

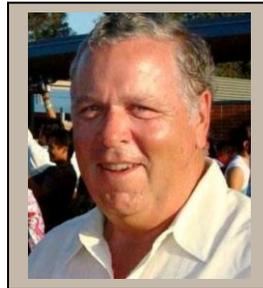
# A Voice for Vocations

**October 2014**

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



**PREZ SEZ**  
**Matt Ivary, President**



**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.

## Officer Roster 2014 – 2015

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Sr. Nadine McGuinness, CSJ

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Wally Drazba

## Ancient World History

One of the many things I enjoy about Serra is the encouragement to learn more about the traditions and roots of our faith. For example, Fr. Felix taught a nine month Catholic Bible Institute class last year on the New Testament, and this year Nancy and I, as well as several other Serrans, have Daniel Smith-Christopher guiding us through the Old Testament. Rather than focusing on what was written about Jesus, as we did last year, we are focusing this year on the scriptures that Jesus himself studied and used. It really hadn't struck me until now that studying the Old Testament is really studying the only scriptures that Jesus knew.

We will be learning about the traditions and culture that produced the Old Testament scriptures. The first class (all day the first Saturday of each month) took us through an overview of the history of the ancient world to get a feel for the tumult in the Middle East and the impact on the people of the land bridge that today we call the Holy Land. We reviewed the ancient kingdoms and empires that successively conquered each other to rule the ancient world: Egyptian, Assyrian, Byzantine, Persian, Greek and finally Roman. It's a wonder that any remnant of the Hebrew people survived at all with all the wars fought between these ancient superpowers and the ever changing political rule of the land. Imagine living in the rural countryside during such a violent time. From the 13th to 1st century BC is twelve hundred years. The people experienced six successive empire changes, each lasting about 200 years (not counting the continuation of the

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Roman Empire).

On the other hand, two-thousand years later, we still have the scriptures Jesus used. Gives one pause to consider the expression "the pen is mightier than the sword." The philosophy of love and justice embodied in the Hebrew bible has survived ten times longer than the ancient kingdoms that fought to rule that land.

It has been a long time since I had ancient world history in high school but each time I review and study our faith I find new insights that I had overlooked before. I look forward to our continuing classes and thank Fr. Felix for his encouragement to me and the other Serrans in the bible classes as we deepen our faith together.

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**Reminder: Our Ordinati Dinner will take place on October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014 this year.**

**Below are our three newly ordained priests with Bishop Vann. Please plan to attend!**



## Upcoming Events

**OCT 7: MEETING**

**Sr. Christine Hilliard**

**Mary in Scripture**

**OCT (month of the rosary)**

**OCT 13: Christ Cathedral**

**OCT 20: Ordinati Dinner 6pm**  
**St. Joseph's Motherhouse**

**OCT 21: NO MEETING**

**OCT 26: Priesthood Sunday**

**NOV 4: Elizabeth Henderson**  
**Author-St Cecilia Parish**

**NOV 18: LeeSweeney**  
**Director of Shroud Center**  
**History of the Shroud**

**DEC 2: Kathleen Beckman**  
**Author:**

**"Praying for Priests"**

## Club Newz

On Tuesday, September 2nd, 2014, Beverly Truzzolino, our officer in charge of Membership addressed our club.



Beverly opened up, for the benefit of new members in attendance, with a brief history of the Serra Club.

In the course of the presentation, the following topics were discussed.

1. What can we expect from Serra?  
Answers: Spiritual Enrichment, fellowship, rewards of supporting vocations.
2. What is expected of you from Serra?  
Invite people to join us and share our Mission, participation in service to our priests, religious and seminarians on their journeys.
3. When have we had a "Mountaintop moment, as a Serran?"  
Following a vigorous group discussion, there were many great answers to this question from our membership. They are listed below:

"I like providing service in an "under the radar" fashion, where we are helping support without any instant gratification."

"When visiting Sacramento's state capitol recently, there were 2 statues in the park, one was of Junipero Serra (the other of Fremont). It was very moving to know the importance of the historical significance of our club's inspiration."

"Sharing fellowship at the Ordinati dinner and other functions."

"Witnessing the lively interaction at a recent visit to St. John's Seminary between the seminarians and our Serra Club members."

All of these reflections were in keeping with our "Spirit of Serra".

**Giving back to God of our time, talent and treasure.**

**Great Job, Beverly!**

## Club Newz

At our second meeting, September 16th, Tony Park (seminarian) addressed our City Club.

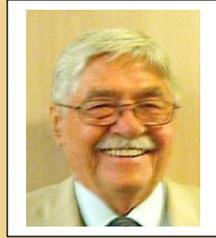
Tony was born and raised Catholic by his devout parents, and his home parish is St. Thomas Korean Catholic Center in Anaheim. After graduating from Servite High School, he attended UC Riverside where he earned a Bachelor's degree in Business Economics. Despite being raised Catholic, his faith really began after his college graduation, when the youth minister at his home parish encouraged him to be more active in his faith and volunteer in youth ministry. After working in accounting for two years, he realized that he was meant for more, so he decided to enter the medical field. While taking prerequisite classes to apply to Physician Assistant programs, he obtained his EMT license to gain some work experience. While working as an EMT, there was something unsettling within him and he began to discern God's will in his life. He came to the realization that God was calling him to heal people spiritually rather than physically. After much thought and prayer, he sought the guidance of a few priests and began the process to enter seminary formation for the Diocese of Orange. He has completed four years of seminary studies and has now been assigned to St. Irenaeus for his pastoral year of internship. Through God's grace and your prayers, he will be ordained a priest for our diocese in June of 2017.

