Jayhawk Vocations: Answer the Call

your bi-weekly spark for faith and vocations

The Serra Club of the Lawrence Deanery in Kansas

The Serra Mission

To Promote new priesthood and religious vocations;
to support and affirm existing priesthood and religious vocations;
to encourage and affirm vocations to the permanent diaconate;
and in doing so, to grow in our own holiness.

The Second Organizational Meeting of the Lawrence Deanery Serra Club is history!

The second organizational meeting of the Lawrence Deanery Serra Club unfolded on Wednesday, October 28, 2026, in the Fr. Jim Shaughnessy Hall at Corpus Christi Church in Lawrence, KS.



Ten people were in attendance at the gathering, at which information was shared by organizers regarding the greater Serra International organization and a bit of its history. In addition, the group watched a video presentation of Archbishop Emeritus Naumann recorded during a recent meeting of the Serra Club of Johnson County in Kansas wherein he spoke about vocations, Serra, and the service of religious orders in the archdiocese.

Here is a link to the full presentation: **Archbishop Emeritus Naumann Lawrence Deanery**

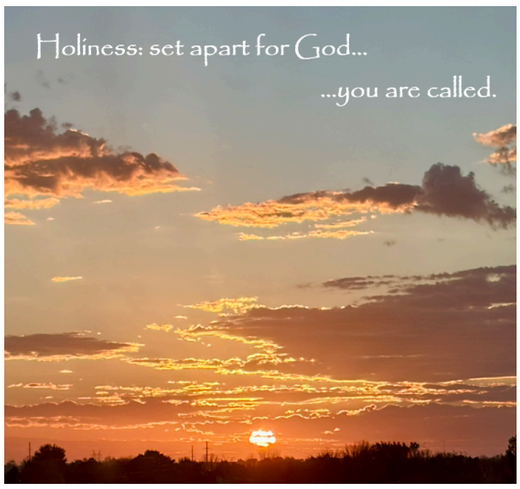
And here is a link to a presentation delivered by Archbishop McKnight to a meeting of the joint Serra Clubs of Kansas City: **Archbishop Shawn McKnight Serra Talk**.

Five new members joined the club, and four other attendees took membership registration materials home to consider membership applications.

We look forward to seeing you at our November meeting at St. John's Parish in Lawrence! Details to follow in our next newsletter!

Did you know?

Did you know that at baptism, you were given a vocational call to holiness? Everyone has within them, by God's grace and by baptism, a call - and the ability - to become a saint! Saints are not just people you read about in history books and books.

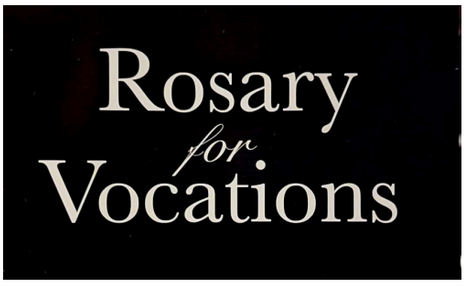


The very word "vocation" comes from the Latin word, *vocare*, meaning "to call." The vocational call to holiness is God's personal invitation to every baptized person to live in relationship with Him, to follow Jesus, and to serve others through love and virtue.

Serra members are, first of all, dedicated to helping one another with our personal responses to our vocational call to holiness.

Make Serra part of your life!

Join a weekly Rosary for Vocations!



You are invited to join a weekly Rosary for Vocations in the archdiocese hosted by the Serra Club of Johnson County in Kansas! The Rosary event is live, virtual, and takes place at 8 PM Sunday evenings.

Here is a link to the Rosary gathering.

We hope to see you there tomorrow evening - and every Sunday evening!

Meet a Seminarian

Meet Deacon Alex Rickert, who anticipates ordination to the diocesan priesthood in May 2027.

Read the incredible story of his family's conversion to the Catholic faith and his subsequent discernment of a priestly vocation. Click the link below.

Deacon Alex Rickert



Serra Prayer for Vocations

O God, Who wills not the death of a sinner, but rather that he be converted and live,
grant we beseech You, through the intercession of the Blessed Mary, ever Virgin,
Saint Joseph, her spouse, Saint Junípero Serra, and all the saints,
an increase of laborers for Your Church—
fellow laborers with Christ to spend and consume themselves for souls—
through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son,
Who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God forever and ever. Amen.

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