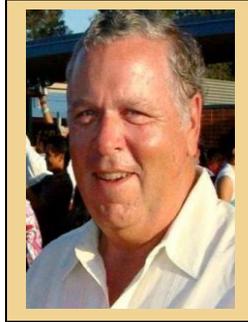


A Voice for Vocations

November 2015



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Upcoming Events

NOV 3: MEETING
Speaker: Brother Charlie Jackson
Topic: Vocation
Discernment: A Personal Story

NOV 6 thru 8, 2015:
Region 11 Conference
Ventura Beach Marriott

NOV 17: MEETING
Speaker: Brigid Noonan
Topic: St Vincent de Paul
(the man and the Society named for him)

DEC 13: XMAS PARTY
Hosted by the Amorts
FEB 21, 2016:
SAVE THE DATE
Day of Recollection

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.



Bishop Kevin Vann in action!
He is moving into position to have a photo taken at the entrance of St. Columban's Church in Garden Grove. There were 15 deacons ordained - what a fabulous celebration! Special Thank You to all Serrans who assisted with the reception.
(see photo on Pg. 3)

Sister Joan has served more than twenty years on the Leadership Council of Women Religious which represents about 80% of US Catholic Sisters. Let us Serrans all try to expand ourselves to understand more of the varied members of our Catholic Church. Our own Sisters of Saint Joseph and LIS, offer opportunities for learning right here at the Mother house. Our Catholic, universal church, strives to embrace all. We have a big tent.



Altar decorated for "Day of the Dead".

Club News



On Tuesday, October 6, 2015, our membership officer Beverly Truzzolino addressed the members relaying her adventures on a recent trip to Portugal, Spain, France, and Italy. Of course, her trip was very eventful, so she focused on a portion of her and her husband Dan's trip, to their visit to San Giovanni Rotondo, Italy. (Where the incorrupted remains of Saint Padre Pio reside).

Beverly opened with handouts of her 21-day pilgrimage locations and information surrounding becoming a spiritual child of Padre Pio. All of the towns/cities that she and Dan visited, they celebrated Mass. She commented on the beauty of the basilicas that they visited. Their last stop was in Rome. They participated in an audience with Pope Francis, on the very day before he departed to the United States for his celebrated visit. They were close enough to Pope Francis that they could have reached out and touched him, but they politely refrained from that. After that, on to Southern Italy to Monte Cassino. This was the home of St. Benedict and St. Scholastica.....a little trivia, they were brother and sister. Both were accomplished saints that ministered to God's work in their lives. One of the main motivations for Beverly to take this trip was to visit San Giovanni Rotondo, as she has a very special devotion to Padre Pio. Beverly went on to explain a bit more about Padre Pio utilizing the wonderful pictures that she had taken on the pilgrimage. He was born in Petrocino, Italy. He was the 5th of 8 children. At a very young age, he had visions, and was able to have conversations with Jesus. At age 16 he was diagnosed with tuberculosis, which many thought would be fatal, however he was strong in spirit and went on to the seminary. He was ordained in 1910. He was 22 when he was ordained. He was afflicted with the "stigmata" in September of 1918. He had many years of suffering and was prohibited from saying Mass for three years while the Church investigated his wounds for the purpose of authenticating them. He drew large crowds of people venerating him and tending to his wounds. Beverly relayed, in Padre Pio's own words, what the "stigmata" was like and all feelings and thoughts that he experienced surrounding that affliction. His commentary was fascinating.

St. Padre Pio possessed many gifts from God: the gift of healing, Prophecy, bi-location, miracles, etc. He had the ability to read hearts. Although he possessed many of God's gifts, he never felt worthy of them. He never put the gift before the giver. He was consistently humble. Then, we had an audience participation where fellow Serrans read very "quotable quotes" from Padre Pio that were really profound and which gave us a very clear sense of who this Saint was and where his faith resided. Here is one example: "prayer is the oxygen of the soul". And: "Pray, hope and don't worry". He started a hospital that currently has 1,000-plus beds and growing. Translated the name of the hospital is the "house for the relief of suffering". This is only one of his lasting legacies. Great Job, Beverly and thanks for sharing with all of us!

Club News

On October 20, 2015, Kari Walker, M.S., Director of Education of the Orange County Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association visited us and shared an excellent presentation, entitled "Understanding Dementia-Related Changes in Communication and Behavior".



Kari (above) patiently waiting, before sharing her wonderful presentation with our club members.

Kari is passionately committed to inspiring older adults to age successfully through the development of education and wellness programs for the community. She has educated many organizations on the importance of "whole person" wellness and is committed to helping facilitate a higher quality of life for the person with dementia.

