

A Voice for Vocations



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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.



MAY 8 Phil Frank
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PREZ SEZ



GETTING TO HEAVEN ON OUR MOTHERS' APRON STRINGS

Over 33% of this year has already passed! How is it going for you? Do you need to make a detour? If you're not heading in the direction you had envisioned, it's not too late to make some changes. I need inspiration to bring out the best in me each day. But I also need to balance my priorities. I made the decision this past year to not go back to the pre-pandemic hectic pace my life was taking. There is enough time in the day to accomplish what God wants me to do. So, if I'm feeling harried, it's because I'm doing things that God has not asked of me. Discerning prayer is important for me to see God working with me, where I am, responding to my specific needs and desires right now. My prayer is: "I know it is not my decision, Lord, but yours that makes all the difference. I will plan, but I trust you to order my steps".

The month of May starts right away with the feast of St. Joseph the Worker. Since this year is dedicated to him, the day is especially significant. Let us see his example in all our obligatory work and tasks we are given. St. Joseph the Worker, pray for us.

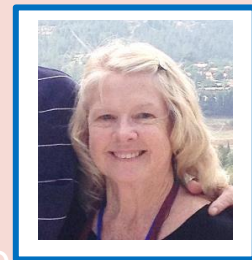
May 9th honors mothers, an all-inclusive word for one who nurtures another. This life-giving power comes in many forms; let us endeavor during this month to love these women in gratitude and trust, knowing that the Holy Spirit is working through them.

May 13th celebrates Our Lord's Ascension. Yet, we know that Christ is still here with us. So, hold fast to Jesus' promise. Believe that the glimpses of the kingdom of heaven that you see and experience in this life are only a pale reflection of the joy that awaits you!

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DISTRICT DOINGS

Anne Champagne
 Governor, District #79



MISSION

OUR CALL TO SERRAN LEADERSHIP

This week, all of our Serra Club members have received an email from our president, Patty Baer, inviting them to attend a Zoom meeting on May 17, 2021. I implore you to register to attend this very important meeting. It will be introducing a new development in priestly formation called the "propaedeutic phase", which will take place in the future, and that phase is clearly explained in the attachments included in the email that you have received. We can all benefit from this introductory meeting, to equip ourselves with great information, as we discern our path of Serra leadership, consistent with the Mission of the Serra Club concerning supporting vocations.

On December 7, 2000 in Rome, while addressing Serra International, Pope Saint John Paul II said: "Dear Serrans, you are committed in a special way to promoting vocations. Never forget that yours must be, above all, a commitment to prayer, prayer that is constant, unwavering, and full of trust. Prayer moves the heart of God. It is the powerful key to resolving the vocations question."

Therefore, when praying for more laborers for the harvest, I am sure that the information gleaned from your attendance at the May 17 meeting, will assist you as you discern what you, as an individual Serra Club

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Let's get ready for a birthday party! On May 23rd, we will be celebrating the Feast of Pentecost and the birthday of the Church. It's our birthday as well, since there would be no Church without the Holy Spirit! So, between now and then, let's invite the Spirit to reign in our hearts, our thoughts, and our words and actions so that Jesus is glorified by the way we live.

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity on May 30th is a reminder of everything we received at our Baptism; adopted children of God, members of Christ, and temples of the Holy Spirit. We can remember our baptism each time we make the Sign of the Cross. What a powerful little prayer!

Lastly, Mary gets her day on the 31st, a feast called the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The closeness of Mary and Elizabeth was an act of human solidarity -- sharing joy with one another. May we, too, never hesitate to go "in haste" to the people God has put in our lives.

THE SPECIAL INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR MAY:

Heavenly Father, throughout this month of May, we pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.



Blessings to all Mothers!



City Club Newz



Club President, PATTY BAER wins the prize for most points on the SERRA CHALLENGE; presenting prize is John LeDuc Chair of the contest. Thanks to all who participated!

MAY SPEAKERS

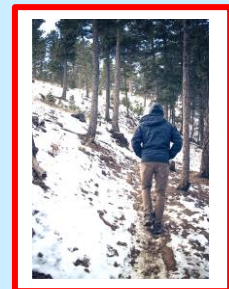
MAY 4 Fr. Steve Corder

Subject: "Culver City Jesuit Novitiate"



MAY 18 John Schroeder, Forest Manager at New Melleray Abbey in Iowa

Subject: "Trappist Abbey's Forest"



DISTRICT DOINGS CONT.

