

# A Voice for Vocations

## May 2019



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### Upcoming Events

**MAY 5: Hearts on Fire**  
  
**MAY 7: Meeting--Speaker:**  
 Fr. Nicolaus Thai: "Mary"  
  
**MAY 21: Meeting--Speaker:**  
 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 27: 6 Priests Ordained**  
**CHRIST CATHEDRAL!**

### PREZ SEZ

Beverly Truzzolino, President



### ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

Alleluia; he has risen! I pray each of you had a joyful Easter, that you are alive and well, ready to resume the work of Serra: encouraging and supporting vocations. Those of us who were able to attend our annual St. John's Seminary trip participated in their beautiful Mass then were treated to a delicious lunch and had a tour of the campus, led by seminarians. We were refreshed to see and talk with seminarians who dearly love the Lord and who only want to serve him and reach out to the world with his Good News. They truly live the concluding remarks from Pope Francis final Mass at World Youth Day: "We like to say, 'You are the future.' But no, you are the present. You...young people are the NOW of God" The young seminarians are the future of the Church. Those of you Serrans who were not able to join us on the seminary trip, I urge you to plan attending next year.

May 12th is **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**. This day is meant to bring attention to the importance of prayer for discernment. All vocations start with prayer! This event allows us to promote vocations: to invite others to join Serra, and to be enriched with the many benefits of being a member. When you hand out the prayer cards (see page 2)--on May 5 at St. Cecilia's or on May 12 at Holy Family--please be upbeat, friendly, and sincere in promoting our call as Serrans to support vocations. In addition, let us be reminded of our own vocations and our fundamental need to take time to pray.

Lastly, there's still time to consider attending the Serran International Convention in Mexico City, June 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>. Besides displaying the miraculous image of Our Lady on St. Juan Diego's tilma, Mexico City has world famous pyramids, museums, and inviting foods to entice us. It will be an opportunity both to meet other Serrans and to increase our own call to holiness. *Forward!*

## Serra Club City of Orange

Region 11, District 79, Charter 643

Our mission is to foster, affirm and promote vocations to the priesthood, religious life, deaconate and lay ministries and, through this, to deepen our members' personal faith. life.



### DISTRICT DOINGS

Anne Champagne  
Governor, District #79

### MOBILIZING WITH "31 CLUB"

Last month we established that "prayer is our first priority" in the advancement of our Culture of Vocations within our parishes, and that some forms of prayer are more effective than others, including the Mass, Adoration and monthly rosaries with specific intentions. Therefore, our joyful Serrans are mobilizing within their parishes by implementing the "31 Club."

In co-ordination with World Day of Prayer for Vocations, which takes place this year on Sunday, May 12th, we will be establishing a presence of "Serra Clubs" by talking with parishioners after Masses at both Saint Cecilia and Holy Family parishes. Saint Cecilia will be doing this on May 5th (at our pastor's request), and Holy Family will be doing it May 12th. There will be a large calendar on an easel where we will ask parishioners if they will agree to sign up for a particular day of the month to pray for all priests, sisters, brothers, deacons and lay ministers who have served or are serving in his or her parish, and that future church vocations will be forthcoming from the parishes.

We do this in our efforts to increase awareness within our communities of the gifts of religious life. We affirm the lives and works of those who have already answered the call to religious life.

A "Culture of Vocations" is an attitude in homes and parishes, a social and spiritual environment which uplifts and promotes vocations to the Catholic priesthood and religious life. It aims to reinforce the idea (see DISTRICT p.2)

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that the priesthood and religious life are holy and mysterious callings from God. They are as valuable to those being called, as vibrant and celebrated lifestyle choices, as any other career or profession is for those called in that direction. I think this explanation helps to define an answer to a "call" in the minds of young men and women who are being called by God.

Serra International is the only lay organization recognized by Rome to be a primary pontifical association. There is very complete information regarding this connection with the Holy See on the website. I invite you to read it, or if you prefer, I can print out this information for you, and you can check it out!

