

A Voice for Vocations

May 2015

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



PREZ SEZ
Matt Ivary, President



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Upcoming Events

MAY 5: MEETING
Speaker: Fr. Felix Just, SJ

MAY 19: NO MEETING

MAY 20 : SAVE THE DATE!
So. County Serra Installation

St. Edwards the Confessor
@ 5:30PM - Knight Hall

June 1: ANNUAL DUES
Club dues to: Treasurer

June 2: MEETING
Speakers: Serra Members
Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Save the Date! Nov 6-8-15:
Region 11 Conference
Ventura Beach Marriott

How do we love our enemies?

*If your enemies are
hungry, give them
food to eat, if
thirsty, give them
something to drink.*
(Proverbs 25:21)

Nancy and I finished the last class of our two-year long bible class with the Catholic Bible Institute Fr. Felix runs. We finished the Old Testament this last Saturday. The Proverb cited above teaches us to befriend our enemies and Jesus tells us in Mt. 25:34-36 to “feed the hungry and clothe the naked, care for the ill and visit the imprisoned.” He does not distinguish friend or foe. I have always believed these to be good and physically safe things to do in our world. We have service groups in our parishes and diocese that we can join to help in these activities and most of us are involved in one or another service ministry. However, sometimes we get reminded that SoCal is not like a lot of the world.

I read John Alan’s “All things Catholic” (CRUX) column often. His article of April 22nd surprised me how different some

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)

parts of the world are. In response to the April 2nd slaughter of Christians in Kenya, the Bishop in Kenya instructed the priests of his diocese to teach mass-goers “a few lines from the Qur’an in Arabic, so they can pretend to be Muslim and save their lives the next time a terrorist puts an AK-47 in their face demanding to know their religion.”

This comes in the wake of Islamic Al-Shabaab gunmen killing 150 and injuring 80 on the university in Kenya. “As they have done before these militants took their victims hostage and demanded to know whether they were Christian or Muslim, leaving the latter unharmed while killing the former.” Many of the victims were involved in good-service organizations. Kenya has a population of about 45 million that is 80% Christian. This attack was directed at Christians.

How are we to follow the mandate to feed the hungry and clothe the naked, even our enemies? We need lots of prayer lest we fall into the “fight fire with fire” response. I encourage you all to pray for our Pope and our persecuted Church around the world.

God Bless, Matt

Club Newz

On Tuesday, April 7, 2015, we were addressed by one of our very own Serrans, Patty Baer. Her topic was "The Road to Emmaus". (Luke 24:13-35)

We all make the journey to Emmaus several times during our lives. It's seven miles that have to be completed. Only one disciple was mentioned by name, Cleopas. Who is the other? This is where it becomes a personal story. The other disciple is ME! My Journey!

That is YOU and Your Journey.

There are 7 milestones along the way:

- 1) Wound...starts with a tragedy. Jesus, the prophet, was killed. In our lives, we may have done something that spiraled off in a direction we didn't anticipate. We had to own the consequences.
- 2) Journey...Where do we go to escape the hurt? God allows us to wander. He'll bring us back.
- 3) Companion...we not only take a companion with us, we meet up with a stranger who continues the walk with us, someone who cares and asks questions. He makes himself available to us. He listens before offering his own opinion. And, during the entire journey, he never tells us who He is. By listening, he diagnoses the problem and helps them to address their grief.
- 4) Invitation...We can invite Him to join us along the way and to stay. We are asking the Lord into our homes.
- 5) Transformation...We let go, from mourning the loss to embracing the change. The Lord was not recognized when speaking, but in being fed.
- 6) Returned... to their communities.
- 7) Shared their gift...We have seen the Lord. Told their community how they recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

It is a journey from suffering, to blessing, to gift and then back home.

Every story has a point of entry. What finally brings about the recognition and the revelation? It came at that moment when they forgot themselves and their disappointments and hurts, the moment when they focused on another. The simple fact is that every human being, you and I and everyone who's ever lived, is a sojourner. We're all travelers on that long-ago and ever-present road of life. All of us, therefore, as the gospel suggests, travel the same way. There were three elements that are common to every journey story:

- 1) There is a supernatural guide on the road with us.
- 2) Human blindness and the resulting disappointment, and
- 3) Revelation...there is a certain point in everyone's life when they realize that they are not alone.

