

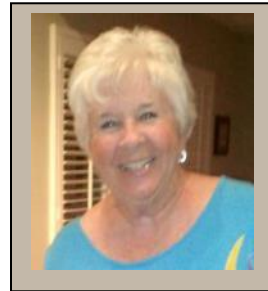
A Voice for Vocations

July 2013

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



PREZ SEZ
Maureen Neglia, President



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.

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Upcoming Events

July 1: **Junipero Serra**
Feast Day

JUL 2: **Mtg:** Fr. Richard Bartus

July 16 **Mtg:** Oralie Enos:
The Cross of San Damiano

July 27 **Transitional**
Diaconate Ordination
Reception **City Club Hosts**

Aug 19: **Ordinati Dinner**
County Club Hosts

Aug 20: **No Meeting**

Sept 9: **Serra Golf**
Tournament

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

FAITH INTO ACTION

A year ago, I wrote that we are each called, like Fr Serra, to put our faith into action. I would like to again thank each of you for doing exactly that. Before the Ordination on June 9th, Joan Amort remarked, "what have I gotten myself into?" I assured her we would all be there to help. You did not make a "liar". I appreciate the support you rendered in so many ways. I know that our new priests appreciated it also.

Time and time again, I see your faith in your actions. You exemplify putting others ahead of yourselves. In the end our service to vocation work really does support the other end of Serra, which is our own spiritual development.

Faith that we see throughout the Bible and in the lives of the saints is never something passive, but rather a fair of action. God meets our action with His own supernatural power to produce wonderful, miraculous and astounding results.

Let me finish by saying how much I see you all put your faith into action. It is rewarding for all of us, but especially me.

Ordination Mass held at St. Columban's Church

An Ordination Mass was held on Saturday, June 8, 2013 at St. Columban's Church in Garden Grove. Two new priests were ordained: Fr. Freddy Rangel and Fr. Reuben Ruiz, who will be assigned to St. Polycarp and St. Anne's parishes respectively. The Mass was a magnificent example of the richness of the traditions of our Catholic faith. Afterwards, both newly-ordained priests proceeded to Murphy Hall where they blessed those in attendance individually. The reception hall's set up was just lovely, due to Joan Amort's efforts. (See more photos on page 2.)



City Club Newz

At our June 4th meeting, after finishing our meal, it was time to sing Happy Birthday to our beloved Sr. Nadine. That was a very warm opener for our speaker, Sr. Barbara Ostheimer. Her topic was "God's Dream for Each of Us: Vocation and Mission." Sister's bio was amazing, including 9 years in Rome, 23 years in Ohio working in formation ministry, and teaching at both high school and college levels. She is also a well-published writer. In Sr. Barbara's own words, "I've enjoyed everything I've ever done! It's all been part of the Mission of Jesus." She cited a wonderful example of God working in powerful ways: when Bismarck forced out the religious in Europe, her order traveled to America. This provided the foundation for the great work that the Sisters of Notre Dame went on to do here, and are currently doing in 20 countries around the world. Their numbers have gone from 200 in 1874 to 2,000 currently. WOW! A ten-fold increase, all doing God's work.

After Sr. Barbara's presentation, our summer's first visiting seminarian, Charles Tran shared his personal story of the call from God to the vocation of religious life. His story was inspiring as his process was arduous with many challenges. He made major changes in his career, which took him 3 years to complete....all due to his being called to do "God's Will."

At our June 18th meeting, we again blessed and impressed by speaker Br. Charlie Jackson (see photo below). His topic was "Discernment: An Introduction." Br. Charlie's story included 53 years of service as a Jesuit, a BS in computer science from USF, an MS in computer science from UCI, 20 years teaching and coaching, 3 as Director of Studies, 2 years as Secretary for Formation, 5 years as Undersecretary of SJ and, just prior to his work at the Loyola Institute, he served 5 years as Provincial Vocations Director. During his address, he spoke of discernment, citing a life-changing event for him, when he was captivated, knowing with certainty that he was being chosen by God. He went on to explain that the process of Discernment #1 takes time, #2 requires effort, #3 has an element of uncertainty, and #4 God's action is continuous and ongoing, even when we are unaware! Brother's quote: "God doesn't call the qualified, he qualifies the Called."

Sr Barbara Ostheimer



Above is our very capable and hard-working chairperson for the Priest Ordination Reception, Joan Amort. Below is her awesome set-up team. Congratulations to you all! Great Job!



District Doings

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**District Governor
Serra District 127**



We have just finished two of our “big” events, the Installation Mass and dinner, and the Ordination of two wonderful men to the Priesthood.

