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Fr. Junipero Serra

Prez Sez – Virtue of Hope

The third objective of the Serra Club is to assist members to recognize and respond in their own lives, to God's call, to holiness in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit. Does your inside match your outside? In other words, does your exterior behavior look like your interior soul? The definition of virtue as a noun is: the quality of doing what is right and avoiding what is wrong. To me this seems overly simplistic, almost childish; it's like we're saying we are avoiding wrong only to avoid going to hell. As Serrans I pray that each of us will sincerely focus on our own call to holiness by doing what is right over just avoiding evil or just taking the "High Road."

The three spiritual virtues are faith, hope, and charity. The world in these past years has been challenging to most of us in one way or another. With that in mind Pope Francis has proclaimed 2025 a Jubilee Year of Hope with the theme "Pilgrims of Hope". This is an opportunity again for our own call to holiness to focus on the spiritual virtue of hope! The Pope states, "In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future will bring." This past year many good things have come to our Serra Club, such as a brand-new meeting space with room to grow, a new enthusiastic chaplain, and eight new members in 2024 which includes two new couples and one joining their member



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spouse. Let us all be renewed in hope as we begin a new year.

Blessings always,
Beverly Truzzolino, President

District Doings – Orange County **Diocese Vocation Evenings**



There are two vocation evening events running currently in the Diocese of Orange and, as Serrans, we want to know more about these events. Please see below some important information and dates.

Anne Champagne,
Governor, District #79

Vocations 101 Discernment Evenings

“This is a free 6-week series led by our Vocations team to guide you in uncovering God’s unique purpose for your life. This series is a great starting point for those who are just beginning their discernment journey.” Scheduled dates are:

- November 12, 17, 19
- December 3, 10, 17, 2024

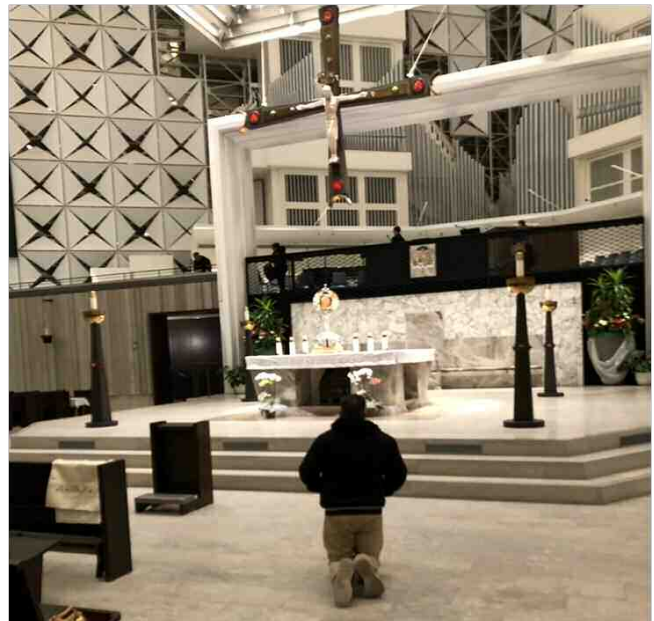
These take place at the Pastoral Center at the Christ Cathedral.

Ephphatha (“Be opened”) Discernment Nights

“These are nights of fellowship with young adults who are seeking to start fresh, reconnect with God, make new friends, pray, socialize and discern and be open to God’s will in their lives. Our evening will include vocation testimonies, adoration, music, preaching, and free dinner.” These are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the ODD months of the year at the Christ Cathedral. The Event Calendar for 2025 is below:

- March 11, May 13, July 8,
- September 9 and
- November 11, 2025
- Dec 31, 2025 New Years Eve begins at a later time.

Please pray for the success of these well executed programs to reach out to our youth and ask them to discern to what vocation God may be calling them.



Attendee Prior to Adoration

May God abundantly bless their ministries!

Serran Activities

Trapped in Paradise

On October 19th: Serrans: Loretta Callopy, Roni Masters and Beverly Truzzolino joined Sister Louise, SSJ at the preview screening of “Trapped in Paradise” which is based on a book about Catholic Nuns in the South Pacific, Papua New Guinea (NG) from 1940 to 1943. You can watch the film or order a copy of the book at <https://www.csjorange.org/books>. In the near future the film will be released on YouTube.



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A copy of the sisters book, who spent time in Papua NG, over the years was distributed to all to see. The paperback is also available at [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com).