Her objectives for her talk were to better understand Dementia (Alzheimer's disease), to learn the principles and practical techniques in communication, and to learn the principles and practical techniques in understanding and addressing challenging behaviors. She gave us information to help us to discriminate between dementia and Alzheimer's disease, and explained and that dementia is NOT a part of the normal aging process. Kari imparted so much valuable information that I have selected only an excerpt of her presentation dealing with principles for communicating with the dementia patient. (see below)

For more information surrounding this topic, please avail yourself of the Alzheimer's Association website www.alz.org/oc --- Or --- www.trialmatch.alz.org and the 24/7 Helpline phone #: 800-272-3900.

Our thanks go out to Kari Walker for sharing such a positive and informative presentation as many of us have, or will in the future, be in a position to better cope due to some of what we learned from her.

- Understand what is and isn't possible to change, set realistic expectations
- Thoughts, beliefs, and actions significantly impact behavior
- All behavior has meaning
- Connecting with the patient overrides the task
- Join in the reality of the person with dementia

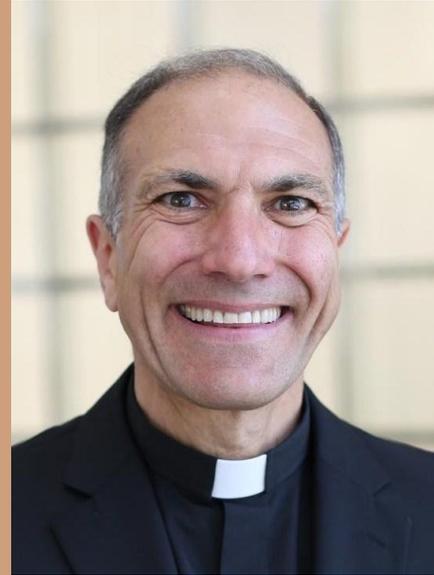


November 2-Fr. Felix Just, S.J.

**A few of our fellow Serran volunteers at
St. Columban's Deacon Reception (below)**



Please review your list of family and friends for who you may possibly wish to join us at our next meeting!



An update on one of our own Serrans Seminarian - Mike Rizzo

Thanks so much for thinking of me!! I would be happy to provide an update.

The semester has been going very well. There are now 13 seminarians here from the Diocese of Orange and we are the second largest group at Mt. Angel. Only Portland has more seminarians here than we do. Last week, we were hugely blessed to join our brothers from St. John's and St. Patrick's to travel to both Philadelphia and Washington DC to attend several Papal events as well as the World Meeting of Families. It was truly a once in a lifetime experience. We did not actually meet the Pope, but being in his presence was thrilling. One of the most exciting events that we attended was the Canonization Mass for Junipero Serra. I was thinking about all of you as the Pope pronounced the words that made Fr. Serra a saint.

Seminary life is both busy and enjoyable. There are eight other men here who are over 40, so I do not feel totally out of place among all of the young seminarians. The bells ring at 5:20 to get the day started. First year Theology studies include 6 classes as well as a field placement. My field assignment is at a prison for young men aged 18-25. I visit there once each week to speak with the men about our Catholic faith as well as other related topics that they want to discuss. Once each month, a priest joins us to celebrate Mass for the men. I feel very blessed to have this opportunity to respond to God's calling and hope that God continues to desire my ordination. Please give my best to all of my friends at the Serra Club. I look forward to seeing you when I am in the Diocese this Summer.

Best regards,
Mike

Vocation Prayer

2015

Pray Always

God of all nations, we are most grateful for the first Catholic missionaries and explorers who came to California. As strangers in a strange land they brought with them countless skills, talents and traditions, but their greatest treasure was their faith. May the Good News of Jesus Christ, which molded and shaped their lives, continue to mold and shape our lives today. Bless our diocese with men and women who will follow in their footsteps to serve the Church as religious brothers, sisters, priests and deacons.

Lectors

Ministers for Serra Masses

EMs

- NOV 3 Jim Briscoe, 1st Reading
Loretta Callopy,
Psalm & Prayers
- NOV 17 Nancy Ivary, 1st Reading
Stan Espenship,
Psalm & Prayers
- DEC 1 Maureen Neglia, 1st Reading
Jim Briscoe,
Psalm & Prayers



- Betty Padilla, Host
Theresa Morris, Cup
Joe Neglia, Cup
- Joan Amort, Host
John Perample, Cup
Chic Ryan, Cup
- Patty Baer, Host
Elena Biale, Cup
John Biale, Cup

“Always forward, never back!”
Saint Junipero Serra



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