



New Member Orientation

Serra Club of Kansas City in Kansas



Agenda

- Serra International
- Overview of the Kansas City Kansas Club
- Review of Current Year Programs
- Major Events We Sponsor
- Board Member Introductions
- Website Review
- Q&A



Serra International

- Our Mission
- Serra Organization
- Serra History & Patron Saint
- Serra U.S. Council

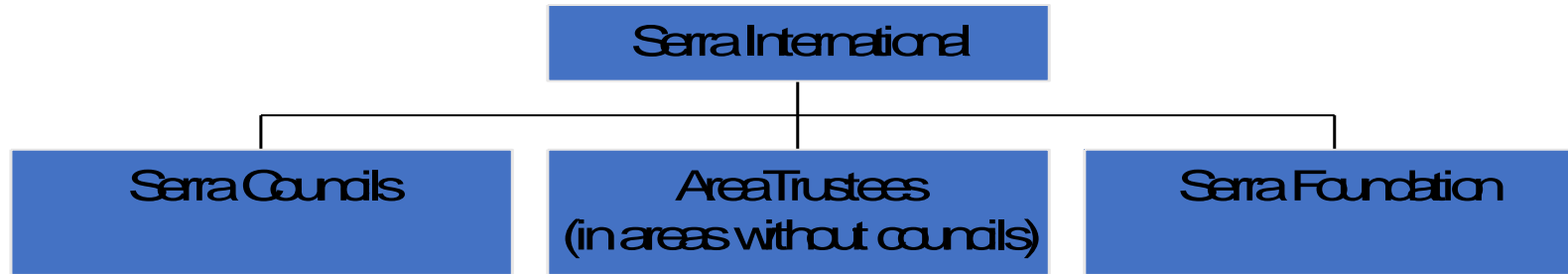


Serra Mission Statement

To foster and affirm vocations to the ordained priesthood and vowed religious life, and through this ministry, to grow in our own Catholic faith.



Organization of Serra



USA Mexico
Canada Scanspac
Spain Brazil
Italy Great Britain
Philippines Thailand

(96% of worldwide
Serrans served by
one of these ten
councils)

Episcopal Advisor: Cardinal Collins
President : Emanuele Costa
Pres. Elect: Margo Geddie
Exec Dir: John Liston
Office staff: 3 FT Employees
2 PT Employees

13,000 Members Worldwide
400 Clubs in 46 Countries



Serra History & Patron Saint

- 1935: Started by four Catholics in Seattle, WA
- 1951: Became Official apostolate of Catholic Church
 - The *only* lay apostolate officially aggregated to the Church
- Our Role is to be the LEADERS on vocations effort
 - We LEAD by our own efforts: prayer, service & fellowship
 - We LEAD by encouraging and supporting vocations efforts by other Catholic lay organizations
 - We LEAD by engaging all Catholics in creating a culture of vocations.
- St. Junipero Serra – “Always Forward, Never Back”

