# A Voice for Vocations

# April 2019



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#### **Upcoming Events**

APR 2- Mtg.-Spkr: Sr. Louise Micek: "Saint Oscar Romero" APR 16: Mtg.-Spkr: Coner Martin, Youth Min.at St. Cec. MAY 5: Hearts on Fire MAY 7: Mtg. Spkr: Fr. Nicolaus Thai: "Mary" MAY 21:Mtg. Spkr Fr. Nicolaus Thai: "Marian Shrines" JUN 4: Mtg. TBA JUN 18: Mtg. TBA

JUN 20-23: SERRA INT'L CONVENTION: Mexico City [+ OL Guadalupe Pilgrimage]

JUN 22: Transitional Deacon Ordination St .Colombians (3 to 5 men)

JULY 72: 6 Priests Ordained CHRIST CATHEDRAL! <u>PR</u>EZ SEZ Beverly Truzzolino, President



#### LENTEN REFLECTIONS

Many of us were able to participate in the Lenten Day of Recollection with Fr. Domenico on March 9. Father presented a collaborative method on Forgiveness where participants learned how to say the Our Father in the first person: listened, reflected and had the opportunity to share personal feelings on who had trespassed against us-personal hurts and pains. Father presented many scripture verses on Forgiveness for reflection too. The day culminated with Mass in the Sacred Heart Chapel. We placed our name tags on the altar, offering ourselves up to the Lord. Each person wrote on a card asking the Lord for a specific forgiveness and placed it in a basket at the foot of the altar. On another card each one wrote their personal intention regarding forgiveness. These cards were also placed on the altar. It was a wonderful, reflective day. The feedback was very positive, and many participants stated they would be back next year. Will you? Will you bring a friend?

Half-time check-up: How are you doing with your Lenten goals? Lent is a joyous time; yes, I said joyous. We have the opportunity to spend time with God and to increase our own holiness, which is always a journey. Holiness requires not a one-time religious conversion but ongoing conversion, a repeated turning to God throughout our lives. If your Lenten goals have gotten side-tracked, it's not too late. Refresh your page of Lenten goals and move forward.

Lastly, I look forward to seeing you our April 7th trip to St. John's Seminary. This is an excellent opportunity to visit your adopted seminarian or bring a friend to experience the sincerity of this seminarians as they discern their vocation. Also, we get to meet other Serrans. Get ready: we soon will be planning for the transitional deaconate, ordination and Ordinati dinner.

May you have a blessed Easter!

### Serra Club City of Orange

Region 11, District 79, Charter 643

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#### DISTRICT DOINGS Anne Champagne Governor, District #79

At our last meeting, on March 19<sup>th</sup> the officers of our club shared accounts of their "take-aways" from the Serra Rally which took place in Ventura in January. Since we were sharing only briefly about our topics, I thought I would expand on some important information surrounding what makes an individual Serra Club successful, from the perspective of truly establishing a "culture of vocations" within our parishes and Catholic community.

After identifying these "ideals," I will conclude with some concrete suggestions on what we can do better. Our commitment as Serrans is significant in the advancing of our mission to "foster, affirm and promote vocations to the priesthood, religious life, deaconate and lay ministries," and, through this, to deepen our members' personal faith.

**Prayer is our first priority!** Not all prayers are equal! The best prayers include Mass, adoration, and weekly or monthly rosaries.

We must try to be facilitators in getting others to pray for vocations. Serra has some remarkable programs to encourage other parishioners to pray for vocations. You may be familiar with some of these, including the "31 Club" and the "Called By Name" program. I would like to see us promote these within our parishes. Next month, I will provide more information regarding these two programs.

As you have all received the red envelopes as part of a national membership drive, let's discuss some ideas about the wonderful

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work that we in Serra do, and how best to share this with those around us who may know very little about our mission.

Some other signs of a successful Serra Club are the many activities that those who have been around Serra for a while know very well. They are listed below, and you will probably agree that these are events that our members support often, events which provide great opportunities for our members to "go into action" to demonstrate their dedication. Being actively involved most certainly causes us to be more "joyful" in our service to God! These are some of our Serra Club's activities throughout the course of the year:

- + Annual Day of Recollection
- + Ordinati Dinner (celebrating our newly ordained priests)
- + Participation in "Adopt-a-Seminarian"
- + Vocations Week
- + Priesthood Sunday
- + Serving as an officer for our club
- + Planning quality programs for each meeting
- + Participation in the Annual Golf Tournament

"Joy Filled Serran" There are so many ways for us to serve as Serrans. Please just remain inspired and passionate. Maintain a great attitude, even when performing mundane chores. And always remember that you are part of a movement that is much bigger than our individual clubs! We are following in the footsteps of our patron, Saint Junipero Serra when we remember--and exemplify--his message:

"Always Forward....Never Back!"

### City Club Newz



Serra Presents Check for \$4,500 from the Msgr. Sammon Fund to DIRECTOR, FATHER DOMENICO DI RAIMONDO for use at his DIOCESAN HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR PRIESTS. The presentation is made by President Beverly Truzzolino, President-Elect Patty Baer and District Governor Anne Champagne.



**SR. LOUISE ANNE MICEK**, at our March 19 meeting, responds and summarizes presentations recapping the Serra Rally in Ventura adding her wisdom and summary to member presentations.



At our March 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, we were privileged to hear **FATHER ARISTOTLE QUAN** (newly ordained priest from St. Cecelia's) who is a very fine speaker. In fact, he's so good that the bishop used him to create a PSA video which was shown in all the parishes in the diocese. He still looks so youthful that he is sometimes mistaken for one of the kids. That may be on reason why he is so successful doing youth retreats. His great smile, his joyous laughter, and his sincere humility are appealing to us all. We are most blessed to have him as a priest in our diocese. We do hope he'll return to speak with us again soon!



Sunday, May 5, 2019 Reception & Silent Auction 5:00 p.m. Dinner & Awards Ceremony Hilton Anaheim 777 Convention Way, Anaheim



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## PRAY THE PSALMS

Turn thy face away from my sins and blot out all my iniquities. Create a pure heart for me, O God, and renew in me a steadfast spirit. Cast me not away from thy face and take not thy holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation and strengthen me with a noble spirit.

--Psalm 50:11-14

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