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Fr. Junipero Serra

Prez Sez – Showing Up



**Beverly Truzzolino
President**

I've been reflecting deeply on God's mercy—that steadfast, unmerited love and compassion that He chooses to bless and forgive us, rather than punish us as our sins deserve. It's easy to say, "He's God, of course He is merciful," but I am challenged by the fact that Jesus was human, too, and still chose mercy.

This hits close to home when I ask myself: Do I have the compassion to forgive those who have truly hurt my family or me? Do I forgive "seventy times seven" (Matt. 18:21-22), or do I succumb to the human temptation of desiring retribution?

With over 120 scripture references to His mercy, I am reminded that He chooses to love me even when I do not deserve it. I encourage you to pause the next time you are offended, reflect on Jesus' mercy, and choose leniency over punishment. It is a powerful way to grow in holiness.

Finally, I want to thank every Serran for your support and encouragement over the past two



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years. I pray we have all grown in holiness together and enjoyed the opportunities we've had to interact with our Seminarians, Priests, and Sisters.

Peace and Love,
Beverly Truzzolino, President

District Doings – The “Divine Mercy” Devotion



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

Last Sunday was Divine Mercy Sunday and perhaps you will find some of this info below of interest. Part 1 explains the origins of the Devotion Part 2 explains key aspects of the image that we are familiar with in our Church

The Divine Mercy devotion originated from private revelations received by St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun, between 1931 and 1938. Jesus appeared to her, requesting an image (painted in 1934) and a devotion emphasizing trust in God's mercy, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, the Hour of Mercy, and a Feast Day.

Origins and Key Elements:

Visionary:

St. Maria Faustina Kowalska (1905–1938), a Polish nun from the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, recorded these revelations in her diary, published as *Diary: Divine Mercy in My Soul*.

The First Vision:



On February 22, 1931, in Płock, Poland, Jesus appeared to St. Faustina in a white garment with red and pale rays emanating from his heart, instructing her to "Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: 'Jesus, I trust in You'".

Key Promoter:

Father Michael Sopoćko, St. Faustina's confessor in Vilnius, helped document the revelations and arranged for the first painting of the image.

The Chaplet:



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In 1935, St. Faustina received the prayers for the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, a prayer intended for atonement and pleading for mercy.

Divine Mercy Sunday:

Jesus requested that the first Sunday after Easter be celebrated as the "Feast of Mercy," which was later officially established by Pope John Paul II. The devotion focuses on trusting in Christ's endless mercy, particular for sinners, and acting as a conduit of that mercy to others.

Part 2

Key aspects of the Divine Mercy image include:

- Significance: Jesus told St. Faustina it is a "vessel of graces" to draw souls to him.
- The Rays: Representing the blood and water that flowed from his side on the cross, they symbolize the grace of God's mercy.
- The Message: It highlights that God's love meets us in our suffering and sin, offering forgiveness.
- Veneration: It is intended for public veneration and as a sign of trust, with promises of victory over enemies, especially at the hour of death.

Serran Activities

Lenten Morning Reflection with Father Christopher Smith

*Lent A Time Of Possibility, Vision
And The Promise of Eternal Life*

FR Christopher Smith returned this year to again lead our annual Day of Reflection on February 28th at ST Callista Church. The morning's activities began with Mass in the Church.

Then everyone moved to the FR Sammon Center for a continental breakfast followed by FR Christopher's spiritual exercise.



Lay Out the Buffet & They Will Come

Father based his presentation on three gospel passages followed by short reflections on pertinent life questions.



Listening In Rapt Attention

The Samaritan Women at the Well (John 4/5-42)

Jesus offers the Samaritan woman the living water of eternal life. She was reluctant at first to accept it. Blinded by the prejudice between Samaritan and Jew and her own dishonesty with herself.



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(She was not married but had five husbands.) She finally made the leap of faith and accepted the living water.

We are baptized with the living water, but do we put obstacles in the way to prevent the water from doing its work? Is Lent a time to put aside these obstacles?

The Man Who Was Blind From Birth (John 9/1-44)

The man blind from birth had never seen the world. Jesus cured his blindness. He marveled at the physical world around him, but was hurt and confused by the religious officials who accused him of never having been blind.

He returned to Jesus who asked him if he believed in the Son of Man and he said he was not sure. When Jesus told the man he was looking at the Son of Man, the blind man believed. He now saw with his eyes and his heart.