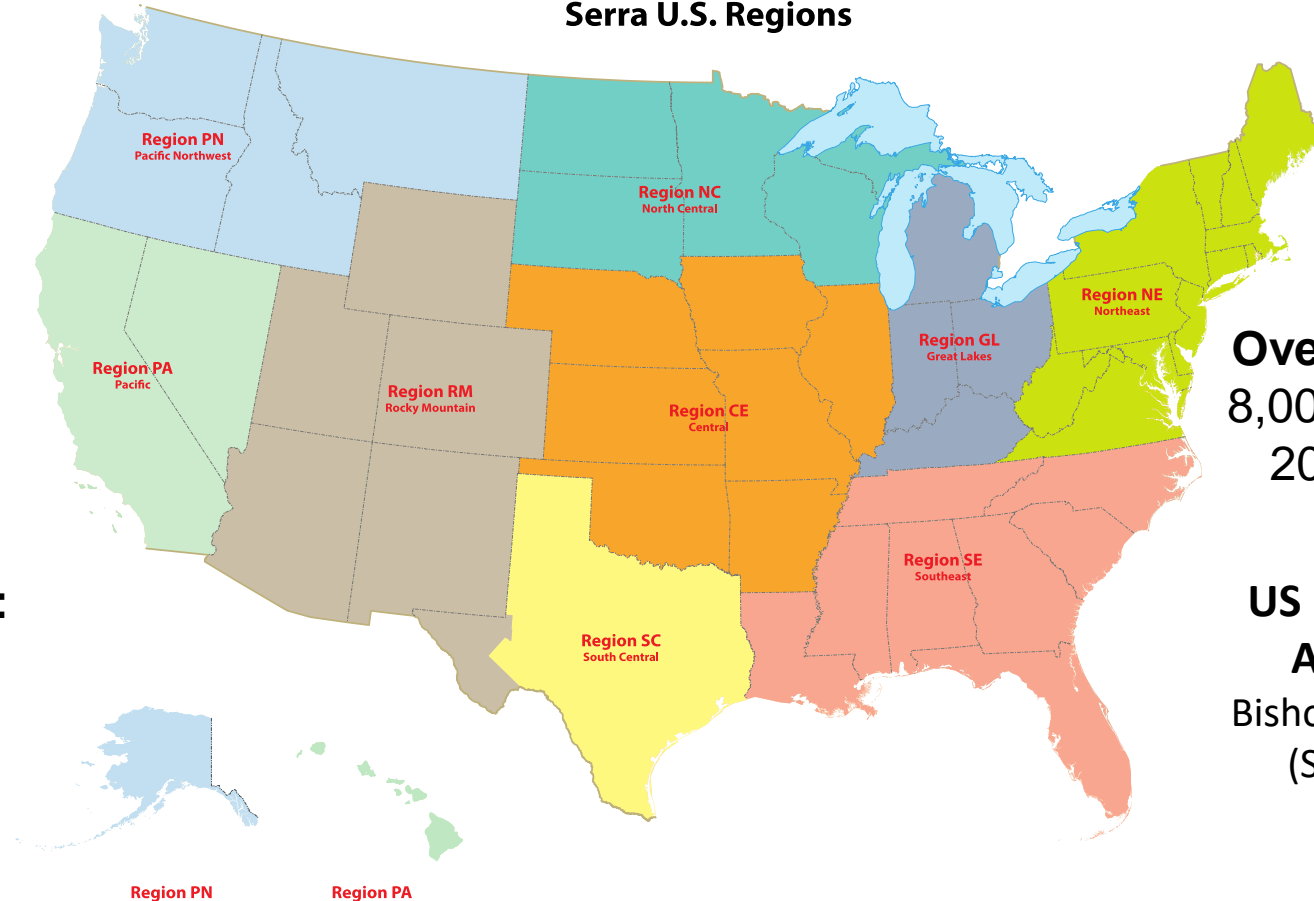


Serra US Council

President: Dr. Anne Roat

Regions

Serra U.S. Regions



9 Regions:
each with a
Regional
Director

44 Districts:
each with a
District
Governor

Overall USA:
8,000 Serrans
200 Clubs

**US Episcopal
Advisor:**
Bishop Tom Daly
(Spokane)



Kansas City Kansas Club

- Purpose of Our Club
- History
- Current Year Overview of Programs
- Major Events We Support
- Board Members & Responsibilities
- Website Review



Kansas City Kansas Club

- The Kansas City Kansas Club is chartered by Serra Intl with the permission of the local Bishop – KCK is Club # 357
- Organized by diocese: Work with and for Bishop and Vocations Director
- What We Do:
 - Prayer
 - Service
 - Fellowship
- Calendar year annual fiscal cycle with quarterly statements issued and due in January, April, July, and October
- Vocations "recruitment" is not primary function – we are to create and foster a culture of vocations



KCK Club Overview

- Chartered in 1970 at the request of Archbishop Strecker
- Since then we have met in several KCK locations but currently conduct our meetings at St. Joseph in Shawnee
- Lunch meetings are held twice monthly on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month
- Board meetings are held monthly on the Tuesday between the two regular Serra lunch meetings
- 115 active members and 2 emeritus members as of 12/31/25 – one of the largest clubs in the world
- Other Local Serra Clubs
 - Johnson County
 - Topeka
 - Atchison
 - Kansas City Missouri
 - Southeast Kansas City Missouri
 - North Kansas City
 - St. Joseph



2025 Programs

Date	Speaker	Title	Date	Speaker	Title
01/8/25	Weather cancellation		07/9/25	General Meeting	
01/22/25	Jonathan Fox	Seminarian, St. John Vianney	07/23/25	Brad & Libby DuPont	Office of Marriage & Family Life
02/12/25	Weather cancellation		08/13/25	No meeting	
02/26/25	Shannon Kickbusch	Mary's House in Ephesus	08/27/25	Sam Lagana	LA Rams Announcer – Rising from the Ashes
03/12/25	Matt Kemnitz	Catholic Community Health	09/10/25	Lisa McKelvey	Archdiocesan Stewardship Office
03/26/25	Dan Meara	6 th Grade Essay Contest	09/24/25	Dcn. Bill School	The Christian Duty of Charity
04/9/25	General Meeting & Club By-law discussion		10/08/25	Dcn. Curtis Keddy	Vocation Story
04/23/25	Dcn. Leon Suprenant	Co-director Diaconate Formation	10/22/25	Chuck Jansen	Forgiveness
05/14/25	Dr. Luke Murray	City on a Hill	11/12/25	Tom Spencer	Memorial Mass
05/28/25	Msgr Stuart Swetland	President, Donnelly College – Letter to the Romans, Chapter 9	11/26/25	Dave & Drew Stanley	Family Day – Catholic Conversion & Vocation Story
06/11/25	Sr. Monica Arguello	Archdiocesan Marriage/Family Life Office – Servicing the Hispanic Community	12/10/25	Fr. Dan Morris	Annual Meeting
06/25/25	Jay Dunlap	President, Bishop Ward – Catholic Social Teaching			



Major Events We Sponsor

- Priest/Deacon/Seminarian Golf & Dinner
- Religious Sisters' Appreciation Day
- Memorial Mass and Dinner
- 6th Grade Essay Contest
- Runnin' Revs
- Annual Serra Meeting with Archbishop
- Seminary Visit (w/ JOCO club)



Board Member Introductions

President	Bob Beaman	Trustee to 2026	Kevin Kearney
President-elect	Steve Pickert	Trustee to 2026	Mick Kelly
Secretary	Jim Merwald	Trustee to 2026	Chuck Racki
Treasurer	Rich Leyden	Trustee to 2027	Joe Holmes
VP, Communications	Gene Schreiner	Trustee to 2027	Bob Fernholz
VP, Membership	Steve Smith	Trustee to 2027	Mike Wiber
VP, Vocations	Mark Dold	Past President 2023 –2024	Gene Schreiner
VP, Programs	Bill Maloney	Past President 2024 – 2025	Phil Punswick



KCK Club Website

<https://www.serrakck.org>



Q & A