

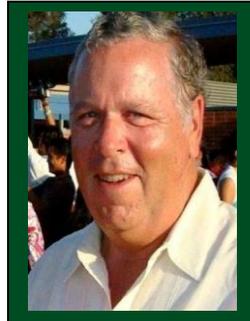
A Voice for Vocations

May 2016

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



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Matt Ivary, President



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Upcoming Events

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

**MAY 29: Annual Installation
Mass & Dinner**

JUNE 11: SAVE THE DATE
Priesthood Ordination

JUNE 25: SAVE THE DATE
Trans Diaconate Ordination



Tradition

One of my favorite religious artworks is the image of Jesus from a mosaic in Hagia Sophia, Istanbul. Like many of the other mosaics there, it is more than eight hundred years old and has survived the centuries well. What impressed me when we visited this former Basilica, later Mosque and now museum, was the tremendous size of the church and amount of art it contains. Like most visitors, I was simply in awe, trying to absorb the long history of the place. Christians were praying on the site since before its construction in 537 up until 1453 when it became a Mosque, and the Christian mosaics were covered with plaster rather than being destroyed. Hagia Sophia then was a Mosque until 1931 when it was secularized and re-opened as a museum in 1935 as it is today.

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 are very few places that have such a long religious history. Of course The Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem and St. Peters in Rome have long histories but the buildings we see today are much newer than Hagia Sophia, having been destroyed and rebuilt several times. Hagia Sophia has had damage and reconstruction as well, but much of the structure today is from the 5th and 6th centuries. The original site dedication and first church was started in 360 and like the Holy Sepulchre and St. Peters, only artifacts and ruins of the 3rd century first churches of all three sites are on display today.

You may be wondering why the history lesson. Simply, I am proud to be part of such a long history of Christian faith. I was educated by religious sisters, brothers and priests that taught me the importance of truth and faith. Women and men who by their dedicated lives of Christian service and love, modeled for me the face of Christ. I have often wondered over the years, "where would I be today had I not had those role models in my life?" I grew up in Berkeley and came of age in the mid-sixties. The times, 'they were a-changin'. Without my mentors and role models, I would likely be a very different man today.

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Club News

Sister Christine Hilliard, CSJ spoke at our Serra meeting on April 5. Sr. spoke on a Resurrection narrative from the Gospel of Matthew. There is a richness in how God reveals Himself to us. The effect of Jesus dying is that the whole cosmic order was affected. Everything came alive. When people give of themselves, things happen. The earthquake that occurred at the time of Jesus' death was a sign of the presence of God. God's presence has an effect on our own reality. In Matthew's community, who needed to be reminded of God's presence?

We read that the angel said - "Do not be afraid." These particular words represent the most frequent phrase in the Bible. Sister noted that Matthew wrote "He has been raised from the dead. The passive form of the verb was used denoting that someone (God) did it to Him.

We are working with God, by God's consent and our consent. It is a response to the recognition of who Jesus is. Family is at the heart of life. When Jesus commissioned the disciples, he is handing over power. Make disciples of all nations. This is where the Gospel of Matthew ends. In reality, God is here with us.

Formerly a teacher at many levels, Sister's project at the present time is assisting with the development of Emmaus Spirituality Ministries. She will be celebrating her jubilee this year.

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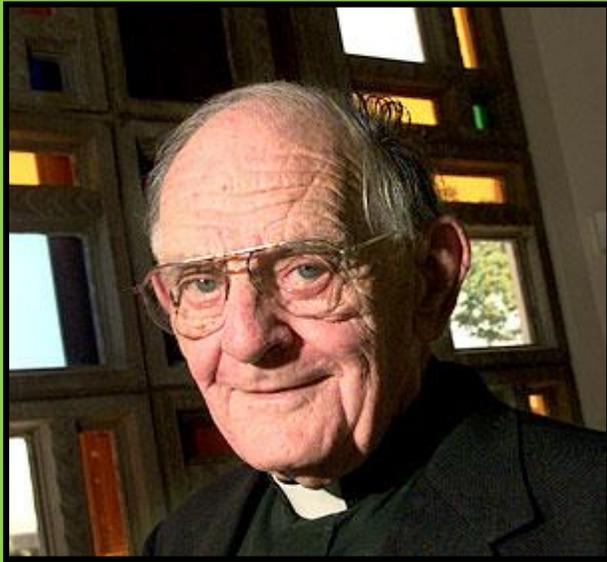
For me, the Serra Club is a way to give back to the professed religious that were so instrumental in my life. I feel most blessed having been your Serra Club president for the last two years. I encourage you all to persevere in praying for vocations to serve our church. We all must do our part, as God gives us the wisdom, talents, inspiration and gifts to serve. Let us all rededicate ourselves to our mission as Serrans.

