

# A Voice for Vocations

April 2016

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



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## Upcoming Events

### APR 5: MEETING

Speaker: Jeni Baird  
Topic: L'Arche Wavecrest  
Community

### APR 19: MEETING

Speaker: Stan Espenship  
Topic: Liturgy of the Hours

### MAY 1: SAVE THE DATE

"Hearts on Fire" Dinner

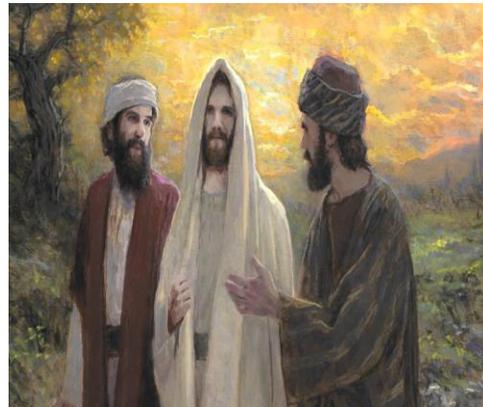
### MAY 3: MEETING

Speaker: Bryce Deline  
Topic: LIS Staff-His Journey

### MAY 17: MEETING

Speaker: Virginia Mort  
Topic: How the Holy Spirit  
has been working in her life

**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.



## Road to Emmaus

Our Lenten Journey ends with Easter and the story of two disciples on the road to Emmaus. We are reminded to turn-around from our disillusionments and believe in the resurrected Christ. After all that has happened, the disciples start to scatter and lose trust in what Jesus had told them. Jesus must return to them again and again to build their faith and trust. Seeing was believing for our early disciples and especially the apostles. Wouldn't it be nice if Jesus would visit us today?

Well, Nancy and I went to see

the movie *Miracles from Heaven* the other day and we came away reminded that God does visit with us today. But we need to open our eyes and believe just like the early disciples on the road to Emmaus needed to do. If you haven't seen the movie yet I recommend you do. We can get inundated with negative news cycles and political information and it is good to take a time out to remind ourselves that miracles do happen all around us if we only pay attention.

God bless,  
Matt

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Meet us in Saint Louis  
JUNE 30 - JULY 3, 2016  
SERRA'S 74TH INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Over for more info!

*Club News*

On March 1, our speaker was Laryn Kovalik. A former Jesuit volunteer and Catholic Worker, Laryn shared her story of discernment. After finishing graduate school and moving to CA, Laryn had intended to work as a medical artist. But then she encountered a woman who invited her to pray at Verbum Dei's House of Prayer. On that first evening of prayer, she felt a deep sense of home. She continued returning to this House of Prayer and it was there that she felt God was calling her to love by being a religious sister. Shortly thereafter, she went on a mission trip to El Salvador and stood on the spot where Archbishop Oscar Romero was assassinated. She was deeply moved by this experience. Upon her return, she moved into Verbum Dei's discernment house. Laryn shares that it is her deepest joy that she give her life to God. It is her hope that she can celebrate consecrated life as this year of mercy unfolds.

Laryn needs help though to make her dream come true. She has school loans that must be paid before her dream of becoming a religious sister can be realized. She made us aware of the Laboure Society, of which Laryn is one of the aspirants. It is the mission of this Society to provide financial assistance and spiritual support to those individuals who must resolve student loans before they can pursue a vocation to the priesthood and/or religious life. Laryn asked us to pray for her and the work of the Society. Sign-up sheets were distributed for those who were interested in knowing more about the work of the Laboure Society.

Jim Briscoe was our speaker on March 15. His topic was the California Missions. Educated by the Franciscans in Spain, Serra became a university professor and at the age of 35, he left Spain to become a missionary in Mexico. He founded his first mission in Baja, CA and soon became the Father Presidente of the Alta CA Missions. The missions in Alta, CA were established to convert the native Indians and to thwart encroachment by the Russian fur traders. The missions did not stand alone. CA missions were guarded by four Presidios, placed strategically throughout the state.

Jim related some interesting facts about a few of the missions. The first mission was established in San Diego, which was the site of CA's first irrigation project. In San Juan Capistrano's vineyard, the first wine was produced in Alta, CA. Serra chose Carmel as his headquarters where the first library was established. Secularization was the death knell for the missions. After Mexico won its independence from Spain, they broke up the missions by selling or giving them to private citizens. Most missions were eventually restored through the efforts of various groups. The first autopsy was performed in Mission Santa Cruz, while the site of the first college occurred at Mission Santa Clara. The first hospital was built at Mission San Gabriel. This mission also had the largest vineyards in CA while it was in operation.



### Trip to St. John's Seminary - March 13, 2016

*Submitted by Anne Champagne*

Annually, the Serra Clubs are invited to enjoy Mass, lunch and a tour of St John's Seminary, located in Camarillo. This year, the event was really great. Upon the arrival of our bus at the campus in Camarillo, we were immediately, and warmly, welcomed by seminarians, and other Serrans.

