

# A Voice for Vocations

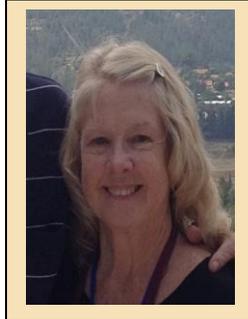
October 2016

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



## PREZ SEZ

Anne Champagne, President



### Officer Roster

2016 – 2017

**President** Anne Champagne  
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#### Chaplain:

Fr. Felix Just, SJ

#### Spiritual Advisor:

Sr. Nadine McGuiness, CSJ

#### District 127 Governor:

Matt Ivary

### Upcoming Events

**OCT 4: MEETING**  
Sister Nadine will lead a  
Year of Mercy Adoration  
Service

**OCT 18: MEETING**  
Speaker: Georgia Mottl,  
Topic: Pilgrimage to Italy

**OCT 30: Priesthood Sunday**

**NOV 6-12: National  
Vocations Awareness Week**

**DEC 11: Christmas Party**

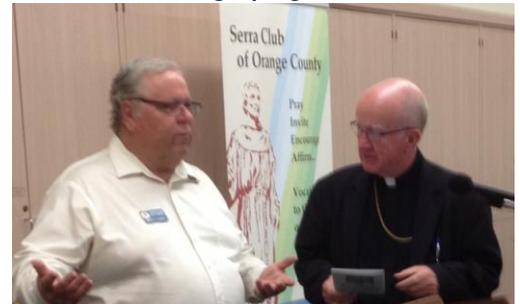
### Ordinati Dinner 3 Newly Ordained In Attendance

Monday, September 19, 2016, our three Orange County Clubs joyfully celebrated the June 2016 Ordination of four of our seminarians. It began with a beautifully concelebrated Mass with our own Fr. Felix Just, SJ and Fr. John Moneypenny along with the three newly ordained weaving a beautiful liturgy thru their combined contributions. As it is our mission in Serra to promote, foster and affirm vocations, we were filled with enthusiasm as we watched that mission come to fruition before us. Matt Ivary, our District Governor, invited Most Reverend Kevin Vann to open the dinner with his invocation. Bishop Vann thanked the Serrans, and their guests, for their continued prayers and support for our clergy, both during formation, and as they transition into their Diocesan assignments. Then our attendees from South County, the County Club and the City Club, and their guests, enjoyed their sumptuous meal. Matt proceeded to encourage each of the newly ordained, to speak about their vocation journeys, and most recently, of their experiences from the first three months as they have transitioned into Orange County parishes to serve the parishioners at St. Joseph's in Santa Ana, St. Nicholas' in Laguna Woods, and Our Lady Queen of Angels in Newport Beach. It was most interesting to see the diversity of how God calls his own into service and how different that path can be. Each of

**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.

them left those in attendance infused with a spirit of service and commitment to our own journeys with Jesus Christ. We shall certainly honor their requests for continued prayer and support !!

Below: Our district governor Matt Ivary, who was our Master of Ceremonies for the evening, speaking with Bishop Kevin Vann before the evening's program.



Below are the newly Ordained Priests: (Left to Right) Fr. John Moneypenny, Director of Vocations, Fr. David Otto, St. Joseph Parish, Santa Ana, Fr. Quyen Truong, St. Nicholas Parish, Laguna Woods, Fr. Brandon Dang, Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish, Newport Beach, and Bishop Kevin Vann. Fr. Nicholas Thai was unable to join us, as he has returned to Rome for further studies.



