

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

SEPT 2: MEETING
Beverly Truzzolino
Membership Update

SEPT 16: MEETING
Tony Park - Seminarian

OCT 7: MEETING
Sr. Christine Hilliard
Mary in Scripture
OCT (month of the rosary)

OCT 20: Ordinati Dinner
St. Joseph's Motherhouse

OCT 21: NO MEETING

OCT 26: Priesthood Sunday

TBA: Elizabeth Henderson
Author-St Cecilia Parish

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.

Reminder: Our Ordinati Dinner will take place in October this year. Below are our three newly ordained priests with Bishop Vann. Please plan to attend!

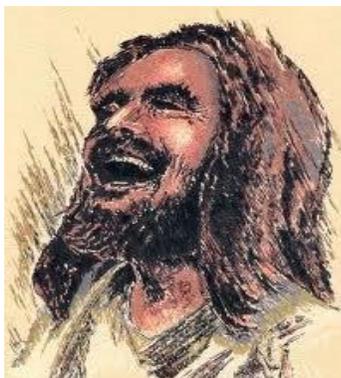


Below, our very own Father Felix S.J. greeting attendees of the Mass and luncheon on the Feast Day of St. Ignatius of Loyola on July 31, 2014. The event was wonderful, with many of our Serrans in attendance as well as LIS staff and board members.



At Mass this Sunday morning, I heard a homily on the crucifix and the need to suffer in life for a reward in heaven. This tired theme gets recycled every year when one of our medieval thinking homilists gets to the gospel story where the evangelist has Jesus saying "...take up your cross and follow me". (Mt. 16:21-27) While a very popular saying today I can't believe Jesus would have said that. Rather, I believe Jesus encourages us to enjoy life in spite of the challenges we have. He walks with us thru life. Many images of the suffering Christ fill our churches and museums. However, my favorites are pictures that show images of joy and companionship. It makes more sense to me to know we are walking with a friend to share the joys of life today so we can continue that relationship on the other side.

God Bless, Matt



Club Newz

On Tuesday, August 5, 2014, Berni Neal with CLI addressed our Serrans.....See below:

Fr. John Money Penny addressed Catholic Leadership Institute (CLI) provides bishops, priests, deacons and lay persons in the Roman Catholic Church with world-class, pastoral leadership formation and consulting services. Currently the Institute, based in Philadelphia, is ministering to the bishops, priests and lay leaders in 87 dioceses located in the United States, Canada and the Caribbean. I was introduced to CLI during a focus group meeting held in Orange County in 2008. I now have the privilege of serving on the board. While leading the Diocese of Ft. Worth, Bishop Vann's presbyterate participated in CLI. Our Diocese of Orange is inquiring into this program.

CLI introduced Good Leaders, Good Shepherds in 2003. Through this process, priests are taught more efficient and effective ways to lead, inspire and motivate their flocks. The positive response to this program led to the development of Tending the Talents in 2009. This is a parish leadership program for diocesan and parish staff. That year also introduced leadership formation for the episcopacy. Since the inaugural session, over 100 archbishops and bishops have participated in formation sessions.

In 2011, CLI expanded its services once again to include diocesan consulting. In this area, Catholic Leadership Institute works directly with the bishops and their teams to develop a tailored diocesan strategy. Of the more than 20 consulting engagements CLI has facilitated since then, partnerships with Archbishop Wenski in the Archdiocese of Miami and Sean Cardinal O'Malley in the Archdiocese of Boston are among the most significant.

CLI continues in its goal of providing leadership resources and support to dioceses, priests and bishops. It is currently developing a three-pronged tool: the Disciple Maker Index, Vision Planning, and Training in the New Evangelization to provide insight into how formation, training and resources are being utilized to grow people in Christ.

There are approximately 17,000 parishes in the United States. The number of ordinations per 100,000 Catholics varies from 3-4 to .2 per year dramatically varying across the United States. The shortage of vocations has not only impacted the Catholic experience but the experience of each priest.

As one of the graduates, Fr. Tim shared: As a priest of 24 years, the past 21 have been lived as a pastor of multiple parishes: four parishes in my current assignment and five parishes in my previous assignment. Throughout these years of priesthood, I have known and attempted to carry out the threefold office of a pastor: to teach, sanctify, and govern.