The Road to Emmaus story moves us towards deeds of love and caring.
Please ask yourself "Where is God calling you to be next?"

Club Newz

On April 21, 2015, Wally Drazba addressed our members with the topic "What do we think or say, when we meet a young man who has discerned to leave the seminary?"

I spoke to a seminarian who left over a year ago. He said he is embarrassed at times, but the kindness of his parish priest has helped him immensely. All of our paths to holiness are unique. The path is not always linear; at times, it can be crazy. Praise them for trying, and let them leave with joy.

We must continue to pray for the departing seminarian as they continue to discern their vocation. The time they spent in formation will not be wasted. It will be a blessing as they progress in a lay vocation, whatever it may be.

The parents of St. Therese of Lisieux were both pursuing religious vocations, but abandoned them and took up lives as lay people. Wouldn't the Church be different without the wisdom of the Little Flower? Pius X acclaimed her as one of the most influential modern day saints.

So, it is up to us to embrace those who leave the seminary. To my knowledge, there were two this year.

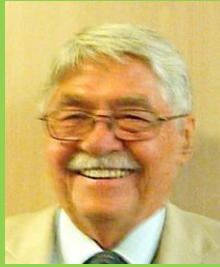
Below: Wally Drazba addressing our club members on Tuesday, April 21, 2015.



Who will you be inviting to our next Serra Meeting?



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Farewell to:
WALLY DRAZBA
District Governor
Serra District 127
May 2015

Upon Wally's entry into his sabbatical year, after serving as our District Governor, below are some testimonials from other Serrans sending their good wishes and prayers for the future as well as some of their fond memories from the past:

Thanks for the opportunity to send good wishes to our dear friend Wally, my touchstone to our hometown.....the Southside of Chicago. (We often discover mutual friends from 60 years ago!) And, now I welcome his and Harriet's greeting before the 9:30 Mass on Sundays at Holy Family Cathedral. I hope that continues. Farewell and Godspeed, Drazbas. Nancy Schuba

What strikes me most about Wally is his incredible enthusiasm. He is exciting to be around, because his energy and positive outlook are contagious. I remember when Chic Ryan invited me to attend my first Serra Club Meeting as a guest. I received such a hearty and warm welcome from Wally that I instantly realized that I needed to join the club. He loves God, Harriet, his family, his Church and the vital mission of the Serra Club with devoted passion and a twinkle in his eye. We are all better for having the privilege of spending time with him. Please give Wally and all of my fellow Serrans my best wishes. Mike Rizzo

Thank you, Wally for being consistently: "Passionate", "Committed, and "Enthusiastic" in your support and encouragement for vocations! You are the best!
 Beverly Truzzolino

God Bless You, Wally!

Below are photos from a wonderful "Farewell Party" for Wally and Harriet hosted by Matt and Nancy Ivary on April 24th. Thanks to everyone in attendance for the outpouring of love for Wally and Harriet Drazba!



Beverly Truzzolino - May 12
 Nancy Schuba - May 14

Vocation Prayer

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Pray Always

Loving and Generous God, it is You who call us by name and ask us to follow You. Help us to grow in the Love and Service of our Church as we experience it today. Give us the energy and courage of Your Spirit to shape its future. Grant us faith-filled leaders who will embrace Christ's Mission of love and justice. Bless the Church of Orange 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 to know You better and open our hearts to hear Your call. We ask this through Our Lord. Amen

Lectors

Ministers for Serra Masses

EMs

MAY 5

Jim Briscoe, 1st Reading
Loretta Callopy,
Psalm & Prayers



Carol DeFeo, Host
Jim Baer, Cup
Matt Ivary, Cup

MAY 19

NO MEETING

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JUNE 2

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

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

"Always forward, never back!"
Junipero Serra



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