

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!

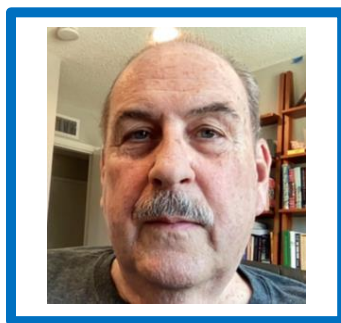
JULY

6th John LeDuc
8th Jim Daze
13th Joe Neglia
26th Bob DeFeo
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AUGUST

8th Brigid Noonan
17th Carol Frank
22nd Maureen Neglia
28th Luis Morones
29th Betty Padilla

PREZ SEZ



JOHN LE DUC

INSPIRATION

Pope Frances asks each of us, this month, to “Pray for the elderly that represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look toward the future with hope and responsibility.” The “experience and wisdom” of the elderly; how often have we heard these words in our lives? Each of us have role models in our lives that we look up to or remember with fondness. These “models” help us to stay grounded within our secular lives, but what about the spiritual life? I know that we have always had the lives and writings of the saints, but for me, these were “past history” and something to read about in days gone by. Where are my present-day examples of experience, wisdom, religious strength, and spirituality that I could attempt to pattern my life after?

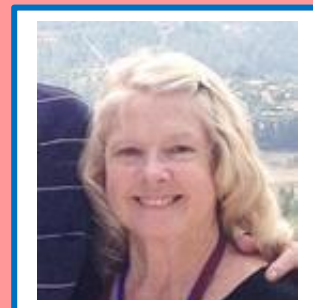
The answer to this question greeted me with a humble smile some 28 years ago when on a cold March day, I was introduced to a small, frail Benedictine monk named Brother Peter Zhou. From the very first day of our meeting and each day that followed, Brother Peter demonstrated, in his quite simple manor, the true meaning of the words piety, wisdom, and humility. I was reminded of this first meeting when a friend, Curtis, and I attended a special Mass at St Andrew’s Abbey a few weeks ago, and our minds drifted back to a retreat that we had both attended at the Abbey in 2019. The theme of this retreat was “The Virtue of Humility.”

Following the beauty and solemnity of Vigils and Lauds, the bell called us to breakfast with the silent monastic community. Sitting across

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DISTRICT DOINGS

ANNE CHAMPAGNE
Governor, District 79



PRIESTS vs. SEMINARIANS BASKETBALL RETURNS

After four years, there was a joy-filled return to the Mater Dei gymnasium, where the Priests of the Diocese of Orange faced the current seminarians on the court. The objective: to break the 2-2 tie from the previous matchups. Both Bishop Kevin Vann and Bishop Timothy Freyer were in attendance. Bishop Kevin Vann initiated the game by tossing up the “tip-off” ball to get things started.

The enthusiasm of the players was contagious, and there was great support for their efforts from those in attendance. Due to considerable speed, skill and accurate shooting ability, the priests were able to maintain a double-digit lead throughout the competition. The seminarians, who had a lighter bench, impressed everyone in attendance with their tenacity and endurance, as they played a lot of minutes during the game. The intensity of their matchups was palpable.

The evening opened with a blessing from Bishop Kevin Vann, followed by a beautiful rendition of the “Star Spangled Banner” sung by the Priest’s Choir, impressing everyone with their beautiful harmonies.

Concluding the event, the choir also sang again and were in fine voice as they performed their rendition of “Regina Coeli”.

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PREZ SEZ *continued*

from us was Brother Peter and we watch in curiosity as he filled his cup, pouring way too much into the available space, a practice he did daily.

Brother Peter was born August 26, 1926 in Ninjaing County, Sichuan Province, China. In 1938, at the age of 12, he entered the Benedictine Monastery in Nanchong and was Professed on October 15, 1950, at the age of 24. As the result of the Communist persecution of the Catholic Church, Brother Peter was arrested and placed in prison in November 1955 where he spent 26 years in solitary confinement. Beaten, tortured, and humiliated because of his unwavering faith in Christ, a faith he refused to abandon, Brother Peter was released from prison due to ill health on July 25, 1981. In 1984, Brother Peter rejoined his original monastery in California, renamed St. Andrew's Abbey, where he lived for 36 years in stability, obedience, and daily conversion serving his fellow monks and guests.

