

A Voice for Vocations

AUGUST 2019



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Upcoming Events

AUG 20: Meeting--Speaker:
Fr. Eric Ramirez
 SEPT 3: Meeting--Speaker:
John LeDuc—"Ghana Water
Project"
 SEPT 7-8: St. Cecilia Ministry
Fair (Volunteers Needed)
 SEPT 9: Serra Golf Outing at
Tustin Ranch: Reg/lunch @
11a/tee off 1p(\$140); dinner
& drinks only @ 5p (\$40)
 SEPT 17: Meeting—Speaker?
 SEPT 27: **PRIESTHOOD SUN.**
 PLAN AHEAD !!!
 DEC 3: NO MEETING
 DEC 5: County Club Xmas
Party (Let's Support them!)
 DEC 15: Our Club's Xmas
Party—3-6pm at Kathy
Robinson's house
 DEC 17: NO MEETING
 MAR 14: Day of Recollection

PREZ SEZ Beverly Truzzolino, President



PRAY WITH PADRE PIO

August is the time of year when many people are finishing up a vacation or preparing for a vacation before September. Once Labor Day rolls around, most people will be back to their routines, and the relaxing days of summer will be behind them. Well, this may be true for some folks, not for us Catholics! It has been an eventful summer with the Transitional Diaconate, the historical dedication of Christ Cathedral and six new priests ordained into the Diocese of Orange. We Catholics have not had much time to relax! All is good though, as we're re-energized for the future of our Catholic Faith. There are other parts of the world where vocations are struggling, yet God has blessed our diocese. We pray through Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for good, holy, dedicated priests. Our Serran prayers, Masses and with notes to our priests and seminarians are offered up to make our Diocese of Orange stronger than ever.

I am personally encouraged as I reflect on a statement in Bishop Robert Baron's book *Letter to a Suffering Church*, addressing the church abuse crisis. So many Catholics are understandably asking, "Why should I stay? Why not abandon this sinking ship before it drags me or my children under?" Our new priests demonstrate to us that they are not abandoning our church, far from it!

They stand firm with Bishop Baron, whose words steadfastly affirm that this is not the time to leave; it is the time to stay and fight. As your Serran president, I also am steadfast in prayer and support for our new priests as they enter the world as holy servants and lead us in a Godly manner.

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.

These six new priests vow to unconditionally take care of us, their flock, just as our Lord demonstrates with his continual care. By our attending the Ordinati celebration on August 6th, we showed these brave, courageous men who said "yes" to God, that we're with them! We've got your back!

**Invite someone to a Serra meeting today. **

DISTRICT DOINGS

Anne Champagne
Governor, District #79



A Feeling of Community In the Diocese of Orange

On Wednesday, July 17, 2019 the Dedication of the transformed Christ Cathedral took place. This day was the culmination of many years of planning, fundraising, decision-making and hard work, and it was beautiful to see that it all came together, establishing a beacon of hope for our Diocese and for the world. For those of us who have been residents in Orange County from the time that there was a drive-in church on the property, we are most certainly witnessing the power of God and what can be accomplished when his plans come to fruition.

In reflecting from a Serran's perspective on this "once in a lifetime" event, the dedication of a cathedral, we witnessed participants in this dedication at every level of our Serran mission. Sometimes we do not tangibly see the fruits of our prayers and labor, but it most certainly was evident in all of the blessed
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SPECIAL SERRA ACTIVITY

SERRANS SUPPORT VOCATIONS WITH GOLF



MAUREEN KOSINSKI of County Serra Club is the founder of the Annual Serra Club Golf Outing, now held at Tustin Ranch Golf Club.

Over the years, the Serra Clubs of Orange Diocese have developed two very special but different annual events in support of Serra and of local vocations. City Club hosts the Lenten Day of Recollection; County Club hosts the Msgr. Sammon Golf Outing. Maureen Kosinski has been coordinator of this Fall event for 13 years, assisted in this effort by members of her club.

This annual golf affair began as an effort to honor the memory of long-time Serra Chaplain Msgr. John Sammon, who was renown for his love of Serra and his tireless commitment to vocations. They invite as guests all priests, deacons and religious from the diocese; anyone else who wants to have a good time while honoring the local clergy and religious is invited as well. We Serrans pay for ourselves and many also contribute to sponsorship of the honored guests.

This year the Golf Outing will be held on **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH**. For the golfers, lunch is included **11:30AM**; **SHOTGUN START** is at **1:00PM**. Many of us don't golf but enjoy joining all the participants for cocktails **5:00PM** and dinner **6:00PM**. It's great fun.