God bless you all,
Matt Ivary

On April 19, Stan Espenship was our guest speaker. Stan's topic was Liturgy of the Hours. While his initial exposure occurred at the Nonnberg Abbey in Salzburg some 20 years ago, it would be St. Andrew's Benedictine Abbey in Valyermo six years later where he became most familiar with chanting this liturgy, which includes psalms, hymns and canticles. The genesis of this compendium of canonical hours dates back to 1280 BC, when God told Moses to command the Aaronic priests to offer a morning and evening sacrifice - the introduction of morning and evening prayer. During the Babylonian exile in 587 BC, the Israelites had no temple to perform the morning and evening sacrifices so they started to use a prayer service in its place. Years later in 521 BC, when the people returned to Jerusalem after the temple was rebuilt, they continued these prayer services and also initiated prayer at the third, sixth and ninth hours. This included a total of 5 prayers beginning at sunrise or 6 AM. These prayer hours would include various readings, including the psalms, which became the essential part of the Liturgy of the Hours. Beginning late in the 3rd century and going into the 5th century, as thousands of men and women went into the desert south of Alexandria, Egypt, loosely formed monastic communities were initiated; ultimately, these would become monasteries. They recognized in the Psalms, the perfect form of prayer. Initially, they prayed all 150 Psalms, which they learned by heart, each day. That was eventually abandoned for a weekly cycle built around a similar 3 hour cycle throughout the day. This was formalized around 550 AD when St. Benedict wrote his Rule. After Vatican II, changes occurred; today, monastic communities generally use a 2 week cycle and the church uses a 4 week cycle for the psalms.

The psalms have been called "a school of prayer" because they not only provide us with models to follow but inspire us to voice our own deepest feelings and aspirations. Publications such as *Give Us This Day* and *Magnificat* booklets provide a wonderful shortened version of the Liturgy of the Hours that can be used by laypersons. An additional resource can be found at OSB.org.





Msgr. John Sammon

During May of each year, we celebrate and remember Msgr. Sammon. Please prayerfully consider honoring his memory by making a contribution to the Msgr. Sammon Fund. Monies are used for the support of our seminarians and religious.

Chaplain, Pastor, Mentor, Friend

"We are truly blessed to have had a priest of such depth, skills and conviction as Msgr. Sammon. His relationship with his parishioners and the special communities he has ministered to throughout his career made him unique and appreciated by many. His personal insight and historical perspective has been invaluable to me over the years and we will always hold him in the highest esteem."

Bishop Tod Brown



Phil Frank - May 8

Beverly Truzzolino - May 12

Meeting Meal Cost Increase

After last month's general Serra Meeting the board members convened to consider the business of Serra going forward. One of the items discussed was the cost of our morning meeting breakfast. You should all know that we pay the Sisters of St. Joseph \$180 per meeting for space-rent, chapel use and breakfast meeting meal. The only source of funds to offset this fixed expense are annual dues and the breakfast collection at each meeting. We typically do not collect sufficient monies to cover this fixed expense from the meeting contributions. As a result, we have been running a deficit on the meeting meal category of our budget that has been covered by general dues collected. To correct this shortfall for the incoming president, we voted to increase breakfast donation from \$6 to \$7 per meeting. This should provide sufficient funds to cover the meal and facility costs averaged over the next year. Thank you for your understanding and support of this change effective at our next meeting, May 3, 2016.

Bless you all,
Matt Ivary

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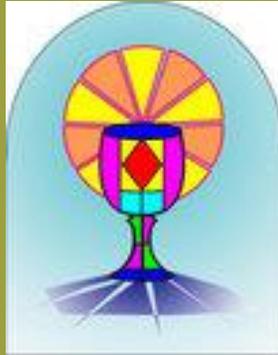
Loving and Generous God, it is You who call us by name and ask us to follow You. Help us to grow in the Love and Service of our Church as we experience it today. Give us the energy and courage of Your Spirit to shape its future. Grant us faith-filled leaders who will embrace Christ's Mission of love and justice. Bless the Church of Orange by raising up dedicated and generous leaders from our families and friends who will serve Your people as Sisters, Priests, Brothers, Deacons and Lay Ministers. Inspire us to know You better and open our hearts to hear Your call. We ask this through our Lord.

Ministers for Serra Masses

Lectors

EMs

- MAY 3 Stan Espenship, 1st Reading
Nancy Ivary,
Psalm & Prayers
- MAY 17 Maureen Neglia, 1st Reading
Jim Briscoe,
Psalm & Prayers
- JUNE 7 Loretta Callopy, 1st Reading
Stan Espenship,
Psalm & Prayers



- Carol DeFeo, Host
Matt Ivary, Cup
Theresa Morris, Cup
- Joe Neglia, Host
Betty Padilla, Cup
John Perample, Cup
- Raul Serna, Host
Chic Ryan, Cup
Patty Baer, Cup

**“Always forward, never back!”
Saint Junipero Serra**

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