Do we just see the physical world or do also see the blessings, gifts and success of life along with the hardships, problems and injustices. To see these is to grow?



Serrans All – City & County Clubs Both

Jesus Raises Lazarus (John 11:1-45)

Jesus finds Martha and Mary grieving over the death of their brother Lazarus. Jesus gives them the promise of eternal life. They did not understand, but he told Lazarus to come out of the tomb. He did.

We need to let Jesus bring us out of the tomb of fear, discouragement, anxiety, and doubt or of bitterness resentment, cynicism, or fatalism. The joy of life is still there. It only has to be set free by God’s promise of eternal life..

Field Trip to ST John Seminary Camarillo

On March 15th over fifty Serrans and alter boys with family members joined in a “Day at the Seminary”. Everyone gathered at The Sisters of St. Joseph Mother House at 8:30 and boarded a luxury bus for Camarillo.



FR Ben Was Our Tour Guide/Chaplin

We arrived in just over an hour and began the tour with Mass followed by Lunch in the school’s cafeteria and sampled its famed cuisine, After lunch we broke into groups for seminarian guided tours of the campus. Each group was led by a



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Procession To Mass in Chapel

Seminarian who described the history of the seminary as well as the life of a Seminarian.

St. John's Seminary, located on 20 acres of



All Smiles at Lunch in Cafeteria

farmland, is known for its lemon and avocado orchards, rows of eucalyptus trees, magnificently designed grounds that are speckled with mature Italian Stone. Ponderosa and Monkey pines, statues of saints and other spiritual significant landmarks.

On March 19, 1939, the cornerstone was inserted in the already erected building. Archbishop Cantwell entrusted the administration of the



Patty Baer, Seminarian Nicholas Meneses & Rosemarie Tsutsumi in Cafeteria



Rector, Fr. Leo Hutton Greets Beverly Truzzolino & Anne Champagne

seminary to the Vincentian Fathers. On September 12, 1939, under the leadership of its first Rector, Reverend William P. Barr, C.M., and ten faculty members, St. John's Seminary opened its doors to seventy candidates for the priesthood.



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Melda Arick, Recorder

Program for February 17^h – Fat Tuesday

Laissez les Bons Temps Rouler

At this meeting the first order of Business was celebrating the traditional FAT TUESDAY POT LUCK Plenty of food was enjoyed by all in attendance.

The second order of business was the nominating committee for next year’s Serra officers: Mark Kreyche explained the duties of all the officers. There will be a nominating committee for the positions open. We are in need of a President Elect, Secretary, and the Vice President for Communications.

On March 17th – Serra Rally Recap By Anne Champagne, Mark Kreyche, and Beverly Truzzolino

Anne started the talk explaining that all handouts on the table could be found also on line. They attended the Serra Rally in St. Louis on January 24, 2026. She summarized the presentation by Fr. George Torres. His video can also be found on Serra UF. He was talking about the Eucharist Congress that was such a success they want to do it again. Fr. Torres was talking about how happy he is about the fidelity of the Seminarians coming into the priesthood.

What we know about vocations:

- The Holy Spirit is the main influencer of vocations, then comes Priests, spiritual directors, mothers, and family members.
- The beginning age of most men considering to join the priesthood is usually 17.
- Most of them were altar servers



Group Picture in the Plaza

The development of the grounds expanded swiftly. The chapel was solemnly consecrated by Archbishop Cantwell on October 8, 1939, although artistic additions continued to be made during ensuing years.

We boarded the bus to return about 2:30.

The Life Center of Santa Ana Luncheon Volunteers on April 2nd

Volunteers Anne Champagne, Brigid Noonan, Ann Yates, Angie Brazeal, Carmel Sanchez, and Melda Arick attended the Life Center of Santa Ana’s monthly clients’ luncheon. Humility was the theme of the day and the mothers had discussions on being filled with humility, led by Megan Morris.

Megan wrote us a note thanking us for donating money to the Life Center and going for the day to hold the babies while the girls had their discussion.

