



# A Voice For Vocations

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**Fr. Junipero Serra**

## **Prez Sez – Renew Our Prayer Life**



**Beverly Truzzolino,  
President #643**

We have officially christened the Monsignor Sammon building at St. Cecilia's with our presence. Change is not always easy, especially as some of us move into our later years. Thank you to all who assisted with the transition back to St. Cecilia's.

We will be moving into the fall season soon and will notice the weather changing, along with the

leaves on the trees. This is a marvelous time for us Serrans to restock our prayer life too. Do we need to make any changes? Our vacations are now behind us and perhaps we can reflect where we need to change up our prayers and spend time with God.

Our ministry is to pray for vocations, which is an honor, yet a responsibly too. Are we conscientiously praying with intention for priests and seminarians? Have we invited someone to join us or have we shared our mission of Serra? Our world can be topsy-turvy at times; however, we have God to keep us right side up. He has given us many beautiful saints to emulate when we need extra hope in our lives. My personal favorite is St. Padre Pio whose feast day is September 23. He has many profound statements,



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such as: “Pray, hope, and don’t worry. Worry is useless, God is merciful and will hear your prayers.” As we transition into our new meeting digs, and seasonal change, let’s pray with focus and intention.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Beverly Truzzolino, President

## District Doings – Ordinati Luncheon

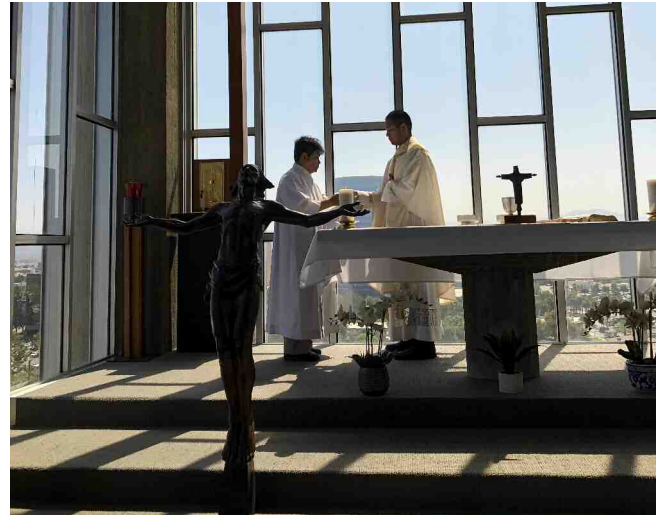


**Anne Champagne, Governor, District #79**

On Friday, July 26, 2024, the County of Orange Club hosted a luncheon honoring our two recently ordained priest, Rev. Cole Buzon and Rev. Greg Walgenbach. These two ordinations were both firsts for the Diocese of Orange, as Fr. Cole Buzon is the first Filipino priest ordained for the Diocese of Orange, and Fr. Greg Walgenbach is the first “married with family” priest ordained in our diocese under the Pastoral Provision instituted under Pope John Paul II in 1980. The Mass was celebrated in the “Chapel in the Sky” on the Christ Cathedral campus and our current Vocation Director Rev Cheeyoon Chun also celebrated Holy Mass.

Below are some highlights from the vocation stories relayed during the luncheon by both priests, as review for those who were in attendance and as information for those Serrans who were unable to attend on that day.

**Fr. Cole Buzon** introduced his vocation story as his “short and funny” version.



### **Mass In “Chapel in the Sky”**

It began with his relaying of his “love at first sight” girlfriend from junior high school, where when he had an opportunity to talk to her for the first time, after having admired her from afar, he only managed to blurt out “Hi” and then promptly ran away..... “And that is why I am a priest



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today” This comment elicited peals of laughter from the audience.

Then, he proceeded to share his seven (7) year seminary journey with us. His seminary years were “humbling, joyful and fulfilling”. He recounted the times when he was experiencing difficulty. In our world of many comforts and distractions, the journey to the priesthood and committing to the call from God can be very challenging. He said that he was very aware of the grace that he was receiving due to the prayers of the faithful, especially of our Serrans. He was very well acquainted with our local Serra Clubs, not only in the Diocese of Orange, but also those of Los Angeles, San Bernardino and San Diego.

Fr. Cole’s talk was very engaging and warm and well received by everyone.

**Fr. Greg Walgenbach’s** vocation story was a bit more complicated.

He is a married priest with a wife and family of four (4) children. He relayed that there were three

stages in his journey: Baptist, Episcopal and Anglican, and finally becoming a Catholic priest.

He was raised Baptist and learned the scriptures and loved God’s word. This led him to campus ministry at UC Irvine, and that is where he met his wife. He was a Baptist minister in East LA for five (5) years. His transition proceeded during this time as he often studied the history of the Church. He began to frequent the Episcopal Church and truly enjoyed the liturgy of the Mass and receiving the Eucharist. He pointed out that although we think that there is much strife and stress within our Catholic Church, that those dynamics were not unusual in the Episcopal and Anglican churches that he served within, and that he was focusing on unity. Some of those churches were actually “falling apart” and this also was a motivating factor in his being drawn to the Catholic Church. It was during this time that he heard about the Anglican Ordinariate which was introduced by Pope John Paul II in 1980. He was very interested, if not amazed, by this development in the Church.

