

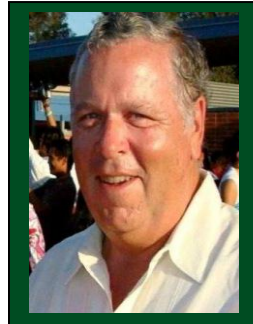
A Voice for Vocations

February 2016

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



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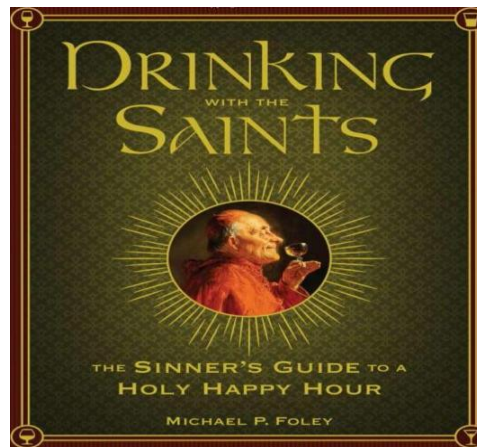
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Our Mission... to foster, affirm and promote vocations to the priesthood, religious life, diaconate, and all ministries in the Catholic Church, and through this support of all ministries, to deepen our members' personal faith lives.



A Lenten Journey with the Saints

As the annual penitent season approaches we all get asked the question, "what are you going to do or give up for Lent?" This year, Nancy got me this great book that speaks to the *Lives of Many Saints*, but also includes the culinary arts of oenology and brewing for which many saints are famous. I have been poking around in it and found lots of our well known saints, including our own Junipero Serra! He is tied to the feast of the Most Precious Blood of our Lord on July 1 and

the wine discussed is Sangria which comes from the Latin word Sanguis for blood. One of the legacy gifts that Serra and the mission fathers gave to California is the wine making industry up and down California. The Franciscans planted the first vineyards along the coast with the grapevines that the Jesuits brought to Mexico. Without the Jesuits foresight, Serra and the mission fathers would not have had the vines to plant! But we do have the vineyards and do have wine, so this Mardi Gras we can toast the mission fathers with the fruit of the vines they left us.

This Lent I will start to feed myself through the lives of these saints in earnest. I haven't read a *Lives of the Saints* book in a long time but this one has captured my interest. It's time for me to catch up on the saints and not just rely on what I learned as a youth. Have you picked out your Lenten journey book yet?

Happy Lent!
Matt

Upcoming Events

FEB 2: MEETING
6:30 Mass @ St. Cecilia's
Fat Tuesday Potluck held
At the Truzzolino's Home
Speaker: Tim Reid
Topic: Youth Ministry

FEB 16: NO MEETING

FEB 20: SAVE THE DATE
Day of Recollection
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MAR 1: MEETING
Speaker: Laryn Kovalik
Topic: Laboure' Society

MAR 15: MEETING
Speaker: Jim Briscoe
Topic: California Missions

MAY 1: SAVE THE DATE
"Hearts on Fire" Dinner

Club News




On Tuesday, January 5, 2016, Sr. Nadine McGuinness, CSJ addressed our club members with comprehensive information, going forward, regarding the plans for the St. Joseph's Center.

She outlined her presentation and provided a copy, along with a map to follow, as she explained upcoming plans. For years, some of the Sisters have had a serious concern about the under-utilization of the buildings and the property of St. Joseph Center. (SJC). The sisters wanted to focus on this situation. To begin, Sister explained the current buildings on the campus. She mentioned, when she spoke of the college building, that there would be significant changes to the kitchen and dining area of that building. Those locations are where we currently hold our bi-monthly City of Orange Serra Club meetings. Parking at the SJC is somewhat limited currently, so, in the future, west of the Campus, there is a large parking structure, that the hospital has encouraged visitors to the campus to use. The buildings that were being under-utilized were the Motherhouse, the College, Auditorium, Spiritual Ministries Center and the Trellis Building. Not at issue for under-utilization were the Chapel, Regina Residence, the Ministry Building and the Guest House. Back in July of 2013, 50 persons were invited to join the entire assembled community to discuss partnerships which would better utilize the campus in terms of Ministry, Charism, Witness to faith, and Partnerships. The 50 in attendance were selected as they may be potential partners, or they may suggest who might be able to avail themselves of the campus facilities. The list consisted of Chapman University, St. Joseph Hospital, Loyola Institute (expand spiritual ministry program), USF (Sports Management MA/ add nursing and health professions programs), Mayor Smith (city concerns), Catholic Charities, Rev. Christopher Smith (Cathedral endeavors), Volunteers of America and Mercy Housing (select most appropriate targeted population). The Sisters of St Joseph, following the closure of their spirituality center a couple of years ago are looking to establish a spiritual ministries program that will not include a retreat center. They have chosen the name Emmaus Spiritual Ministries Institute. They hope to not limit this ministry to just the City of Orange, but to take it on the road, wherever they are called.

