

# A Voice for Vocations

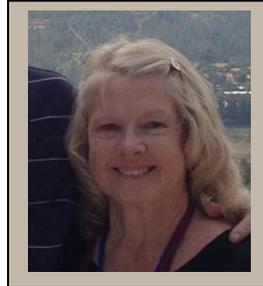
October 2017

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



## PREZ SEZ

Anne Champagne, President



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2016-2017

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Fr. Nicolaus Thai

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Sr. Louise Ann Micek, CSJ

#### District 127 Governor:

Matt Ivary

### Upcoming Events

OCT 3: **MEETING**  
Speaker: Fr. Nicolaus Thai

OCT 17: **MEETING**  
Speaker: Mike Manhardt  
Topic: Evangelization

OCT 29: **Priesthood Sunday**

NOV 7: **MEETING**  
Speaker: Deacon Stan  
Necikowski  
Topic: Living our Catholic  
faith

November 4-11 **National  
Vocation Awareness Week**

NOV 30: **Taize Prayer @ The  
Motherhouse 7pm**  
**SAVE THE DATE:**  
**Christmas Party-Dec 10**

### Jesus' Compassion

In September this year, our news has been dominated with much tragedy, most of which has been weather-related, in the form of hurricanes, floods and earthquakes. When we hear of events like these, we naturally have much compassion for the people involved, trying to empathize with what they are going through, praying for them and helping in any way that we are called by God. Fr. Michael Khong, in his homily on September 19<sup>th</sup> talked about the compassion and mercy of Jesus, as our gospel that day told the story of Jesus and the widow in Nain, whose son had just died. A large crowd was following Jesus...."when the Lord saw her, he was moved with pity for her and said to her, "Do not weep." He then proceeded to touch the coffin and utter the words "Young man, I tell you, arise!" At that the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother."

In this story, we are witnesses to Jesus' example of offering help to this widow in need. Although, we are not capable of raising anyone from the dead, we most certainly can follow Jesus' perfect example in reaching out to those around us, both friends and strangers, when they have needs that are within our abilities to offer assistance. This can take many forms. As Catholics, we must not shy away .....

**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.

(Below) Fr. Michael Khong presiding at Mass at the Sacred Heart Chapel at St. Joseph's on September 19, 2017



from these opportunities.

At our meeting following our Mass, Sr. Nadine really helped us to "flesh out" what it means to be of help as it related to immigrants. The action plan was called "REACHES" which was an acronym for all the ways that we can be of help when we are moved to action by seeing people that are suffering. They are:

**R**ESOURCES  
**E**DUCTION  
**A**DVOCACY  
**C**ONVENING  
**H**OSPITALITY  
**E**NGAGEMENT  
**S**PIRITUALITY

Sr. Nadine urged us to review our talents and our abilities and see in what areas we could be of help...All we need to do is pray about it and be willing to step up!

*Club Newz*

Fr. Michael Khong was our guest speaker on September 5. He was just ordained in June and his first assignment is at St. John Neumann in Irvine. The youngest of eleven children, he admits that at the age of 10, someone tapped him on the shoulder and told him he would become a priest one day. But that day would not come until many years later. When he came to the U.S. in 1993, money, power and women were the most important things to him. He had stopped going to church. Today he talks about how our Lord was patient with him and messages were sent, but he wasn't ready to listen. He hit rock bottom in 2005 and lost everything - his house, his car and his girlfriend. Fifteen years of not going to church had left him feeling empty. Gambling, sports and credit card debt were problematic. Questioning his own identity, he became suicidal and depressed. The problem as he describes it was that "Christ was not in me".

In May, 2005, he walked to St. Columban's for Adoration Hour. Realizing that he did not know how to pray, he spoke with our Lord and told Him that he would follow Him. He witnessed God's love and mercy and had his first night of peaceful sleep in several years. When he went to Confession, the confessor asked him if he ever thought of being a priest. He began a three year period of discernment; he felt unworthy, but was advised by a priest to not be afraid of his past life. Instead, be a witness of God's love and mercy. He was accepted into the seminary in 2007 and began a ten year period of formation. It was a period of ups and downs. Today, he is very grateful to God for the gift of life and priesthood. Fr. Michael is very grateful for the prayers. It is the best gift that you can give us.