Club member, can do to support the changes to the process of formation of our priests going forward.

In researching this topic, some of the excerpts below may be of interest to you. Perhaps they will add an additional dimension to the well-expressed documents that you have received. Just give these ideas (listed below) some thought....some excerpts are recent, and some are from a document on priestly formation drafted as far back as 1965 by Pope Paul VI. Definitely, these are valuable ideas for additional reflection.

➔ “One change is how a seminarian’s progress to ordination is tracked. What had been a seminary college or “pre-theology” followed by graduate studies, known as the theologate, is being replaced by new terms: the “propaedeutic stage” with preparation and introductory teaching lasting one to two years, and a “discipleship stage” which is to last at least two years. The Bishops’ Program of Priestly Formation (PPF) takes into account developments in the church and society in recent years.”
(from *Catholic News Service after US Bishops adopted the PPF on 11/12/19*).

➔ “The sacred synod commends first of all the traditional means of common effort, such as urgent prayer, Christian penance and a constantly more intensive training of the faithful by preaching, by catechetical instructions or by the many media of social communication that will show forth the need, the nature and the importance of the priestly vocation. The synod moreover orders that the entire pastoral activity of fostering vocations be methodically and coherently planned and, with equal prudence and zeal, fostered by those organizations for promoting vocations which, in accord with the appropriate pontifical documents, have already been or will be set up in the territory of individual dioceses, regions or countries. Also, no opportune aids are to be overlooked which modern psychological and sociological research has brought to light.” (Decree on Priestly Training “*Optatam Totius*”-proclaimed by His Holiness Pope Paul VI-Oct. 28, 1965).

➔ “The Fathers of this holy synod have pursued the work begun by the Council of Trent. While they confidently entrust to seminary administrators and teachers the task of forming the future priests of Christ in the spirit of the renewal promoted by this sacred synod, they earnestly exhort those who are preparing for the priestly ministry to realize that the hope of the Church and the salvation of souls is being committed to them. They urge them also to receive the norms of this decree willingly and thus to bring forth most abundant fruit which will always remain.” (Conclusion of *Optatam Totius*).

Therefore, fellow Serrans, let us continue to encourage one another and seek the intercession of Saint Junipero Serra and our Most Blessed Mother as we serve in the Serra global lay apostolate for vocations in the Catholic Church.

On April 6th
DEACON TOM CONCITIS

spoke at our meeting. He then wrote the following article for the Knights of Columbus newsletter at his parish.

WORTH READING!

KofC Spiritual Reflection for May

On April 6, I had the opportunity to be the speaker at the Serra Club of the City of Orange. The purpose of this club is to support Catholic Priesthood and Religious Vocations in the diocese. . .

The Serra International organization was founded in 1935. There are over 1100 Serra clubs in 46 countries around the world with over 20,000 members. And we thought the Knights was large; they beat us 10 times over! Their mission is three-fold:

- Promote and support vocations to the ministerial priesthood of the Catholic Church as a particular vocation of service and supporting priests in their sacred ministry.
- Encourage and promote vocations to the consecrated life in the Catholic Church.
- Assist members to recognize and respond, each in his own life, to God’s call to holiness in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit.

I wonder if the Serra Club would agree to a collaboration of affiliation with the Knights. I think I will look into this possibility - maybe some kind of joint venture or other arrangement sharing announcements of mutual events?

In the meantime, if anyone have strong passion for supporting Vocations, the Serrans would welcome you as an active member. Some of you may know Raul Serna, a parishioner at Holy Family parish. Raul is currently the acting VP of Membership for the Serra club. He can be contacted at this email address: rauljserna@gmail.com. (Is Raul a member of council 4922?)

Thanks Beverly Truzzolino for passing on this article.

Toronto June 2021 Convention Postponed

**Serrans to Meet in Chicago,
Oct. 7-10, 2021**

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SPRING MEETING SCHEDULE

May 18th, 2021 from 10:15 AM -12:00 PM

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Meeting ID: 840 4922 0683

Passcode: 982503

Join by phone: 1-669-900-9128

June 1st, 2021 from 10:15 AM -12:00 PM

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Meeting ID: 814 2023 7639

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June 15th, 2021 from 10:15 AM -12:00 PM

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