

## A Voice for Vocations



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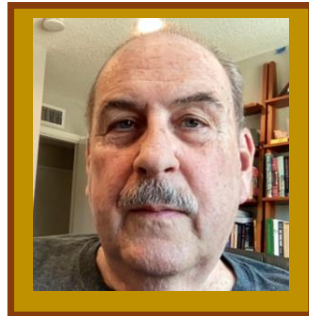
**OUR MISSION** is to foster, affirm and promote vocations to the priesthood, religious life, deaconate and lay ministries and, through this, to deepen our members' personal faith. life.



**SEPTEMBER**

**12th Carl Manning**

### PREZ SEZ



*John Le Duc, President*

### ALAS! SUMMER IS GONE!

Well, there you have it: Labor Day has come and our summer is now officially over. If you are like me, you are wondering where these days have gone, and the further I get into this life, I find myself wondering this more and more!

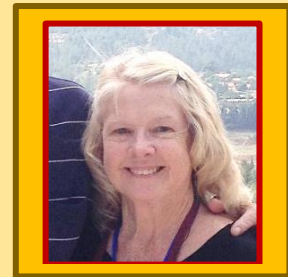
In a conversation with a friend of mine the other day, we found ourselves discussing the meaning of "words" (I know that sounds a bit heavy even for me.) My friend spent his working career as a publisher, so "words and their definition" mean a great deal to him. Our discussion turned to the word "labor", and I was told that one of the definitions of this word was "to strive, to effect, or to achieve." Remembering some of the homilies I've heard preached on this holiday, there was always the statement that we should become "Laborers for Christ!" Now this statement has always sounded pretty good, but to tell the truth, I cannot remember what the examples were that described just how we were to achieve the goal of becoming "Laborers for Christ." So, just what do we mean when we say that we should strive to be "Laborers for Christ"?

For me, striving for Christian spirituality is one way of becoming a "Laborer for Christ." However, striving to attain Christian spirituality is a lofty goal in and of itself. I have found two books by one of my favorite authors, Fr. Ronald Rolheiser--*Sacred Fire: A Vision for a Deeper Human and Christian Maturity*---to be a great step-by-step guide towards that "spirituality" goal.

*Sacred Fire* is a sequel to his first book, *The Holy Longing* which attempts to address basic questions such as, "Who am I?", "Who loves  
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### DISTRICT DOINGS

Anne Champagne  
Governor, District #79



### CALLING ALL SERRANS TO REMEMBER PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

**PRIESTHOOD APPRECIATION SUNDAY  
SEPTEMBER 24-25, 2022**

Priesthood Sunday is a special day set aside to honor priesthood in the United States. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the central role of the priesthood in the life of the Church. This nationwide event is coordinated and sponsored by the US Council of Serra International.

Catholics are invited to observe Vatican-backed worldwide events, namely, World Day of Prayer for Vocations and World Day for Consecrated Life. In the United States, we also have National Vocation Awareness Week and National Catholic Sisters Week. Priesthood Sunday, however, specifically honors priests without whom the Mass could not be offered and Sacraments could not be celebrated.

Priesthood Sunday is a more personal day for parishes and for organizations with a chaplain. It is for those who cultivate close working relationships with their priests, and therefore could benefit from a special day to express their gratitude. It is a chance to thank and honor priests in unique ways.

Therefore, please watch your parish bulletins, as there will be announcements in our local bulletins alerting parishioners to this event coming up on the weekend of

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me?”, and “How will my life turn out?” *Sacred Fire* attempts to address the concerns we have in the later stages of our lives, beyond the restless questions of youthful insecurity and loneliness, where we wonder “How do we live beyond our own heartaches, headaches, and obsessions?”

One of my favorite selections within *Sacred Fire* is chapter eight, the segment entitled “The Ten Commandments for the Long Haul.” Father Ron points out that the biblical Commandments given to us in scripture are offered to keep us from falling into sin, a “minimal requirement for morality.” The “Ten Commandments for the Long Haul” are more “an invitation for a more intimate relationship with God.”

Rolheiser’s “Long Haul” commandments are as follows:

- Live in gratitude and thank your Creator by enjoying life. If our love and service of others does not begin with gratitude, we will end up carrying people’s crosses and then sending them a bill.
- Be willing to carry more and more of life’s complexities with empathy. To accept that we cannot have the full symphony in life gives us permission to have a bad day, a lonely season, a life that somehow never fully gets free of tension and restlessness. It gives us permission not to be so hard on ourselves.
- Transform jealousy, anger, bitterness, and hatred rather than giving back in kind.
- Let suffering soften your heart rather than harden your soul.
- Forgive those who hurt you, forgive your own sins, forgive the unfairness of your life, and forgive God for not rescuing you. Forgiveness is a nonnegotiable condition for to going to heaven.
- Bless more and curse less.
- Live a more radical sobriety: when we sustain a lie for any length of time, the sin can become unforgivable because we no longer see any need for forgiveness.
- Pray: affectively and liturgically.
- Be wide in your embrace. We are mature only when we are compassionate and our sun shines both on those we like and those we do not like.
- Stand where you are supposed to be standing, and let God provide the rest.”

