

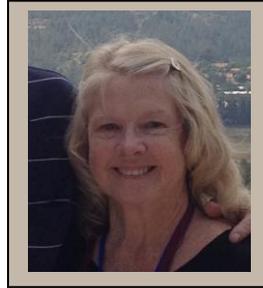
A Voice for Vocations

April 2018

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



PREZ SEZ
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Upcoming Events

APRIL 3: **MEETING**
Speaker: **Loretta Callopy**
Topic: **Easter**

APRIL 17: **MEETING**
Speaker: **Fr. Domenico Di Raimondo**
Topic: **House of Prayer**
Installation of New Serrans

April 22: **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

MAY 1: **MEETING**
Speaker: **Sr. Louise & Sr. Jane DeLisle**
Topic: **Evangelical Vows for All**

SAVE THE DATE:
June 27 thru July 1, 2018
Serra Int'l Convention-
Nashville, TN

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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next faithful generation, witnessing her great zeal and joy for God's work! Our Spiritual Advisor, Sr. Louise Ann Micek, CSJ at one of our meetings a while back reminded us not to miss God's messages of hope and love that we experience through one another on a daily basis.

We were inspired during our trip to St. John's Seminary recently when discovering that currently there are about 100 seminarians in formation there, and spending time with them that day, we realized that they are the future of our Church and the continuation of this great message of hope and promise for our world!

I wish you all the blessings of this next week as we journey together with Jesus, and a blessed Easter Sunday! This mission that we, at Serra, work on together (as part of our personal call to holiness) gives us great joy, and, I hope, also spreads the joy of Easter to all those that we encounter in our daily living.

Easter Joy

As we approach Holy Week next week, when we journey in prayer, and follow Jesus through His Passion and Resurrection, we are reminded of the great joy of His message. Just as the disciples of Jesus found the tomb empty on that first Easter morning, and began to realize what had truly happened, understanding what Jesus had been teaching them throughout His time with them, we too are the recipients of this message of great joy.

In some of the events of the last couple of months, we have also journeyed with Him. God, through many of His ministers, has enlightened us during Lent to understand more fully His promise of joy and hope. Fr. David Robinson, SJ taught us of God's great love for us, and, through practices of Ignatian Spirituality, how to discern what Our Lord is calling us to act upon. This gives us great hope and joy.

Despite constantly hearing of the daily events of our world, which trouble all of us, we are recipients of Jesus' promising message of peace, love and joy!

We have seen such wonderful examples of that promise in the person of some of our visitors to our Serra Club meetings, e.g. Tristen Seagondollar, who visited us and explained some of the great work that is being done in Orange County through "Habitat for Humanity". We were so enthused to witness the embodiment of the



Club Newz

Tristen Seagondollar

The Faith Relations Manager from Habitat for Humanity, Tristen Seagondollar, was our guest speaker on March 6. Tristin describes herself as a baby Catholic. While in college Tristen went on a Search retreat where she began to see Catholicism in a whole new light. Ignatian spirituality became paramount in her life. She started RCIA classes in order to learn and during that period she made the decision to convert to Catholicism. A parishioner at Our Lady Queen of Angels, she was searching for support within the Catholic Church. So she initiated an active young adult ministry at her parish where she played a key role for five years.

Today her mission is at Habitat for Humanity. In her position as the faith relations manager, she works with the Catholic Coalition. The coalition is a group of Orange County Catholic churches which have partnered with Habitat for Humanity to build two affordable homes in Tustin for veteran families. As Tristen explains, it is our desire to have the churches share in the burden of the housing cost. St. Cecilia's in Tustin is proud to be in the Catholic Coalition. Tristen invited us to help build homes with Habitat. Sixty percent of the homes are built by the retirement community. Tristen reminded us that Pope Francis has said that you have to pray for the poor and then go do something.

