

A Voice for Vocations

May 2013

Serra Club City of Orange
Region 11, District 127, Charter 643



PREZ SEZ
Maureen Neglia, President



Officer Roster

2012 – 2014

President	Maureen Neglia
President Elect	Matt Ivary
Treasurer	Joe Neglia
Programs	Jim Briscoe
Vocations	Wally Drazba
Membership	Beverly Truzzolino
Communications	Nancy Ivary
Newsletter	Anne Champagne
Recording Secretary	Janie Hanson
Corresponding Secretary	Carol Cagle
Hospitality	Joan Amort
Sergeant-at-Arms	Joe Costanza
Trustees:	Theresa Morris Terry Toner Bob De Feo Stan Espenship

Chaplain:

Fr. Stephen Corder, SJ

Spiritual Advisor:

Sr. Nadine McGuiness, CSJ

District 127 Governor:

Nancy Ivary

Upcoming Events

MAY 7: Mtg: Fr. Steve's
Farewell Address

**MAY 18: Farewell Party for
Fr. Steve at Neglias' 4:00pm**

MAY 16-19: Serra USA
Annual Meeting, Kansas City

**MAY 20: INSTALLATION
MASS/DINNER** CSJ Mother-
House. Mass 6:00 in chapel.

MAY 21: NO MEETING

JUN 4: Mass: Fr. D. Robinson;
Mtg: Sr. Barbara Ostheimer

JUN 18: Mtg: Brother Charlie
Jackson

JUL 2: Mtg: Fr. Richard Bartus

JUL 2: Mtg: Oralie Enos: The
Cross of San Damiano

**NOV 22-25: Western Region-
Al Convention, Monterey**

Our Mission... to foster, affirm and promote vocations to the priesthood, religious life, diaconate, and all ministries in the Catholic Church, and through this support of all ministries, to deepen our members' personal faith lives.

PROFOUND GRATITUDE!

This has been a challenging time for our Serra Club. We have faced changes that we never expected on the corporate and local level. Certainly a change affecting all of us is the reassignment of Fr. Steve.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my deep and profound gratitude for the five years he has given us. Five years ago we were desperately trying to find a chaplain. We were not meeting with much luck. And, as a surprise to all of us, we had someone volunteer. As Jim Baer remarked to me, "He must have been tired of listening to me whine!" At this point Father Steve Corder entered our lives.

From the beginning, Fr. Steve's generosity of spirit has enriched us as Serrans. Whenever a problem, large or small, has presented itself, he has always been part of the solution. At our general meetings, we have all been enriched by his profound insights. On the board, along with his spiritual vision, he has also shared his keen insight and critical thinking on a variety of situations that we have faced. When we have needed a priest for Mass or as a speaker, Fr. Steve has recruited all the Jesuits living with him. In fact, in the same generous spirit, when Fr. Steve was appointed Director of Novices, his colleague Fr. Felix Just offered us his services as chaplain.

Fr. Steve, you will be missed. You have always been here when we needed you. And we have grown to love you.

For me personally, you were there to visit me in the hospital; you celebrated a very special Mass for us; you have been my friend and confidant.

In this month of May, may we be reminded that there is no more effective way of fostering vocations than asking Mary, the Mother of Jesus, to ask her son to extend the invitation. And there is no more effective way of remaining firm in the priesthood and the consecrated religious life, and in any religious vocation, than to beg the same Mother for the grace of perseverance.

"Mary, Mother of Vocations, pray for us," should be our daily invocation. And Fr. Steve, know that we will pray this for you. We pray God's blessings on you as you begin your new ministry--and always.

**ALL SERRANS
INVITED!**

**INSTALLATION
MASS & DINNER**

Monday, May 20th

**6 PM Mass in CSJ Chapel
Dinner in Mother Louis Room
Chicken Marsala or Salmon \$35
Call Maureen 714 288-0341**

City Club Newz

Sr. Kit Gray, CSJ addressed City of Orange Serra Club at our meeting on April 2, 2013. Before she approached the microphone, it was announced that this year she will be celebrating her 50th anniversary as a Sister of St. Joseph. The audience's response was enthusiastic applause, recognizing this achievement in her spiritual life and her career.