There you have it, what I have come to believe will help me to attain my spiritual goal and will assist me in becoming a true “Laborer for Christ.” Have I made it? Not even close, but I do believe that if I can just try to do my best and to get out of my own way, God will do the rest.

Okay, that is my plan for traveling the road to becoming a “Laborer for Christ.” Now, what is yours? If you have not read Fr. Ronald Rolheiser’s books *Sacred Fire* or *The Holy Longing*, I strongly recommend both.

See you on Sept 21<sup>st</sup> --remember--7:00 a.m. in our former classroom.

**PRAY TO BE A GOOD  
LABORER FOR CHRIST**

A prayer by **Henri Nouwen**  
from *With Open Hands*

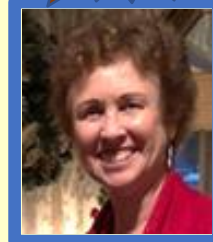
Dear God, give me the courage to live and work for a new heaven and a new earth as Jesus did. Give me the freedom to be critical where I see evil and to offer praises where I see good. Most of all, make me faithful to the vision you have given me, so that wherever I go and whomever I meet, I can be a sign of your all-renewing love. Amen.

**SEPT-OCT SPEAKERS**

**SEPT 7 NO GEN'L MEETING LABOR DAY**

**SEPT 21 BEVERLY TRUZZOLINO**

**Subject: AUSTRIAN &  
GERMAN CHURCHES &  
CATHEDRALS**



**OCT 5**





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September 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of 2022.

In an address to Serrans attending the 2017 Serra International Convention, Pope Francis said:

*"I would like to reflect on something, which, I believe, is central to the experience of faith, to be friends. To be friends to priests, sustaining their vocation and accompanying them in their ministry; with this great gift, you enrich the Church! This is, above all else, what a Serran is: a "special friend" whom the Lord has brought into the lives of seminarians and priests."*

With Pope Francis' words of inspiration, may you be moved to action to find a way to express your gratitude to as many priests as you are able, encouraging them to continue in their great ministry, without which we could not have Mass celebrated or receive the Sacraments!

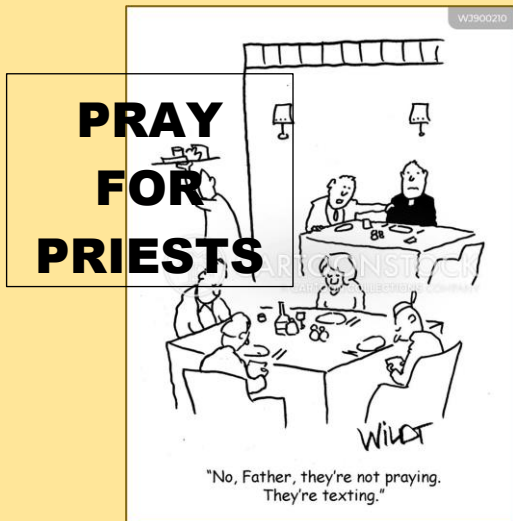
What a blessing our priests are in our lives!

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Do not wait until a priest retires or is transferred to celebrate their service. Like Father's Day, let Priesthood Sunday be the one day a year when we make it a point to make priests feel truly appreciated and special.

**SEPTEMBER 24/25, 2022**



## OUR SPEAKERS ARE SUCH AN INSPIRATION!



**Sally Vu,**  
Postulant for the Parish  
Visitors of Mary Immaculate

At our August 17<sup>th</sup> meeting we were honored and blessed to have as our guest speaker Sally Vu. She shared with us her inspirational and moving story, her journey to discover God's will in her life and her call to religious vocation. Although she had fallen away from the church during high school, she had a conversion experience after college. She wasn't sure she wanted to be a Religious; she wanted to serve God's people directly. After visiting various religious communities, she discovered an interesting and unusual group which both lives as community and directly serves the community in which they live. These women are attached to a parish and work as missionaries and teachers within that family. What a blessing for those churches!

Please pray for Sally and for those in her community.

*City Club Newz*

WE WERE SO PRIVILEGED TO HAVE AN INSPIRING REPORT FROM OUR REVERED MEMBERS ON THEIR HISTORIC TRIP TO OBERAMMERGAU FOR THE PASSION REINACTMENT. ANN & BEVERLY LIT UP OUR HEARTS & MINDS!



## NEW FALL SERRA MEETING SCHEDULE

*Remember . . .*

*Now on WEDNESDAYS at Holy Family Cathedral*

*Meeting at 7:00 a.m. in the room off of the Hall,  
starting with breakfast and the speaker  
and followed by 8:15 a.m. Mass in the church.*