

A Voice for Vocations

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



PREZ SEZ
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Upcoming Events

JULY 1: MEETING

Fr John Moneyenny:
Seminarians' Status Report

**JULY 10 - 13: Serra's
International Convention
Sacramento, CA**

JULY 15: MEETING

Joseph Huan Nguyen:
His Seminary Journey

AUG 5: MEETING

Berni Neal:Cath. Leadership
Institute assisting newly
Ordained Priests

AUG 19: MEETING

Annette Hills-Diocese
Testimony & Music Ministry

SEPT 2: MEETING

Our President Matt Ivary

The beginning of summer brings on the plans for vacations and lots of changes to our normal routines. This is especially true for the priests of our diocese who get reassigned this time each year. Of course, not all associates move each year, but at St. Cecilia both our associates, Fr. Thomas Nguyen and Fr. Richard Affrim, are moving on. We had a special farewell Sunday Mass for them followed by a simple reception. Both priests were happy in their time with us but are ready to follow the call of Jesus and move on to their new assignments. Fr. Tom will be taking a rest for a while and Fr. Richard will be going back to Ghana. Both have had a missionary history as priests, traveling far from their homes and families. The personal sacrifices they have made to serve us half-way around the world from their roots are a model to me of the missionary spirit of service we are called to within our church. The farewell reception was held on the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, missionary models for us all.

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, cont.)

While we are not all called to the missionary life of travel to build the kingdom, or martyrdom like Peter and Paul, we can all help wherever we are. As they say in Cursillo, "Bloom where you're planted." Let our priests know that you appreciate what they do. A simple thank you card to our associates that are moving is one way to show that you care. I told Fathers Tom and Richard that we would all be praying for them along with all the rest of our priests in the diocese. Good luck to them all in their new assignments and God Bless.

Below: Bishop Kevin Vann, Todd Brown with newly ordained priests: William Goldin, John Duy Nguyen, and Charles Tran immediately following the Ordination ceremony on June 7th.



Club Newz

On Tuesday, June 3, 2014, Barbara Nelson, Executive Director for Mary's Shelter addressed our club members. This organization, in Barbara's words, is in support of "Respecting Human Life from Womb to Tomb".

Barbara described the mission of Mary's Shelter as follows:

We need to change the hearts and minds of the women who come to our shelter. They can be experiencing fear, loneliness, and they may feel that they have no-one to turn to. WE CAN HELP!

Mary's Shelter has been serving the community for 20 years. They have assisted 1,000 mothers and babies during these 2 decades. In order to help these mothers and babies, we need to meet their material needs. In effect, Mary's Shelter is "Changing two lives for the price of one".

Mary's Shelter differs from other homes in that they assist expectant mothers that are under eighteen years of age. Their goal is to keep the mothers in school and to help them avoid a life of poverty. Many of the expectant mothers have been victimized and are experiencing an array of emotional needs. e.g. Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and anger management issues. Mary's Shelter tries to affirm for them that "There is a God and that He won't forsake them".

Mary's Shelter addresses their:

1. Physical needs
2. Emotional needs
3. Educational needs
4. Spiritual needs

The staff teaches each girl to be a nurturing mother, even though they didn't have a good role model themselves. They have parenting goals assigned. An example might be that they read to their child.

HERE'S HOW SERRA MEMBERS CAN HELP!

First, pray for the mothers, babies and their staff

Second, volunteer to help by perhaps driving girls to their doctor's appointments

Third, share our news with "in need" girls though Pro-Life ministry

Our Thanks go out to Mary's Shelter for the wonderful work that they are doing in assisting young expectant mothers, their children, and their families. Let us all do what we can to assist them in this mission!

The speaker at the June 17 meeting was Professor Father Francois Beyrouti, pastor of Holy Cross Melkite Catholic Church in Placentia, Ca. He was born in Beirut and at the age of four his parents immigrated to Vancouver. Father Francois has an M.A. and Ph.D. in Theology.

Within the Catholic Church there are five rites: 1) Roman (or Latin), 2) Byzantine (including Russian, Slavic and Greek), 3) Syrian, 4) Armenian and 5) Coptic (Egypt). These five are not divisions because the Catholic Church is apostolic.

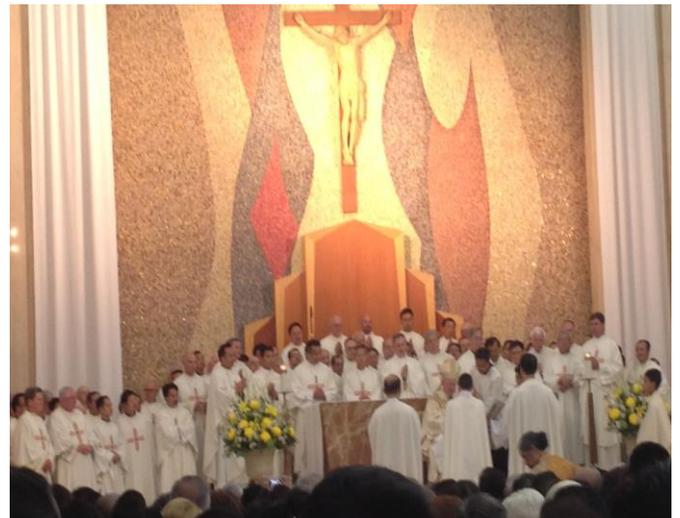
After Jesus' resurrection, the Apostles spread out to start the church. These churches developed their own rituals.