St. Cecilia's. First Vocation Night

Sr. Thuy Vu, LHC, is in charge of The Children's Faith Formation at St. Cecilia's. The ministry held their first Vocation Night presentation for the young people of St. Cecilia's on Sunday, November 3rd from 5 pm to 7pm. The ultimate goal was to create a culture of vocations.

for supporting the event along with the club's \$100 donation that provided pizza for the event.



The Serran Exhibit



Fr. Cheeyoon Speaks to the Youth

It was a great success, over sixty young people attended, with Moses, Youth Minister Director, Fr. Cheeyoon, Joan Patten, Lovers of the Holy Cross, Deacon Dong, a seminarian, David Hoang, Brother Thomas, Brothers of St. Patrick.

Sister requested our support for the evening. We heartily accepted this wonderful opportunity to assist with this exciting endeavor We set up a Serra Club table (banner, brochures, seminarian poster) to share about our ministry. It was a great connection for the young people to learn about Serra Club and our support for vocations. Thanks go to Rosemarie, Brigid, Carol, Phil and Beverly

Holy Spirit Catholic Church Vocations Banquet



Honoring Those Working for Vocations

Holy Spirit Catholic Church Vocations Committee held their annual banquet on Friday, Nov. 22nd at 4:30pm in Westminster. Bishop Vann was in attendance.



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Several of our members also attended in support of their good work including Anne Champagne, Beverly Truzzillo, and Rosemarie.



The Serran Table at Holy Spirit

Special Program at Our November 5th Meeting

Russell Martin and Jennifer Denison of Park Plaza explained the different types of senior living i.e. Independent, dependent, board and care and assisted living along with amenities of Park Plaza. Fees depend on the prospective resident level of needed care, level 1-5. Residents have their own apartment and are on a month-to-month rent.

Resident Wayne, a tall gregarious man shared his personal experience living at Park Plaza. In his earlier life he proudly shared that he played basketball at UCLA under John Wooden. He chose to live at Park Plaza as his sister lived there and his wife had passed away. He shared about the daily activities available and he enjoys cards (gambling on a small scale \$2) He showed the menu and many options Park Plaza has to offer. Brochures with further details on senior living were available to those interested.



Wayne Tells It Like It Is Flanked by Russel & Jennifer

December 8, 2024: Christmas Party

Many Serrans and spouses and family members were able to attend the annual party. We had a special guest, our very own Carol DeFeo. It was wonderful to see her and enjoy her company.



Christmas Cheer All Around

Monsignor Sammon distributions were presented to Fr. Cheeyoon and Sr. Karin Neuernberg. Stater



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Bros gift cards were presented to the St. Vincent De Paul Society and Target gift cards along with a home-made gift were collected for Mary's Path.

Auditorium and providing coffee, condiments and water.

Transitional Diaconate

On Saturday December 7th Oliver Coughlin was ordained to the Transitional Diaconate. Serrans: Angie and George Brazeal, Lorreta Callopy, Beverly Truzzolino, Ann Yates and Roni Master all attended the beautiful occasion.

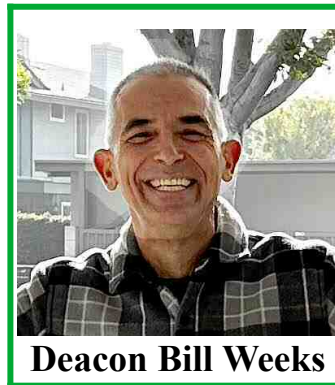


Fr. Cheeyoon accepts a Msgr. Sammon Fund Distribution

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Melda Arick, Recorder

On November 5th Chaplain Deacon Bill Weeks Gave Us Message of Spiritual



Encouragement
Calling upon Our Lord God to always bestow upon you His spirit of enlightenment as you faithfully serve His Church through your prayerful act of calling forth further vocations to the priesthood and

religious life. As we near the end of this Church year and move forward to the next, let us take a moment to pause and reflect on the wonderful work that has been done in His vineyard thus far. Like the gospel reading we heard today, many mustard seeds have been planted firmly within several young men and women that will indeed cultivate beautiful trees of clergy and religious in the future. Let us continue to water, fertilize and nurture them with prayers of hope entrusting their growth to the Lord daily. Never doubt that the work you do will produce a bountiful harvest in His Kingdom. Continue to seed the earth with



Sr. Karen Neuernberg accepts a Msgr. Sammon Fund Distribution

Thank you for all your generosity! Mike and Mary Ellen Keating supplied our game for the event (Christmas anagram) and even had prizes. Congrats to all winners. In addition, the Keatings brought a variety of Christmas carols that all sang out heartily.

