

A Voice for Vocations

September 2015



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Upcoming Events

SEPT 1: MEETING

Speaker: Fr. Felix Just, S.J.

Topic: Laudato Si' Encyclical
"Care for Creation"

SEPT 15: MEETING

Speaker: Brigid Noonan

Topic: St. Vincent de Paul

SEPT 23: Canonization of
Blessed Junipero Serra

OCT 4: St. Cecilia Church

"Sweet Fellowship"

OCT 6: MEETING

Speaker: Beverly Truzzolino

Topic: Recent trip to Europe

OCT 20: MEETING

OCT 25: Priesthood Sunday

Save the Date! Nov 6-8/2015:

Region 11 Conference

Ventura Beach Marriott

PREZ SEZ
Matt Ivary, President



Blessed Junipero Serra's Canonization

The Day of Canonization is approaching.

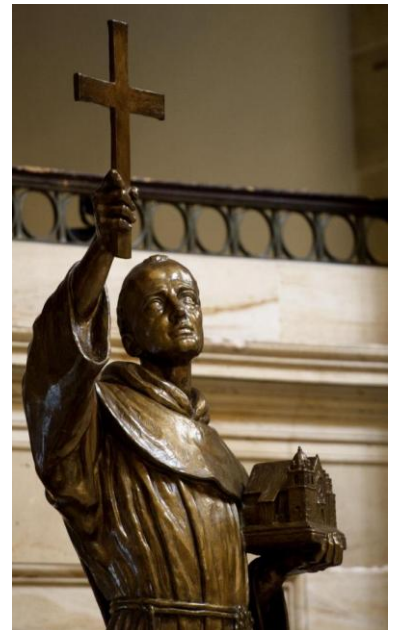
Many prayers have been said for the canonization of Blessed Junipero Serra, and on the 21st of this month, our prayers will be answered. I plan to watch the events unfold on TV rather than being a part of the crowd myself. But we Serrans have the opportunity to contribute to the canonization event in a special way. Serra International has asked the 235 active Serra clubs in the United States as well as all groups and individuals who want to support Blessed Junipero's canonization and related events, to use this unique opportunity to donate to the "Serra Spread the Word Fund."

Between May 1 and September 15, 2015, money donated to this DONOR designated fund will be used for the express purpose of helping to sponsor our Holy Father's trip to the United States and promoting Serra International during Pope Francis' visit, via displays, sponsorships, materials and selected publicity.

<http://www.catholicvote.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/junipero2.jpg>

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

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.



There has never been a better time to share our important vocations mission and organization, named after Father Serra, with the world. SI has a goal of \$250,000 by Sept. 15, 2015! I ask you all too please consider a \$30 or more generous gift to this fund. Our club will collect your contributions at this Tuesday's meeting and forward them on to the SI Foundation "Spread the Word Fund". For those of you who can't make the meeting please send your check to our treasurer, Ed Haske. (13211 Foothill Blvd., Santa Ana, 92705). Clubs contributing \$1000 or more will be recognized with a large size framed ICON replica of the Serra canonization gift, made to Pope Francis.

Thank you and God Bless Fr.Serra.

<http://www.serrainternational.org/spread-the-word>

Club News

Speaking at our meeting on August 4 was Linh Tran, the administrator for the Orange County Human Trafficking Task Force. Linh has been in this position for the last five years. Prior to assuming this position, she worked in the field of education of human trafficking problems in three other countries. She related how she met the founder of an organization who had been working with trafficking issues in Southeast Asia for the last 20 years. Working with a local priest, he started his work by feeding and housing many of the street kids. In the process, he observed many of the young girls going into a hotel with an older foreign man. He was shocked at what he observed. After speaking with the locals, they likewise observed this as well but no one seemed to say anything. That is how this French person who had simply come to visit the country started his work in trafficking issues.

When Linh returned to the US, she learned about the task force here in Orange County. By the way, the Sisters of St. Joseph were one of the original members of the task force. They provided housing for foreign national victims of sex trafficking. Linh shared various charts and graphs illuminating how widespread trafficking is in countries around the world. In her words, no country is immune to this problem. Estimates are that there are 30 million enslaved worldwide, with 60,000 here in the United States alone. In 2012, California identified almost 1300 victims of labor and sex trafficking. It is also estimated that there are global profits of \$150 billion annually in human trafficking. Two-thirds of the profits of human trafficking are sex trafficking victims.

Here in Orange County most of the victims of labor trafficking are domestic servants. It is estimated that owners save \$8 billion annually by enslaving a servant in their home. The first case locally that brought this issue to light was a sweatshop case in El Monte in 1998. Undocumented Thai workers were being held inside a factory. The doors were locked and the windows were barred. Eventually, one of the male victims escaped and sought refuge in a local church. This particular case brought about the passage of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act in 2000. It recognized that slavery still exists in this country.

Human trafficking is the umbrella for both labor and sex trafficking. In order to be considered a trafficking case, three elements are necessary. They are force, fraud and coercion. The passage of Proposition 35 in 2012 greatly increased the penalties for trafficking crimes. To date, the Orange County DA has successfully prosecuted two trafficking cases where the perpetrators received life sentences. Orange County is considered a destination county for sex trafficking, because it is so profitable for the perpetrators. The Anaheim Police Dept. is the lead agency on the task force, assuming a proactive approach to trafficking issues. They focused primarily on American victims. From July, 2011 to June, 2013, the task force has assisted 253 victims, 76% of whom were for sex trafficking. In closing, Linh told us that many of the victims are resilient. They want a better future. She encouraged us to speak with our children and grandchildren about internet safety issues.