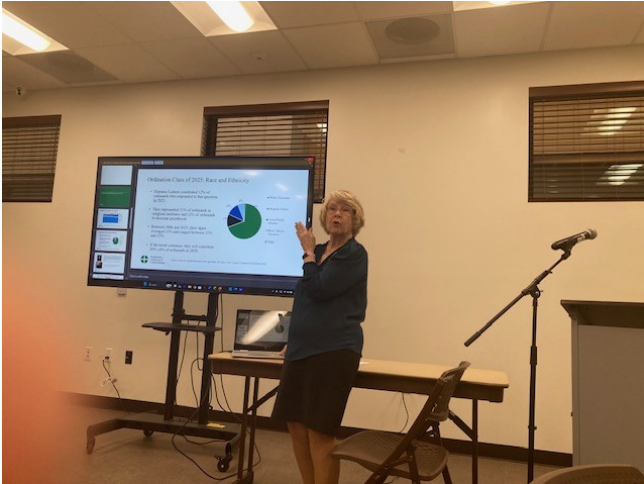
A Voice for Vocations – January & February Speakers



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- 50% who enter discern out though 90% of ordained priests are happy.



Anne Speaks on Attributes of a Priestly Vocation

Some of the things that show that Catholicism is becoming first in people's lives are longer lines at Confession, and more attending Holy Hour.

Mark's favorite speaker at the Rally was Bishop Thomas Daily. He has had many hats in the Catholic Church. One is the head of USCCB of Catholic Education. Pope Francis named him the Bishop of Spokane in 2015.

Bishop Daily based his talk on 3 passages: the first one being Matthew 23, 1-23. The greatest among you will be called servant. He talked about servant leadership. The Son of Man came to serve not to be served. Leadership is about responsibility and service.

The second scriptural passage is Mark 10, 35-45. Be humble and grateful and then generous. Sometimes you have to leave God to meet God. You must possess humanity, humility and humor. Thinking of the good of others is the greater good. The last scripture was John 10, 11-18, the teaching of the Good Shepard.



Mark Speaks on Bishops Thomas Daily's Presentation

Beverly wrapped it up. She explained that twice a year they hold a rally and once a year there is a convention. This year's rally was at the Augustine Institute.

Dr. Tim Gray was the founder of the Augustine Institute. The Institute in St. Louis is on a 284 acre piece of property that was built by Boeing for leadership and training that they renovated. When COVID hit they realized that they needed to sell it so the church got a great deal. It is where the students go to get a Theology degree.

Dr. Ann Roat, the International President of Serra said that we need to learn to lead like Jesus. To be a Serran is to be a person committed to the vision of our organization. It is to be a person who is passionate about promoting vocations. Serrans are truly trying to discover those men and women who the Lord of the Harvest is calling to labor in His Vineyard. Simply being a Serran is being a visionary leader.

April 7th - Sister Sara Tarango Speaks About Her Vocation

Sister Sara Tarango, was originally from Northern California working for 20ish years in human resources. Prior to coming to Orange, she



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lived in San Diego. While on retreat she was asked by two people if she ever considered Religious life. Right before that, a friend had



Sister Sara Tarango

asked her the same question. She started to consider the vocation and began discerning as a sister of St. Joseph.

She sold her house in San Diego and quit her job and moved up here. She had read the Laudato Si', an environmental and social encyclical calling for urgent action on climate change, consumerism and ecological justice, written by Pope Francis.

She was asked to continue working in the environment. She saw a movie called "Kiss the Ground", a movie on regenerative agriculture in the United States that really impressed her. She saw a profoundly Spiritual aspect to it. It mimics God bringing us back to life for our dry souls as the water brings the dry soil back to life.

She meets with the green teams at Providence Health System. There is a lot of waste in the medical field because things have to be kept clean and sterile and that isn't compatible with cutting down on waste in the world. They work with the teaching schools to make them aware of taking care of the earth.

She is taking a class on Ecological Regeneration, which is all encompassing on Ecological

Theology, Methods and Movements for Social Change, and Earth Ministry. She would like to start up a Retreat Center Farm where people can go to be in tune with the earth. You can train in soil advocacy which totally interests Sister "Soil"!

April 21 – Deacon John Reza – Vocation Story and Deaconate Ministry

John graduated from Long Beach State University. He is married and he and his wife have 2 children. Their daughter went to Rosary and their son is a Servite graduate.



Deacon John Reza

He didn't know anyone at church. He started going to daily Mass where he was learning peoples' names. He became more comfortable with others after being a part of the Cursillo movement. It was there that he encountered Christ. When asked to be a Deacon, he originally said no because he didn't know what a Deacon was or does.

