

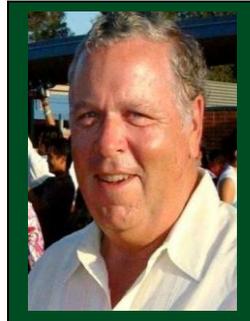
# A Voice for Vocations

**December 2015**

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



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



**Officer Roster**  
2015 – 2016

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Fr. Felix Just, SJ

**Spiritual Advisor:**

Sr. Nadine McGuinness, CSJ

**District 127 Governor:**

TBD

**Upcoming Events**

**DEC 1: MEETING**  
**Speaker: Juliana Gerace**  
**Topic: HOPE**  
**DEC 13: XMAS PARTY-3pm**  
**Hosted by the Amorts**  
**DEC 15: NO MEETING**

**JAN 5: MEETING**  
**Speaker: Sr. Nadine McGuinness, CSJ**  
**Topic: To be announced**  
**JAN 14 thru 17:**  
**Serra Club – Houston Rally**  
**(see insert on the right)**

**JAN 19: MEETING**  
**Speaker: Jeni Baird**  
**Topic: L'Arche**  
**Wavecrest Community**  
**FEB 20, 2016:**  
**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Day of Recollection**

Getting together with family can have its challenges. I pray that you all had a blessed Thanksgiving and now we move on to Christmas. Barbara Caraccio will have a list of gift ideas at our December meeting for the new mothers and babies at Casa Theresa and Mary's Shelter. Don't forget those gift cards for Catholic Worker. We will collect them all at the Serra Christmas party on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

Nancy and I had our first Advent group meeting last Tuesday to help us prepare for Christmas. I encourage you all to take advantage of some quiet prayer time each day to help maintain a happy and blessed season.

God Bless, Matt



**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.



**Just a few of our Serrans with St. Junipero Serra's statue at the local San Buenaventura Mission which was established in 1782. This photo was taken during Serra's Regional Meeting in Ventura Beach CA. (Nov. 2015)**

**THE SERRA RALLY** ★ January 14-18, 2016 ★ HOUSTON

We've got a great line-up of speakers and topics planned for this wonderful event. Here are some highlights:

**Engage. Inspire. IGNITE!**

**Serra RALLY 2016**

**THE FAMILY, CALLED to be a SEEDBED OF VOCATIONS** —presented by Arland K. Nichols, Founding President of the St. John Paul II Foundation

**HUNDREDFOLD-LAYING THE CORNERSTONE for a PARISH VOCATION MINISTRY** —presented by author and speaker, Rhonda Gruenewald

**INCREASING VOCATION AWARENESS on COLLEGE CAMPUSES** —presented by Rev. David Konderla, Director of Campus Ministry at St. Mary's Catholic Center, Texas A & M University

**THE PATRIOTIC PILGRIMAGE: SEEKING GOD in the CAPITOL BUILDINGS of each of the 50 STATES** —presented by Mickey Straub, Mayor of Burr Ridge, IL

Register by Dec. 15 and save \$75!  
Register online and see the agenda at <http://www.serrainternational.org/content/serra-rally-1>

## Club News



On Tuesday, November 3, 2015, Br. Charlie Jackson, SJ shared his deeply personal vocation story with our Serra Club members.

On his way home from high school one day, his heart leapt for joy in a way that he had never done, and he had the deep sense that he was being called by God to be a Jesuit. First of all he immediately associated this event with being lifted up, embraced and loved by none other than God. He had been currently attending a Catholic Jesuit school. His call was specific in that he was being called to be a Jesuit. Subsequent to this event, nothing changed for at least a year. He did nothing about this call. He had discerned that he had been called to be a Jesuit. His doing nothing was unknowingly confirming this discernment. If his experience had been of human origin, it would have soon vanished from his mind, but if it was of God, it would develop clarity and focus, and that is exactly what happened! Not only had the idea not vanished, it had significantly grown. Publications that were sent to him when he first communicated to the seminary were even part of his discernment. He began to feel very excited about his new venture. During his junior year, he was able to discriminate between a call to the priesthood and being a Jesuit. With only guidance by God, he had been able to discern this difference on his own. He was very attracted to becoming a Jesuit brother. He wanted to be a supportive member of the brotherhood, and he developed the skills of a carpenter. The photos of the brothers doing their great variety of tasks gave him a sense of what his life might become as part of a Jesuit community. Br. Charlie Jackson went on to poignantly describe the day that he entered the community (August 7<sup>th</sup>) and the tearful farewell to his family, followed by the warm acceptance of the Jesuit community. A day he will never forget! Thank you, Br. Charlie for sharing such a beautiful and intimate experience in your life!