The broader Christian Community can easily identify with "Emmaus". Renovations to the buildings will be done in phases. Phase 1: College Buildings (IT renovation, library, conference rooms), Spiritual Ministries Center (updating water and heating for offices). Phase 2: Chapel (main entrance & landscaping, IT) & Kitchen (resizing & updating of equipment). Ministry Bldg. Phase 3 or 4: Motherhouse building. First phases will be completed by the end of 2016. Last phase will be completed in 3 - 5 years. Thank you, Sr. Nadine for the informative presentation.

Serra Clubs Lenten Day of Recollection

Saturday, February 20, 2016
8:15 am to 1:00 pm



Join us for our annual Lenten Day of Recollection

Presenter: Fr. Francis Benedict, OSB
Abbot Emeritus, St. Andrews Abbey

Holy Family Cathedral
566 S. Glassell Street
Orange, CA

\$25 per person
Non-members & Guests are welcome

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SERRA CLUBS
 OF ORANGE

Highlights

- Mass @ 8:15 am
- Continental Breakfast
- Reflections by Fr. Francis
- Lunch

Surprise! On Tuesday, January 19, 2016, our scheduled speaker needed to cancel her presentation. Patty Baer volunteered to fill in with an inspirational reflection titled "Ministry to Self". Written some 25 years ago, Patty shared her thoughts on taking care of ourselves as we perform our various ministries. It is essential that we set aside some quiet time for listening to our inner voices. Ministry to Self is a personal effort to reveal something precious about OUR life. It arises out of a deep need to share our wealth with others. Our pearl must be shared in order to have real value. Patty shared five specific ways to minister to ourselves, which she believes are necessary to renew faith in ourselves and therefore be able to minister to others.

- 1) Affirm our good points
- 2) Learn the value of play
- 3) Value the importance of prayer
 - a) Ponder the promises of Scripture
 - b) Give extra daily attention to our weak areas
 - c) As we drift into slumber, invite the Lord into those areas which need his loving presence
- 4) Enjoy the present moment
- 5) I need successes in life

Patty shared the following Bible verses: Matthew 13: 45-46 and Deuteronomy 30: 15-20.

At the conclusion of her presentation, we were invited to share that unique pearl about ourselves that enables us to share with others.



Time Flies

Invite your family or friends to try out a meeting of our City of Orange Serra Club....

We would love to meet them!

Group photo from Serra Rally in Houston



Rest in Peace

Sister Marianna Gemmet, CSJ



Barbara Caraccio - February 13

Ruth Sallot - February 18

Stan Espenship - February 20

Joe Costanza - February 27

Patty Baer delivering her inspirational presentation on January 19.



Save the Date

Hearts on Fire Gala

Sunday, May 1, 2016

Vocation Prayer

2016

Pray Always

Loving God, you call all who believe in you to grow perfect in love by following in the footsteps of Christ your Son. Call from among us more men and women who will serve you as religious. By their way of life, may they provide a convincing sign of your Kingdom for the Church and the whole world. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Ministers for Serra Masses

Lectors

EMs

FEB 2 MASS at ST. CECILIA

FEB 16 NO MEETING

MAR 1 Maureen Neglia, 1st Reading
Jim Briscoe,
Psalm & Prayers



Joe Neglia, Host
Betty Padilla, Cup
John Perample, Cup

“Always forward, never back!”
Saint Junipero Serra



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