*Club News*

Fr. Will Goldin spoke at our Serra breakfast meeting on September 6. He shared his own personal story on his conversion to Catholicism and his journey to the priesthood. Born and raised in San Diego to Jewish and Episcopalian parents, his family celebrated only a smattering of holidays. He admits there was no religious depth in his family. While his grandfather was a Jewish rabbi, Fr. Will's dad left the Jewish faith when he moved to CA at the age of 17. When Fr. Will was 14, he began questioning his doubting agnosticism. His family visited Rome and he found St. Peter's Basilica to be most beautiful. He had a somewhat negative view toward Christianity, but decided to give this "prayer thing" a shot. He became an observant Jew. He started praying and reading the Bible. As an unbaptized 15 year old, he started to believe and question whether Jesus is God. As he says, if you believe in Jesus, you can't be Jewish. Initially, he did not have a good impression about Catholicism. He admits he picked up the phone book one day and started calling churches to inquire how one becomes a Christian. He eventually started attending daily Mass and this is what convinced him to pursue Catholicism. In April, 1999, he joined the Catholic Church and became a serious Catholic. Fr. Will went on to attend Catholic University where he was invited to be an opera singer. He obtained both a BA and a Masters in Opera. The thought of becoming a priest had been

in his thoughts but as he admits he buried the idea at the time. While in Washington, DC, he studied Catholic theology and obtained a Master's degree at the Dominican House of Studies. He moved to Belgium and he heard the call again about becoming a priest. Shortly thereafter, he joined the seminary in Belgium. Fr. Will was ordained in June, 2014. After ordination, Bishop Vann sent him to Rome to begin his doctorate. During the last two years he has been living in Italy working on doctoral studies. His dissertation is on the ritual law of Israel and he expects that it will be completed in the next year. In addition, he is also working on his Masters in liturgical music. He says that living in Rome is a great distraction; there is always something new to see. In a question and answer period, he proudly related that his Mom converted to Catholicism one month prior to his ordination. His Dad is happy that he is happy and his Grandma is mystified. Fr. Will returned to Rome on September 23.

**The following members of our Serra Club are facing some health challenges. Please remember to pray for them. You may wish to consider sending them a note of encouragement.**

*Barbara Caraccio*

*Carol Frank*

*Theresa Morris*

*Kathy Robinson*



*Just a reminder...*

*When you became a member of Serra, you were asked the following questions.*

- 1) *Will you give your time, efforts and prayers for the encouragement and preservation of vocations to the ordained and professed ministries?*
- 2) *Will you, by faithful attendance at Serra meetings and by the example of your Christian life continually strive to fulfill your own Christian vocation?*
- 3) *Will you do your best to invite others to join us in Serra?*



***Time Flies***

***Invite someone to our next Serra gathering.***



*Jim Baer - October 15*

*Ed Haske - October 18*

*Theresa Morris - October 27*

#### Adopt a Seminarian

Suggestions for supporting your chosen seminarian.

- 1) Pray for him every day.
- 2) Occasionally, send a card or note encouraging him and let him know that you are praying for him.
- 3) Remember him especially on his birthday with a card/note.
- 4) Invite him to a Serra meeting if you know that he will be in town for the summer or breaks.
- 5) Keep the same man throughout his seminary career, and be there for his ordination.

VOCATIONS

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PRAY ALWAYS

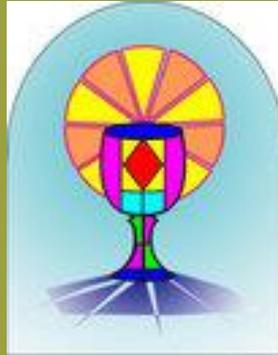
Almighty God, your Son Jesus told us to pray for vocations since the harvest is great and the laborers are few. Help all of us who center our Catholic lives in word and sacrament to be active promoters of vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The ministry of identifying and nurturing vocations belongs to each member of each family in our parish families. May we all accept this mission from Jesus with the determination that comes from faith. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Ministers for Serra Masses

Lectors

EMs

- OCT 4 Maureen Neglia 1st Reading  
Nancy Ivary,  
Psalms & Prayers
- OCT 18 Loretta Callopy, 1st Reading  
Jim Briscoe,  
Psalms & Prayers
- NOV 1 Nancy Ivary, 1st Reading  
Maureen Neglia,  
Psalm & Prayers



- Matt Ivary, Host  
Joe Neglia, Cup  
Betty Padilla, Cup
- John Perample, Host  
Chic Ryan, Cup  
Raul Serna, Cup
- Patty Baer, Host  
Betty Padilla, Cup  
Thelma Tavera, Cup

“Always forward, never back!”  
Saint Junipero Serra



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