

# A Voice for Vocations

## September 2018



**Serra Club City of Orange**  
Region 11, District 79, 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, to deepen our members' personal faith lives.

**PREZ SEZ**  
**Beverly Truzzolino, President**



Invite your friends to Serra!

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### PRAY WITH PADRE PIO

September always brings back memories of starting school or having our children back to school. It's a great month for us to renew ourselves, as we put summer behind us and look forward to the upcoming fall.

St. Padre Pio was such a holy man and wonderful saint for us to emulate. This month let us reflect on some of his simple, yet profound statements:

+ "Pray, hope, and don't worry. Worry is useless."

+ "God is merciful and will hear your prayer."

+ "Prayer is the oxygen of the soul."

+ "Prayer is the best weapon we have; it is the key to God's heart. You must speak to Jesus not only with your lips, but with your heart. In fact on certain occasions you should only speak to Him with your heart."

-- St. Padre Pio

### City Club Newz



MARY ALVARADO, principal of St. Cecilia School, spoke to our club on September 4<sup>th</sup> about CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN THE UNITED STATES.

Mrs. Alvarado's principal message to us was that the goal of Catholic Education is to graduate "competent, compassionate and confident Catholics." She spoke about the introduction of Catholic education in the USA and its evolution from being fully operated by Religious (i.e. no salaries; the orders got stipends) to principally lay-run. Pope Benedict said Catholic schools are the heart of the Church; their graduates are the next generation of Catholics. We all need to encourage, nurture and support them. They are our future!

### Upcoming Events

- SEP 18-Mtg: **Speaker- Fr. Roman Susha**
- OCT 2-Mtg: **Speaker- Lou Podesta**
- OCT 16-Mtg: **Spkr-Tita Smith: Cath.Charities + Mayor of OR**
- OCT 28-**PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY**
- NOV 6-Mtg: **Spkr- TBD**
- NOV 20-- **Spkr- TBD**
- DEC 4-Mtg: **Spkr TBD**
- DEC 16: **XMAS PARTY 3:00-6:00 @ Betty Padilla's**
- DEC18+JAN 1:**NO MEETINGS**
- JAN 18-20:**SERRA RALLY: Ventura [+MissionPilgrimage]**
- JUN 20-23: **SERRA INT'L CONVENTION: Mexico City [+ OL Guadalupe Pilgrimage]**

**SPECIAL DAYS OF PRAYER**

## SERRANS SUPPORT VOCATIONS WITH PRAYER

We especially join with all the church at four special times:

- ❖ NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK
- ❖ WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE
- ❖ WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS
- ❖ PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

Among the many duties associated with Serra's mission for vocations is the promotion within our various parishes of four very special times which the church has instituted to recognize and promote vocations: Nat'l Vocations Awareness Week in January, World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life in February, World Day of Prayer for Vocations in the Easter Season, and Priesthood Sunday in October. It can be confusing to distinguish the distinct purpose of each of these special times. They tend to run together and overlap. So I thought it might be helpful to provide a little background. We can best fulfill our commitment to promote them if we understand them. Two of these are Worldwide, and two of them are from our National Council of Bishops.

In 1964, Pope Paul VI instituted the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**. The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, Good Shepherd Sunday, was designated for its celebration. In 2011 Pope Benedict XVI spoke for the need on this day for priests to renew their commitment to walk in the footsteps of the "Good Shepherd" and for the church to "safeguard this gift [the priesthood], to esteem it and love it." The Lord never stops calling people to the priesthood and consecrated life. We are all, especially Serrans, called to honor and respect those who have answered this call and to encourage and pray for those presently being called. On this special day we invite our parishes to join us in this prayer. Special bulletin inserts and prayer cards for distribution may be helpful in this effort.

In 1997, Pope John Paul II instituted a **World Day of Prayer for Women and Men in Consecrated Life**: religious sisters, nuns, brothers, religious priests and monks, who have consecrated their lives to living in community, embracing poverty, chastity, and obedience. The Pope declared that "the consecrated life is at the very heart of the church." The purpose of this day is 1) to praise the Lord for the gift of consecrated life, 2) to promote knowledge of and esteem for the consecrated life, and 3) to invite those living the consecrated life to celebrate what the Holy Spirit has accomplished in them and give witness to their joy. We Serrans are called at this time to lead our communities in recognizing and honoring them.

