

A Voice for Vocations

September 2013



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Upcoming Events

Sept 3: Adoration and Board Meeting

Sept 9: Serra Golf Tournament

Sept 17: Armando Cervantes Director of Youth Ministry Diocese of Orange

Sept 24: Day of Prayer Serra Chapel, Mission San Juan Capistrano

Oct 1: Sr. Nadine, CSJ Topic: Her trip to Ghana

Oct 15: To be announced
Oct 27: Priesthood Sunday Diocese of Orange

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

PREZ SEZ

Maureen Neglia, President



Serra Club City of Orange

Region 11, District 127, Charter 643

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.

Serra Unites Upcoming

Our Summer is quickly drawing to a close. Several events are before us. As we did last year, this year, we will again join with the three other Serra Clubs for SERRA UNITES. This year it will take place on September 24th at Mission San Juan Capistrano. More details will be available at our next meeting. Priesthood Sunday will be celebrated on October 27th this year throughout this diocese.

We can do whatever we can do to promote vocations, but, for what it's worth, I feel that one of the best advertisements for priestly vocations is a happy and joyful priest. Therefore, in addition to the two events previously listed, we have adoration after Mass on September 3rd. These are wonderful occasions to truly pray for our priests, deacons, and consecrated religious. With the many complexities our priests face in their ministry, I think we really have to pray consistently for them. Adoration presents a wonderful opportunity. Serra Unites will include a rosary and Mass. This will be a special time for all of us to join our prayers together in support of vocations. Lastly, let's make it a point to send a note to one of the priests in our parishes, or all of them, or to any priest that we may know in this diocese for Priesthood Sunday.

Ordinati Mass and Dinner Monday August 19, 2013

Concelebration of Mass with newly Ordained priests, Reverend Fredy Mancilla and Reverend Ruben Ruiz, presided by Bishop Dominic Luong.



City Club Newz

We were honored to have Bishops Dominic Luong and Todd Brown in attendance along with Fr. John Moneypenny, Fr. Antonio Lopez-Flores and Father Felix Just at the Ordinati Dinner this year.

It is always so interesting to hear, in our newly ordained priests own words, their vocation journeys. Fr. Ruben explained that he was somewhat apprehensive when approached to become more involved with parish activities. This led to many encounters, sometimes being harped upon by perfect strangers that led him to no longer be able to deny that God was calling him to do many things that he had been previously fearful to do. (Public speaking among them, you would never have known that to hear his address to our members).

Fr. Fredy Mancilla had a brother, who was a member of the Vincentian order. He went to the seminary to learn about God and spent 7 years there. His dream was to become a missionary, perhaps even in Africa and had a desire to learn to speak French. His journey led him to the seminary in Oregon, learning English.

It warmed our hearts and our spirits to see these faith-filled young priests fulfilling God's Call for them. An inspiration for us all!



Reverend Ruben Ruiz



THANK YOU!

SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH

Serra Clubs offer a special thanks to the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange for providing the use of the facilities for the Ordinati Mass and Dinner this year. We also are very appreciative for their continual support to the Serra Clubs. We shall, as usual, keep you in our prayers.

Below is Reverend Fredy Mancilla addressing the dinner attendees



Below is Father Felix Just, visiting with Serra member prior to dinner



District Doings

WALLY DRAZBA

**District Governor
Serra District 127**

Vocation Corner



Thank you to the County Club for organizing the Ordination Mass and dinner. It is always the privilege of the Serra Club to have the newly ordained priests, the Ordinati, concelebrate Mass and tell us their vocation journeys. Harriet and I missed this one, we were in Chicago celebrating a 50th wedding anniversary of good friends. At this affair they took a picture of about 10 couples we knew well in the OLD days. It was over 500 years of marriage. So, I hope we were excused.

Cathy Walton chaired the event and did her usual great job. Thank you, Cathy!

And wait, she's not done yet, she is putting together another "Serra Unites" evening of prayer and fellowship. The event is planned for Sept 24th at the Serra Chapel of Mission San Juan Capistrano at 5PM. The evening will include a meal at the historic El Pueblo Restaurant just down the street. More will be coming on this soon, but SAVE THE DATE!

Maureen Kosinski is working hard to make this year's Clergy Golf the best yet. I am sure you have received the mailing. If you can't golf, come to dinner, or at least make a contribution to defray the cost of the Clergy, both priests and deacons.

Finally, we have been able to procure the website, www.serraoc.org. It took a lot of work by our webmaster, and member of the City Club to accomplish this. The basis of the web site is done. There will be more additions, such as our District Calendar and details of events such as Clergy Golf, and Serra Unites. Thanks to Jim Wiencek for his tireless work on our behalf. Check out the website and tell me what you think at walhar@earthlink.net.

SERRA UNITES

**SERRA CHAPEL AT
SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO
SAVE THE DATE
SEP 24, 2013**

USA COUNCIL OF SERRA INTERNATIONAL WE GIVE OUR THANKS!

Sometimes we don't realize how fortunate we are until after the fact. For example, we don't thank the dear Lord for our good health until we encounter a severe health issue that changes our normal life routine, or we don't truly appreciate a family member or good friend until they are gone. This could be true of many Serrans who have overlooked the value of their USA Council (USAC) membership. This list below describes the values of being a Serran and begins to describe the benefits that USAC brings to you. This was developed by the USAC membership committee with input from many Serrans.

What USAC does for USA Members:

1. Provide the conduit to affiliation with the Pontiff and the Vatican as a council of Serra International.
2. Deepens friendships with fellow Catholics through prayer and action in your diocese and across America
3. Enhances personal spiritual growth
4. Builds and strengthens personal friendships with many priests, deacons, brothers and sisters in your diocese
5. Expands your perspective of the universality of the church
6. Builds friendships with the seminarians and postulants discerning God's plan about their future serving the people of God as priests and sisters
7. Shares the joy of fostering and affirming vocations to the priesthood and religious life (i.e. attending ordinations and profession of vows with good friends).
8. Delivers workshops and assistance to help recruit new members in your Serra Club



PRAY ALWAYS



**Vocation
Prayer**

Loving God, Is it I, Lord? Are you calling me to a vocation of ministry in the Church as Priest, Sister, Brother or Deacon? Or, if I am already living out a life's vocation, are you asking me to help call others to the ministry of leadership in the Church? We do need men and women to help lead us as Church, Lord. We are your people of the valley, prairie and pines, the Diocese of Orange. Speak to us Lord. Open the minds and hearts of many men and women to live your Word and build your Kingdom. Speak to me Lord. Plant your Word within me so that whatever you call me to be or do, I may say "Yes, Here I Am, Lord". Amen

Ministers for Serra Masses

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| SEPT 3 | Maureen Neglia, 1 st Reading Wally Drazba Psalm & Prayers |
| SEPT 17 | Loretta Callopy, 1 st Reading Jim Briscoe Psalm & Prayers |
| OCT 1 | Wally Drazba, 1 st Reading Stan Espenship, Psalm & Prayers |



EMs
Patty Baer, Host
Joan Amort, Cup
Joe Neglia, Cup

Elena Biale, Host
John Biale, Cup
Carol Cagle, Cup

Lynn Haske, Host
Barbara Caraccio, Cup
Matt Ivary, Cup

"Always forward, never back!"
Junipero Serra



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