In conclusion, please keep in mind the following insight:

**St. Pope John Paul II said: "Prayer moves the heart of God."**

**The foundation of all Serran efforts is prayer for vocations.**

**The 31 Club**

Parishioners sign up to pray for vocations during Mass or at Eucharistic Adoration on the same day of each month.

I will pray for vocations on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of each month.

**Prayer for Vocations**

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's kingdom as priests, deacons, religious and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help us respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

[www.foryourvocation.org](http://www.foryourvocation.org)

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS IN THE HOME, SCHOOL & CHURCH

**Prayer for the Perseverance of Vocations**

O God, you have constituted Your only-begotten Son supreme and eternal Priest for the glory of Your Majesty and the salvation of mankind. Grant that those whom He has chosen ministers and dispensers of His mysteries may be found faithful in fulfilling the ministry they have received. Amen.

**Thanksgiving Prayer**

Father, we thank you for all the vocations that You have given us. Send your Holy Spirit to guard and guide these men and women. In thanksgiving we ask your blessings upon those who have so generously responded to your call, through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

**Mary, Mother of Vocations**

Pray for our Priests, Deacons, Religious and Brothers. Obtain for us many more. Saint Junipero Serra pray for us and always guide us forward.

[serrainternational.org](http://serrainternational.org)



SR. LOUISE ANNE MICEK, at our April 2nd meeting, gave a moving and informative presentation on Saint Oscar Romero.

Oscar Arnulfo Romero 2019.pptx

Click on the icon to the left to review her PowerPoint. You'll be glad you did!

**City Club Newz**



GEORGIA MOTTL gave a brief presentation on the inspiration for the name of our sometimes-meeting place, KUPER CENTER. It is named for a young deceased Asso. Priest at St. Cecilia's. She showed a volume of his much-admired spiritual articles. Ask her to borrow a copy to enhance your Easter reading.

NEXT YEAR...  
GET ON THE BUS  
WITH  
SERRA CLUBS  
OF ORANGE  
FOR A DELIGHTFUL  
TRIP TO  
SAINT JOHN'S  
SEMINARY  
HAVE A LOOK AT PAGE 3

# 2019 SEMINARY VISIT



& I visited with my seminarian!

We prayed together in the chapel



What a beautiful place!



## Pray for Our Birthday Celebrities

# Happy Birthday . . .

### MAY

**Phil Frank** on the **8th**  
**Beverly Truzzolino** on the **12th**  
**Thu-Hein Majkoski** on the **22nd**

## Save the Date!

SERRA INT'L  
 CONVENTION  
 In  
 MEXICO CITY  
 June 20-23  
 2019  
 With Pilgrimage to  
 see Our Lady of  
 GUADALUPE



Awake, thou wintry earth  
 Fling off thy sadness!  
 Fair vernal flowers,  
 laugh forth  
 Your ancient gladness!  
 Christ is risen.  
 — Thomas Blackburn

**PRAY ALWAYS**



Keep loving each other like family. Don't neglect to open up your homes to guests, because by doing this some have been hosts to angels without knowing it. - Hebrews 13:1-2

"I have never been especially impressed by the heroics of people who are convinced they are about to change the world. I am more awed by those who struggle to make one small difference after another." - Ellen Goodman

*God, in our grand visions of societal change, help us to be just as committed to loving those in our midst. Let the truth that we preach match the love we show to those we interact with, this day and always. Amen.*

**VOLUNTEER BREAKFAST HOSTS**



- MAY 7** BEVERLY TRUZZOLINO C. 714/642-6455  
CLEAN-UP LORETTA CALLOPY & ROSEMARIE TSUTSUMI
- MAY 21** PHIL & CAROL FRANK H. 714/544-3718  
CLEAN-UP BETTY PADILLA & GEORGIA MOTTL
- JUNE 4** JIM & PATTY BAER C. 714/504-2687  
CLEAN-UP LORETTA CALLOPY & ROSEMARIE TSUTSUMI

"Always Forward, never back!"  
Junipero Serra



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