In 1976, The National Conference of Catholic Bishops designated the 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday (OCT) as the beginning of "Nat'l Vocation Awareness Week." In 1997 this was moved to coincide with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, FEB 2, (the week to begin the following SUN). At this time, the baby Jesus was himself presented to the Father by Mary and Joseph—consecrating his body, mind and soul to God. As we remember this story, we need to take time to listen to God's voice in our own hearts, discovering whatever vocation God has chosen for each of us at this time in our lives. It may be different than at other times. We consecrate ourselves anew to this unique call. And we are called during this special week to help educate young people about the importance of seeking God's will for them in silent prayer. It is a good time for us to work with school children and young adults, especially in our parishes.

In 2003, the US Council of Bishops established the last Sunday in October as **Priesthood Sunday**. It is to be led by the lay faithful of all parishes in the country, each developing their own special way of marking the day and honoring their parish priests both at Mass and at other parish events such as social celebrations and school activities. The bishops requested Serra USA to lead the effort to promote this day of celebrations. Deacons may help.

Perhaps, having become aware of the reason behind of these special times in the life of the church, they will become more than just another entry on our 18-Month District Calendar. These are special opportunities to pray for vocations not just privately and within our club but with our parish, our diocese, and with the whole church.

*-Nancy Ivary, V.P. Communications*



### City Club Newz

**SISTER KIT GRAY, CSJ**  
spoke at our **AUG 21<sup>ST</sup>**  
meeting Providing an  
informative update on the  
Christ Cathedral Campus.

Sister Kit's job title at Christ Cathedral is most impressive: "Director of Mission Integration, Community Building and Staff Development." It sounds as though there's not much she isn't involved in. She spoke with us about the Christ Cathedral Parish, which includes 5 thousand families with 10 thousand people attending the 9 Masses there every week. She spoke about the 14-story Tower of Hope, the business center of the campus with 3 floors of parish offices, rental space for such organizations as EWTN, Relevant (Catholic) Radio, Fr. Spitzer's very active center, storage space for "events and facilities," and it's all topped off with the 2-storied Chapel In the Sky (where we will hold our Ordinati Mass this year).

It was good to get the news that the Welcoming Center will soon open a Gift/Book Store in the lobby. Many of us hope that they will contract with Paulist to operate it. We miss the Costa Mesa store! Also we learned that Bishop Kevin Vann has set a firm date for the dedication of the cathedral. The interior work is scheduled to be completed at the beginning of 2019 so that all construction dust can settle, and the organ can be installed. On 17 July 2019 the whole diocese will celebrate the dedication. Yea!

## 2019 Serra Rally



**Experience the missions and the spirituality of Saint Junipero this January when you join us at the Serra Rally in San Buenaventura, California!**

Attend the Rally at the Ventura Beach Marriott Hotel for the usual educational, inspirational, and empowering talks from Church and Serra leaders around the world. After a long weekend of fortifying yourself for the work of fostering vocations, consider a truly fabulous spiritual refresher: a pilgrimage tour with Chicago's own Father Jim Heyd of seven missions beginning with Mission Santa Barbara all the way north to Mission San Francisco Solano.



## Pray for Our Birthday Celebrities

### Happy Birthday ...

**September**

Carl Manning (12<sup>th</sup>)

**October**

Jim Baer (15<sup>th</sup>)

Theresa Morris (27<sup>th</sup>)

**Save the Date!**

**SERRA INT'L  
CONVENTION**

In

**MEXICO CITY**

June 20-23

2019

With Pilgrimage  
to see Our Lady of  
**GUADALUPE**



What do you plan to do for your parish priests on October 28<sup>th</sup>...

### Priesthood Sunday

- Write thank you notes?
- Plan a special blessing or reception?

**PRAY ALWAYS**



**Call Waiting / Call Answering**

We spend so much time waiting to be called ...  
waiting to be called by a friend to invite us out ...  
waiting to be called for our dinner ...  
waiting to be called out of bed by an alarm clock ...  
waiting to be called for a medical appointment ...

But God has already called us. There is no waiting time, just answering time. All our life is caught up in responding to this call by God. All our life is about bringing this call to fruition in the time with which we have been gifted.

**VOLUNTEER BREAKFAST HOSTS**

<b>AUG 21</b>	<b>Anne &amp; Beverly</b>	<b>714/721-7137</b>
<b>SEPT 4</b>	<b>Maureen &amp; Joe Neglia</b>	<b>714/288-0341</b>
<b>SEPT 18</b>	<b>POT LUCK</b>	<b>(Anne 714/721-7137)</b>

“Always Forward, never  
back!”  
Junipero Serra



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