Thank you to all assisted to make our Christmas party a success; especially Loretta Callopy our hospitality chair-person. Thank you Sr. Lousie for arranging the venue at Sisters of St. Joseph



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those strong desires for our priesthood to grow with much grace each and every day. It only takes one humble prayer 🙏 a day to help it grow in a special way. Make those prayers your constant act of love.

Wishing you joy, happiness and peace now and always, Dcn Bill

On November 19th Seminarian, David Hoang, Gave the History of His Vocation



Sr. Louise introduced David Hoang, her seminarian. He came from a very Catholic family of five: his parents, twin sisters and himself. He was a normal, active child but at the age of 10, he had

a breakdown of the meaning of life. His dad came into his room after he heard him crying and explained that after this earth, there is heaven with God where we go after living our life. A calmness came over him after those encouraging words. After high school, he went to into the seminary. That is where his discernment occurred. He went to Bishop White Seminary (Spokane) for four (4) years and now is at Mount Angel for two (2) years.

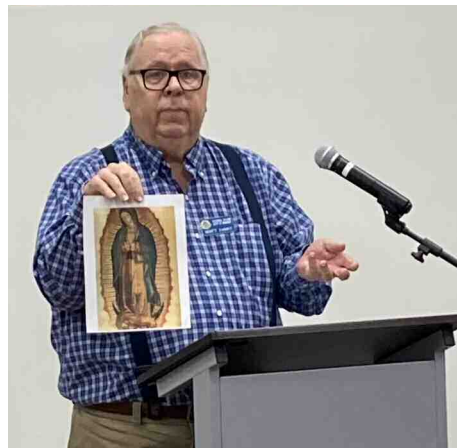
The young go into the seminary to seek a place away from distractions. There are new stages of formation for the seminarians: Vocational Synthesis (6 mo - 1 yr.), Configuration (3.5 yrs.), Discipline (2 – 4 yrs.) and Propaedeutic (1 – 3 yrs.). David is doing part of his Vocational Synthesis at the Immaculate Heart of Mary in a rough part of Santa Ana with very faith filled parishioners. Prayers have great effect on the

seminarians and he thanks the Serrans for all their prayers.

On December 3rd Matt Ivary Spoke on Our Lake of Guadalupe

In 1519 - 1521 the MesoAmerican world had been turned upside down. The Aztec empire had been destroyed. Ruling elites stayed in power aligning with Cortez. The Native Americans were dying in great numbers from serial pandemics of new foreign diseases.

A young man named Juan Diego, walked the area during this time. The Blessed Mary appeared to Juan Diego on the road as a 14 -15-year old indigenous woman. The first time she wanted him to visit the bishop and tell him about Mary appearing and wanting the bishop to build a Shrine at Talabush to help the people. Juan Diego did as she asked. The bishop wanted proof that Our Lady had appeared to him.



He went back to tell her that he needed proof. Our Lady told him to go up the hill and gather flowers, Castillian roses, unheard of in Mexico in the winter. When the

bishop saw these roses presented to him, he also saw on Juan Diego's tilma the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

She was standing on the moon with a crown with stars on it. She was blocking out the sun that was blazing behind her. This showed that she was all



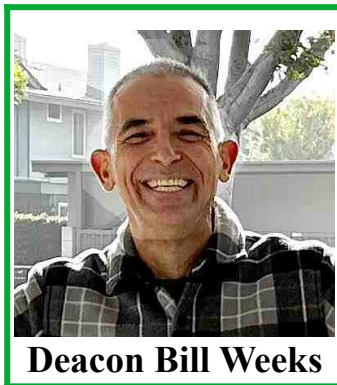
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powerful over the moon and the sun. Our Lady's clothing was made up of different colors. The stars on the cloak is exactly the constellations in the sky in the exact position that they would be at an eclipse as the moon depicts.

When the tilma was presented to the bishop, all present witnessed the miracle. She appeared to Juan Diego 4 times and once to his uncle, who was sick and healed by Our Lady. The tilma still exists under glass in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City. The image converted 10 million people in the Americas. Faith and hope were given to the people by God.

Chaplain's Corner



Deacon Bill Weeks

Brothers & Sisters in Christ:

Mostly recently, I had the opportunity to participate in a good friend's 64th birthday celebration. It was a complete "surprise" to him. As we gathered together to offer our

words of congratulation on reaching this milestone, I could not help but reflect on how he turned his life completely around with the help of a little sacramental grace and the influence of a parish priest.

