

A Voice for Vocations

August 2014



PREZ SEZ
Matt Ivary, President



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

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Upcoming Events

AUG 5: MEETING

Berni Neal-

**Cath. Leadership Institute
assisting newly Ordained
Priests**

AUG 19: MEETING

**Annette Hills-Diocese
Testimony & Music Ministry**
SEPT 2: MEETING
Beverly Truzzolino
Membership Update

SEPT 16: MEETING

**Tony Park (tentative)
Seminarian**

OCT 7: MEETING

Sr. Christine Hilliard
Mary in Scripture
OCT (month of the rosary)

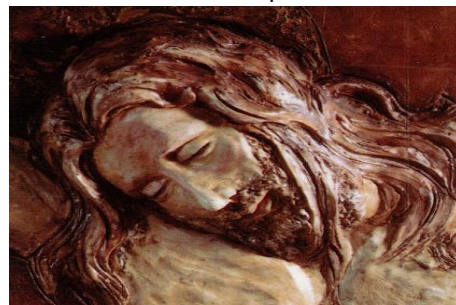
ORDINATI DINNER:

TBA – WILL BE OCT 2014

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)

The second meditation used a picture of Jesus crucified--but with a contented smile on his face. The meditation reading was the 23rd Psalm. As I looked at the image I could see the scene thru Jesus's eyes, imagining what made him cry out from the cross the 1st line of the 22nd Psalm, "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" Jesus is reflecting on the 22nd Psalm and all of its prophetic imagery of his crucifixion as he hangs on the cross. But then he moves to the beautiful and hope filled imagery of the 23rd Psalm. Jesus smiles as he recites it in his mind and we hear, "Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff comfort me....Indeed, goodness and mercy will pursue me all the days of my life: I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever." He smiles with the irony but is content with what he has accomplished.



I pray that all of us will continue to take advantage of the many opportunities that Serra offers us to grow in our faith and deepen our commitment to pray for and support vocations. We have a merciful god that embraces us and welcomes us into his kingdom. While it is easy to fall into the "Ain't it awful" syndrome with the international events of the last few weeks, we are also called to be faith-filled witnesses to our loving and merciful God.



As Serrans, one of our commitments is to deepen our own spiritual lives, our call to holiness. One of many close moments I had at this year's Serra International Convention in Sacramento was a great help to me in this regard. This took place at the Friday morning retreat. Fr. John Horn, S.J., current Rector of the Seminary in the Archdiocese of St. Louis, led us in two Lectio Divina exercises that used paintings to help us focus our attention on the selected scripture-passage reflections. Rather than talking about the method, he provided a book for that, he simply led us into a state of prayerful reflection so we could experience what he was talking about. I was a bit skeptical at first on how this would work with over 300 Serrans, but found myself very peaceful and enjoying the experience.

The first meditation was the Annunciation and we focused on a painting by Henry Tanner. While we have all heard the annunciation story, the picture made me aware of the more practical aspects to Mary's yes. Her face is saying "What is this?" while at the same time, she accepts god's plan. I found myself listening for what God wants for my life.

Club Newz

On Tuesday, July 1, 2014, Fr. John Money Penny addressed our club. Below is Fr John's letter, which recaps the topics of his presentation that day in his own words:

Greetings from the Vocations Office! I pray this letter finds you well in these summer days.

Most of our Diocesan Seminarians are currently involved in summer programs. Some are in language programs both in the United States and abroad, others are attending the Institute for Priestly Formation in Omaha or are at a parish. And, still others are involved in spiritual exercises. Over the past several weeks, I have been working on a few new projects which will be rolling out over the summer. A new website will be launched in the next couple of weeks. It will be a great new tool for promoting priestly vocations.

www.ocvocation.org;

(Another good website is www.vocationboom.com;

A Vocations Advisory Committee has also been established. This committee will advise the Vocations Director on vocational needs of the local Church, support and foster vocations among youth and young adults who are called by their baptism to minister together effectively with priests, deacons and lay ministers in the service of the Church. Advisory Committee members may also be asked to assist the Vocations Director in assessing a potential candidate. Nine priests of the diocese have volunteered to be members of this committee.

A Handbook for Seminarians for the Diocese of Orange is also near completion. It is currently being reviewed and edited by Mary Osinga and members of the Advisory Committee, but should be distributed to the seminarians in September.

The seminarians also know that the Serra Club is a big supporter of vocations to the priesthood and religious life. In a conversation with Mr. Wally Drazba, I suggested to invite parents and relatives of seminarians to become Serrans. He wholeheartedly agreed!!! I am inviting the seminarians to inquire with their parents and relatives and let me know who would be interested in finding out more about Serra. I will then send Wally the list of possible new members.

I would also like to share with you some important events I want you to be aware of:

Diaconate Ordinations for Orange will be celebrated with the Arch-Diocese of Los Angeles on Saturday, November 22 at 10:00am at Our Lady of Grace in Encino.

Priestly Ordinations for the Diocese of Orange will be on June 13th, 2015 at 1:00pm at Holy Family Cathedral in Orange.