A last and final torment awaited Brother Peter. Covid brought an isolation that reminded him of his prison years. Deprived of the comfort of his community and the consistency of his daily liturgies, Brother Peter was left to endure his final two years without the daily gift of filling the water jars for the guests, "his personal act of feet washing!"

These were our thoughts as his brother monks lower the humble pine casket containing this holy monk into his final resting place. Thank you, Brother Peter, for sharing your life with us, for the humility you modeled, and for the example you gave all of us of how to find peace, happiness, and purity of heart in your faith journey.

Wishing each of you and family the very Best of this Independence Day.

Pray for Vocations!

DISTRICT DOINGS *continued*

Cole Buzon (seminarian) was gracious in defeat after their hard-fought battle.

His comment was "To hear the crowd out here cheering for the priests and seminarians is super solid!"

The surprising moment for the evening was Sr. Andre's performance during the half-time "shoot-out". In thirty seconds, from the free-throw line, she made four of her six shots. She accomplished this while wearing her full-length habit, and she retrieved the ball after each shot!!

A great time was had by all....watch for 2023's game....because all of this helps to support the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Orange.



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 mantle 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

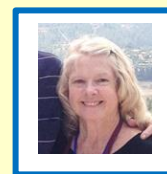
JULY/AUGUST SPEAKERS...

July 19 LORI STANLEY, Exec. Dir. LIS



SUBJECT: Hearts on Fire: Summary

August 2 ANNE CHAMPAGNE



SINCE 1634

The Passion Play

SUBJECT: Oberammerga

August 16 SUBJECT Vocation Discernment
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REGISTRATION FORM

**15th ANNUAL
MSGR. JOHN SAMMON
MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING**



DATE: Monday September 12th, 2022
TIME: 11:00 Registration
11:30 Lunch
1:00 Shotgun Start
5:00 Cocktails
6:00 Dinner
Format: Four Person Scramble
Info: Maureen Kosinski (714) 309-3206



TUSTIN RANCH GOLF CLUB
12442 Tustin Ranch Road, Tustin, CA 92782

ENTRY FEE: \$140.00

Includes	Awards
Golfing Fee	Winning Foursome
Golf Cart	Longest Drive
Box Lunch	Closest to the Pin
Dinner	



Serra Club of Orange County Msgr. Sammon Golf Entry Form

- Name _____
- Name _____
- Name _____
- Name _____

Number of Golfers (all day) _____ at \$140.00 each\$ _____

Number for Golf and Lunch Only _____ at \$100.00 each\$ _____

Number for Dinner Only _____ at \$ 40.00 each\$ _____

Sponsor Donation \$ _____

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Maureen Kosinski, 1654 S.E. Skyline Dr., North Tustin, CA 92705**

**OUR MISSION STATEMENT REFLECTS OUR PROMISE AND
COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT OUR CLERGY**

To this end, we're cancelling our September 6th meeting and encouraging all members to join all Orange County Serrans and clergy at this annual event organized to honor all of our priests and religious and to spend some happy social time with them. If you don't golf, please join us for Dinner Only. If you can, a donation to sponsor one of our guests is appreciated!

City Club Newz



WE HAVE NEW TRANSITIONAL DEACONS!

Pictured above are Deacons Ian Gaston, David Moreno and Benjamin Nguyen with Bishop Vann.

Congratulations! We're proud of you all!

Three seminarians were ordained to the Sacred Order of the Deaconate in the Roman Catholic Church by the Most Reverend Kevin W. Vann, Bishop of Orange, on Saturday, June 27th at Christ Cathedral. We praise and thank God for them and continue to pray for them.



Newly ordained Deacon Ian Gascon is shown here with Serra Club sponsors Carl and Mary-Ellen Manning. It was a joyful day for all!



NEW 2022-2024 CITY OF ORANGE SERRA CLUB BOARD MEMBERS INSTALLED AT MASS.



SERRANS DISPLAY T-SHIRTS FROM THE PRIEST/SEMINARIAN BASKETBALL GAME.



SERRANS HONORED AT MASS FOR AS MANY AS 20 YEARS SERVING THE PRIESTS, RELIGIOUS, AND SEMINARIANS OF OUR DIOCESE AS MEMBERS OF OUR SERRA CLUB.