

A Voice for Vocations

June 2018



PREZ SEZ
Anne Champagne,
Outgoing President

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

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.

Officer Roster 2018-2020

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Vocations Carol & Phil Frank
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Father Nicolaus Thai
Spiritual Advisor:
Sister Louise Ann Micek, CSJ
Past District 127 Governor:



REFLECTIONS

Traditionally, within our Serra Clubs, when our installation of new officers has been completed, and the new two-year term is beginning, the outgoing president will write a letter of farewell to the members, including reflections upon the previous two years, and aspirations for the future of our club. Our journey has been action-packed and there have been many blessings. My belief is that we have experienced first-hand God's providence as the following events have taken place since June of 2016.

In spring of 2017 Sr. Louise Ann Micek, CSJ agreed to assume duties as our Spiritual Advisor, following the wise recommendation of our previous Spiritual Advisor, Sr. Nadine McGuinness, CSJ. Then last summer, shortly after his assignment as parochial vicar of St. Cecilia Parish, Fr. Nicolaus Thai graciously agreed to be our Chaplain. Fr. Nicolaus soon facilitated the establishing of a "home" for us at St. Cecilia where we could again have Mass followed by our breakfast meetings in the same location. We had been a very "mobile" group prior to those assignments taking place. I have been very appreciative of all our members' generosity and understanding as our "wandering tribe" agreed to host meetings or bring dishes for "potluck." We had made concessions on many levels as we, like the early Christians, gathered together in Jesus' name with our mission clearly understood! Now we've finally settled down in a permanent location.

Everyone's contributions have been nothing short of inspiring as you all have exhibited the loving spirit and resiliency by which Serrans can be recognized.

My memories are very warm of our gatherings in our members' homes, as well as at the Woman's Club of Orange. All became just another chapter of our "Always Forward, Never Back" commitment! God blessed us with the opportunity to closely observe the daughter to our own member Brigid Noonan entering an order as the new Sr. Virtue. We were granted the opportunity to share in the joy of her new vocation, exemplifying our very purpose and mission! Also, in 2017 there were 6 new priests ordained in the Diocese of Orange, and we were able to have an evening with them during which they shared the intimate details of their personal vocation journeys.

Each of us sought to answer our own "call to holiness" as we participated in the many ministries to which we have been called, both through our parishes and within our families. Quoting Pope Francis from his recent exhortation *Gaudete et Exsultate (Rejoice and be Glad)*: "Do not be afraid of holiness. It will take away none of your energy, vitality or joy. On the contrary, you will become what the Father had in mind when he created you, and you will be faithful to your deepest self. To depend on God sets us free from every form of enslavement and leads us to recognize our great dignity. . . To the extent that each Christian grows in holiness, he or she will bear greater fruit for our world. Holiness does not make you less human, since it is an encounter between your weakness and the power of God's grace!" I believe our members have faithfully answered this call to persevere in our efforts to grow in holiness.

Going forward, I plan to serve our club in the capacity of Hospitality Chairperson. I trust that God will guide me in how best to do his will and answer his call. My prayers for all our members are that we will continue to work together, accomplishing our vital mission as stated at the top of this page.

**MAY GOD BLESS EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU.
IT HAS BEEN MY PLEASURE, AND I THANK YOU
FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT!**

Upcoming Events

**JUN 1st New 2-Year Term for
Serra Officers Begins!**

**JUN 5—Mtg: Spkr- Sr. Jean
Fallon: Spiritual Direction**

**JUN 9—PRIEST ORDINATION
Holy Family Cathedral**

**JUN 19—Mtg: Spkr—Mike Rizzo:
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**JUN 23--DEACON ORDINATION
Holy Family Cathedral**

**JUN 27-JUL 1: SERRA INT'L
CONVENTION: Nashville, TN**

JUL 3: NO MEETING

**JUL 17—Mtg: Spkr- Fr. Scott
Borgman: ???**

Club Newz

Sr. Louise Ann looks on as Sr. Jane Delisle, CSJ shares her presentation on "vocation" during our meeting on May 1st.

Sr. Jane De Lisle enlightened our Serra group on May 1, with her presentation on evangelical vows. Sr. Jane is the Director of Novices & Formation at the Sisters of St. Joseph; she is also the co-director of Emmaus Spiritual Ministries. The sisters take vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. Speaking on the subject of poverty, Sr. Jane imparted that the sisters need to be responsible with their spiritual and financial gifts. "We must use what we have wisely." Every person in Christian community needs to share with those who have not. Everything we have comes from the community and is part of the community. It is not "mine"; it is "ours." Sr. Jane described celibacy as a gift. We are women in love with God and with God's people. Whatever we receive from God, we give it away. We are called to be God's love in the world. As to obedience, she stated that we are obedient to God; we listen to the word of God and live it. Obedience only works with humility. Humility teaches us how to live the vows. We are asked to do things according to our gifts. The sisters realize that their life is not their own. It is not about power, pleasure or prestige. Sometimes that means saying no to oneself for the sake of another.