(Br. Charlie is on staff with LIS...Please review below some of the Bible courses that are upcoming, in case there may be something of interest to you and your spiritual growth).

## Club News

On November 17, 2015, Brigid Noonan did a presentation regarding the Society of St Vincent de Paul, educating us as to their history and the work that they do. It was very informative, and below are some of the highlights. Just FYI, this year at Thanksgiving, Holy Family Parish distributed 150 Thanksgiving meals, everything included for a family to enjoy a Thanksgiving meal.



St. Vincent founded 3 organizations: Confraternities of Charity in 1617, Congregation of the Mission in 1625, and he and St. Louise de Marillac co-founded the Daughters of Charity in 1633. All 3 groups have weathered periods of growth, decline, persecution and renewal, but all three organizations are still very much alive today. In 1833, Frederic Ozanam established the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Blessed Frederic saw the Society established in many countries, including the US, Canada and Mexico. Members of the Society went 2 by 2 to the homes of the poor to respond to their needs, a practice which is still happening today.

More about Frederic Ozanam:

In 1830, he began his studies at the Sorbonne in Paris to pursue a law degree. He became acquainted with the publisher of a Catholic newspaper. Soon after, Frederic joined a student organization. They met on Saturdays and discussed a wide variety of subjects, except politics. One Saturday, there was a heated verbal exchange; Ozanam and his friends were challenged. They were told: "We agree that one time your Church was a great Church and was a great source of good. But what is your Church doing now? What is she doing for the poor? Show us your works and we will believe you". Ozanam accepted the challenge. He and his 5 friends met. "We must do what is agreeable to God. Therefore, we must do what our Lord Jesus Christ did when preaching the gospel. Let us go to the poor". And so, in the Providence of God, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was born. Their group chose St. Vincent de Paul as their patron because his name was almost synonymous with charity. The Church has called him the "Apostle of Charity" and the "Father of the Poor".

The primary goal of the Society is the spiritual growth of its members. They offer person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering. In the Diocese of Orange St. V de P is in 45 parishes. At Holy Family they are open 5 days a week. They provide services such as a food drive, a food pantry, they take calls from the needy, and assist the homeless. Thank you, Brigid, for informing us regarding this very valuable ministry.



### LIS Biblical Courses

Loyola Institute for Spirituality

LIS can help you "fill in the gaps" in your understanding of the Sunday Mass readings. Our team of academic and pastoral teachers offers mini-courses that blend biblical study with practical application for personal reflection, family sharing, and community building.

#### Dialogue in Gospel Ecology: The World around Us as Garden and Desert

**Instructor:** Sr. Nadine McGuinness, C.S.J. **Dates:** Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28, Feb. 4, 11, 2016  
**Description:** Studying the Bible, we need to address 21<sup>st</sup> century questions about the relationship between creation and humanity. Reflection on key passages in each Gospel challenges us to ask the faith questions: How does this text urge us "to change the world, to transmit values, and to leave this earth better than we found it"? (The Joy of the Gospel, par. 183).

#### The Bible and Mass: Experiencing the Liturgy More Deeply

**Instructor:** Mr. Randy Lopez, M.T.S. **Dates:** Feb. 25, March 3, 10, 17, 31, April 7, 2016  
**Description:** The Mass is overflowing in biblical allusions from the words that we say and hear to the actions we perform. So let's dig deeper into scripture and uncover a better understanding of the Mass and a fuller immersion into God's love! This course is designed to enhance your Mass experience, promote faith-sharing, and provide resources for catechists.

