

A Voice for Vocations

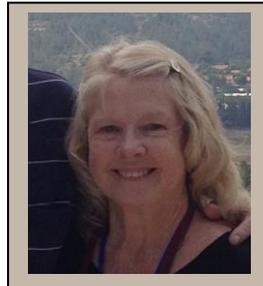
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Serra Club City of Orange
Region 11, District 127, Charter 643



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Upcoming Events

JAN 16: MEETING

Speakers: Board Members
Topic: Job descriptions of Serra Officers

Serra US Rally
January 11 thru 14, 2018
Phoenix, Arizona

FEB 6: Fat Tuesday Potluck

Speakers: Londa Woods
Topic: Jail ministry

SAVE THE DATE: Feb 10

Day of Recollection
Fr. David Robinson, S.J.
St. Joseph Center, Orange

FEB 20: MEETING

Speaker: Deacon Bill Weeks
Topic: his Diaconate journey

Topic: Discernment

It is not uncommon when the topic of our spirituality comes up for us to hear the word "discernment". Possibly this term might represent different things to different people. Because, as Serrans, we are called to personal holiness, I thought it would be in our collective best interests, to follow up on a suggestion by our Spiritual Advisor, Sr. Louise Ann Micek, CSJ, and to explore this topic of discernment more fully. When considering how this might be accomplished, the thought came to mind that we would soon be having our annual "Day of Recollection" early in 2018, which "springboards" us into our Lenten Journey, and as you may know, Ash Wednesday falls early on the calendar for next year.

Quoting from author Tim Muldoon's book "The Ignatian Workout: Daily spiritual exercises for a healthy faith", he says: "Ignatius counseled that the key to the spiritual life, listening to God's will is "discernment". Discernment is a process in which we look at the different experiences we encounter in prayer and distinguish what is leading us toward God from what is leading us away from God.

An important theme in discernment is that it must involve more than just an immediate reaction to our prayer. Sometimes we will encounter painful times. Discernment helps us to understand how on occasion we must confront pain in order to grow, but it also helps us to recognize the times when the pain is too much for us and we must seek help. As you probably already know, the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) are most knowledgeable in this area of discernment. Thus, we have invited Fr.

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.

David Robinson, SJ to be our featured speaker at our annual Day of Recollection, which will take place on February 10, 2018. I would encourage you to make your friends and family members aware of this event as I believe it may just be life-changing for some people seeking to understand how to follow God's will for their lives. This event is not limited to just Serrans, but open to everyone, and the cost is a suggested donation, not a requirement for attendance on that day. As Serrans, we embrace the opportunity to deepen our members' personal faith lives, and would love to share this message with as many faith-filled people as possible!

Spread the Word!

Serra Clubs Lenten Day of Recollection

Saturday, February 10, 2018

8:30 am - 1:00 pm



Presented by Fr. David Robinson, SJ
Loyola Institute for Spirituality

Theme: Mature Discernment in an Uncertain Age

Location:
St. Joseph Center
480 S. Batavia
Orange, CA 92868

\$25 per person

All are welcome!

Highlights:

8:30 - Registration + Breakfast
Mother Louis Room
9:00 - Fr. David - Speaker
11:15 - Mass in Chapel
12 PM - Lunch

Contact: Anne Champagne
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Club Newz

On December 5, we had the pleasure of hearing from three guest speakers from L'Arche Wavecrest Home in Orange. Jim Morgan is the Executive Director, Chris Friedman is one of the founding core members and Denis Garvey can often be found supporting their ministry in various ways. Persons with intellectual disabilities live in community with those persons who assist them. There is a shared responsibility in this home which has been in existence for thirteen years. Presently there are 7 people living in the home, which is spiritually based. A prayer meeting takes place on the first Monday of the month and everyone goes to church on Sunday. The second Saturday of the month is a time for community gathering. Anyone from the community is invited to stop by and visit and spend time with members of the home. They have established relationships with the education departments of several universities and maintain many partnerships with faith based organizations. L'Arche is an international federation of approximately 150 communities spread over 40 countries. Founded in 1964 in France, its mission was to establish long-term communities made up of persons with developmental disabilities and those who assist them. Two key founding members are Jean Vanier and Henri Nouwen.

*New Serra Club Member**Jeanne Warren*

In order for our members to get better acquainted with our newest club member, we have asked that she prepare a brief bio. Please read below about our newest member Jeanne Warren.

My name is Jeanne Michele Cook. This is my story. I was born on July 31, 1946 in Chelsie, Massachusetts, a suburb just outside of Boston. My father was a Chief Warrant Officer in the United States Navy and we lived in the Officers' Quarters. We moved a lot with my Dad in the Navy. He grew up on a farm in Macon County, Georgia.

He never finished High School until he got into the Navy and got a G.E.D. He met my mother through a friend, when she was about ready to graduate from nursing school. They fell in love and got married. My mother was born in Fort Madison, Iowa.

I came along about a year and a half later. I have one brother who is approximately 8 years younger than me.

I grew up going to school in Kansas City, Missouri from kindergarten through eighth grade. The first 13 years of my life, I was Southern Baptist. Then at 14 my mother decided that we should become Methodists. So, we joined a United Methodist Episcopal Church. I decided to try different churches when I grew up. I guess at the time, I didn't really realize that I was searching for the church that was originally started by Jesus Christ, or if there was such a church. I decided one day that I believed in God still.

Jeanne's interesting biography will be continued in the February edition of our newsletter.....Please watch for it!

Christmas Party at the Ivarys' home - Photos



This photo above is of our Chaplain, Fr. Nicolaus Thai . He received the Serrans' Christmas gift of a set of vestments with the Serra International emblem for Orange County's Diocese – These were personally made for him by our own Serran, Kathy Robinson! Her workmanship was absolutely beautiful, and Father Nicolaus seemed very pleased!



Sr. Louise Ann, our Spiritual Advisor, was pleasantly surprised by our Serrans' thoughtful Christmas gift of a beautiful pastel pink sweater along with a cream-colored cardigan to wear over it on these chilly mornings in California. Sr. Louise Ann has been so helpful to our club in 2017 and we wanted to show our appreciation!

Vocation Prayer

2018

Pray Always

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

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.

Lectors

Ministers for Serra Masses

EMs

JAN 16 St. Cecilia at 6:30

FEB 6 St. Cecilia at 6:30

FEB 20 St. Cecilia at 6:30



“Always forward, never back!”
Junipero Serra



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