Sr. Louise, our Spiritual Advisor, went on to explain how she has personally lived each of the vows. At her parents' 50th wedding anniversary, she was omitted when separate family pictures were taken of her siblings and their spouses. Later, a photo was taken of her and her parents. The vow of obedience meant assuming a desk job as General Secretary of the Council rather than a desired return to teaching. With regard to poverty, the sisters each write their own wills. Upon receiving an inheritance, the money is put into a patrimony fund and each sister can determine how the money is to be spent within the community. Sr. Louise decided to give hers to Bethany House.

In conclusion, Sr. Jane told us that the vows free the sisters. We have a greater relationship with God. We give ourselves totally to God. We fall in love with God and stay in love."

Club Newz

On May 15th Jim Daze, City Club member, shared his study of the American Indian, Black Elk whose canonization process is presently underway.

It came as a delightful surprise to many Serrans that another American, this time a Native American, might become a saint.

During a Mass to formally open the sainthood cause for Nicholas Black Elk, the Native American was described as someone who merged the Lakota and Catholic culture in a way "that drew him deeper into the mystery of Christ's love and the church."

Nicholas Black Elk, daughter Lucy Black Elk and wife Anna Brings White



Black Elk's love for God and Scripture led him to become a catechist, fulfilling the mission of all disciples. Black Elk was born sometime between 1858 and 1866. He died Aug. 19, 1950, at Pine Ridge. (Photo 1910)

The process for the sainthood cause for Black Elk is a long one. First, he must show a reputation for holiness that spread to others. Black Elk's public and private writings are currently being collected and examined. This documentary phase can take many years. Last February, Bishop Robert Gruss of Rapid City, S.D. appointed Bill White, as the diocesan postulator of Black Elk's sainthood cause. White is an enrolled member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe on the Pine Ridge Reservation. Deacon Ben Black Bear is translating some of Black Elk's writings from Lakota to English. Black Elk was a revered holy man among the Lakota who bridged the gap between traditional native spirituality and Catholicism. "[Black Elk] showed you did not have to choose between the two. He did not abandon his native ways when he became a Christian. To him it was together—praying to the one God."

Jim Daze has spent his career as financial professional in the real estate and oil and gas industries and as a corporate tax accountant. He obviously has a serious interest in and love for the history of the Native Americans and our Serra Club was most fortunate to have him share his passion and considerable knowledge with us.

A Few Words From Our Newly-installed President,
BEVERLY TRUZZOLINO



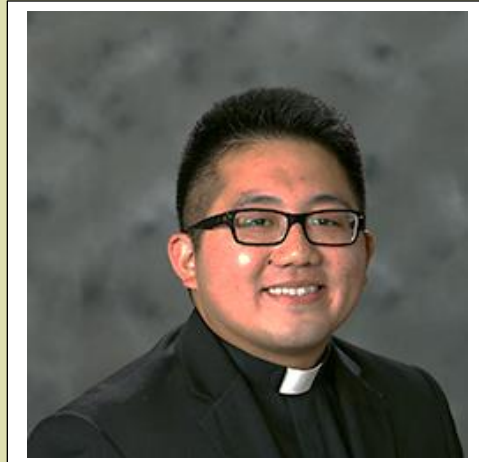
It is with pleasure and excitement that I begin a year as your new president. It is sad to say good bye to our outgoing president, Anne Champagne, who has done an extraordinary job leading us through a maze of constant changes in locations--and chaplains, too. I so appreciate the fine example she has set for me and future presidents. I know I cannot do all that she has so capably done; however, I will lead to the best of my abilities, with God's guidance and direction, using the talents he has giving me. Thank you to my new board for saying "yes" to walking with me through the next two years. I sincerely look forward to the challenge all of us Serrans have: personally growing in holiness and, especially, reaching out and inviting others to join our Serra Club, sharing in this wonderful ministry.

Club Newz



Seminarian Mike Rizzo updated our members on his vocational journey at our meeting on May 15.

Pray for Our Seminarrians
Who Will Be Ordained
To the Priesthood on June 9th



Aristotile Quan
St. John's Seminary



Gaston Mendiola Arroyo
Seminario Hispano de Santa Maria de Guadalupe

Pray Also for . . .

Erialdo Ramirez Alfaro, Scott Allen, Michael Duc Nguyen, Daniel Seo and Martin Vu

who will be ordained to the Transitional Diaconate at St. Columban on June 23rd.

PRAY ALWAYS

Luke 12:1-3 *Meanwhile, when the crowd gathered by the thousands, so that they trampled on one another, Jesus began to speak first to his disciples, "Beware of the yeast of the Pharisees, that is, their hypocrisy. Nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. Therefore, whatever you have said in the dark will be heard in the light, and what you have whispered behind closed doors will be proclaimed from the housetops."*

Give us a heart of love for those with whom we disagree, O Lord. May we interact with these people with civility, gentleness and respect. We admit that we would rather only love those who love us, but you have called us to a higher love, one that reaches across the ideological divide and finds common ground. May it be so. Amen.

VOLUNTEER BREAKFAST HOSTS

JUNE 5	Cecilia Vu	714/941-6889
JUNE 19	Loretta Callopy	714/305-0267
JULY 17	Nancy & Matt Ivary	714/730-7273

"Always Forward, never back!"
Junipero Serra



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