

District Doings District 127
Orange CA Diocese
Wally Drazba District Governor
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A great thank you to reliable Joe DeRitis for heading up the reception for the Permanent Deacon Ordination. One of our own, Joe Sullivan, long time member of the West Orange Club was ordained. Let's not forget his wife Barbara who had the same lengthy training regimen. Congratulations to both of you!

I recently read an article that quoted the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) that pointed out that after decades of glum trends, fewer priests and fewer parishes, more men are enrolled in graduate level seminaries. This year's numbers indicate an increase of 16% since 1995, and 10 % since 2005. It goes on to say seminary directors cite more encouragement from bishops and parishes.

We as Serrans have two main jobs, first we must keep praying for young people to listen to and answer the promptings of the Spirit when they are called. Secondly, we should personally ask young people if we think they are the type of persons who will make good priests or religious. Another way of doing the asking is to point them out to your pastor or another priest so they will ask them. Over 80 % of young priests say they were asked by a priest, and it is us who are in the pews where we see the young people. Let's not let our Lord down we said we'd help him, so let's do it.