Club News

On August 18th, Betty Padilla was our speaker and her topic was "The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary". Following Patty Baer's warm introduction, Betty Padilla, who Patty recalls was always such a friendly member of her parish and of Serra, requested that Fr. Felix correct her if there were any inaccuracies in her presentation. The Assumption of the BVM is a very special feast day to many Catholics as the day that Our Lady was taken up into Heaven. The importance of Mary is vital, in that, her role in History is unique. She is the daughter of God the Father, the mother of Jesus Christ the Son, and the spouse of the Holy Spirit. She was the first disciple to accept Jesus and she remained close to Him throughout her entire life. She encouraged his first miracle. She shares in the Glory of Jesus Christ in Heaven. The Feast of the Assumption has a double objective: It is the major Feast celebrating Mary and her assumption body and soul into heaven; the conception of Mary without Original Sin and the conception of Jesus through the Holy Spirit.

Pope Pius XII, in 1950, declared it as dogma that Mary was assumed body and soul into heaven. Pope Pius XII made it very clear that Jesus' Ascension was very different, in that he rose into Heaven of his own power, whereas Mary was assumed by God's power into Heaven. There are differing opinions surrounding where the Assumption may have taken place, some scholars state that it was Ephesus, and some indicate that it was from Jerusalem that she was assumed. The Feast of the Assumption is a very solemn and holy day on the Catholic calendar. Many church buildings reflect the name of the Assumption of the BVM.

We look to Mary as our intercessor to God and Jesus. This is very sound from the historically biblical point of view that kings of Israel would have the king's mother as a person that the people would approach to have the "ear of the king", and the influence that might afford, rather than the king's wives. Betty concluded with a beautiful reflection from Pope Benedict surrounding Mary as an example to us of the promise of Heaven that Jesus offers to each of us.

Below: Our fellow Serran, Betty Padilla, presenting to our club on August 18th re: the Assumption of Mary and leading us in the recitation of the Holy Rosary using the Glorious mysteries, including the Assumption and Coronation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

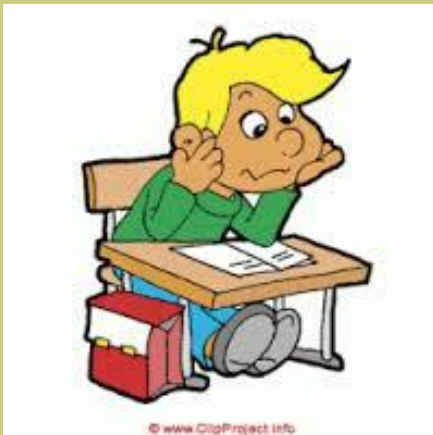


“Laudato Si” Conference



As you can see above, our own Sr. Nadine McGuinness was a presenter at the Conference held at the Christ Cathedral with the topic of “Laudato Si”, Pope Francis’ recent Encyclical on ecology. The conference consisted of a welcome from Bishop Vann, followed by Sr. Nadine McGuinness, CSJ, Ph.D., Tony Strawa, PhD, Catholic Climate Ambassador and former NASA employee, Joan Rosenhauer, Catholic Relief Services, Exec. VP, U.S. Operations, and followed by a panel discussion where Maria Orroyo, CRS Relationship Manager of the Diocese of Orange joined the panel for Q & A. The forum was very informative and called for all to “be in love with what God as made”. This leads to a call for action on our part to be collaborators with God in the care of our world. We must step up, each one of us as stewards of the world that God has dominion over. CRS has a motto: Pray, Learn, Act and Give!”

(Website: www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/environment/upload/laudato-si-discussion-guide.pdf)



**Reminder:
Invite a friend to our next
Serra Club Meeting!**

Happy Birthday



**Sept 11 – Lynn Haske
Sept 18 – Joan Amort**

1st Annual Basketball Tournament Priests vs. Seminarians Held at St. Jeanne de Lestonnac



Vocation Prayer

2015

Pray Always

O God, Father of all Mercies, Provider of a bountiful Harvest, send your graces upon those You have called to gather the fruits of Your labor; preserve and strengthen them in their lifelong service of you. Open the hearts of Your children that they may discern Your Holy Will; inspire in them a love and desire to surrender themselves to serving others in the name of Your son, Jesus Christ. Teach all Your faithful to follow their respective paths in life guided by Your Divine Word and Truth. Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, all the Angels and Saints, humbly hear our prayers and grant Your Church's needs, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Lectors

Ministers for Serra Masses

EMs

- SEPT 1 Nancy Ivary, 1st Reading
Stan Espenship,
Psalm & Prayers
- SEPT 15 Terry Toner, 1st Reading
Maureen Neglia,
Psalm & Prayers
- OCT 6 Loretta Callopy, 1st Reading
Jim Briscoe,
Psalm & Prayers



- John Perample Host
Chic Ryan, Cup
Joan Amort, Cup
- Elena Biale, Host
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- Anne Champagne, Host
John Biale, Cup
Barbara Carraccio, Cup

“Always forward, never back!”
Junipero Serra



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