The morning of the call from Chris, he heard the voice of Jesus saying "If today you hear his voice, harden not your heart." The graces he has received from saying yes, was being able to see his kids play sports during their high school days. Whenever God pulls you, you have to say yes, for



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Jesus is first, he is I Am, he opens up hearts and lives.

The journey to become a Deacon takes 6 years. You start as an Inquirer, Aspirant, Lector, Accolade and then a Candidate

He feels it's a true blessing to expose the Blessed Sacrament. The Eucharist is a part of his conversion. He becomes breathless when he exposes the Blessed Sacrament because it is the true presence of Jesus. He was asked by a parishioner to start the program, "This Man Is You" at St. Hedwig.

Pope Leo's Prayer for World Peace

For world peace, Pope Leo asked us to repeat this prayer for peace.

Most Holy Trinity, Almighty God, Precious Blood of Christ, destroy Satan and nullify and paralyze the plots of those who control the whole world.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, destroy Satan and nullify and paralyze the plots of those who control the whole world.

Saint Michael the Archangel, bind Satan and nullify and paralyze the plots of those who control the whole world. Amen!

St Therese of Lisieux, soften the hearts of the evil ones and paralyze the plots of those who control the world. Amen.

Padre Pio, convert the hearts of the bad people and paralyze the plots of those who control them. Amen.

All the Saints and Angels in heaven, help pray for peace to be a reality. Amen.

Recite this prayer once and share it with others; in a short time, many will repeat it. We must believe in God and remember that prayer has power.

Coming Events

Election of New Officers-WE NEED YOU!

The Nominating Committee is busy filling the slate of new officers for the coming Year beginning In July 2026. Mark Kreyche will be moving up to run for President, which leaves his office of president elect open. We are also in need of a Communications Officer.

The complete list of current officers is at the end of the newsletter. Please review them and step forward to show your interest in serving in one of them.

Don't be afraid to step forward and ask. Several other officers are looking to step down or serve in other capacities so there will be openings. We will train you. There will be a training session at Mark Kreyche's home after the installation of new officers.

Nominations will remain open until election day, when you can nominate from the floor anyone present for any office.

If would like to serve in an office contact the nominating committee: Beverly Truzzolino, Cell 714-642-6455, truzzfam@yahoo.com or Mark Kreyche, Cell 714-914-2689, mgkreyche@gmail.com

**Serra's 83rd International Convention
July 9-12, 2026**



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Join Us for Serra's 83rd International Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA, July 9-12, 2026.

Many Serrans may know of Indianapolis because the historic 2024 National Eucharistic Congress brought over 55,000 Catholics to Lucas Oil Stadium in downtown Indianapolis. Serra was present at the momentous five-day event, the first of its kind in 83 years! This July we will have our annual international convention in downtown Indianapolis, just a short walk from the stadium



Indianapolis

As always, the convention is an opportunity to experience Serra's true internationality, as well as a chance to strengthen your connection to our vocations mission through incredible speakers, programs, and fellowship with other Serrans.

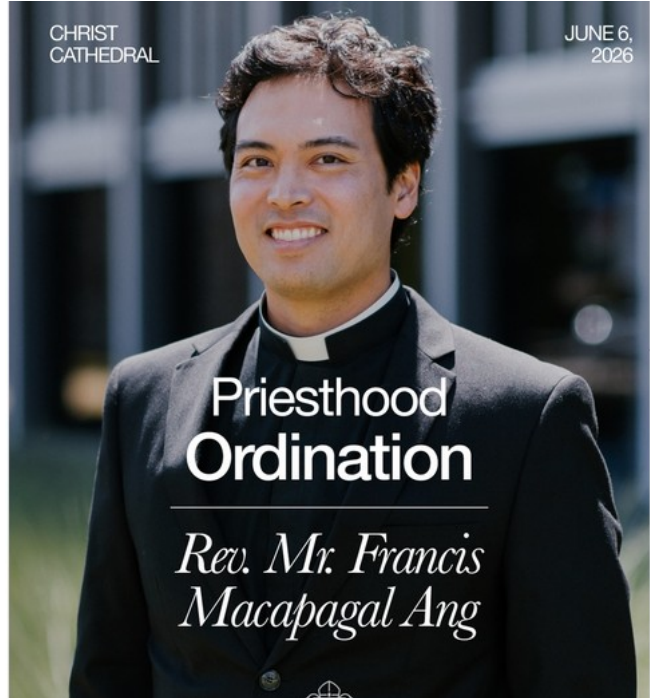
[Register for the Indianapolis Convention](#)

[Reserve Your Room at the Hyatt Regency,](#)
[\\$159 per night](#)

June 6th Ordination Mass Christ Cathedral

We are excited to announce that on Saturday, June 6th, our diocese will welcome Deacon Francis Macapagal Ang into the Sacred Order of the Priesthood.