Club Newz

On March 20, we were honored to have Fr. Glenn Baaten as our guest speaker. Fr. Glenn is from the Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter. This Ordinariate was created by Pope Benedict XVI in 2009. Its members are comprised of former Anglican/Episcopalian priests who have come into full communion with the Roman Catholic Church. Fr. Glenn first accepted Jesus into his life in the summer before he entered 9th grade. After obtaining a linguistics degree from UCLA, he became a Presbyterian pastor in 1998. Deciding that he needed a deeper grounding he entered the Graduate Theological Union Seminary in Cincinnati some five years later. Here he took many philosophy courses; several classes were with Dominicans. Pope John Paul II became his mentor. In 2011, he was ordained an Anglican priest. He has a deep regard for Communion, which changed the nature of his Sunday worship. It is his reverence for Holy Communion which eventually led him to become Catholic. Consequently, in 2016, he was ordained a Roman Catholic priest by Bishop Robert McElroy from the Diocese of San Diego. The mission of their Ordinariate is the founding of churches, ecumenism and evangelization. One of their parishes is Blessed John Henry Newman, located in Irvine. Currently, they have 70 priests and 2/3 of them are married. Fr. Glenn has been married for 34 years and he has 2 adult children. He has previously worked as a carpenter and contractor in the construction industry.



Fr. Glenn Baaten

*Our Newest
Serra Club Member
Cecilia Vu*



Above: Our newest Serra Club member Cecilia Vu posing for a photo in the quad at St. John's Seminary during our recent Bus Trip and tour to the seminary which took place on March 11, 2018. She is accompanied by her two sons, Matthew (left in picture) and Jonathan (right in picture). Cecilia's sons serve Daily Mass at St. Cecilia's Church and they asked many interesting questions during the tour of the chapel and sacristy.

Cecilia' Vu's Biography

My name is Cecilia Vu. I am married with two sons, Matthew 11, and Jonathan 9 years old. I was born in Saigon, Vietnam, and came to the United States of America as a refugee with my parents and one younger brother in 1992 and have resided in Tustin, California since that time. My family has been attending St. Cecilia for 26 years, where I received my Sacrament of Matrimony and where my sons were baptized and received their first Holy Communion.

In my daily work, I am a mother, and a nurse, caring and serving the dying in hospice care since 2005, throughout Orange County. I love to start my day with daily Mass at 6:30am to praise and give thanks to the Lord for another day, which is a gift. I enjoy ministry to the sick as a Eucharistic Minister of the Sick every Sunday, and Legion of Mary Jr. where my family has attended meetings once a month, and I can learn more about Our Blessed Mother Mary. In my free time, I love to cook, and love talking to my sons about the sick, teaching them to pray for the sick. My favorite saint is St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta. I love her quote "do small things with great love".

As I have been attending the Serra Club meetings at St. Cecilia Parish, I feel the fire of love from other Serrans for religious vocations, and, I learn different lessons from all of our visiting speakers who participate in the bi-monthly meetings.

We are blessed to have you Cecilia Vu as our new member in the Serra Club as you are the embodiment of what it is to be a good Serran!

**GOD BLESS YOU ALWAYS, AND,
MAY WE EXTEND OUR WARMEST WELCOME
TO YOU AS A NEW MEMBER IN OUR
CITY OF ORANGE SERRA CLUB!**



April 23 - Rosemarie Tsutsumi

Vocation Prayer

2018

Pray Always

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Heavenly Father, You have asked us to pray for vocations, that there might be young men and women willing to give of themselves for the sake of the Gospel. Hear the prayers of your Church and, through the merits of Your Passion and Death, send an abundance of good and holy priests, religious and other consecrated persons to serve faithfully the people of God. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Set-up

Breakfast Meeting Volunteers

Clean-up

APR 3 Beverly Truzzolino

Betty Padilla
Rosemarie Tsutsumi

APR 17 Maureen Neglia
Joe Neglia

Loretta Callopy
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“Always forward, never back!”
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