Knowing what I am supposed to do is one thing, but actually living it out is another matter. Being a pastor of multiple parishes involves a daily ministry of "interruptions" Within moments of starting a new day, the schedule that I thought will guide my day had already changed. The ministry of "interruptions" is unavoidable, but without a vision, which I did not have, the "interruptions" filled my days and emptied my spirit for ministry. In the fall of 2010, I was introduced to Key Responsibility Areas (KRA's) through my participation in Good Leaders, Good Shepherds. Our cohort was invited to think about how we go about our day and whether initiative is present, as well as lack of focus. I was suffering from lack of focus; a lack of vision. Key Responsibility Areas help to answer the questions "What is this ministry? And, why does it matter?" KRA's provide focus, and what I like to call a MAP. By writing down key responsibility areas I discovered the Motivation, Accountability, and Purpose which I needed, a MAP, for my role as pastor of multiple parishes. I am grateful to Serra Club, City of Orange for its prayerful dedication to vocations. I ask for your prayers for Catholic Leadership Institute in its mission to support deacons, priests, and bishops as good shepherds.

Club Newz

At our second meeting, August 19th, Annette Hills addressed our City Club. She is an inspirational speaker and professional recording artist and songwriter. She currently has three Catholic albums which are featured on her music ministry website (www.annettehills.com).

Annette is a wife, mother of two grown children, and the grandmother of one beautiful little girl. She is a member of St. Thomas More Parish in Irvine, CA.

Annette's presentation was a tribute to the priesthood and she indicated multiple reasons that priests have been a defining factor in her life. That theme, of course, mirrors the Serra Club's main focus to foster, affirm and promote vocations to the religious life. Annette brought out some of the qualities of priests that had touched her life, such as, their great compassion, in the fostering of her own devotion to Our Blessed Mother. Thru her interaction with a close family priest, she learned the importance of a sense of humor. Also, priests being such good listeners taught her the value of patience. Fr. O'Brien taught her about scripture and her home has been consecrated/blessed by a priest. God's hand guided many priests in Annette's life to help her to realize that for many years she had been mourning the loss of her childhood within her. She considers the Eucharist to be the Most Precious Gift and all of these factors lead her to the ministry of music that she pursues with great passion.

Annette concluded with the proclamation that Our Lady nurtures all of our religious, and following that she sang for our group with a particularly poignant song that she had composed "You are a priest forever".

Many thanks to Patti for bringing Annette to us.

Below: Annette Hills, serenaded Fr. Bob Stephan, S.J. with her own composition "You are a priest forever" as well as a beautiful rendition of "Ave Maria".



District Doings

WALLY DRAZBA

District Governor Serra District 127



Vocation Corner

District 127 Doings Orange CA Diocese September 2014

I will start this month's column where the last one left off. Why did I join Serra? Have you thought about the question and answered it in your mind? What did you come up with? This coming Serra year was started last weekend with a gathering of over 20 Serra officers representing all three active clubs. We are all in agreement that we need to strengthen all three clubs. And, not lose another club as we did two years ago. In fact, there is agreement that we really need to add a club, most probably in the northwest of the diocese. Membership chairpersons need to act not only in adding new members, but also in retention of current members. Nationally, it has been shown that when Serrans are active, they stay as members. We will be continuing on with the support we give hosting Diocesan receptions for ordinations and the altar server recognition Mass. This past summer we were able to get all 7 Catholic High Schools to cooperate with Newman Connection. Armando Cervantes, diocesan youth and young adult leader has already asked us about our next step, in the parishes, a good start for next year. This coming year has been proclaimed by Pope Francis The World Year for Consecrated Life. A member from each club has answered my request to form a committee to see if we can, a Serrans, help those that have consecrated their lives to God and His church to celebrate their year. That's just a couple of items we can do. Have you thought of anything else? This is your club also; can I hear what you have to offer?



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- Harriet Drazba – Sept 1st**
- Lynn Haske – Sept 11th**
- Joan Amort – Sept 18th**

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,
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Congratulations!

To: Serrans Carol Cagle and Bob Defeo on their recent marriage



Vocation Prayer



Pray Always

Loving God, you call all who believe in You to grow perfect in love by following in the footsteps of Christ your Son. Call from among us more men and women who will serve you as religious. By their way of life, may they provide a convincing sign of your Kingdom for the Church and the whole world. We ask this in Jesus' name. Gracious and loving God, help the men and women of our parishes to hear the call to serve in the Archdiocese of Orange. Our needs are great and our people thirst for your presence. Amen.

Ministers for Serra Masses

EMs

- SEPT 2 Terry Toner,
1st Reading
Jim Briscoe,
Psalm & Prayers
- SEPT 16 Wally Drazba,
1st Reading
Loretta Callopy,
Psalm & Prayers
- OCT 7 Nancy Ivary,
1st Reading
Stan Espenship,
Psalm & Prayers



- Theresa Morris, Host
Joe Neglia, Cup
Betty Padilla, Cup
- Chic Ryan, Host
Raul Serna, Cup
Joan Amort, Cup
- Jim Baer, Host
Patti Baer, Cup
Elena Biale, Cup

"Always forward, never back!"
Junipero Serra



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