

A Voice for Vocations

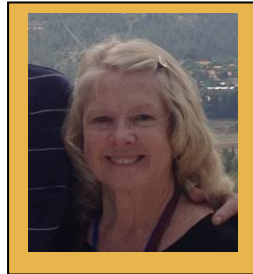
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Our Mission... to foster, affirm and promote vocations to the priesthood, religious life, diaconate, and all ministries in the Catholic Church, and through this support of all ministries, to deepen our members' personal faith lives.

Our Lady of Fatima 100 years

This month marked the 100 year anniversary of the vision of Our Lady of Fatima in 1917. Below is an excerpt from an article written by Cardinal Ratzinger (prior to becoming Pope Benedict XVI) from the EWTN website which interprets the "secret" of Fatima.

"I would just like to recall briefly the most significant point. For one terrible moment, the children were given a vision of hell. They saw the fall of "the souls of poor sinners". And now they are told why they have been exposed to this moment: "in order to save souls" - to show the way to salvation. The words of the First Letter of Peter come to mind: "As the outcome of your faith you obtain the salvation of your souls" (1:9) To reach this goal, the way indicated - surprisingly for people from the Anglo Saxon and German cultural world, is devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. A brief comment may suffice to explain this. In biblical language, the "heart" indicates the centre of human life, the point where reason, will, temperament and sensitivity converge, where the person finds his unity and his interior orientation. According to Matthew 5:8, the "immaculate heart" is a heart which, with God's grace, has come to perfect interior unity and therefore "sees God". To be "devoted to the Immaculate Heart of Mary means therefore to embrace this attitude of heart, which makes the fiat - "your will be done" the defining centre of

one's whole life. It might be objected that we should not place a human being between ourselves and Christ. But then we remember that Paul did not hesitate to say to his communities: "imitate me" (1 Cor 4:16; Phil 3:17; 1 Th 1:6, 2 Th 3:7, 9). In the Apostle they could see concretely what it meant to follow Christ. But from whom might we better learn in every age than from the Mother of the Lord?

To read more:

www.ewtn.com/fatima



Upcoming Events

JUNE 6: MEETING

Speaker: Sister Nadine

Topic: Stages of confidence in the vows that we profess

JUNE 10: Priesthood Ordination

JUNE 20: MEETING

Speaker: Fr. Don Gorski

Topic: His journey

JULY 4: NO MEETING HAPPY 4th

JULY 18: MEETING

Speaker: Michael Hoolihan

Topic: His journey into the seminary

Club News

Serrans got a wonderful presentation about the energy needs of our world at City Club's May 2nd meeting. [Tim Champagne Ph.D.](#) discussed the potential sources of energy to power our world's needs as we grow in population and energy use over the next thirty years to 2050. He added up all the different [sources of energy](#); such a petroleum, coal, gas, nuclear, hydro, wind and solar, to talk about the total power these sources currently produce for the world today. Sixteen Terawatts - or 16 Trillion watts if you prefer. Tim cited projections that by 2050 world power needs will double. So, he asked, what will be the future energy sources for doubling our current power needs. He handed out light bulbs with 16 Terawatts written on them to remind us of our current use status and our future shortfall.

We started using [fossil fuels around 1850](#), and today we are dealing with significant pollution issues. We can keep doing what we have done in the past or look for a better solution. After walking us through our current technologies, and considering what reasonable improvements in efficiency could be achieved, the conclusion is that simple expansion of what we do today will never get us to the 2050 energy goal. We need a paradigm shift in how we produce and deliver energy throughout the world such as point of use power generation. This is nothing less than changing from horse and buggy to the automobile.

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Fr. John Moneypenny was our guest speaker on May 16. The Vocation Director for the Diocese of Orange for the last five years, he provided an update on the state of vocations in our diocese. He reports that we are doing very well; we have been blessed to have men entering the seminary from within our own diocese. Whereas six years ago, 47% of the presbyterate were Vietnamese, today the breakdown is as follows: 25% Vietnamese, 25% Hispanic, 25% Anglo and 25% Korean. God willing, it is expected that six men will be ordained in June. The period of discernment takes place over seven years. Why so long? It is a relationship to make sure they have a sense of what being a priest is all about.

Currently, the Diocese has 34 seminarians located in six different seminaries in Rome, Toronto, Mexico City and the United States. The seminaries in the US are St. John's in Camarillo, Mt. Angel in Oregon and St. Patrick's in Menlo Park. In order to enter the seminary, one must be sponsored by the Bishop of the Diocese. The generosity of PSA and the Orange Catholic Foundation sustains the cost of educating the seminarians.

Fr. John reminded us to pray for families so they in turn pray for their children who may wish to discern a vocation. Consider planting a seed.

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Tim pointed to the maturing [Hydrogen fuel cell](#) technology, currently being offered in cars by Toyota, Honda and Ford, as our best hope for achieving the 32 Terawatt goal by 2050. The hydrogen fuel cell uses electric current to convert water to Hydrogen and Oxygen; that in turn is used as fuel to power an engine as needed. All other traditional energy options have negative environmental impacts. The only "exhaust" from a hydrogen fuel cell cycle is water. So, the question we must ask is what technology will provide the electric current to power a fuel cell. An electric battery can power a car but what is the source of the energy to charge the battery? The obvious answer is the Sun.

Solar Powered Hydrogen Fuel Cells, located at our homes and all points of use, could eliminate the need for distribution systems from the central power plant over time. This new combination of technologies requires development and political will. It requires us to recognize the truth of the world's situation today and commitment to solving energy problems.

[Pope Frances' encyclical on the environment](#), encourages us to respect and care for our world. We need to embrace technologies that offer the best hope for us to leave a better planet to future generations.

Written by Matt Ivary

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
Joe Costanza
Michael Feeney
Theresa Morris
Kathy Robinson*



June 25 - Matt Ivary

*Something to think about...
Who can I invite to a future
Serra meeting?
How can I promote vocations?*

*Serra Installation - May 16
Board members renewed their
commitment*



VOCATION

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PRAY ALWAYS

Heavenly Father, bless your Church with an abundance of holy and zealous priests, deacons, brothers and sisters. Give those you have called to the married state and those you have chosen to live as single persons in the world, the special graces that their lives require. Form us all in the likeness of your Son so that in Him, with Him and through Him we may love you more deeply and serve you more faithfully, always and everywhere. With Mary we ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Ministers for Serra Masses

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JUNE 6	PRAYER SERVICE Sister Nadine
JUNE 20	HOLY FAMILY 7 AM Loretta Callopy
JULY 18	HOLY FAMILY 7 AM Nancy Ivary



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



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