. They also co-sponsor Benedictine College and Maur Hill-Mount Academy High School with the Atchison Benedictine monks.



2. **The Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (BVMs)** is a community of Catholic women religious who, in response to a personal call from God, have chosen a vowed life of prayer, community, and ministry. In response to this call, BVMs express their mission in service to God's people through their core values of freedom, education, charity, and justice.



3. The central focus of the **Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration (OSB)** has always been prayer. Founded in 1874, the community lives today as a contemporary monastic congregation in Clyde, Missouri. Preserving their tradition of prayer, they devote themselves to the adoration of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, in addition to daily Eucharist, the Liturgy of the Hours, and *lectio divina*. They support their monastic life as the largest religious producers of altar breads; they also make handcrafted soaps sold at www.MonasteryCreations.com.

Active Orders serving in the World

4. The **Congregation of the Missionary Sisters of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of the World** (CMR), has its Motherhouse in Saigon, with convents in Irving, Texas and in Springfield, Kansas City, and St. Louis, Missouri. The mission of the Congregation is to glorify God by sanctifying its members and participating in evangelical work, e.g., in youth ministry, healthcare, pastoral and social work. In Kansas City, they serve at the Vietnamese Martyrs Catholic Church, St. Joseph Medical Center, and the Research Psychiatric Center.



5. Named for their founder, St. Dominic Guzman, **The Dominican Sisters of Springfield, IL**, i.e., **The Order of Preachers** (OP), preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ (as their Mission directs). Sister Karen Freund, OP, for example, ministered in central Missouri for ten years, first in Warrensburg, and then at the University of Missouri, Columbia, on the staff of the Newman Center. As Sister Karen put it, the Eucharist highlights “places where I can witness and, therefore, preach about the holiness of Jesus to the world.”



6. The mission of the **Little Sisters of the Poor** (LSP) is to offer the needy elderly of every race and religion a comfortable home, loving care, and dignity until God calls them. With a vow of hospitality, in addition to their vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, the sisters provide the elderly quality medical care, meaningful activities, as well as spiritual and religious services. At the end of life, sisters keep a prayerful presence with the resident and his/her family.

7. Although most of their Community is in Lincoln, Nebraska, **the School Sisters of Christ the King** (CK) opened a convent in St. Joseph, Missouri, so that the Sisters who need to earn their teaching degrees could attend Benedictine College. They also teach part time at St. James Elementary School in St. Joseph and offer spiritual direction to young women discerning religious life at Benedictine College, K-State, Northwest Missouri State, and Missouri Western.



8. **The Notre Dame Sisters of the Omaha Province** (ND) are part of an international congregation (founded in Bohemia in 1853) with provinces in the Czech Republic, Slovakia, and Germany. Their mission is to meet the unmet needs of their time, especially those of women and children, the poor and marginalized. They care for women and children through their Safe Homes Project, the Coalition Against Human Trafficking, and advocacy for the refugee arriving at the border.
9. **The Sisters of Mercy** (RSM) commit their lives to those in need. Founded in Ireland in 1831, the Sisters of Mercy have continued their work for the needy in hospitals, in schools, in parishes, and in social services, giving voice to people on the margins. Arriving in the Diocese of Kansas City, Missouri in 1887, the Sisters have served in many schools, while ministering particularly to needy women, children, and the elderly, e.g., through St. Catherine's Home or Mercy Housing – Kansas City.



10. Founded in Leavenworth in 1858, the **Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth** (SCLs) trace their mission to their founders, St. Vincent de Paul and St. Louise de Marillac, who focused on charity, as well as work for social justice and systemic change, all for the poor. In the United States, Peru, and Italy, the sisters carry out their mission variously, e.g., in healthcare, outreach to migrants and refugees, eco-justice, in care for the homeless and women being trafficked.

