

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

APR 1: Meeting
APR 15: Meeting
APR 20: EASTER SUNDAY
May 4, 2014: Hearts on Fire Spring Gala
MAY 6: Meeting
MAY 19: Installation Mass and Dinner
MAY 20: NO Meeting
JUN 2014: Priest Ordination and Reception

Serra Weekend

Last weekend, Serrans from the three clubs gathered. First, Saturday morning, Fr. Bob Stephan celebrated Mass and guided us in a morning of reflection with two sessions. In light of Pope Francis' model, we first "counted our blessings". After the second session, we reflected on those who had been generous to us and where we might be called to be more generous.

Then, Sunday morning, we gathered at the Motherhouse for our bus ride to St. John's Seminary. Upon arrival, we were met by the rector, Monsignor Greg Cox and several seminarians from the diocese of Orange. The first order of business was a walking tour of the beautiful grounds and some of the rooms that are used as classrooms. It was a lovely day, perfect for strolling around the campus. Next, we celebrated Mass with Serrans from all around Southern California. We had the largest number of attendees and tables had been reserved in the back of the refectory for us to be with our seminarians. It was a wonderful opportunity to get to know more of our seminarians. It was a very worthwhile day and weekend.

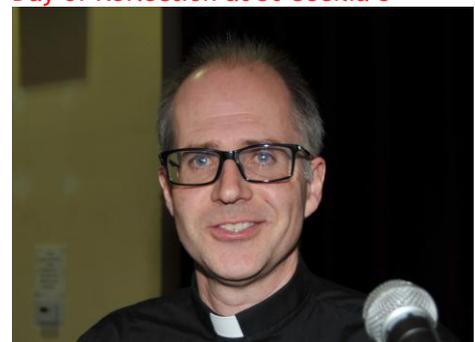
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Our Mission... to foster, affirm and promote vocations to the priesthood, religious life, diaconate, and all ministries in the Catholic Church, and through this support of all ministries, to deepen our members' personal faith lives.

Seminarians and Serrans during visit to St John's Seminary on March 23rd



Below: Fr Bob Stephan Day of Reflection at St Cecilia's



Club Newz

On March 4th, Sr. Nadine opened her comments by passing around an amusing cartoon done by the artist Norman Rockwell entitled "Gossip". She commented on the different facial expressions and reactions as the "gossip" was spread from person to person. We are catchers and spreaders of news. We have the good news that Our Lord, Jesus went about performing an intentional act, surrendering Himself to death on the cross.

We all have a vocation as we go about our regular lives. We experience great moments and great frustrations. Our focus should be "love" for our families and for ourselves. Our beloved Pope Francis has brought attention to the materially poor, those lacking food, jobs, housing and education; also, there are the morally poor where we are asked to step up for our neighbors and bring God's love to those who may be in a form of spiritual poverty. Sr. Nadine shared some of her very personal memories of her father singing "Come, Holy Ghost", and her terminally ill mother, suffering from cancer relaying that she was heading for her "payday" when God would show his appreciation of her loving ways.

Pope Francis encourages family love and staying together no matter what. Every day, we have the opportunity to respect ourselves and others and to forgive and be forgiven. When entertaining visitors in our home, we should think of them and reflect on them and make sure not to develop a "holier than thou" attitude. We are sinners and we live with regret. God, however, made us FREE to be the best that we can be! There are plenty of vulnerable people in families. Even adults are wounded and they hide their injuries of humiliation or pain. Our Pope requests that we renew relationships with our families. Spread the Good News to your family as they are precious. Remember the love and patience of God and allow it to touch our hearts. All this leads us to our celebration of Easter!

Sr. Nadine McGuinness, CSJ (below)



Save The Date!



AWARDS DINNER

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2014

This is the annual dinner and fundraiser of the Loyola Institute for Spirituality. Help support Fr. Felix and the work of The Institute.

Sign up for the Serra Club table with Jim Baer—Tickets \$100.



*District Doings***WALLY DRAZBA****District Governor
Serra District 127***Vocation Corner*

District 127 Doings Orange CA Diocese April 2014

It is just 3 more weeks until Easter. We want to thank all Serrans; particularly the team's leading the clubs. I think we have all grown a little during the past year. We hope to be more proactive in our quest to further a culture of vocations in our diocese. We hope that we will get a lot of support from our members during the coming Serra year. In a recent meeting with Bishop Vann we outlined a more aggressive program, and the Bishop is squarely behind us.

We had a full Serra weekend on Mar 22, 23. Fr Bob Stephan SJ had a wonderful presentation on Saturday. Fr Bob led us to look in to ourselves to see how we are living a full Christian life. Father's talks centered on two themes, "Gratitude" and "Generosity" He reviewed both the sayings of Pope Francis, also how the Pope without fanfare or photographers performs many simple acts that are truly inspiring. From the first moments of his papacy he did significant "small" acts that should also inspire us to live more simply and closer to the way Jesus lived.

On Sunday 39 of us boarded the bus to St John's Seminary. Msgr Cox asked the seminarians from our diocese to be prepared to host tours of the seminary before Mass. There were several small groups so the tours were quite personal. After the usual inspiring Mass, we had a wonderful lunch. Again our OC seminarians were very gracious hosts. We had arranged to have reserved tables, with one or two seminarians at each table. More than one person remarked that this was one of the best visits we have ever had. Thank you for all who attended,

A blessed and Happy Easter to all!

REMINDER**MSGR SAMMON FUND****For the benefit of our seminarians**

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.

Additional photos from the visit to St. John's Seminary



Vocation Prayer



Pray Always

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 priest, 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 EMs

APR 1 Maureen Neglia,
 1st Reading
 Nancy Schuba,
 Psalm & Prayers

APR 15 Terry Toner,
 1st Reading
 Jim Briscoe,
 Psalm & Prayers

MAY 6 Wally Drazba,
 1st Reading
 Loretta Callopy,
 Psalm & Prayers



Jim Baer, Host
Patty Baer, Cup
Elena Biale, Cup

John Biale, Host
Carol Cagle, Cup
Barbara Caraccio, Cup

Anne Champagne, Host
Bob DeFeo, Cup
Janie Hanson, Cup

“Always forward, never back!”
Junipero Serra



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