Tony looks forward to his upcoming mission trip experience where he will be going to Jamaica. He has two young nieces that he loves very much! Tony proposed that we all be proud of our faith and its roots, inspired by the Catholics in Korea that have suffered greatly, including the 103 Martyrs canonized by Pope John Paul II in 1984. **Thank you, Tony!**

**Below: Tony Park, seminarian currently studying at St. John's Seminary in Camarillo, California; enjoying his breakfast alongside Patty Baer, our program officer, before addressing our members.**



District Doings  
WALLY DRAZBA



District Governor  
Serra District 127  
Vocation Corner

District 127 Doings Orange CA Diocese  
October 2014

During the Month of October we have two Serra opportunities to fulfill one of our goals, "To affirm the Priesthood and Consecrated Religious life as positive life styles."

The first event that we are working on is supporting the Diocesan Religious and Consecrated Life Office. Sr. Eymard Flood, a great champion of the Serra Clubs is kicking off the Year for Consecrated life with three evenings of a "Must See" documentary. "WOMEN & Spirit - Catholic Sisters in America" I will be sending an electronic copy to all presidents asking them to print up flyers for the event. (See copy on the right!)

The committee is inviting all Serrans to the first of three showings which is on October 13, 2014 at the Arboretum of Christ Cathedral. It will start at 7pm. Our part, we will be serving the refreshments after the presentation. The sisters weren't sure about this, and we Serrans have all the punch bowls, etc. There will be three presentations, so each club will be asked to host one of the three. City club will take the first night.

Then, on October 26, 2014, we will be celebrating PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY. The newly formed District Vocation committee made plans earlier this week to work in as many parishes as we can to get parishioners of all ages and groups to participate by expressing to our priests how highly we appreciate them. If you weren't able to come to our committee meeting, but still want to help, it is not too late. Email me and I'll send you the meeting notes and you can decide what you can do.

What we are asking all Serrans to do, is to personally, either verbally, or in writing with some form of thank you note, even an inexpensive Thank You card available at the 99 cent store. Let all the priests that you know, know how much you love them. We are going to see if we can have each club send a card to a group of parishes, so all priests in the diocese, will know that we Serrans fully appreciate them. This we will work out with your club board. Remember to contact me via email with offers of help or questions; my new email address is [walhar@att.net](mailto:walhar@att.net).

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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- Karen Shaw – Oct 14<sup>th</sup>**
- Jim Baer – Oct 15<sup>th</sup>**
- Ed Haske – Oct 18<sup>th</sup>**
- Theresa Morris – Oct 27<sup>th</sup>**



Celebration of the 2015 Year of Consecrated Life

WOMEN & Spirit: Catholic Sisters in America

A "Must See" one-hour Documentary that chronicles the story of women religious (Sisters) in this country.

This is a virtually untold story of innovative action-oriented women whose passion for justice helped shape our nation's social and cultural landscape.

Since first arriving in America nearly 300 years ago, Sisters built schools, colleges, hospitals, orphanages, and many other social institutions.

Understanding and celebrating the history of women religious is essential to understanding and celebrating the history of America.

Discover the sisters' quiet courage during many dramatic moments in US history, including the Civil War, the Gold Rush, the San Francisco Earthquake, the 1918 Influenza Pandemic, the Civil Rights Movement and Hurricane Katrina.

As part of the Celebration of the 2015 Year of Consecrated Life, this documentary is being shown to the people of the Diocese of Orange. Serra Club representatives will welcome all who attend one of these evenings:

WHEN: 7-9 p.m. on the following Mondays:  
October 13, December 15, 2014, and March 9, 2015

WHERE: the Arboretum of Christ Cathedral  
(Chapman & Lewis, Garden Grove, CA)

Refreshments will be served. All are welcome!

# Vocation Prayer



# Pray Always

Creator God, Life is Your gift to me, through Baptism You invite me to share the gift of my life in service to others. Be with me as I choose each day to show Your presence in our world. Give me the courage and generosity to respond to Your love, to your call. I pray especially for those who serve you as Priests, Brothers, Sisters, Deacons and Lay Ministers. Open the minds and hearts of many other men and women that they may accept Your challenge to build the Kingdom. Loving God, you have made me in Your image and likeness, and for this I shall praise you forever. Through baptism You invite me to serve as Your Son Jesus served. I offer you this day, all that I have and all that I am in union with His saving cross. Amen.

## Ministers for Serra Masses

EMs

OCT 7      Maureen Neglia,  
              1<sup>st</sup> Reading  
              Nancy Schuba,  
              Psalm & Prayers

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

OCT 21  
  
NO MEETING

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NOV 4      Jim Briscoe,  
              1<sup>st</sup> Reading  
              Terry Toner,  
              Psalm & Prayers

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



“Always forward, never back!”  
Junipero Serra



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