

A Voice for Vocations



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OUR MISSION is to foster, affirm and promote vocations to the priesthood, religious life, diaconate and lay ministries and, through this, to deepen our members' personal

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

JULY 4TH! USA



6th John LeDuc
8th Jim Daze
13th Joe Neglia
26th Bob DeFeo
31st Jeanne Warren

PREZ SEZ Patty Baer, President



PRAY FOR OUR NATION

As we entered into July, we recalled that the first of the month was the feast of our patron, St. Junipero Serra. Interestingly, Fr. Nicolaus' flight to Mount Angel Seminary was scheduled for that day. We know that is no coincidence, but rather a blessing!

Many of us experienced great reunion moments recently. After only "seeing" one another on ZOOM, we were able to participate in the Ordination Mass at Christ Cathedral, to gather to bag cookies for the Ordination Reception, and to say our good-byes to Fr. Nicolaus in our former meeting place, St. Cecilia's Parish Hall. All these occasions were so refreshing for us. We are slowly moving toward meeting in person more regularly.

On the fourth, we celebrated Independence Day. I include here a prayer for our nation: *God our father, giver of life, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care. You are the rock on which this nation was founded. You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Reclaim this land for your glory and dwell among your people. Send your spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders. Open their minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany human freedom. Remind your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing your will. Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, Patroness of our Land, grant us the courage to reject the "culture of death." Lead us into a new millennium of life. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

A new celebration this month falls on the Fourth Sunday. It marks the first annual **World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly**, recently instituted by Pope Francis. It is placed on the calendar close to the memorial (this year the day before) of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. Recalling Simeon and Anna encountering Jesus at his presentation in the temple, the pope said, "[T]he Holy Spirit even today stirs up thoughts and words of wisdom in the elderly." He also commented, "The elderly remind us that old age is a gift and that grandparents are the link between the generations, called to pass on to the young the experience of life." I myself am not a grandmother, but I do fall into the other category (according to some estimates!) My book group is reading *Women Rowing North* by Mary Pipher. The subtitle is *Navigating Life's Currents and Flourishing As We Age*. In her introduction, Pipher states that one psychologist makes the distinction between young-old age and old-old age. Many of us fall between these two categories, living much as we always have, but with adaptations. One of her chapters is titled "Grandchildren," which I did read. She also included a reference to Mother Teresa, who, when close to dying said, "I have worked for God all of my life and I know I will soon be dancing in heaven. But I wish I had danced more during my time on earth." All my friends know that I am a dancer. I am definitely dancing now, having recently gone back to country/line dancing. So, for all elders and/or grandparents, let's enjoy our special day commemorating us!

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY:
"We pray that, in situations of conflict, we may be courageous architects of dialog and friendship."

PRAY FOR THE POPE'S HEALING





**Serra's 78th International Convention
October 7-10, 2021**

Have you registered for our international convention in Chicago yet?

Don't delay -- the registration fee goes up from \$350 to \$450 on July 31!

CONVENTION AGENDA

As of May 7, 2020

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2021: 9:00 a.m. - Serra International Board Meeting; Noon - Registration Opens; Noon - USA Council Board Meeting; 5:00 p.m. - Travelers' Mass; 6:30 p.m. - Welcome Reception.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2021: 7:30 a.m. - Serra Leadership Training (led by John Liston); 9:00 a.m. - Spiritual Retreat for Serrans (retreat master Fr. Brian Welter) Noon - Luncheon Sponsored by The Serra International Foundation; 1:30 p.m. - Serra International Foundation Program; 2:30 p.m. - Speaker: Fr. Nathan Cromly, C.S.J. 4:30 p.m. - Mass at St. Peter's in the Loop. (Dinner on your own. We recommend you make your reservations early as spots at local dining may fill up quickly.); 8:00 p.m. - Evening Entertainment.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2021: 8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer; 9:00 a.m. State of Serra; 10:30 a.m. Serra Around the World; Noon - Luncheon Celebrating the Missionaries of St. Junipero Serra; 1:30 p.m. Serra Townhall Meeting; 2:30 p.m. Delegates Meeting; 5:00 p.m. Closing Mass (at hotel); 6:30 p.m.; Cocktail Reception; 7:30 p.m. Banquet.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2021: 8:00 a.m. Traveler's Mass; 9:00 a.m. SI Board Meeting.



A TIMELY PRAYER FOR ALL

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas, we fly to you today as your beloved children. We ask you to intercede for us with your son as you did at the wedding at Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world, and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of your holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of our nation's problems.

For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind. Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate Mother, Health of the Sick, and cause of our joy.

Shelter us under the mantel of your protection. Keep us in the embrace of your arms. Help us always to know and to share the love of your son, Jesus. Amen

City Club Newz

JULY/AUGUST SPEAKERS...

July 20

Matthew Leung



SUBJECT:

DISCERNMENT



August 3

Dan Truzzolino



SUBJECT:

SACRAMENTS



City Club Newz “PRACTICING OUR FAITH”

★ BACKYARD ★
BBQ
BASH

St. Cecilia's Annual Faith and Fellowship Nights

Thursday Evenings

July 8, 15, 22 & 29

6:00pm BBQ Dinner

7:00pm Spiritual Formation

Parish Hall/Auditorium

Speakers:

Fr. Felix Just, SJ and Randy Lopez team up to provide us great insight on the importance of Scripture in our lives

Plan on joining us for this wonderful opportunity to deepen our friendship and faith



OUR MISSION STATEMENT REFLECTS OUR PROMISE AND COMMITMENT TO “DEEPEN OUR FAITH LIFE.”

A good way to fulfill our commitment this month could be to attend the **Backyard BBQ Bash** at St. Cecilia's every Thursday evening in July with dinner served at 6:00pm and scriptural guidance at 7:00pm. Remember that **FR. FELIX JUST, S.J.** was Chaplain of our club for several years. This will be a great opportunity to renew old friendship with him.

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WE HAVE NEW PRIESTS!

Pictured above (from left) are Fr. Brandon Lopez, Bishop Kevin Vann, Fr. Michael Fitzpatrick and Fr. Cheyoon Chum.

Congratulations! We're proud of you all!

Priesthood in the Roman Catholic Church by the Most Reverend Kevin W. Vann, Bishop of Orange, on Saturday, June 12 at the iconic Christ Cathedral.

It was the first ordination of priests in the diocese since COVID-19 restrictions were loosened and the third held in Christ Cathedral since it was officially dedicated in July 2019.

Rev. Brandon Dang, director of vocations for the Diocese of Orange, called the three, "incredible men. . . All of them were raised in Orange County so they are very much homegrown sons of their local parishes," Rev. Dang explains. "I think that will add to the culture and relatability of the parishioners to their new priests."



LORETTA CALLOPY ran into (figuratively!) her seminarian, Ivan Lopez. What a happy happenstance!



Our June 15 speaker, FR. DARRIN MERLINO, is [Co-Founder of Catholic Media Missionaries](#) Father Merlino "Goes Off-the-Grid with St. Ignatius!" While attending an St. Ignatian retreat, he discerned--and the Lord confirmed--his calling to media evangelism. He shares his joy-filled journey and journal in his book: [30 Days Unplugged: How a Catholic Priest Turned Off His iPhone and Took a Call From God.](#)