

A Voice for Vocations

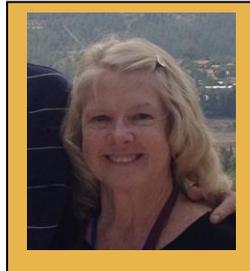
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Serra Club City of Orange
Region 11, District 127, Charter 643



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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.

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Serrans Celebrate!

On August 28, 2017, Serrans from all three clubs joined in celebration of our recently ordained priests for the Diocese of Orange.

We were blessed in the fact that 5 of the 6 newly ordained were able to join us, as well as one ordained priest from last year, who, unfortunately, had missed the celebration in 2016 due to his early return to Rome, in order to complete his studies.

What a magnificent evening! We express many thanks to Maureen Kosinski, Nancy and Matt Ivary for putting together a beautiful evening, over which our Vocation director for the Diocese of Orange, Fr. John Moneypenny, presided.

We began with Mass concelebrated by Fr. John and all five of the recently ordained, all taking place in the "Chapel in the Sky" on the Christ Cathedral campus. As you can see from the photos on the right, the chapel was like a "little bit of heaven" with a view overlooking the "Diocese of Orange" as Fr. John pointed out in his homily.

What a joyful harvest for us at Serra!!!! Seeing our mission "in the flesh" so to speak!!!

The priests reminded us that no vocations take place in a vacuum, but develop within families and communities of the faithful.

They profusely thanked us for all we do and especially for our prayers!!

The Chapel in the Sky at Christ Cathedral



Mass was concelebrated by all 5 recently ordained w/Fr. John Moneypenny presiding



Upcoming Events

SEPT 5: MEETING
Speaker: Fr. Michael Khong
Topic: His vocation story

SEPT 11: Golf Tournament

SEPT 19: MEETING
Speaker: Sister Nadine
Topic: TBA

OCT 3: MEETING
Speaker: Fr. Nicolaus Thai
Topic: His vocation story

OCT 29: Priesthood Sunday

Please see more photos of the event's highlights on page 3!

Club News

Ian Gaston spoke to our group on August 1. He began his presentation with a prayer from the Magnificat. He hoped that he might inspire us with his words. Raised as a Catholic at St. Norbert's he admits that he drew closer to his faith in high school. A priest's comment about thinking about the priesthood may have begun his period of discernment. At the end of his sophomore year in college, he was unsure that he would return. He kept asking the Lord what he wanted him to do. The decision was made to go into the seminary because he believed that was what God wanted him to do. But he wasn't sure he wanted to do so. Entering Mt Angel in the spring of 2016 was admittedly difficult. There was no orientation and his prayer life wasn't strong. Questioning his readiness, he followed through and did as his duties required and he discovered that God provided the grace that he needed. World Youth Day in the summer of 2016 was a key moment in his life. He realized that by saying yes, going to daily Mass and saying his prayers, he slowly built his devotion. He remembers the Responsorial Psalm during the summer - "I have called Lord and you have answered." Ian's response was that he knew the Lord wanted him in the seminary. He believed that God was getting rid of everything that was in his way. He admits that his desire to be a priest began a semester after he entered the seminary. He found seminary life so much easier once the desire was there. He concluded his deeply personal story by praising God for what He has done for him.



At our meeting on August 15, 2017, our speaker was seminarian, Joe Squillaciotti. Joe had visited our Serra group back in 2012, where he had spoken about the architecture of the new Christ Cathedral. At that time, Joe was not a seminarian; as you can see, a lot can change in a 5-year period, because now, Joe is on target to be ordained as a deacon for the Diocese of Orange as early as next year. Below are a few excerpts from his address to our group.

Joe opened with the fact that he is the second oldest seminarian for the Diocese of Orange. His home parish is Holy Family Cathedral. He began his vocation story in 2006. His recollection was that the first call probably was as far back as sometime in the 2nd grade.

Joe's area of interest is his love for the liturgy; that's what drew him in. His love for liturgy not only allowed him to enrich his own spiritual life, but to bring God to others.

After a series of different choices that he now perceives as "excuses", he had the good fortune to be filling in during Holy Week, although that was during the time that the liturgy had undergone major changes. As Msgr Doug Cook was at the altar on the Easter vigil, with Joe nearby, he realized that this was where he belonged!

He did not pursue the youth minister position any further, as he was very clear that he, in fact, had a vocation to the priesthood. When he told his Mom, she cried and said to him "it's about time!" Everyone seemed to know that he was being called even before he did! It was a joy to hear his story and we thank him for his generosity of spirit in sharing these experiences and much more. Joe should be ordained as a priest in 2019, barring anything unexpected!! Please keep Joe in your daily prayers!

Ordinati Dinner - August 28

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Meet five of the new priests of the Diocese of Orange. Matt Ivary, District Governor, presented them with photos taken with the Bishops of Orange.

Left to right: Rev. Tony Park, Rev. Timothy Donovan, Matt Ivary, Rev. Michael Khong, Rev. Phung Nguyen and Rev. Tuan Pham.



All five of the recently ordained priests addressed all those in attendance, and each had a different perspective on their journey and their ministry-it was captivating to hear their stories!



Who might you invite to one of our Serra gatherings?

Ordinati Dinner



*September 11 - Lynn Haske
September 12 - Carl Manning*

Please remember to pray for our Serra Club members who are facing some health challenges.

*Joe Costanza
Michael Feeney
Theresa Morris*

Rest in Peace John Perample

Vocation Prayer

2017

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

- SEPT 5 Beverly Truzzolino
- SEPT 19 Jim Daze
- OCT 3 Loretta Callopy



EMs

- Patty Baer Host
- Bob De Feo Cup
- Carol De Feo Cup
- Matt Ivary Host
- Carl Manning Cup
- Joe Neglia Cup
- Chic Ryan Host
- Betty Padilla Cup
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“Always forward, never back!”
Saint Junipero Serra



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