Sister opened with a request that those in attendance respond with what the word "cathedral" conjured up in their minds. There were a variety of replies such as "gothic architecture," a "basilica," etc. Sr. Kit went on to explain that in the true definition of the word cathedral comes from the Latin "chair," indicating that this is where the local bishop presides. It is similar to a county seat in the secular world. For the Diocese of Orange, Christ Cathedral will be where the bishop is seated as pastor of the whole diocese. At the same time, it will be a diocesan parish.

She expanded on this as she explained the developing of her new role as the first Director of Mission Integration for the new cathedral. Our diocese is embarking on the adventure of developing for the cathedral both a site which facilitates a fullness of liturgy and a welcoming and hospitable center for the entire community. There will be a focus on establishing Christ Cathedral as a symbol of God's presence for his people, reflecting our truly human need to connect with God and with each other. The cathedral will also be a place of open dialogue for all, addressing current topics.

Sr. Kit listed the following goals of those people who are developing a plan for the new cathedral: 1) carrying out Jesus' mission to evangelize, 2) providing a Eucharistic center for the faithful, and 3) developing a center for catechesis and faith formation.

Overall, Sister Kit's presentation was informative and forward-thinking. We were impressed by her openness to hear opinions and new ideas from the Serra membership. We eagerly anticipate updates on how things are coming along under her leadership. We wish her well and pray for the success of her efforts in this very important new position.



*Congratulations
SR. KIT GRAY, CSJ
on your
50th Anniversary
as a
Sister of St.
Joseph
of Orange*

Vocation Corner

Wally Drazba, VP Vocations

Adopt a Seminarian: We hope that you all have had at least one contact with your chosen seminarian. The main thing is that you are praying specifically for him every day. I have heard from some Serrans who have had nice responses. However, if you are having problem in making contact, please let me know and we'll get it squared away.

Attention new members: We have had 4 new members since we started the program. I'll contact you at the next meeting so you can join us by adopting a seminarian. Some seminarians have more than one Serran praying for them, but no prayer is wasted.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations: The opening paragraph of the program aids for this day of prayer tells the story of what this day means. In 1963 Pope Paul VI designated Good Shepherd Sunday a "World Day of Prayer for Vocations." Jesus the Good Shepherd protects us as his flock and promises us the gift of eternal life. As followers of Jesus we are called to "remain faithful to the grace of God." The grace of God sends the vocation calls; we can help by praying that the call is heard.

This year Good Shepherd Sunday fell on April 21. We made an effort to get notices in many church bulletins by working through the Diocesan offices. But that doesn't mean that we as Serrans aren't called to do our part every day by praying for Vocations. In a couple of weeks we'll initiate contact with the vocation offices to see if we can in some way help them promote Priesthood Sunday on September 29. More on this later.

Save the Date!

NOV 22-24, 2013
Historic Monterey

SERRA WESTERN

REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Lodging & Conference: Carmel Mission Inn
3665 Río Road, Carmel 831 624-1841

Get your reservations in now to assure accommodations.

**Celebrate the 300th B'day of
Father Junípero Serra**



District Doings

Nancy Ivary

**District Governor
Serra District 127**



All Things Pass! Making Way for New!

OUR 2012-2013 TERM ENDS Two years ago at this time I was getting ready to begin my two-year term as Governor of District 127. It was both exciting and daunting. Both emotions proved to be warranted. We've had some very successful and enjoyable events in Serra during this time. It's inspiring to work with so many talented, willing, spiritual Serrans.

One of the most rewarding results of our prayers and efforts is the fact that there will probably be 40 seminarians from our diocese in the coming term, the most we've had in my experience. Our prayers and encouragement (together with those of many clergy and like-minded Catholics) have really paid off in new vocations to the priesthood. Word is that local orders, both men and women, are increasing in numbers of applicants. In fact, since we got a Jesuit pope, I've heard that the Jesuits are getting as many applicants in a week as they had been getting in a month. God is good!