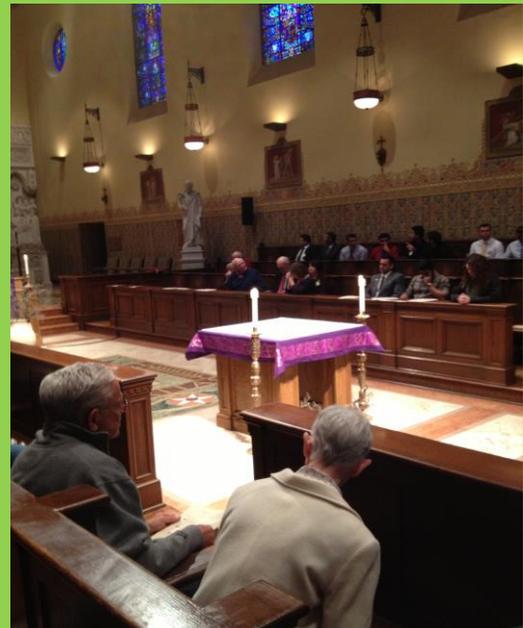
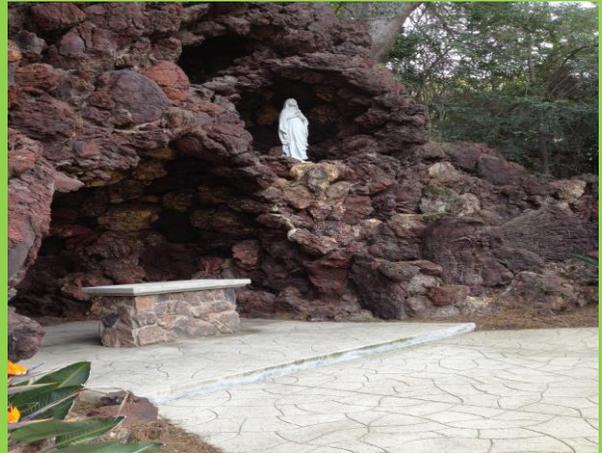
Our day began with encountering the young men, currently studying at St. John's, who were at different locations outside the chapel and the courtyard. Their smiling faces brought to our minds the reality of our mission of supporting and encouraging those who are called to serve God, our Church, and our parishes.

We began with Mass, celebrated by Fr. Mark Trudeau; Mass was followed by a lovely luncheon. Fr. Trudeau spoke of their appreciation of the work that our Serra clubs do to support them.

After lunch, various seminarians led groups on a tour of the St. John's campus. This provided us a much better idea of the daily life of a seminarian. One of our seminarians, David, explained that their years spent there, have the objective of formation. There are four components, or pillars of the formation: spiritual, intellectual, human and pastoral. The story told around the seminary is, that the four pillars are actually three toothpicks and one pillar, with the intellectual development being the pillar, because that component certainly requires most of their time and effort. They detailed their daily routines, and of course, some of them differ, as there are windows of time of their choosing. David expressed that the structure of their schedule is very good for him, as he needs that structure. When questioned about what is most challenging, the answers were similar: balancing their life at the seminary with the demands of their lives with their families at home.

Upon the completion of our tour, we gratefully thanked them for all of their information and kindness shown to us, promised we would pray for them, and wished them all the best in their vocations. Graciously, they promised to do the same for us.....

The day was a great example of our Serra Club in action, and the real blessing was that we had a good-sized group of young adult men from St. Cecilia's Parish, who participated. It really was a fabulous event!



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PRAY ALWAYS

O God, Who wish all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of Your truth: send, we beg You, laborers into Your harvest, and grant them grace to speak Your word with all boldness; so that Your word may spread and be glorified, and all nations may know You, the only God, and Him Whom You have sent, Jesus Christ Your Son, Our Lord, Who lives and reigns world without end. Amen.

Ministers for Serra Masses

Lectors

EMs

APR 5 Nancy Ivary, 1st Reading  
Maureen Neglia,  
Psalm & Prayers

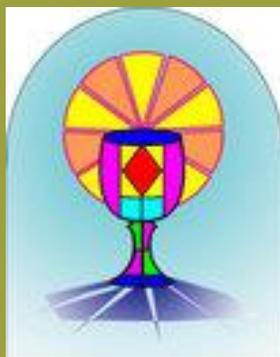
Patty Baer, Host  
Elena Biale, Cup  
John Biale, Cup

APR 19 Jim Briscoe, 1st Reading  
Loretta Callopy,  
Psalm & Prayers

Barbara Carraccio, Host  
Anne Champagne, Cup  
Bob DeFeo, Cup

MAY 3 Stan Espenship, 1st Reading  
Nancy Ivary,  
Psalm & Prayers

Carol DeFeo, Host  
Matt Ivary, Cup  
Theresa Morris, Cup



“Always forward, never back!”  
Saint Junipero Serra

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