

District 127 Doings Orange CA Diocese
December 2013

Last weekend 15 of our diocesan Serrans joined over 100 other Serrans from our region, as well as some from around the country, to celebrate the 300th anniversary of the birth of Junipero Serra. Saturday night's Mass was concelebrated by Roger Cardinal Mahoney and 4 other Bishops. The Mass was celebrated at the Carmel Mission, where Blessed Junipero is buried. It was a moving experience.

At the meeting some of the talks were about his life, so he became more of an inspiration for us to follow his motto "Siempre Adelante" , "Always Forward" , a fitting motto for our vocation work.

We also heard from two Priest Vocation Directors as they explained all that they have to do, not just help promote vocations, but to be the seminarians constant guides. In the Monterey Diocese, the VD is also a pastor in the small town of Spreckels. Fr. John thank you for doing such a diligent job with the Orange Diocesan seminarians, hearing your compatriots stories we appreciate what you do even more.

Nancy Ivary, Regional Director for our region, Region 11, chaired a short meeting so we could hear how other districts are doing. Thank you Nancy, you're doing your normal great job, we appreciate it.

The USA Council also had an executive board meeting before the Regional meeting. It was very heartening to hear that the confusion caused by Serra International has been resolved. Both USAC and SI have a common Executive Director, John Lisston. He attended the executive meeting, and stayed for our Regional meeting. Many of us had a chance to speak to him. This is one of the great side benefits of attending a regional meeting. Next year our regional meeting will be combined with the Serra International meeting and will be held in Sacramento, July 10-13 2014.