

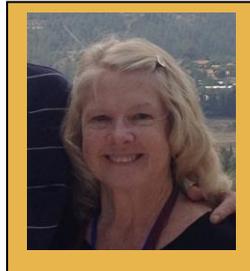
A Voice for Vocations

February 2017

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



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Upcoming Events

FEB 7: MEETING
Speaker: Brenda Walters
Topic: Resources for the unemployed

FEB 21: MEETING
Speaker: Laura Caraccio
Topic: Calcutta experience with Mother Teresa

MAR 4: Day of Recollection

MAR 7: MEETING
Speaker: Gloria Suess
Topic: Mary's Kitchen

MAR 19: St. John's Seminary Bus Trip

Love: Reflections

As the onslaught of marketing ads for Valentine's Day begins, we are reminded on a daily basis through the media, what our requirements are to express love. Perhaps, instead, we might reflect on a few excerpts from Amoris Laetitia, the Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis, with his reflections on love, from a Catholic perspective. This may provide food for thought as we discern our path, and our understanding and expressing of Christian love. Here are a few excerpts:

LOVE IS PATIENT

"Being patient does not mean letting ourselves be constantly mistreated, tolerating physical aggression or allowing other people to use us. We encounter problems whenever we think that relationships or people ought to be perfect. Or when we put ourselves at the center and expect things to turn out our way. Then everything makes us impatient, everything makes us react aggressively. Unless we cultivate patience, we will always find excuses for responding angrily. We will end up incapable of living together, antisocial, unable to control our impulses, and our families will become battlegrounds.Patience takes root when I recognize that other people also have a right to live in this world, just as they are. It does not matter if they hold me back, if they

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unsettle my plans, or annoy me by the way they act or think, or if they are not everything I want them to be. Love always has an aspect of deep compassion that leads to accepting the other person as part of this world, even when he or she acts differently than I would like."

LOVE IS NOT BOASTFUL

"It is important for Christians to show their love by the way they treat family members who are less knowledgeable about the faith, weak or less sure in their convictions. At times the opposite occurs: the supposedly mature believers within the family become unbearably arrogant. Love, on the other hand, is marked by humility; if we are to understand, forgive and serve others from the heart, our pride has to be healed and our humility must increase. Jesus told his disciples that in a world where power prevails, each tries to dominate the other, but "it shall not be so among you". (Mt 20:26) The inner logic of Christian love is not about importance and power; rather, "whoever would be first among you must be your slave". (Mt 20:27) In family life, the logic of domination and competition about who is the most intelligent or powerful destroys love. St. Peter's admonition also applies to the family: "Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for 'God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble'". (1 PT 5:5)

Club News

Raul Serna was our guest speaker on January 3. He entertained us with details about the many sights that he and his wife Irene undertook on their 8 week European vacation. Pilgrimages led by Fr. Bao Nguyen to Fatima and Lourdes were included. The funds for the new underground basilica at Fatima were provided by donations from pilgrims. A special highlight of their trip included a Scavi tour at the Vatican. Here they were able to see the catacombs below St. Peter's Basilica. They learned that Pope Pius XII wanted to be buried in the catacombs, but there were already 90 popes entombed there. So a request was made to excavate to a lower level. Permission was granted and it was then that they discovered a red wall covered with dirt and graffiti. It was later determined in 1968 that this is where St. Peter was buried. The pope declared that these bones were indeed Peter's because he had a special disease known only to fisherman and his feet were missing.

Raul in St. Peter's Basilica



*Save the Date
Bus trip to St. John's
Seminary
March 19, 2017*



Barbara Casserly from Catholic Relief Services spoke with our group on January 17. Barbara is the new Regional Development Director for CRS and she enlightened us about this organization which had its beginnings in 1943; they assist primarily in disaster relief situations. Their mission has taken them to 101 countries, serving millions of people around the world. Many years ago, CRS addressed the AIDS epidemic and succeeded in getting it under control. The staff of CRS provide internships where they work with partners and technical advisers to determine the best practices, particularly in areas prone to disaster. It is their goal to strengthen these areas and then move on. When a typhoon hit the Philippines and coffee farmers in Central America experienced coffee rust, CRS was there. One of the goals of CRS is to raise awareness among American Catholics; the rice bowls that we see during Lent are one such example. The domestic counterpart of CRS in the United States is Catholic Charities.

***Important Reminder
During renovations at the
Motherhouse, please check the
location of our Mass and
meeting.***

Meet our newest members.



Rosemarie Tsutsumi has been a member of St. Cecilia's since 1980. My late husband and I raised two daughters; one lives in Tustin and the other in San Francisco. I am semi-retired, having worked as an assistant teacher for various Montessori pre-schools. For the past 25 years, I have been involved with childcare during the 9 and 11 AM Masses on Sunday. I enjoy reading, crafts, gardening and the outdoors and I also volunteer at the OC animal shelter.



Carl Manning was born in Port Huron, Michigan. I graduated from Southern Methodist University with a BSEE in 1961. Shortly thereafter, I relocated to California, where I began a 37 year career at Rockwell International. I have been married to my lovely wife, Mary Ellen for 49 years. Together we raised three children, Cathy, Greg and Andrew and I am the proud grandpa of six children. I have been a member of Holy Family for many years. I currently serve as a Eucharistic Minister and am also involved with St. Vincent de Paul.



February 13 - Barbara Caraccio

February 18 - Ruth Sallot

February 27 - Joe Costanza

Reception with Greg Schwietz, President Serra USA on January 23, hosted by Nancy & Matt Ivary.



Serra Clubs Lenten Day of Recollection
 Saturday, March 4, 2017
 8:00 am—1:00 pm



Presented by Fr. Felix Just, SJ
 Director - Loyola Institute for Spirituality

Theme: "Lead us not into temptation"
 Letting Jesus help us in times of trial and testing

Location: St. Joseph Center Mother Louis Room 480 S. Batavia St. Orange, CA 92868	Highlights: 8:00 - Continental Breakfast 9:00 - Fr. Felix - Speaker 11:15 - Mass in Chapel 12 PM - Lunch
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\$25 per person
 Contact: Anne Champagne
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All are welcome!

VOCATION

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PRAY ALWAYS

Lord Jesus, when you call, who can turn away? We have received life from your Father. Now you ask for lives in return, calling for dedicated men and women to surrender their lives in service to your people. Bless us with an abundance of priests, brothers, sisters, deacons, and lay ministers. Make the will of your Father known to those who are contemplating a life of religious ministry. Send the Holy Spirit to open their minds and hearts, that they may accept the challenge of building Your Kingdom. Finally, Lord, bless those who are already at work in Your vineyard. Strengthen them in body and spirit and in their resolve to serve. Bless their labors with rich harvests. Amen.

Ministers for Serra Masses

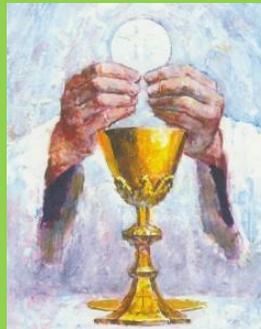
Lectors

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FEB 7 ST. CECILIA'S 6:30 AM

FEB 21 HOLY FAMILY 7 AM
Maureen Neglia

MAR 7 HOLY FAMILY 7 AM



Host Patty Baer
Cup Thelma Tavera
Cup Betty Padilla

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



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