Joseph Huan Nguyen
Pastoral Assignment
St. Timothy Parish
St. Callistus

At our second meeting, July 15th, the speaker was seminarian Joseph Huan Nguyen. He was born in Vietnam on Junipero Serra's feast day, July 1. Joseph was the seventh of ten children. His family came to the United States and settled in Southern California. He graduated from Santiago High School in Garden Grove. In his senior year he heard his first calling to the priesthood but decided to focus on college and dating. About this time he began to go to daily Mass and became involved in a ministry at his parish of feeding the homeless and visiting nursing homes. Joseph was attending Cal State Fullerton. His life was filled with full time school, part time work and more dating. His family owned a hair and nail salon which he managed. He knew God was calling him, but he tried to continue his focus on school, work and dating. God didn't give up. Joseph began to think about God on dates. His parents were unaware of his plans. Finally he approached his mom whose response was "Are you serious?" Joseph has been guided by some wonderful priests: Msgr. Wil Davis, Msgr. John Urell, Father John Money Penny among others. He has studied at Mt. Angel in Oregon, St. Patrick's in Menlo Park, CA and hopes to be ordained in 2016.

Below: Father John Money Penny addressing the Serra Club on July 1, 2015. (Please read column on left.)



District Doings

WALLY DRAZBA

District Governor Serra District 127

Vocation Corner



District 127 Doings Orange CA Diocese August 2014

I personally have had a very busy July. It started with a grandson's wedding, with many from our far flung family attending. It was followed immediately by the Serra International Convention in Sacramento. Now it's finishing with the funeral for my older sister this week in Chicago. Harriet and I leave tomorrow July 29th. What a microcosm of life, Harriet and I thank our dear Lord for the strength to do it all. Oops, I almost forgot many of our Serra friends from the City Club had a fun time roasting Carol Cagle and Bob DeFeo on their impending marriage. Silver tongued Bob talked about how their first meeting after Holy Family 8:15am weekday Mass to an occasional dinner, then to love, and now their wedding. Congratulations to two wonderful Serrans. We have had planning and discussions with the District Council members, all three club presidents and the president elects from all three clubs. This was followed by a first, a Vocation Committee meeting with multiple clubs attending, and after that a small gathering of members from two of the clubs to discuss membership. Beverly Truzzolino of City hosted the meeting and had a good agenda prepared. One of the items that the National membership committee stressed was retention. Getting a new member is great, getting that new member to become active is not only greater, **BUT IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL TO THE GROWTH OF YOUR CLUB.** Beverly will be introducing a chart proposed by National to keep track of members' involvement. I referred to this last month, answer the question truthfully in your own mind: **Why did I join Serra?**



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- John Perample Aug 4**
- Brigid Noonan Aug 8**
- Maureen Neglia Aug 22**
- Betty Padilla Aug 29**

SAVE THE DATE

MSGR SAMMON GOLF OUTING TUSTIN RANCH GOLF COURSE MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2014

Shotgun @ 12:30pm – Lunch following

\$135.00 Golf and Dinner 6pm - \$35.00 Dinner Only

**For Information contact: Maureen Kosinski,
714-838-9387**



Newman Connection Update

If you aren't familiar with Newman Connection, let me bring you up to date. Serra USA Council started College Connection a few years ago. We tried to get it going in our Diocese with a bit of success. Last year we were just a bit more successful. The object is to connect graduating seniors to the campus ministry at the college they will be attending. Only 15% of Catholic college grads are practicing their Catholic faith by the time they graduate. The idea is to get them involved in Campus ministry so the chance that they will be practicing their faith doubles, up to 30%, woeful, but still better.

Last year a successful business man in Illinois with a great love of the Church decided he would invest thousands of dollars to increase staff to help the program grow. The result is now known as Newman Connection, it is tied to the college Newman clubs throughout the country.

They also made the signup process easier. All they need is the grad's name, and the college name. They then advise the campus minister of the incoming student's name.

With the new procedure in place, we contacted the seven Catholic high schools in our Diocese. Mr Greg Dhuyvetter, superintendent of all Catholic Schools gave us thumbs up, and the names of the people we needed to contact. Every school was contacted, and the name of the person we needed to get the information was updated by the school principal or president.

So, what are the results? Countrywide over 25,000 names were given to campus ministers. How did we do in our Diocese? We're still hoping that we get school number seven to send us their names. The president and principal are on vacation and will be back soon. With the names from that school, I think we will be over 1,000 names. Next year, we take on the bigger challenge of getting to the parishes and getting the names of students from public schools. For now, do you have the name of a relative, or child of a friend going off to college? We can get their names into the pool.

Vocation Prayer



Pray Always

Father, you call each one of us by name and ask us to follow You.

Bless your church by raising up dedicated and generous leaders from our families and friends who will serve your people as Sisters, Priests, Brothers, Deacons, and Lay Ministers. Inspire us as we grow to know you, and open our hearts to hear your call. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Ministers for Serra Masses

EMs

- AUG 5 Stan Espenship,
1st Reading
Nancy Ivary,
Psalm & Prayers
- AUG 19 Maureen Neglia,
1st Reading
Nancy Schuba,
Psalm & Prayers
- SEPT 2 Terry Toner,
1st Reading
Jim Briscoe,
Psalm & Prayers



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

Lynn Haske, Host
Janie Hanson, Cup
Matt Ivary, Cup

Theresa Morris, Host
Joe Neglia, Cup
Betty Padilla, Cup

**“Always forward, never back!”
Junipero Serra**



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