My dear friend had been battling with a chronic case of alcoholism. It had invaded every aspect of his life – his marital relationship, his relationship with his children, his work, as well as his encounters with close friends. He had entered into a very dark place without any way out. Well, no human way out for his good friend, Jesus, would not let him go any farther hurting the ones he loved and who loved him dearly.

It was a hot Saturday in July when my friend realized that he needed help. Turning to the one place that he always found solace and comfort, he decided to take the advice of his family and go to confession. On that particular summer day, he entered the confessional a broken man and was immediately greeted by his parish priest. Seeing a sullen look upon his face, he had him sit and begin his confession. This confession was like no other for my friend. He realized that it was time to come clean and let it all out –the addiction, the depression, the confusion, the shame and disappointment. He recounted how he truly felt the love of Jesus radiate through his parish priest. His eyes reflected the heart of Jesus. He listened but didn't judge. He spoke with compassion rather than condemnation. His gaze was only one of a true friend who would not abandon him in his hour of need. Needless to say, he received his penance and put it to good work. Rather than become a fatal statistic, he turned his life around and became a man grateful that Jesus, through his earthy persona (aka priest), rescued him before it became too late.

Watching him celebrate his birthday reminded me how life is a grand celebration, especially when we receive the sanctifying grace to live it well which is provided by Jesus' earthy persona – his priests. What a gift it can be when we receive those gifts often. What joy can come when we appreciate who suffered, died and rose to make it all happen for each of us. What a blessing it is to have such an opportunity available literally 24-7. It is always just a car ride, casual stroll or even a bike ride away.

As we move into the new year, let us raise our glasses to Christ for creating the ministerial priesthood. Let us toast Him well for continuing to bless us with holy men dedicated to following his example of obedience, humility and loving service. Let us pop open a bottle and dedicate it to



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Him for allowing us to pray earnestly for vocations and always acting upon those prayers with urgency and zeal.

Wishing you happy holidays and joy in Christ Jesus always, time knowing full well what will come – only goodness and kindness all the days of your life.

P.S. Go out into the world and seek out those who can fill His shoes worthily and well!

In Christ Jesus now and forever,
Deacon Bill Weeks

Meet Our New Serrans

New Members Inducted

Anne Champagne and Patty Baer. presented gifts to our new members, Linn Stalnaker, Mike Keating and Carmel Sanchez. Another new member, Cecelia Santiago was not present



All Smiles for Michael Keating and Linn Stalnaker

My Bio – Carmel Sanchez

I worked for St Cecilia’s church before the Covid pandemic hit. I moved to Orange. After four years I returned to St Cecilia where I reside. As a parishioner I have joined the women’s club, Serra club and hopefully join the Carmelites. I like traveling, nature walks, and exercise.

Some of our interests have been: Marriage Prep and preparing the Little Ones-Holy Communion, Soup Kitchen, Mental Health Ministry, and Women’s Fellowship.



Carmel Sanchez (center)

Coming Events

Meetings:

- **Tuesday, January 7, 2025:** St. Cecilia 6:30 AM Mass in the church, followed by a continental breakfast, speaker, and business meeting.
- **Tuesday January 21, 2025** St. Cecilia 6:30 AM Mass in the church, followed by a continental breakfast, speaker, and business meeting.



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March 1, 2025 – Day of Recollection will be held at St. Cecilia and Father Christopher Smith will lead the retreat.

March 23, 2025 – St. John’s Seminary Visit with Mass and lunch in on Sunday March 23, 2025. The seminary is asking how many Serrans will be attending. Please reply ASAP if you plan to attend or not to Beverly Truzzolino, truzzfam@yahoo.com.

Twenty-one (21) Serrans have signed up to date. We will arrange car-pooling to Camarillo.

Happy Birthday

Name	Month	Day
Ann Yates	Nov.	23
Patty Baer	Dec.	10
Nancy Ivary	Dec.	3

Prayer List Deceased

- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Marge Turk and for her family.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bob Moore and for his family.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Charlie McCarthy and for his family.
- 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 Bible and for his family.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Messerschmidt and for her family.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul Dan Phalanx (father in law of Deacon Bill) and for his family.

Sick

Please pray for the intentions and speedy recovery of

Carol DeFeo, Deacon Bill, Michael Feeney, Mary’s Kitchen, Sr Louise Ann Micek, Kathy Robinson, Jeanne Warren, Dan McKelvie, Nancy Ivary, Kimberly Hills Leibe, August Overholdt, Jen Mauson, Maureen Renden, Sister Virtue, and our Serran travelers.

2024-25 Officer Roster

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Spiritual Advisor:	Sister Louise Ann Micek, CSJ