

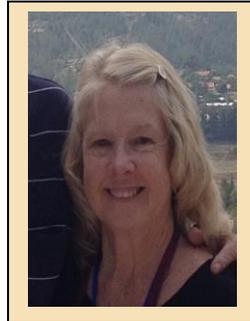
A Voice for Vocations

September 2016

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



PREZ SEZ
Anne Champagne, President



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.

Officer Roster 2016 – 2017

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Matt Ivary

Upcoming Events

SEPT 6: MEETING

Speaker: Fr. Will Goldin
Topic: His own personal journey to priesthood

SEPT 19: Ordinati Dinner

SEPT 20: NO MEETING

OCT 4: MEETING

Sister Nadine will lead a Year of Mercy Adoration Service

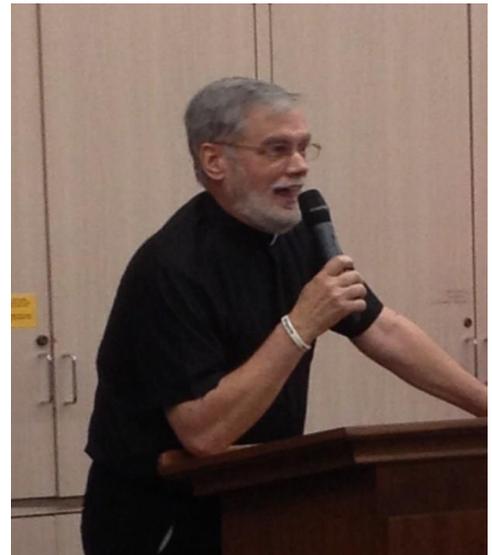
OCT 18: MEETING

Speaker: Judy Cozzens, Pres-Elect US Council Serra International

St. Ignatius of Loyola Feast Day

On July 31, 2016 at the St. Joseph Motherhouse, Fr. David Robinson presided over the Mass for the Feast Day of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus. All guests were cordially welcomed, as always, by the Sisters of St. Joseph. There were over 200 in attendance at the Mass. The sisters also performed the beautiful music during the liturgy. Fr. Robinson, commented on the scripture readings for the day in his homily, on us all being clay in the hands of the "potter", works in progress. He thanked the sisters for their many years of faithful service. After Mass, many proceeded into the dining room and enjoyed a lovely breakfast. When Fr. Robinson proceeded to the microphone, he commented that he had "dressed up" for the day, and delivered his address. He commented that when reflecting on what he might share with us that day, for some reason the thought of Blanche DuBois from "A Streetcar named Desire" came to mind. Her famous line "I have always depended on the kindness of strangers" sparked his reflection that, at LIS, they had always relied on the "kindness of friends", many of whom were in attendance at this breakfast. Fr. Robinson mingled with everyone, and, as you will see in the photo on the right, humbly availed himself of the delicious

breakfast that had been provided. A wonderful time was enjoyed by all, and our City of Orange Serra Club was well represented that day by many attendees.



Club News

Frank Luna spoke to our Serra group on August 2. Currently working for the County of San Bernardino as a Public Works engineer, Frank is most passionate about his work with the SEARCH retreats. Almost 20 years ago, he admits he knew very little about his faith. He had a great job and was reasonably successful. But something was missing. After attending his first Search retreat, he realized the missing piece in his life was a relationship with our Lord. He found the experience to be life changing. Search retreats began in 1973. The goal was to develop a program for young people. During the course of a retreat, persons are guided to look inwardly and determine what is missing in their lives.

Frank has been an active member of Search since attending that first retreat. Members refer to themselves as “searchers”. The retreats are for young single people aged 18 or older. During the course of a year, there are 3 English and 3 Spanish retreats. A weekly Bible Study has been a staple of the group for the last 40 years. Each meeting consists of music and a study of the scripture readings for the following Sunday, followed by a talk by one of young adults. Married with three children, Frank reports that the Search retreats feed him like nothing else ever has. He and his wife Cecilia are the Coordinators of the English retreats.

Michael Duc Nguyen was our speaker on August 16. One of our diocesan seminarians, Michael is one of three children and comes from Christ Our Savior Parish in Santa Ana. He has just completed his second year of Theology; he has pursued his studies at Mount St. Angel Seminary in Oregon and also in Rome. He describes his first month in Oregon as being very difficult; this was also his experience when Bishop Vann sent him to Rome for a two month immersion in Italian. He welcomed the advice from a friend who told him he would experience many different changes, but the one constant is Jesus.