Fr, Greg served two (2) years as an Anglican Priest in Bakersfield, CA. Ultimately, he was finding that he fully agreed with all of the teachings of the Catholic Church and that perhaps, “he should be Catholic”.

In conversation with Bishop Kevin Vann, he was advised to “live Catholic” for a while as “knowing” the teachings of our church and “living” them are two different things and Greg said this was wise advice. At that time, his children were young and perhaps later on might be better timing to pursue a different path. Finally in 2018, Bishop Kevin Vann approached him to begin the process of becoming a Catholic priest through the Pastoral Provision.

It was during this time that he fell in love with Jesus, through His people, His word and he found



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himself being called to His service. He was extremely grateful.

In conclusion, Fr. Greg stated that our Catholic Church is open to many charisms. There are so many spiritualities that make up our church and we are ONE in the Body of Christ, ONE as a family of God. We are ONE in the Eucharist and as we appreciate everyone, we find “Oneness”. (Wise words)

There are many on-line resources to explore any questions that you may have about married priests being ordained in the Catholic Church. Also, Fr Greg indicated that he is always happy to answer questions regarding this as there can be much misinformation out there!

## Serran News

### **New Meeting Time – Begins in September**

Serra meetings will return to St. Cecilia's starting in September on the first and third Tuesdays. We'll meet at 6:30AM Mass, followed by a light breakfast and meeting. We plan the meetings to be over by 8:30AM for those who prefer to attend the 8:30AM Mass.

### **Msgr. Sammon Fund Committee Votes \$15k to Orange County Vocations**

St. John’s, Bishop White and Mt Angels Seminaries as well as the Sisters of St. Joseph will be the beneficiaries of this year’s \$15,000 distribution. The committee is waiting on County Club, to add treasurers and District Governor to a Memorandum of Understanding which spells out how the fund will be used and processed. After verifying that funds will only be used for vocations, we will set up an appointment to personally present gifts, hopefully by September.

## Serran Activities

### **Aug. 8-11, 2024 Serra International Convention**

The convention took place in New Orleans – at the New Orleans Marriott on Canal Street. Anne and Mark Champagne attended.



The Serra Convention was a profound opportunity for spiritual growth and learning. Attendees heard the following well-known speakers who inspired with their deep wisdom and insights:

- Reverend Colm Cahill, Vocations Director for Archbishop of New Orleans,
- Reverend Mark Toups, Director of Seminarians for Houma/Thibodeaux Diocese, La.
- Dr. Tom Neal, Director of Evangelization and Mission Engagement for Pensacola/Tallahassee Diocese, Fl.
- Bishop Thomas Daly, Episcopal Bishop for Serra U.S.
- His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins, retired Archbishop of Toronto
- Very Reverend Joshua Rodrigue, Rector of the Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans

Serrans also engaged in the following practical workshops:

- Vocations/Programs
- Membership/Communications Committees Workshops (concurrent)
- Foundation Workshops (concurrent)



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The workshops were all designed to enhance faith and equip Serrans with the tools to strengthen their efforts to foster and promote vocations.

Try to attend next years convention and mix fun with faith and learning.

**August 21, Wednesday Memorial Mass for Bob DeFeo** - At 10 AM most of the Serra City of Orange Club membership along with other family and friends of Bob DeFeo attended his Memorial Mass at Holy Family. Fr. Rudy was the celebrant.

We were all able to express our condolences to Bob's wife Carol, who attended both the Mass and the reception that followed in Rooms A & B of the Parish Hall. The food was great and the tables were full. Everyone had time to meet with Carol individually and reminisce on old times.

## A Voice for Vocations – July & August Speakers

### **On July 3<sup>rd</sup> Fr. Brandon Dang, Director of Vocations Updates Serrans**

This last stage in the journey to the priesthood consists of the transitional deacon ordination in December and then being assigned to a parish to integrate into parish life. Ordination into the priesthood happens in June. On June 8, 2024, Deacon Cole will be ordained as a priest. Oliver Coughlin will be ordained as a transitional deacon on December 14, 2024.

### **On July 17 Haley Moore Spoke on Her Personal Conversion Story.**

Mark Kreyche introduced Haley Moore.

Hayley. She is an active parishioner at St. Thomas Moore Catholic Church in Irvine. She was confirmed in 2020 and now works on the Confirmation/Youth Ministry Team there. She is passionate about leading the youth closer to Christ, especially because of her encounter with Jesus as a teen in the Confirmation program. Haley will be transferring to UC Irvine as a third-year student this fall and will be studying psychology. She hopes to pursue a career that allows her to merge the Church and mental health.

