

A Voice for Vocations

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



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Upcoming Events

Nov 5: Fr. Michael Mathews
Work of the Holy Cross
Fathers

Nov 19: Elena Biale
Revisiting Junipero Serra

NOV 22-25:
Western Regional
Convention, Monterey, CA

Dec 3: Fr. Felix Just, SJ
Advent Preparation

Dec 15: Christmas Party
Hosted by Bob DeFeo

Dec 17: No Meeting

Jan 7: Sr. Nadine, CSJ
Pope Francis Overview and
the Synod

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.

THANKSGIVING

I wanted to share this in our month of Thanksgiving

A Buddhist Recollection On Our Great Blessings

Countless are those who are born without physical or mental health. I have been born with all limbs and faculties complete. Many are those who live in lands of strife and conflict, and who are deprived of security and safety. I am living in a place where there is peace. Incalculable are those forced to toil without end, and who are driven by hunger and want. I have enough to sustain my body and time to give it rest. Numerous are those who live as slaves, unable to go where they wish and think as they like. I enjoy freedom. Without number are those who live in regions where the light of the truth does not shine and its message is not heard above the racket of doctrines that cause suffering. I have heard the good teachings. Truly precious and great are the blessings I enjoy. Here, I contemplate on my good fortune and the good of others. To repay these gifts, I will use my efforts to overcome the obstacles of hatred, greed and delusion.

Sr Nadine, CSJ Returns from Ghana, Africa

Sr. Nadine, CSJ did an excellent job at our October 1st meeting of recapping her recent travels to Ghana. Check out the write-up on Page 2.

Very interesting!



City Club Newz

On October 15th, 2013, Fr. Bob spoke to our group with a two-fold topic: his personal vocation story and his work with lawyers and the legal profession. Fr Bob's professional and scholastic achievements are many and diverse, including a Masters degree in history from UCLA and a law degree from UC Berkeley. After his graduation from law school in 2002, he entered the Society of Jesus and was missioned to Loyola University Chicago, where he earned a master's degree in pastoral studies in 2007. Fr. Stephan has taught history, and has worked with the Ignatian Spirituality Project, which provides retreats for homeless men and women, and contemplative Leaders in Action, an Ignatian leadership program for young professionals.

Fr Bob's first call to the priesthood took place during his time in law school in Berkeley. He experienced multiple Holy Spirit "nudges", as one day, he found himself in the local church's parking lot (quite unintentionally) and opted to attend services that day. While in law school, he volunteered for campus ministry, where he participated in a very valuable faith sharing group. His discernment process took place while with the Jesuits.

While working within the legal profession, he witnessed many experiencing dissatisfaction with their course in life, which prompted him to ask "where do we find joy? And where do we find God?" Our spiritual life is very individual, and our work is part of God's work. So many workers are compartmentalized and there is no place in the workplace for the personal. We are just expected to perform the tasks required by our employers, with no consideration for our individualism, as God has created each of us.

Fr. Bob Stephan



SR NADINE, CSJ TRIP TO GHANA



On October 1st, 2013, Sr. Nadine addressed our Serrans after having returned from her travels in Africa. She expressed her appreciation for our help in attaining books which assisted her and her partner Sr. Sharon, while educating their students in faith formation and spiritual companioning. While in Ghana, communications for her were very difficult. The Internet is very unreliable in that country. This was sister's 2nd trip to Ghana, while there she is teaching scripture and theology, utilizing her PhD in Systematic Theology. While there, her geographical location was just above the Equator. About 80% of the local population have electricity. Ghana is a British colony and there is evidence of that in some of the local architecture. The local women travelling from the local markets carry up to 60 to 70 pounds on their heads. One lady from Ghana even tried to put "corn rows" into one of the sister's hair.....(how adorable)! The plumbing in the area is "open pit". The Novitiate had indoor facilities; however, Sister explained, the method of construction is to build until the \$\$\$'s have been exhausted. The local Cathedral is ministered to by the "White Fathers". Sister attended an ordination in a brand new Church. The ceremony lasted 4-1/2 hours, as there are lots of processions and dancing by those in attendance. Sister also visited with the Sisters of Mary Magdalene. Their community members speak either French or English, or both. While there, Sister Nadine attended a Renewal of Vows. It was held at St. Monica's and there were 1,000 people there. The demographic included Muslims, Christians, etc. The sisters are very generous and joyful per Sr. Nadine's observations. Also, there was a ceremony for Final Vows, which was presided over by the bishop. During Sister's entire stay, she felt so loved and supported! Sister's ministry is the perfect example of JOYFUL EVANGELIZATION, which Fr. Felix pointed out to us at Mass in the morning, citing the book of Jeremiah! "God is with us!"

District Doings

WALLY DRAZBA

**District Governor
Serra District 127**

Vocation Corner



A great thank you to reliable Joe DeRitis for heading up the reception for the Permanent Deacon Ordination. One of our own, Joe Sullivan, long-time member of the West Orange Club was ordained. Let's not forget his wife Barbara who had the same lengthy training regimen. Congratulations to both of you!

I recently read an article that quoted the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) that pointed out that after decades of glum trends, fewer priests and fewer parishes, more men are enrolled in graduate level seminaries. This year's numbers indicate an increase of 16% since 1995, and 10% since 2005. It goes on to say seminary directors cite more encouragement from bishops and parishes.

We, as Serrans, have two main jobs, first, we must keep praying for young people to listen to, and answer, the promptings of the Spirit, when they are called. Secondly, we should personally ask young people if we think they are the type of persons who will make good priests or religious. Another way of doing the asking is to point them out to your pastor or another priest, so they will ask them. Over 80% of young priests say they were asked by a priest, and it is us who are in the pews where we see the young people. Let's not let Our Lord down; we said we'd help him, so let's do it!

Many Thanks

Deacon's Reception St. Columban Church

Our thanks to all your members that showed up to help out with the Deacons' Reception at St. Columban. A special thanks to Wally for bringing the supplies back and forth.

**WE NOW HAVE 15 MORE DEACONS TO SERVE OUR DIOCESE.
THANK YOU LORD!**

We have a class of 38 Seminarians in various seminaries in the Diocese. Continue to pray for these men and those that are considering the Priesthood....

God Bless.....Joe De Ritis

SERRA CLUB CITY OF ORANGE MEMBERS



Above is Beverly Truzzolino, our membership representative, with her St. Cecilia Ministry Fair Presentation.....GREAT JOB, BEVERLY!

Vocation Prayer



For Courage

To the triune God, constantly calling many to consecrated life, we pray that those called may have the courage to answer unequivocally with Mary's fiat, "Let it be done to me according to your word."

We pray that those called to diocesan and religious priesthood, those called to apostolic and contemplative religious institutes for sisters and brothers, and those called to be members of secular institutes may respond joyfully, abandoning themselves to God's will for full life in union with the Trinity. Amen

Ministers for Serra Masses

- NOV 5 Nancy Schuba,
1st Reading
Loretta Callopy,
Psalm & Prayers
- NOV 19 Jim Briscoe,
1st Reading
Stan Espenship
Psalm & Prayers
- DEC 3 Wally Drazba,
1st Reading
Maureen Neglia,
Psalm & Prayers



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

**"Always forward, never back!"
Junipero Serra**



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