

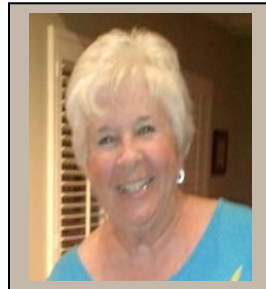
A Voice for Vocations

May 2014

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



PREZ SEZ
Maureen Neglia, President



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Mary, Mother of Vocations

**“Mary, Mother of Vocations,
pray for us,”
should be our daily invocation.**

In this month of May, may we be reminded, once again, that there is no more effective way of fostering vocations than asking Mary, the Mother of Jesus, to ask her Son to extend the invitation. And there is no more effective way of remaining firm in any vocation, than to beg the same Mother for the grace of perseverance.

And I have certainly received the grace of perseverance these last two years. Along with that grace has come the grace of solution to problems that presented themselves. As we cooked and tried having breakfast catered, we were graced with Sr. Nadine entering the fray and finding a solution. I know that in addition to me, every member of this club, was grateful for an outcome that allowed us to receive catering and increase the cost by only a dollar and remain at the Motherhouse.

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.

Prez Sez....(continued)

Then the Jesuit community threw us a curve ball in appointing Fr. Steve Director of Novices. And again the grace of solution came in the person of Fr. Felix. We did not have to start searching. Again, someone volunteered as his predecessor had. In Fr. Felix we have someone who challenges us, does not let us remain complacent and guides us with his great personal and Jesuit wisdom. These last two years have passed quickly and I am extremely grateful for each and every one of you. My personal philosophy has always been, if you can't have a good time doing something, maybe it's not worth doing. You have graced me and made this job enjoyable. Again thank you and may we all join our efforts in support of priestly and religious vocations.

**Mary, Mother of Vocations,
pray for us!**



Upcoming Events

- MAY 4, 2014: Hearts on Fire Spring Gala**
- MAY 6: Meeting**
Maureen Neglia
“The Call to Holiness”
- MAY 11: World Day of Prayer for Vocations**
- MAY 19: Installation**
Mass and Dinner
- MAY 20: NO MEETING**
- JUN 2014: Priest Ordination and Reception**
- JUN 3: Barbara Nelson**
Mary's Shelter
- JUN 17: Fr. Francois**
Beyrouti
The Melkite Church

Club Newz

On Tuesday, April 1, 2014 our speaker was Father Gabriel Stack, O. Praem from St. Michael's Abbey.

Fr. Gabriel entered St. Michael's Abbey in 1975. He was ordained a priest in 1982. He earned his doctoral degree in Education in 1993. He has been involved in the teaching apostolate for which the Norbertines of St. Michael's are so noted. In the mid-1980's he taught in the religion department at Mater Dei in Santa Ana. In the late 1980's, he moved down to Santa Margarita Catholic High School, where he served as the chairman of the religion department. In the early 1990's, Fr. Gabriel returned to St. Michael's Preparatory School where he helped in the administration. Seven years later he was appointed the headmaster, a position he held until 2012. Currently, Fr. Gabriel is the secretary to Abbot Eugene Hayes and is active in St. Michael's Abbey relocation project. The relocation was the topic of his presentation to us on April 1st.

We probably have all experienced the Norbertines under different circumstances. Perhaps, through education at Mater Dei, or an encounter with a visiting priest at our parishes, or perhaps when a Norbertine priest presided at a wedding or a funeral of an acquaintance. The Norbertines locally reside at St. Michael's Abbey. Fr. Gabriel explained to us that there are, in fact, 4 Norbertine Abbeys in the U.S. and 30 abbeys world-wide. Due to deterioration of their current location, the abbey will be moving to Silverado Canyon. The premises will be located on the "old Holtz Ranch", which some of us may remember as it was the Mission Station for St. Cecilia's many years ago. The new abbey will be built in this spot, while preserving the pristine surroundings. Fr. Gabriel distributed literature explaining what the new facilities will provide and the graphics were just amazing. The architecture was inspired by Italian abbeys including a new convent, guest house, abbey office, large dining hall and library. Of course, there is also the proposed church, the heart and center of the Norbertine life. At a later stage of construction, the preparatory school will also be moving. The abbey will be approximately 1 mile from the road. It will replace the old facility, high school and retreat center. It will include a cemetery chapel, which seats 70. The main church will seat 500. Completion date is projected for the year 2017.

Fr. Felix spoke briefly, revealing that his middle name, initial N, is actually Norbert (very interesting)! He went on to remind us of the "Hearts on Fire" Dinner planned for May 4th. Also, he encouraged all to read John's Gospel during the remaining weeks of Lent in preparation for Easter Sunday....the largest feast of the Church year!