They have a common faith in the true presence and a reverence to Mary. In the Eastern rite churches the priest has his back to the congregation and he faces east where the sun rises as Christ is a light to the world.

Father Francois brought several icons to share with us. Icons are mentioned in the book of Genesis-the word meaning image. God made man in his own image in creating an icon in a human person, an icon of himself-Jesus. Writing icons presents a theology. An iconographer must follow rules. Colors are important. Jesus is seen wearing red outer garments, a sign of divinity/royalty. A blue outer garment is the color of water, earth and humanity and creation. Mary carried the divine, is seen pointing the way to Christ. She is never portrayed by herself or given a name in icons. Instead she is identified by title-Mother of God. Jesus is clothed in white at the Nativity, Transfiguration and Resurrection.

NOTE: Special thanks to Peggy Perample for providing notes from Father Francois Beyrouti's presentation for our newsletter!

Below: Ordination at St. Columban's in Garden Grove. Altar is surrounded by Diocese of Orange priests after the "laying on of hands" on June 7, 2014.



District Doings

Wally Drazba
District Governor
Serra District 127



Vocations Corner

District 127 Doings Orange CA Diocese
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Maureen Kosinski chaired the reception after the Priest Ordination. She did it with a heavy heart; her son Kevin is on life support due to ravages to his body from radiation 30 years ago. Maureen, I don't know how you did it. Our "thank you" falls far short of your courage. One comment I'd like to make to all Serrans. Of the roughly 20 people who helped at the reception, 15 of them were from the City Club. PLEASE, Serrans, in the future, come and help--and get to know your fellow Serrans

Even though it is summer, I want you to know that your officers and fellow Serrans have been wonderful and have attended training and planning sessions. The thought for this month is: "Why did I join Serra?" Was it just for the Mass and meals? Let me emphasize here the Serra USA Council's mission statement:

"Our mission is to foster, affirm, and promote vocations to ministry in the Catholic Church" What are you doing to further this mission?

One thing you're doing might be keeping in touch with the seminarian you adopted. If you don't have his summer address, you can send cards for forwarding c/o:

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JULY BIRTHDAYS

July 13

Joe Neglia

July 26

Bob DeFeo

Sr Nadine McGuinness

Loving---

That is deeper than the mystery of each person---though each of us may seek to authentically strengthen our honest and open loving of our lives, the people in our relationships, the search for our home and safety in God. Loving shapes the core of creation, evolution, the history of human growth as a people of the earth and the universe---not just ours, but the loving of the One sending us forth and at the same time stretching out to meet us in our now and our future. God's loving is personal. God's loving loves you and me. God is calling us into ever deeper love and acceptance of our faith in the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit---knowing that that love is freeing us to free ourselves from unforgiveness, from fear and resentments, from the suspicion that the earth, the now, is all there is. All religions are proclaiming this God, this loving God, this healing God. And each day we have the opportunity to recognize, to say "yes", to participate in this loving. This is the message of the book on the Sacred Heart of the World. This book seeks to help us find our way again into loving the God who, in loving us, is making and enabling us to still be having a wonderful summer, and I hope you do too.

The Sisters of St Joseph in France (1650's to 1790's)

Rooted in prayer and daily service of the people in the neighborhoods where they were living, the SOSJ became known for helping the poor and sick in their homes, providing refuge for widows and orphans, teaching religious education and a trade to girls and young women, and shouldering the burden of social work in villages throughout central France. Often there was no one else to do it. Hospitals and schools emerged where the Sisters served, and even a pharmacy was maintained. The Sisters even served in prisons. As villagers, the wealthy, and government leaders grew to recognize the importance of these social service centers, the Sisters in those centers were recognized for their importance to the development of the villages and towns. When French society and government fell into chaos during the French Revolution, the visible structures of the Church and of religious congregations who were serving the poor were radically affected. Church property was confiscated and the Sisters were forbidden to live in convents. Many of the Sisters of St. Joseph dispersed, hiding from those who persecuted. Some were imprisoned. Some (St. Jeanne Marie Aubert, Sr. Marie Anne Garnier, Mother St. Croix, Sr. Madeline and Sr. Toussaint were guillotined. Today in 2014, there are other examples of such religious persecution, hiding, martyrdom---in Africa, in the Middle East, in Asia. We can read about it, hear about it, and be horrified by it. In praying for, and working for, our world and our people of faith, we today are building the heart of our humanity's future. Events of the past and present, both, help us recognize the needs of our world and the invitations of our God to do what we can as a compassionate presence to those suffering.

Vocation Prayer



Pray Always

O Father, you desire all of us to be happy. Stir up the grace of a religious vocation in the hearts of many men and women. Grant to them the willingness and generosity to give of themselves, their lives, their time and their talents to the service of Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord and Savior, and to His Holy Church. May more men and women go forth as priests, deacons, brothers and sisters to bring the truths of our Catholic faith to all others so that soon they, too, may know You better and love You more.....and serving You, be truly happy. Amen.

Ministers for Serra Masses

EMs

JULY 1 Jim Briscoe,
1st Reading
Terry Toner,
Psalm & Prayers

JULY 15 Loretta Callopy,
1st Reading
Wally Drazba,
Psalm & Prayers

AUG 5 Stan Espenship,
1st Reading
Nancy Ivary,
Psalm & Prayers



Joan Amort, Host
Jim Baer, Cup
Patty Baer, Cup

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

Barbara Caraccio, Host
Anne Champagne, Cup
Bob De Feo, Cup

“Always forward, never back!”
Junipero Serra



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