

A Voice for Vocations

June 2013

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



PREZ SEZ
Maureen Neglia, President



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2012 – 2014

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	Sr. Nadine McGuiness, CSJ
District 127 Governor:	
	Wally Drazba

Upcoming Events

JUN 4: Mtg:

Sr. Barbara Ostheimer

JUN 8: Ordination @ 10am

St Columban's-Garden Grove

JUN 18: Mtg:

Br. Charlie Jackson

JUL 2: Mtg: Fr Richard Bartus

JUL 16: Mtg: Oralie Enos
The cross of San Damiano

Aug 20: No Meeting

**Sept 9: Serra Golf
Tournament**

**NOV 22-25: Western Region-
AI 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.

Installation Mass Sacred Heart Chapel

Monday night, May 19, 2013, our Installation Mass attendees were pleasantly surprised when none other than our own Bishop Kevin Vann acted as celebrant for Mass, with Rev. Gerald Horan, OSM and Rev. Binh Nguyen as concelebrants.

Our Serra Club Choir consisting of Matt Ivary, Ginny Martin, Laura Alfieri and Joe Neglia led our group in song. Following the Mass, Nancy Ivary called forward the officers to be installed and they were sworn in. It was inspiring to see our "mission statement" fleshed out by those who have vowed to uphold their responsibilities to Serra.

As our congregation exited the chapel, Bishop Vann was in the vestibule with a warm smile and a handshake for all who had attended.

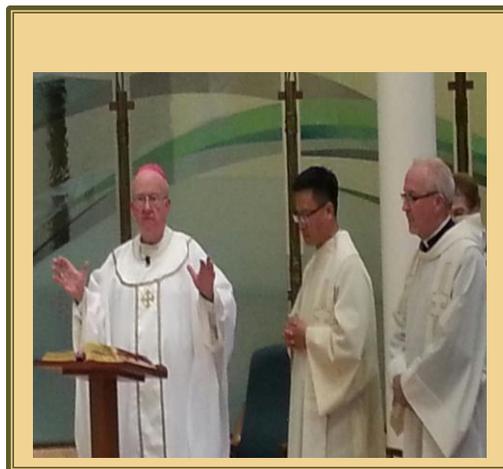
A Time to Say THANK YOU!

It is hard to believe that a year has passed since I became President. Despite the many challenges we have faced, it has gone quickly. And, I believe we have had a very good year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my board. First of all, you said, "yes" when asked to take an office. Secondly, you have taken seriously the office you have and you have always been ready to help. No organization can run without a team effort. And that is what we have! For this I am most grateful.

Last evening I was having a conversation with my sister-in-law. I had our sign up sheet for the Ordination Reception on my desk. Her first words were to the effect of "how do you get people to volunteer?". In our parish it is like pulling teeth". This conversation really made me stop and think about how fortunate we are that people do actually volunteer. When a sign up sheet is circulated, it comes back with the number of people we need. This is just one more reason that I feel so blessed to be connected with an organization that has members always willing to help.

As we celebrated the Mass of Installation, my prayer was for each and every one of you. I celebrate and give thanks to God for the gift that you are.



City Club Newz

We held our May 7th meeting, as usual, and covered many topics. Wally Drazba reminded us that our Seminarians would probably welcome an invitation to join our regular meetings during the summer months, requesting that we reach out to them, so that they can plan to join us when their schedules allow.

We were reminded that our Installation would take place on May 20th, following a get-together at the Neglias wishing Fr. Steve a fond farewell on May 18th. (See photos) There will be an upcoming Ordination @ St Columban's on June 8th @ 10am. Sign-up sheets were passed around for either Set-up of Clean-up volunteers for that day.

Following the daily business points, Fr. Steve Corder addressed the group and indicated the following:

In the course of his tenure, he has been inspired by the group's hope for vocations. He was inspired by the love within our community, particularly evidenced by "great parties" (funny)

Fr. Steve called us to be inspired by our new Pope Francis and his devotion to the poor in our society. We would benefit from mimicking the tenets of Franciscan spirituality. Father closed with his best wishes to his successor, Fr. Felix, wishing him all good things during his time as our Chaplain of Serra.

On May 18, Joe and Maureen graciously hosted our club members to bid a fond farewell to Father Steve. The day was perfection, weather beautiful, food delicious! A brief meeting was held and we even had a visitor from the East - "Carnac, the Magnificent". All in attendance were amused by his question/answer quips.

Father Steve, addressed the group, telling them, when asked what he would miss the most after his five years with our group, his answer was the people that he had come into contact with during that period. When reflecting on that, he indicated that the Serrans were the first group that came to his mind....what a compliment to our members!



Fr Steve-Farewell



Below is our visitor from "The East"



District Doings

WALLY DRAZBA

**District Governor
Serra District 127**



Many thanks to Nancy Ivary; she has done a great job the past two years. There was much that had to be done with the Sammon Fund, the strife between USAC and SI and some other internal items that needed attention. Again, Nancy, thank you.

As she pointed out in her last column, I have been the DG before. Actually, I served for 3 years. So, why am I doing it again? It appeared that no one else stepped forward, so you have me again, but I am happy to serve again.

My emphasis will be our major purpose as Serrans, praying for and promoting vocations to the priesthood and religious life. We all pray at our meetings, and I'm sure many pray for vocations at other times. Two of our clubs have **Adopt a Seminarian** programs, so individual Serrans are praying for individual seminarians. This makes our prayers much more personal and I believe strikes a chord with the seminarian. I want to thank Mary Brockschmidt who started this program at the County club, and it has now spilled over to the City Club.....Thanks, Mary.

What else can we do? There are many other programs that we as individuals and clubs can do to proactively promote vocations. One, **Priesthood Sunday**, honors our priests so our fellow Catholics get a real positive spin on what the Priesthood means to each of us. You can help in promoting this program in the parishes. Currently we have depended on the Deacons to help at the parish that they serve. We'll be bringing this up as the time draws near.

A newer program is the **Newman Connection**. I'm working on it with the high schools and am learning much about how it works. If it works well, we'll need help in making the connections of graduating high school seniors and the colleges of their choice. The program is now designed to be a parish level program, and there are many parishes, and so few of us. Again, as this moves along we'll be asking for help.

So, that will be the thrust of my term as District Governor. I'll come to your meetings regularly to keep you personally advised. Please pray for me so our mutual efforts help move God's plan along!

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.**

Congratulations to our "Serrans of the Year" (see below) Beverly Truzzolino, Catherine Walton and Joe De Rits Accompanied by Maureen Neglia, Bishop Kevin Vann, Pat Manzo, and Edward Dainko.



**Reminder: Please invite your
Seminarian to our Summer Serra
Club Meetings**



PRAY ALWAYS



Vocation Prayer

Father, we're your people, the work of your hands. So precious are we in your sight that you sent your Son, Jesus. Jesus calls us to heal the broken-hearted, to dry the tears of those who mourn, to give hope to those who despair, and to rejoice in your steadfast love. We, the baptized, realize our call to serve. Help us to know how. Call forth from among us priests, sisters, brothers and lay ministers. With our hearts you continue to love your people. We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen

Ministers for Serra Masses

LECTORS

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



JUNE 18 Wally Drazba,
1st Reading
Ginny Martin,
Psalm & Prayers



EMS

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

James Baer, Host
Patty Baer, Cup
Joe Neglia, Cup

“Always forward, never back!”
Junipero Serra



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