11. The Mission of **The Sisters of St. Francis (OSF) of Savannah, MO**, is to work with Christ at the side of people, especially the poor and homeless, through an Outreach Fund. They advocate for justice issues. They serve especially at Northwest Missouri Enterprise Facilitation (NWEF), which helps people to own their own businesses or to improve their businesses. The sisters also provide a community garden for people to grow their own food, and to provide food for various organizations like the Andrew County Food Pantry.

12. **The Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity (SOLT)**, founded in 1958, is a community of disciples of Jesus through Mary comprising all vocations: priests, deacons, brothers, sisters, as well as single and married laity. The mission of those in Kansas City is to serve, strengthen and heal families in various apostolates from resettlement of refugee families to crisis intervention. Today, the Sisters primarily serve the families at the Our Lady's Montessori School through Catechesis, teaching, and evangelization.



Such great service for others and the glory of God certainly deserves the annual Serra celebration of all that our Sisters do. And, as an extension of our appreciation, members of Serra are working to make known the personal stories of many sisters to inspire young and old, men and women with the Holy Spirit's daily working in their lives, sometimes calling them to a closer relationship with Jesus Christ; sometimes, more specifically, calling women to religious vocations in various orders like the one's that we have detailed.

Joe Cirincione

President's Letter

Fellow Serrans,

One of the stated "purposes of Serra" is, "to assist its members to recognize and respond in their own lives to God's call to holiness in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit.

A GREAT purpose and NOW is the time! To help us all achieve this stated purpose, our Serra Club #25 has scheduled an afternoon program of Spiritual Reflection on Monday, July 15, 2019 in the Chapel of the Sacred Heart at Rockhurst High School. This afternoon of reflection will begin with the celebration of Holy Mass at 3:00 pm

The focus of the Mass and the remainder of the celebration which will include five (5) of our priests, will be:

"HOW CAN WE IMPROVE OUR PRAYER LIFE AND RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD?"

This program will be for the members of our club and all our spouses.

To give you an overview of the power of this program, our Holy Mass will be celebrated and opening homily will be given by our Chaplain Father Adam Johnson and we will hear the thoughts and counsel of Father Patrick Rush, Father Don Farnan, Father Robert

Hagan, SJ (from Rockhurst University) and Father Justin Hoyer. We will close the Reflection with Benediction.

This is a powerful group of thoughtful Catholic priests who will deliver comfortable, yet helpful and provocative observations, ideas, thoughts and practical advice on prayer in one's life.



We hope you will agree there is no better way to spend the late afternoon and twilight of a Monday in July than in this focused, friendly group of fellow Serrans and spouses. After Benediction, the Reflection will conclude with social time and dinner concluding by 8:00 pm.

Please consider dedicating five (5) hours of a Monday afternoon in July to learning how to deepen your prayer life and your dialogue with Jesus!

We hope your family will mark your calendar and plan to attend. More detailed information will follow.

St. Padre Junipero Serra, please pray for us.

Larry Ward, President

Our New Priests

Four men were ordained to the Priesthood for the Kansas City-St. Joseph Diocese on Saturday, May 25, 2019 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Kansas City, MO. Bishop Johnson has assigned each of these men to their new ministries in the Diocese. **Fr. Emmanuel Garduño** is appointed to St. Thomas More Parish as Parochial Vicar. **Father Andrew Kleine** will serve as Parochial Vicar at St. Therese Parish, North, and is appointed to Vocation Promoter for the Diocesan Vocation Office. **Father Kendall Ketterlin** has been appointed to Holy Cross and Our Lady of Peace Parishes as Parochial Vicar with residence at St. Anthony Parish. **Father Nathan Rueb** will serve as Parochial Vicar at St. Andrew the Apostle Parish and will serve as Chaplain at St. Pius X High School.