#### The Acts of the Apostles in the Season of Easter and Pentecost

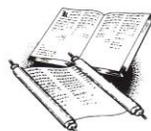
**Instructors:** Fr. Felix Just, S.J., and Mr. Randy Lopez **Dates:** April 21, 28, May 5, 12, 19, 26, 2016  
**Description:** As the liturgical year enters the Easter season, journey with us as we recount, study, and reflect on the birth of the Church and the ministry of the Apostles. In this team-taught course, Fr. Just will introduce the intricacies of reading and praying with Acts of the Apostles, while Mr. Lopez will serve as the historical and narrative guide through the Book of Acts.

#### Useful Details:

**Meeting Location:** St. Joseph Center, 480 S. Batavia St., Orange, CA  
**Day/Time:** Thursdays, 7:00 PM – 9:30 PM  
**Tuition:** \$150 per course (financial aide available to qualified applicants)  
 Participants can receive recertification credit from the Diocese of Orange.

#### For more information, please contact:

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**Dec 3 – Nancy Ivary**  
**Dec 11 – Patty Baer**

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**Priesthood Sunday – Oct 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**“A Great Success!”**



Beverly, our membership representative for Serra, reported that the Priesthood Sunday at St. Cecilia’s Parish was a big success. Multiple communities within the parish were involved, providing egg rolls, finger foods, sandwiches, fruit and plenty of food. They also made themselves available for work/service, assisting with setup and cleanup. This provided an opportunity for our members to reach out and explain to parishioners about our Serra Club! Great job to everyone who was involved!

**OUR NEWEST SERRANS**



**Please: Acquaint yourself with PHIL AND CAROL FRANK**

Phil and Carol Frank were both born into Catholic families and raised near Pittsburgh PA. Phil was the oldest of 4 children, three younger sisters. Carol has one older sister. Phil was baptized at St. Joseph’s Church in Verona, Pa. and Carol was baptized at St. Mary’s church in McKees Rocks, Pa. Both Phil and Carol attended Catholic schools. They met while Carol was attending Nursing School and in 1963 after Carol completed her nursing training they were married. Phil continued his education at University of Pittsburgh. Carol worked as a hospital nurse and Phil worked as a precision optical engineer. Over the years they were blessed with three children: Robert, David and Diane. The Frank family of 5 moved to California in 1969, settled in Tustin and joined St. Cecilia’s parish. Phil continued his education at UCLA and Carol at Cal State Fullerton and University of Phoenix. Their three children attended St. Cecilia’s school in Tustin and today all three live and work close by in Mission Viejo, Huntington Beach and Lakewood. Today Phil and Carol are both enjoying retirement and continue living in Tustin and remain in St. Cecilia’s Parish. They have been blessed with one granddaughter, Payton, who was baptized at St. Cecilia’s in 2005. Phil and Carol met Dan and Beverly Truzzolino through St. Cecilia’s Parish. Beverly has encouraged Phil and Carol to become members of the Serra club.

Vocation Prayer

2015

Pray Always

A Prayer for Priests and Priestly Vocations

Heavenly Father, please grant to Your faithful servants, the grace and strength to carry out Your mission for the church each day. Keep our priests close to You and continue to inspire them to serve others in Your holy name. Please help to inspire men who are called to a priestly vocation answer Your call and participate in the fullness that You have planned for them. Amen

Lectors

Ministers for Serra Masses

EMs

DEC 1 Maureen Neglia,  
1<sup>st</sup> Reading  
Jim Briscoe,  
Psalm & Prayers

DEC 15  
NO MEETING

JAN 5 Jim Briscoe, 1<sup>st</sup> Reading  
Loretta Callopy,  
Psalm & Prayers



Patty Baer, Host  
Jim Baer, Cup  
Elena Biale, Cup

NO MEETING

Joan Amort, Host  
Jim Baer, Cup  
Patty Baer, Cup

“Always forward, never back!”  
Saint Junipero Serra



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