In in her youth, her family went to church together on some Sundays although her father was not a Catholic. When she got into high school, she started reading the bible more and became more Catholic. When she finally asked her father if he wanted to become Catholic, he said "Sure"! All she had to do was ask!! As a catechist at St Thomas Moore working with the youth of the parish, she wants to know why the youth is being pulled away by the secular world, which offers freedom and empowerment in the world. Most parents haven't been catechized so they don't pass it on to the kids. The catechism that the kids are learning is now being passed onto the parents.

We need to pray for the teens that they have a conversion to live as Jesus wants us to. We need to have events in the church to explain why the church has the teachings it does. We need to have events for teens to see more about youth going into religious life. Holiness is cool!! There needs to be more high energy services to appeal to the youth but keep the Eucharist at the forefront. In closing, her great observation of teens is that they all want to be known, seen and loved.

### **On August 7<sup>th</sup> Ron Le Heureux Spoke on the Right to Life Ministry**



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Ron gave an animated talk on the right to life ministries in Orange County. He went into great length in describing the rewarding experiences of prayer warriors and others who stand outside abortion clinics praying for women and their babies in crisis pregnancies and who when practicable make information available to them about the alternatives to abortion.

## On August 21<sup>st</sup> Andy Sison Spoke on the Eucharistic Congress

Andy started his talk with the Eucharistic Revival Prayer shared at the conference. He handed out information pages for everyone to understand what went on daily at the conference in Indianapolis. There were 50,000 people in attendance at the conference: 1170 priests, 1,200 brothers and sisters, 630 deacons, 610 seminarians and 200 bishops.



**Eucharistic Congress in Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis**

They had impact sessions and praise and worship. To close the convention on the last night, the revival session speakers were Bishop Barron, Johnathan Roumie and Fr. Mike Schmitz, all three very popular with Catholics.

Five points that were stressed at the conference for the attendees to take home are:

1. Protect your Sabbath.
2. Take the time to be fed by God.
3. Pray for yourself.
4. Wait for God to respond.
5. The Church is perfect—not people.

The following are links regarding the Eucharist revival weekend:

- [Eucharistic Revival Web Site](#)
- [Eucharistic Congress Streaming](#)
- [EWTN on Demand - Eucharistic Revival](#)

## Coming Events

### **September 16<sup>th</sup> The Annual Msgr.**

**Sammon Golf Tournament** – The golf tournament takes place at Tustin Ranch Golf Course. The cost is \$189 for golf and banquet. Registration at 11:00AM & cocktails at 5:00 PM. Banquet tickets alone are \$70. each. Sponsor a clergy for \$189, St. Serra Feast Day. See Poster below.

**September 29: Priesthood Sunday** – We will incorporate the 31 Club into this day, cards ordered.

### **December 14, 2024 Transitional**

**Deaconate:** - Oliver Coughlin will be ordained a transitional deacon on December 14<sup>th</sup>.



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## Happy Birthday

Name	Month	Day
John Le Duc	July	6
James Dazé	July	8
Joe Neglia	July	13
Maryellen Keating	July	20
Mike Keating	July	3
Brigid Noonan,	August	8
Carol Frank	August	17
Maureen Neglia	August	22
Louis Morones	August	28
Betty Pedia	August	29

## Prayer List

### Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bob DeFeo and for his family.  
 Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Biale and for his family.  
 Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Brockschmidt and for her family.  
 Please pray for the repose of the soul Dan Phelan (father in law of Deacon Bill) and for his family.

### Sick

Please pray for the intentions and speedy recovery of

Michael Feeney, Mary's Kitchen, Sr Louise Ann Micek, Kathy Robinson, Jeanne Warren, Fr. Droessler, Dan McKelvie, Nancy Ivary, Kimberly Hills Leibe. Please keep Carol DeFeo in your prayers.

## 2024-25 Officer Roster

Office	Name
Gov. District 79	Anne Champagne
President:	Beverly Truzzolino
Treasurer:	Matt Ivary

<b>Programs:</b>	Mark Kreyche
<b>Vocations</b>	Carol & Phil Frank
<b>Membership:</b>	Anne Champagne & Patty Baer
<b>Newsletter</b>	James Dazé
<b>Recorder</b>	Melda Arick
<b>Correspondence</b>	Brigid Noonan
<b>Publicity</b>	Angie Brazeal
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Loretta Callopy
<b>Hispanic</b>	Luis Morones
<b>Ambassador</b>	
<b>Trustees:</b>	John Le Duc & Maureen Neglia
<b>Ad Hoc.</b>	Georgia Mottl,
<b>Committee</b>	Maureen Neglia, Loretta Callopy, Rosemarie Tsutsumi, Anne Champagne.
<b>Chaplain:</b>	TBD
<b>Spiritual</b>	Sister Louise Ann
<b>Advisor:</b>	Micek, CSJ