

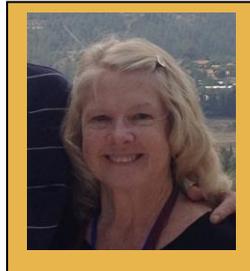
A Voice for Vocations

December 2016

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



PREZ SEZ
Anne Champagne, President



Officer Roster 2016-2017

President Anne Champagne
Pres- Elect Beverly Truzzolino
Treasurer Ed Haske
Programs Patty Baer
Vocations Carol & Phil Frank
John Le Duc
Hospitality Open
Membership Beverly Truzzolino
Communications Nancy Ivary
Rec. Secretary Brigid Noonan
Corres Sec Carol DeFeo
Sergeant-at-Arms Joe Costanza
Trustees: Jim Baer
Maureen Neglia
Chic Ryan

Chaplain:
Fr. Felix Just, SJ

Spiritual Advisor:
Sr. Nadine McGuiness, CSJ

District 127 Governor:
Matt Ivary

Upcoming Events

DEC 6: MEETING
Speaker: Judy Cozzens,
Pres-Elect US Council Serra
International
Topic: Vocation activities

DEC 11: Christmas Party

JAN 3: MEETING
Speaker: Raul Serna
Topic: Catacombs under St.
Peter's Basilica

JAN 17: MEETING
Speaker: Barbara Casserly
from CRS
Topic: Creation & Social
Justice Issues impacted by
climate change

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.

Keep Christ in Christmas

Recently, I received the following list of suggestions for "Keeping Christ in Christmas" from the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers in the state of New York. Since we are in our preparatory season of Advent, I wanted to share them with you.

1. Use Postage stamps that feature a religious theme.
2. Hang an Advent Calendar and open a window each day.
3. Display your nativity set in a window or on the lawn where others can see it.
4. Place a candle in the window to symbolize the light of Christ. NOTE: Never leave candles burning unattended; electric candles are safer than real was candles.
5. Listen to traditional Christmas carols that honor Christ's birth.
6. Call radio stations and television channels, requesting Christmas carols and stories.
7. Ask stores for religious Christmas wrapping paper and decorations.
8. Read Christmas scripture and stories to children.
9. Purchase a gift, wrap it, and give it to the poor - and encourage a child to do the same.
10. Research and then explain the tradition of the original Christmas Tree.

11. Utilize the Mexican custom of the Posadas, a 9-day celebration, ending on Christmas Eve, symbolizing the trials that Mary and Joseph endured finding a place to stay where Jesus could be born.
12. Use decorations with "Merry Christmas" instead of "Happy Holidays."
13. Have a child place a straw in the crèche for each good deed done as a gift to the Baby Jesus during Advent.
14. Pray for the young, so that when they become adults, they will not regard Christmas as just another holiday free from work.

Keep Christ in Christmas and share the message of Peace, Love, and Hope throughout the Advent Season with your Loved Ones, Family, and Friends.



Club News

Kathy Robinson spoke to our group on November 1. She related how she and David came to adopt a seminarian. That seminarian who was ordained to the priesthood in June is Fr. Quyen Truong. Some eight years ago, she was approached by Msgr. Tuan about hosting a seminarian from Hanoi. During an interview with Fr. John Neneman, they learned that the diocese had some expectations while the seminarian was living with them. First, speak English; second, allow him to be a part of the family, and share in their normal lives. Having his own bedroom and sharing meals together were also important. During the course of his stay with the Robinsons, Fr. Quyen was able to do some things that he had never done before. He had never eaten steak or gone shopping; he had never received a birthday or Christmas present. In coming to the US, he underwent many cultural changes. Fr. Quyen requested that he read the daily readings and we would correct his English. Within days, he was not only reading them; they were discussing the historical perspective. David became Quyen's first teacher for the Liturgy of the Hours. After attending daily Mass, Quyen took 3 buses to get to the language school in Fullerton. Kathy shared many memories and experiences of their time with Fr. Quyen. She and David were blessed to be in the right place at the right time so they could say yes to welcoming Quyen into their lives.

On November 15, John Straw provided an informative presentation on Concern America. Though he has worked for this international development organization since 1997, he currently serves as the Executive Director. Serving in the countries of Guatemala, Mexico, Colombia and Mozambique, 15 field volunteers provide a breadth of support across the political spectrum. Their primary mission is to educate and train the members of a community to provide their own services. Volunteer teachers become teachers and health promoter practitioners train members of their community to be their own health care providers. Environmental health is another aspect of their work. Getting clean water in many areas can be challenging. When a water source is located, the community must design a system to get the water to the home, so there can simply be one faucet in the home. They also assist in building fuel efficient or solar stoves, which are used for cooking.

Other areas of focus include HIV/AIDS Education and Prevention and Income generation. It is not unusual for someone to walk two days to obtain medicines to bring back to their community. Volunteers work with a community to start a cooperative, where various crafts are made. Concern America purchases these crafts from the cooperatives, thereby providing a steady source of income for mostly women. Crafts are then sold in their Santa Ana office, various craft sales throughout Orange County or online. Check out concernamerica.org.



Save the Date!

Serra club Christmas Party

December 11th - - 3pm to 6pm

Hosted by Dan and Beverly Truzzolino



December 3 Nancy Ivary

December 11 Patty Baer

On November 13, St. Norbert's held their Ministry Fair. Serra members volunteered to be at our Serra booth. Thank you to all those who helped in this effort.



Betty & Manny Padilla



*Carol & Bob DeFeo
Anne Champagne*

VOCATION

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

- DEC 6 Maureen Neglia, 1st Reading
Nancy Ivary,
Psalm & Prayers
- DEC 20 NO MEETING
- JAN 3 ST. CECILIA'S



EMs

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

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



Carol DeFeo
608 S. Breezy Way
Orange, CA 92869