*Club Newz*

On September 19, Sister Nadine McGuinness, CSJ engaged us in conversation about our response to the immigration crisis. She posed the question - how can we be a sign of reconciliation in our broken world? She reminded us that reconciliation is a two way street. Using the REACHES Action Plan that was referred to on page 1, Sr. offered several questions and/or comments which were the basis for small group discussions.

- 1) What materials could I provide for others?
- 2) Learn something new
- 3) What can I say on behalf of someone else?
- 4) Gather together and have a meeting.
- 5) What can I do to make others more comfortable?
- 6) Pay attention to others; treat each person with respect.
- 7) Share our love of God - our experience of God's graciousness in our lives.

Sr. encouraged us to be instruments of peace. We were given time to reflect on the Prayer of St. Francis. In summation, we were reminded to be the Light of Christ in our world.



In preparation for November when we pray for the repose of the souls of those who have left this earth before us... Please make sure to fill out a prayer request card at our next meeting on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. We want to make sure that we do not miss any requests for prayers for the faithful departed at our Mass in November.

Listed below are the names that we have thus far:

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|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| William Ames                | James Loria            |
| Bill Brandenberger          | Michael Mariotti       |
| Jim Callopy                 | Mary McAnena           |
| Margaret & Jim Callopy, Sr. | Francis McCready       |
| Marge De Clue               | Tillie McCready        |
| Frank DeFeo                 | Archie McKelvey        |
| Linda DeFeo                 | Heidi Muth             |
| Mary DeFeo                  | Thomas Noonan          |
| Rick Doty                   | John & Peggy Perample  |
| Bob Elliott                 | Rita & Ralph Peterson  |
| Don Exner                   | Frances Schroer        |
| Shura Fodeff                | Carol Shaw             |
| Dorothy Frank               | Frank & Irene Sowitch  |
| Philip Frank, Sr.           | Frank & Linda Sowitch  |
| Gilbert Frankeny            | Dick Sues              |
| Isabel Frankeny             | Daniel Truzzolino, Sr. |
| Isaac & Stella John         | Marion Truzzolino      |
| Bob Kost                    | Ray Vidal              |
| August & Muriel Kost        |                        |



*October 15 - Jim Baer*  
*October 18 - Ed Haske*  
*October 27 - Theresa Morris*

Our thanks goes out to Maureen Kosinski who organized the Golf Tournament on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Below she is announcing the winners of “foursome”, closest to the pin and longest drive, etc.



Below are the happy foursome that took second place overall in the tournament. They are (top, left to right) John Welter, Brad Gross and (bottom, left to right) John Neglia and Charlie Cassidy. It was a great day, with 81 golfers participating and dinner was delicious!



# Vocation Prayer

# 2017

# Pray Always

Heavenly Father, Your Divine Son taught us to pray to the Lord of the harvest, to send laborers into his vineyard. Bless our families and our children, and choose from our homes those whom You desire for this holy work. Teach them to respond generously and keep them ever faithful in following Your Son, Jesus Christ; that under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and with the intercession and inspiration of St. Junipero Serra the good news may be brought to all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lectors

## Ministers for Serra Masses

EMs

OCT 3            Loretta Callopy

OCT 17           Nancy Ivary

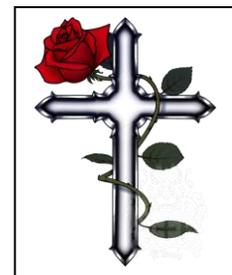
NOV 7            St. Cecilia at 6:30



Chic Ryan            Host  
Betty Padilla        Cup  
Raul Serna            Cup

Bob De Feo           Host  
Patty Baer            Cup  
Anne Champagne    Cup

“Always forward, never back!”  
Junipero Serra



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