Please save the date to join us for the ordination Mass, which will be celebrated by Bishop Kevin Vann at 10AM at Christ Cathedral.



Meetings:

- **Tuesday May 5, 2026** – St. Cecilia 6:30 AM Mass in the church, followed by a continental breakfast, speaker, and business meeting
- **Tuesday May 19, 2026** – St. Cecilia 6:30 AM Mass in the church, followed by a continental breakfast, speaker, and business meeting
- **Tuesday, June 2 2026** – St. Cecilia 6:30 AM Mass in the church, followed by a continental breakfast, speaker, and business meeting



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- **Tuesday, June 16 2026-** St. Cecilia 6:30 AM Mass in the church, followed by a continental breakfast, speaker, and business meeting.

Save The Date

First-Class Relic of St. Carlo Acutis for Veneration

Holy Family; May 11 to 17

Holy Spirit; May 25 to 31

St. Bonaventure; June 9 to 14

**Ordination of Deacon Francis Ang
Christ Cathedral**

Saturday, June 6; 10AM

**Seminarian/Priests Basketball Game
Mater Dei Gym**

Friday, June 12

**Serra's 83rd International Convention
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Ordinati Luncheon

Christ Cathedral, 4th floor

Tuesday, July 14

**Priests/Seminarian Talent Show
Freed Theater Christ Cathedral
Saturday, July 25**

**Serra Priests Golf Tournament
September (Day TBD)**

**Seminarian vs Priests Soccer Game
St. Barbara's in Santa Ana
Nov. 27, 2026**

**Transitional Deaconate
Christ Cathedral
Saturday, Dec. 5; 10 AM**

Happy Birthday

Name	Month	Day
Fr. Cheeyoon Chun	Mar	2
Anne Champagne	Mar.	3
Al Jesowski	Mar.	7
Gloria Suess	Mar.	10
Loretta Callopy	Mar.	13
Steve Oliver	Mar.	14
Sr. Louise Ann Micek	Mar.	20
Rosemarie Tsutsumi	Apr.	23
Sr. Louise Ann Micek (Baptism)	Apr.	25

Prayer List

Deceased

- Please pray for repose of the soul of Rob Fucilla, brother-in-law of Peggy Georges-Dazé, and for the Fucilla & Georges family.
- Please pray for repose of the soul of the son of Virginia Mort and for his family.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ray Santiago and for his family.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Kent Davis and for the Davis & Ivory families.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Michael Feeney and for his family.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Wally Drazba and for his family.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jane Virgilio (County Club) and for her family.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jen Mauson and for her family

Sick

Please pray for the intentions and speedy recovery of:

Carl Manning, Dan McKelvie, Kathy Le Duc, Tom Arick, Deacon Bill Weeks, Mary's Kitchen, Kathy Robinson, Jeanne Warren, Betty Padilla, Werner Deffner, Kathleen Berry, Dan McKelvie,



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Nancy Ivary, Maureen Renden, Maureen Neglia, Joe Neglia, Brion Baer, Susan Murphy, personal intention of The Keatings, Seminarian Alvin Huynh,, Mark Champagne, Surgery in July, Amelia Sanchez, Peter and Carol Kinsler Stern, Sisters of St. Joseph in Chapter for new elections in May and our Serran travelers.

2025-26 Officer Roster

Officer	Name
Gov. District PA79:	Anne Champagne
President:	Beverly Truzzolino
President Elect:	Mark Kreyche
Treasurer:	Matt Ivary
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Vocations	Carol & Phil Frank
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Recorder:	Melda Arick
Correspondence:	Brigid Noonan
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Hospitality:	Loretta Callopy
Hispanic Ambassador:	Luis Morones
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Chaplain:	Fr. Ben Nguyen
Spiritual Advisor	Sr. Louise Ann Micek CSJ