MSGR. SAMMON FUND One of the efforts of which we can all be proud is establishing and building up the Msgr. John Sammon Endowment Fund for Vocations. Through the planning and contributions of many Serrans, this year the fund passed the \$100,000 mark and is ready to begin distribution of grants. In April the officers forming the Serra advisement committee for the fund held the first meeting, selecting Joe De Ritis from South Club as chair. This group is made up of the district governor, club presidents, and one representative from each club; these reps serve staggered three-year terms. Joe is in touch with Fr. John Moneyppenny, Sr. Eymard Flood and the Orange Catholic Foundation, which manages the fund. At this point it is estimated that this year we will give grants totaling \$2,000 through Fr. Moneyppenny and \$1,500 through Sr. Eymard. Well done, Serrans!

LOCAL SERRA WEBSITE For various reasons our SerraOC.org website fell through the cracks and dissolved a while back. However, through the perseverance of Jim Wiencek, with the special help and encouragement of Wally Drazba, it looks like we'll soon be back in business. We may be changing the domain name to serraclubs.org, at least for a year, while working to regain our original serraoc.org. Watch for news on these exciting developments. It will be great when we can invite people to go onto our website to get information on our mission, our activities, and where and when each club meets. We can even offer a link to the Msgr.

MSGR. SAMMON FUND PREPARES TO MAKE FIRST DISTRIBUTION FOR VOCATIONS!

*Thank you for your previous contributions
which have made it possible for us to
establish annual financial aid to those
preparing for vocations who need it.*

**Please consider making regular donations to
Orange Catholic Foundation with the special
designation that it goes to the Msgr. John F.
Sammon Endowment Fund for Vocations.**

Sammon Fund for online contributions and information.

SERRAUSA/SERRA INTERNATIONAL MESS Our local Serra Clubs have proven both their dedication to the mission of Serra and their ability to rise above the political-financial disputes that international leaders have initiated. While some of Serra's global leaders have fought for control and dominance of SerraUSA by the international organization (apparently ignoring our fundamental mission and goals), the clubs in our district (and most local districts around the country) have persevered in efforts to promote vocations locally and to support all men and women who are giving themselves in service to our God and our church. We have not allowed this unfortunate dispute to impede our efforts to build up a strong corps of workers for the Lord.

At last, the long-suffering national and international leaders seem to have come to some agreement. Word is that signatures are presently being gathered to conclude the legal battle and resolve the differences. Please pray for those working to make this happen. We do so want to once again be proud to be a part of this revered and respected organization. In truth, these are all good people caught up in a most unfortunate situation. Everyone involved will be greatly relieved when it's over.

MOVING ON I am deeply grateful to Wally Drazba of City Club for agreeing to take over my position as District Governor. This will be Wally's second time in this job. He is a dedicated and capable Serran, and our district will surely be most blessed by his service. And I am moving on to the position of Director of Region 11. As such, I will serve on the board of SerraUSA representing the 36 clubs of mid and southern CA plus Reno and Honolulu. I'm ready for a steep learning curve!

THANK YOU Many thanks to all OC Serrans for your support, encouragement and example. God bless us all.

PRAY ALWAYS



Vocation Prayer

Lord, you called Paul to be a special ambassador of your love, bringing your word to all nations with a zeal and passion that echoed your own burning love for every person. We ask you to call new modern missionaries, new faithful sons and daughters, by the power of your Holy Spirit. May they burn with passion to bring the Gospel to today's world, that all may know the mystery of your irrepressible love. May they follow the Lord Jesus with the fervor of Paul and carry on your mission. We pray this through Christ Jesus, our Lord, in the power of your Spirit. Amen.

Ministers for Serra Masses

LECTORS

EMS

MAY 21 NO MEETING



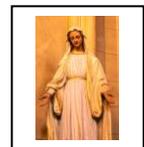
NO MEETING

JUNE 4 Terry Toner, 1st Reading
Maureen Neglia, Psalm & Prayers



Theresa Morris, Host
Barbara Caraccio, Cup
Chic Ryan, Cup

“Always forward, never back!”
Junipero Serra



Carol Cagle
400 S. Flower St., #114
Orange, CA 92868