Father Emmanuel Garduño



Father Andrew Kleine



Father Kendall Ketterlin



Father Nathan Rueb



Luncheon Speakers for the Past Quarter



Chris Ice, CEO
Catholic Charities



Garrett King
Diocesan Seminarian



Fr. Sunoj Thomas
St. Catherine's Parish



Sister Connie Boulch, OSF
Dir. Consecrated Life Office



Cheryl Hanback: Designer of our Website,
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Afternoon Gathering for Retired Priests



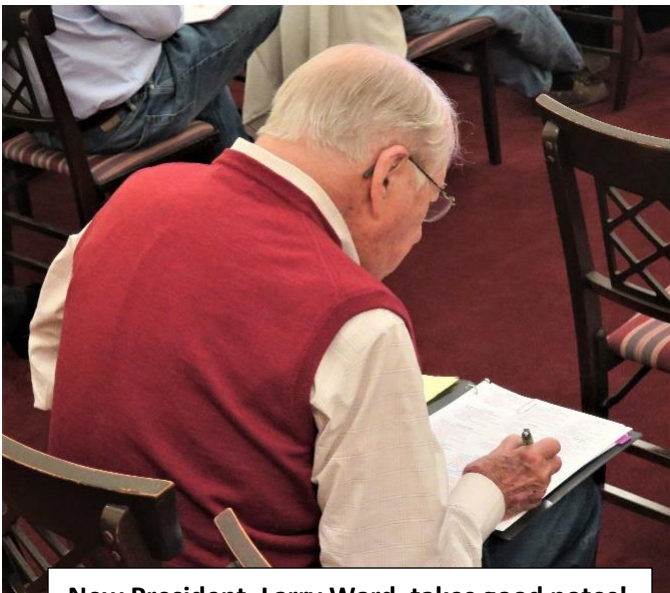
Msgr. Leitner and Father Luebbert fill their plates



... and Msgr Murphy empties his.



Tri-Club Spring Leadership Workshop



New President, Larry Ward, takes good notes!



13th Annual Blisters for Sisters Celebration



We began the walk at St. Thomas More Church.



These Sisters are ready to walk!



Wandered through the streets. . .



posed at the Finish Line . . .



Steve grilled burgers & onions.



. . . and the Winner is. . .

Officer Installation Mass and Banquet



Father Justin Hoyer offer Mass for us.



Maureen "Mo" Haake joins Serra.



Jerry Cooke serves as Emcee.



New Officers left to right: Mike O'Flaherty, Ken Woodward, Vince Sabia, Greg Vranicar, Charlie Murphy, Becky Turner, Tom Kenagy, Larry Ward, Dick Shaw, Jon Haden, Eric Melgaard, Butch Wagner, Charlie Huffman, & Jeff Crowe.



Greg Vranicar and Joe Smith



Frank Clifford, Barbara Haden, Jon Haden & Will Nulton



Ken Woodward and Father Gabe



This is the "Happy Table!"

Mark Your Calendars

June 2019	July 2019	August 2019
<i>(Set dates for Blisters & Installation of Officers—Call Bishop)</i> 5 Mass and Lunch-12 noon St. P. 11 Board Meeting-4:30 pm St. P 12 Franciscan Spirit Camp—6th to 8th Grade Girls (TBA) 19 NO MEETING 19-23 Serra International Convention—Mexico City	1 Saint Junipero Serra's Feast Day 3 NO MEETING 5 6th Annual Pitching for Priests—T-Bones Stadium, 7:00 pm—Tailgate 4:00 pm 9 Board Meeting-4:30 St. P 10_ North KC Club: Cookout Seminarians --5:30 p.m. St. Therese North 15 Prayer Retreat—Serrans & Spouses, Rockhurst High School, begins with Mass at 3:00 pm	4-6 Seminarians at the Lake, Bishop 7 NO MEETING 10 Permanent Deacons Picnic, SE Club Host 11 Religious Sisters Appreciation Day (RSAD) —St. Patrick's (KCKS) 3 – 6 pm 13 Board Meeting-4:30 St. P 18 Religious Sister's Jubilee—Franciscan's 2PM 23 Mass and Lunch, Noon St. Peter's (Tri-Club Meeting), Bishop 28 Anniversary of the Death of St. Junipero Serra

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