Michael went on to tell us about his family and his path to the seminary. Growing up extremely poor, his parents wanted to live the American dream so his Dad applied to dental school in IL. As a result, Michael did not see his Dad very often. He remembers his Mom’s words – I can give you food, clothing and shelter, but I can’t give you faith. He describes his first inkling of a vocation coming in the 7th grade, where he taught religious education, along with his sister at St. John the Baptist. He went on to do this for ten years. His parents surrounded him with people of faith. While he admits he completed applications for both medical school and the seminary, the seminary won out. His parents were initially opposed to his choice. They suggested he become a doctor first and then a priest. Michael was blessed to attend World Youth Day on four different occasions. Each time he felt a calling from our Lord. He completed his presentation by sharing a beautiful reflection on his experience at the most recent World Youth Day in Poland.





Welcome to Serra's newest member John LeDuc!

I am the oldest of four children born in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin moving to Long Beach, CA in 1955 where I attended St Cyprian and St Anthony High School in 1962. Having fallen in love with Sport Parachuting in early high school I was "allowed to demonstrate my proficiency" to Uncle Sam and finding myself in Europe I spent the next four years traveling throughout Europe, Scandinavia, and the Middle East (have backpack will travel). It came to me, with the help of my father, that a career in something would be helpful. I returned home and completed college where I went to work for Hertz for 10 years as a controller covering the Midwest, Hawaii a hard job, and Mexico. I eventually left Hertz and played in Real Estate for a few years before joining Hughes Aircraft Co where I worked for 12 years as a Commodity Manager. I left Hughes when they were sold to GM and began a 22 year career with Lockheed Martin as an International Subcontract Program Manager. The last 15 years of my career were spent overseas working and living in Taiwan, Hong Kong, Thailand, Japan, Iraq (civilian contractor) and Singapore. I have a small Consulting Company that keeps me on the road when I want, which is less and less these days. I have been married for 45 years to a lady that still puts up with me. I have two sons -a doctor and an engineer. I am blessed with two grandchildren, a boy 6 and girl 3. I am currently proficient in "tea parties and fighting bad guys". I have been a member of Holy Family for 29 years and consider both Holy Family and St. Andrew's Abbey as my parish. I look forward to "reacquainting myself with my family and taking a more "active" part in my faith.

An Induction Ceremony was held on August 16.



Lynn Haske - September 11

Membership Anniversaries

On August 16, we recognized those members with significant years of membership in Serra.

5 years

<i>Patty Baer</i>	<i>Jim Briscoe</i>
<i>Bob DeFeo</i>	<i>Werner Deffner</i>
<i>Georgia Mottl</i>	<i>Betty Padilla</i>
<i>Jim Wienczek</i>	

10 years

Beverly Truzzolino

15 years

<i>Jim Baer</i>	<i>Barbara Caraccio</i>
<i>Carol DeFeo</i>	<i>John Perample</i>
<i>Gloria Suess</i>	

20 years

<i>Joe Costanza</i>	<i>Chic Ryan</i>
<i>Judy Scott</i>	

25 years

<i>Joe Neglia</i>	<i>Theresa Morris</i>
<i>Ruth Sallot</i>	<i>Loretta Callopy</i>
<i>Maureen Neglia</i>	

Congratulations to all and thank you!

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PRAY ALWAYS

Almighty and everlasting God, you give us life through your Son Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life. Bless all religious men and women as they strive to live their vows faithfully. We pray for our young men and women that, by the power of the Holy Spirit, they may have a gracious and loving heart, ever inclined and ready to give of themselves to others, and lead others to you through holiness in prayer and service. Amen.

Ministers for Serra Masses

Lectors

EMs

SEPT 6 Jim Briscoe, 1st Reading
Loretta Callopy,
Psalms & Prayers

Anne Champagne, Host
Bob DeFeo, Cup
Carol DeFeo, Cup

SEPT 20 NO MEETING

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OCT 4 Maureen Neglia, 1st Reading
Nancy Ivary,
Psalm & Prayers

Matt Ivary, Host
Joe Neglia, Cup
Betty Padilla, Cup



“Always forward, never back!”
Saint Junipero Serra



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