The Installation was wonderfully presented by Cathy Walton of the County Club. Bishop Vann, a strong supporter of Serra, made a surprise appearance and bumped Fr Jerry Horan as celebrant. Fr Horan preached the homily. For those that don’t know, Fr Horan’s mother is Mary Horan of the County Club, a deservedly proud mother.

Thank you Cathy for the wonderful job you did. What we didn’t all know, the Sisters have changed the food and service purveyor, so it was all new for Cathy, so again thanks.

The second event was the Ordination, and here Joan Amort got to fly for the first time as chairperson. She pointed out she had many old timers to assist, but my experience has sometimes been, too many cooks spoil the broth. It didn’t happen, it went very well, so a big hand to Joan.

Joe DeRitis as chairman of the Msgr Sammon Fund is busy working on the best way to first grow the Fund, and secondly to properly allocate the funds when we are able. I will ask Joe to do a little write-up for the August District Doings. As usual, I’m doing this at pretty much the last moment, so time is not right to do it properly.

We are also working with the Diocesan Youth and Young Adult leader, Armando Cervantes, to spread the Serra/Newman Club program to help our High School grads connect with the Campus Ministry at the college they will be attending. Packets of information are being distributed to all 58 parishes and 4 centers. We’ll be discussing this further with the club presidents at the coming district meeting.

Lastly, the City Club is losing their Chaplain of 5 years. Fr Steve Corder in a reflection of Serra remarked how much he learned about vocations and how well Serrans participate in the Vocation process. He particularly noted it was good training for his new job in the Jesuit Order, Director of novices for the Western Province. Please take the time to read Fr Steve’s letter, published in its entirety to the right!

SERRA CLUB REFLECTION FR. STEVE CORDER, S.J. LETTER SENT JUNE 12, 2013

For the past five years, it has been my joy and privilege to serve as Chaplain to the Serra Club, City of Orange, in Southern California. Even after 23 years as a Jesuit and 12 years as a priest, I have learned quite a lot from Serra about the meaning and importance of vocation in the lives of young people and in the Church today. More than anything, I have witnessed the enthusiasm and the dedication of Serra Club members regarding vocations that is wonderfully contagious. Year in and year out, Serra Club members rally others to this essential cause in our Church today. They are the ones who often provide support and care for seminarians, take care of the humble tasks of providing refreshments at ordination receptions, promote women’s and men’s religious communities, foster lay ministry, and continually pray to the Lord of the Harvest for the graces that we all need. This January when I was surprised to learn that my religious community and my Provincial were asking me to become the next Director of Novices for our West Coast Province of the Jesuits, one of my first thoughts turned to my five graced years with Serra. How interesting, I thought, that after five years with wise, prayerful, and enthusiastic people dedicated to vocations I would suddenly find myself part of the formative work of nurturing vocations, of helping people to discern their vocation, and of supporting seminarians. God has a way of preparing us and providing for us in ways that we can only begin to imagine.

I have also learned from my friends in Serra three important lessons that I will carry with me into my new ministry. First, they have renewed once again my conviction in the power of prayer, which is always important, even though at times it may seem vague or elusive. Second, they have reminded me about the grace of perseverance and to continue going (as Blessed Junipero Serra would say, always forward!) even when there are challenges. Third, through their loving and humble witness, they reminded me of the wise words of St. Francis of Assisi, “Preach the Gospel at all times and, if necessary, use words.” May God continue to bless all of our good works and prayer for vocations in the Church today for God’s greater glory!



PRAY ALWAYS



**Vocation
Prayer**

O God, father of all mercies, provider of a bountiful harvest, send your graces upon those you have called to gather the fruits of your labor; preserve and strengthen them in their lifelong service of you. Open the hearts of your children that they may discern your holy will; inspire in them a love and desire to surrender themselves to serving others in the name of your son, Jesus Christ. Teach all your faithful to follow their respective paths in life guided by your divine word and truth. Through the intercession of the most Blessed Virgin Mary, all the angels and saints, humbly hear our prayers and grant your church's needs, through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Ministers for Serra Masses

Lectors

- JULY 2** Stan Espenship,
1st Reading
Jim Briscoe
Psalm & Prayers
- JULY 16** Loretta Callopy,
1st Reading
Sandy Toner,
Psalm & Prayers
- AUG 6** Nancy Schuba,
1st Reading
Nancy Ivary,
Psalm & Prayers



EMs

- Matt Ivary, Host
Elena Biale, Cup
Carol Cagle, Cup
- Joan Amort, Host
John Biale, Cup
Barbara Caraccio, Cup
- Chic Ryan, Host
Theresa Morris, Cup
Jim Baer, Cup

**“Always forward, never back!”
Junipero Serra**



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