All Serrans should have received a letter of invitation and a registration form. If you didn't receive one, let us know and we'll be sure you do.

This is a great opportunity to mingle with our clergy and religious and let them know we support and appreciate them.

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rituals that were part of the liturgy on this very special day.

The analogy of the dedication of the cathedral is similar to our very own baptism was very meaningful. The blessing and sprinkling of holy water, the anointing of the altar and the cathedral walls, the reading of the word of God, followed by the Mass and the Eucharist fulfilled all that we hope for as this precious space becomes the hub for Catholic worship within the Diocese of Orange.

There was a palpable sense of collaboration from every possible perspective. Cardinals, bishops, priests from all parishes within the diocese, deacons, sisters, seminarians as well as lay representatives from the many ministries that are working within Orange County were in attendance.

The collaborative spirit was evident in the fact that, even the homily, was delivered in tandem by both Bishop Kevin Vann and Reverend Christopher Smith. The community of Catholics who witnessed this beautiful liturgy, accompanied by heavenly music, were hopefully inspired upon the completion of the cathedral, to see what is possible when we all labor to bring the "light of Christ" to everyone. Nothing is done in isolation and we are God's messengers and servants.

It could not have been stated better than by Cardinal Pietro Parolin on behalf of Pope Francis: "The Holy Father prays that the cathedral may serve as a tangible sign of our Lord Jesus Christ's presence in your midst and help to deepen your missionary witness to the broader community, and so lead all souls to an experience of his abiding mercy and divine life."

Please join with our fellow Serrans in prayer for the long life and consistent presence of our new Christ Cathedral as it serves as a central place of worship for Southern California's Catholic faithful and for all those around the world, to whom it may be an inspiration.

City Club Newz



For our July meeting, while we enjoyed a yummy breakfast, CAROL & PHIL FRANKS gave a most interesting presentation on the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Anne Champagne hosted with spectacular Independence Day decorations. It was indeed a memorable meeting!

SAVE THE DATE! 2020 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 exceptional educational, inspirational, and empowering talks from Church and Serra leaders around the world. *This year we are thrilled to announce that we will be joined by the one and only Bishop Robert Barron, the Word on Fire global media ministry founder and the auxiliary bishop for Los Angeles.*

After a long weekend of fortifying yourself for the work of fostering vocations, consider a truly fabulous spiritual refresher: a pilgrimage tour from Ventura to San Diego, an exciting follow-up to last year's pilgrimage north.



**SERRA RALLY IN VENTURA, CA
January 15-19, 2020**

Happy Birthday . . .

August

Brigid Noonan (8th)

Carol Frank (17th)

Maureen Neglia (22nd)

Betty Padilla (29th)

September

Carl Manning (12th)

Jim Wiencek (14th)

Welcome New Vocations Director



Orange County Serrans greeted our diocese's new Vocations Director, FR. BRANDON DANG at a reception hosted by Pat Manzo at her bayfront home in Corona Del Mar. Many members from both clubs enjoyed welcoming and getting to know this delightful and dedicated priest. It will be a joy to work with him!



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SIX NEW PRIESTS FOR THE DIOCESE OF ORANGE!

Many Serrans were able to attend this first priestly ordination in the newly dedicated Christ Cathedral. These men are Fathers Scott Allen, Eric Ramirez, Michael Duc Nguyen, Daniel Seo, Martin Vu and Joe Squillacioti. All six later attended our fantastically successful ORDINATI LUNCHEON in the beautifully decorated St. Cecilia Hall. The 100 Serrans and guests who participated were inspired as each man shared his story. May God bless them in their priesthood and also bless our mission to encourage and support vocations.

PRAY ALWAYS**Thomas Merton**

MY LORD GOD, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it. Therefore will I trust you always, though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone. AMEN

VOLUNTEER BREAKFAST HOSTS**AUG 20 Maureen & Joe Neglia C. 714/504-2687**

CLEAN-UP BETTY PADILLA & GEORGIA MOTTL

SEPT 3 Betty Padilla H. 714/832-8213

CLEAN-UP LORETTA CALLOPY & ROSEMARIE TSUTSUMI

SEPT 17 Beverly Truzzolino C. 714/642-6455

CLEAN-UP BETTY PADILLA & GEORGIA MOTTL

"Always Forward, never
back!"
Junipero Serra



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