Wally Drazba finished out the meeting with a reminder for his "31-Club". He was requesting volunteer help from any members who might be able to help with the program. He also reminded us that May 11th is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

On Tuesday, April 15, 2014 our speaker at the meeting was Greg Walgenbach, director of the Office of Life, Justice and Peace for the Diocese of Orange. Previously Greg served as a parish director of youth and young adults for the diocese. A convert to the Catholic faith, he grew up Baptist, served as a Baptist pastor and was ordained an Anglican priest before coming into the Catholic Church with his wife and their four children.

Greg has a Master of Divinity and Ph.D. in Theology. His passion is helping Catholics be formed in scripture and Catholic social teaching. The title of his presentation was "Christ Calling at the Borders". Greg said when he interviewed for the director's job he never imagined his office would be at the Crystal Cathedral or that he would have close ties to Saddleback Church. He recommends Archbishop Gomez's book "Immigration and the Next America".

He offered Pope Francis as an excellent example of someone reaching out to the marginalized. Citing Francis's visit to the tiny island off the coast of Sicily where immigrants hope to enter Europe thru Italy, a route also used by human traffickers, Greg referred to a question asked by the pope, "Has anybody wept today?--wept for the victims of human trafficking, immigrants seeking only a better life for their children. Greg left us with a quote reminding us we all are always capable of one another's sins.

Fr. Gabriel Stack, O. Praem. Addressing the club members on Tuesday, April 1st.



District Doings

WALLY DRAZBA

District Governor
Serra District 127

Vocation Corner



District 127 Doings Orange CA Diocese
May 2014

This is a time to say thank you. On May 19, 2014 the officers for the next Serra year will be officially installed. I have many people to thank, but in this column I will thank the three club presidents, and will leave it to them to thank those in their own clubs.

Before I thank the Serrans, there are two priests that I think we Serrans ought to extend our heartfelt thanks. First, Fr John Money penny, who has fully embraced the work of the Serra clubs. He not only has supported the seminarians, but also supported us in our meager efforts. We look forward to greater cooperation between Serra and our diocesan leaders, due to the efforts of Fr John. At this time Fr John is emailing to all parishes the Serra program for "Vocation Awareness Week" which starts on May 11, "Good Shepherd Sunday". We Serrans need to check our website www.serraoc.org so we can support the efforts of our parish priests. Thank you Fr John

We also owe thanks to Msgr. Craig Cox the rector of St John's Seminary. We have seminarians in six different seminaries, but the only one close enough to visit as a group is St John's. Msgr Cox, always the gracious host, is right there in front of the seminary entrance to greet our bus. Msgr Cox is retiring as rector and will go back to the job for which our priests are ordained, to be a parish pastor. Thank you Msgr Cox. may God bless you in your new post.

Now to our Serrans. The County Club has had the experience of Pat Manzo for the past two years. Pat as we know has risen through the ranks of Serra to serve on the Serra USA executive board, but when her club needed her, she did the job for two more years. The City club also had a veteran Serran as their president the last two years. Maureen Neglia, a past president of the City club, came back and did the job again. And last but not least Ed Dainko, a Serran for many years in San Bernardino, has finished his first year as president of the South club. Thank you to all of you for the support you have given to me and the seminarians of our diocese.

I would be remiss if I didn't thank another silent Serran. Jim Wienciek, who due to his early morning work schedule, cannot get to our meetings, nevertheless has done an important job for us. Check out our website www.serraoc.org regularly, you will see his efforts as our webmaster, thank you Jim.

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.



Vocation Prayer



Pray Always

Hail Mary, full of grace; all generations call you blessed. Hail Mother of God; when asked by the angel to bear the Son of the Most High, filled with faith, you responded: "Let it be done unto me." Holy Mother of Jesus, at the wedding feast at Cana, you prompted your Son to perform his first sign. Be with us as we discern our life's work and guide us in the way we are called to follow in the footsteps of your Son. Holy Mother of the Savior, at the foot of the cross, you mourned the death of your only Son. Bless and embrace the loving parents of all priests, deacons, brothers and sisters. Holy Mother of the Good Shepherd, turn your motherly care to this nation. Intercede for us to the Lord of the harvest to send more laborers to the harvest in this land dedicated to your honor. Amen.

Ministers for Serra Masses

EMs

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

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

MAY 20
NO MEETING

NO MEETING

JUNE 3
Nancy Ivary,
1st Reading
Stan Espenship,
Psalm & Prayers

Betty Padilla, Host
Chic Ryan, Cup
Raul Serna, Cup



"Always forward, never back!"
Junipero Serra



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