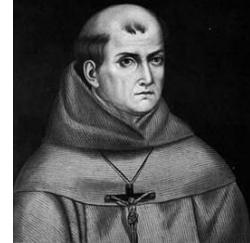




SERRA CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY



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NEWSLETTER

OUR MISSION IS TO FOSTER, AFFIRM AND PROMOTE VOCATION TO MINISTRY IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

FUTURE EVENTS

- Sept 5 – Club Meeting, Speaker: Fr. Al Baca
Sept 9 – Serra Club of Orange County Golf Outing, Tustin Ranch Golf Club.
Sept 24 – Serra Unites, Serra Chapel Mission San Juan Capistrano 5:00pm
Sept 19 – Club Meeting, Speaker: Rev. William Hubbard
Oct 3 – Club Meeting, Speaker: Sr. Mary Elizabeth Nelson, Vocation Director of Mother House
Oct 17 – Club Meeting, Speaker: Msgr. John Urell
Nov 7 – Club Meeting, Speaker: Lesa Truxaw, Director of Office of Worship @ Marywood
Nov 21 – Club meeting, Speaker: Rev. Michael Matthew
Nov. 22 -24 – Western Regional Conference, Carmel
Nov 24 – Blessed Junipero Serra 300th Birthday
Dec 5 – Club Meeting, Speaker: TBD

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Fellow Serrans,
We had a wonderful Ordinati celebration this year. Our two newly Ordained Latino priests gave us their heartwarming vocation stories. We are grateful that they said yes to their call. In our diocese where about 40%

of the Catholics are Latino we welcome them. The Mass was celebrated with six priests including Bishop Luong. Bishop Brown joined us for dinner. Cathy Walton and her committee of June and Silvia worked hard to give us an enjoyable evening. Thank you so much Cathy for taking the time and making the effort to once again put on a great event!

Our fellow club member Gene Salkeld was to receive his 50-year Serra pin at the Ordinati event. Unfortunately he was unable to attend because of his

A Grandparent's Vocation Prayer

Gracious God, source of all life, thank you for the amazing gift of our grandchildren. Help these precious young people appreciate the wonders of creation and understand how much our world needs their prayer and their service. Dear Jesus, beloved redeemer and brother, awaken in them a deep sense of gratitude for the gift of faith. May they feel proud and privileged to be called to follow you and live the Gospel.
O Holy Spirit, fire of love, inspire them to share their light with others. Open their hearts to explore ordained and religious life. Keep them centered in Christ in single life and marriage. May our grandchildren learn from the wisdom of their parents and call on their patron saints to guide their choices in life. May they experience the powerful strength of faith and the lasting joy of serving others. Sustain us as grandparents in your grace as we cherish each new day. Help us remember that how we live affects how they will live. United in faith, hope, and charity, we pray. Amen.

chemo treatments the previous seven days. Gene is one of about five people in the country to receive his 50-year piní all men, as Serra was an all-male organization 50 years ago. Gene has been a member of four clubs during that span; the Denver Club, the South Bay Los Angeles Club, the Honolulu Club and our club for the last twenty some years. He served on the Serra International Board and won the O'Hare award for outstanding Serran about ten years ago. When I was president of our club the first time ten years ago Gene was our newsletter editor. It was the

first time we went digital. He was struggling to e-mail it as we were not as computer savvy in those days. If it was several pages he would sometimes send out four e-mails to get it all out to members with each e-mail containing a single page. It has been my pleasure to know and work with Gene and call him friend. He has encouraged me, coaxed me, mentored me as a Serra Leader. Congratulations Gene!!!

This month our club is in charge of two more eventsí the clergy golf outing with Maureen Kosinski in charge for at least the sixth time. It will be on September 9th at Tustin Ranch Golf Club.

Next we have our third Serra Unites Prayer Service with Cathy Walton in charge. This will be at the Serra Chapel at the Mission San Juan Capistrano at Fr. Al's suggestion. This is Blessed Junipero Serra's 300th birthday year so this is an appropriate venue for this year's event on September 24th. It starts at 5:00pm and dinner is at 7:00 at the El Adobe restaurant. Please join us for both events.

God Bless

Pat Manzo, President

VOCATIONS REPORT



Our seminarian who received the gift card for September, donated by Silvia Uriarte, is Oscar Moreno. Oscar is from St. Polycarp parish and is in Theology 3 at St. John's Seminary. He is the adopted seminarian of Lupe Chaves.

News from the Seminarians: The seminarians have returned to their respective seminaries. The really good news is that we have gained ten new seminarians. There are now 39 seminarians studying for the Diocese of Orange. Mary Osinga, from the Vocations Office, is working on having the pictures of the seminarians on the web-site. Mary is busy this month because the Vocations Office is moving to Christ Cathedral. Also this month, I will be updating our Adopt-A-Seminarian activity. I will check with the members if they want to keep the same seminarian or adopt a new entrant. With the increase in vocations, we can feel confident that our prayers are making a difference. Please keep all the seminarians in your prayers.

The next Priest Discernment meeting will be September 4, 2013 at Marywood Center Chapel at 6:00pm. The purpose is to familiarize interested men in the possible call to the priesthood in the Diocese of Orange. Any questions regarding discernment,

please contact Rev. John Moneypenny, Director of Vocations. E-mail Fr.JMoneypenny@rcbo.org. The Discernment meetings are held once a month on Wednesday. The location of the meetings after September is yet to be determined.

Remember your day in the 31 Club and try attend your parish monthly day of adoration.

September Vocations Prayer: *Loving God, your Son, Jesus, brought the light of the gospel to the world. Grace our Church with people of faith who carry the light in peace to the world as priests, deacons, religious, consecrated seculars, and lay ministers. Together may we live in service to others. Amen.*

Mary Brockschmidt, Vocations

SPEAKERS



Our celebrant and speaker on August 1st was our favorite pastor, Fr. Al Baca

After a very nice Mass and a lovely lunch, Fr. Al spoke to us first about the wonderful vacation he had just recently. He had a much welcomed farm vacation. It was located in Michigan on 150 acres of land backing up to a beautiful forest. He saw deer and other animals, fed the chickens, blessed the land, said Mass, and spent some time on the porch journaling. How relaxing it was for him. He was not alone, for he was with friends and of course, our Lord.

One of his special outings was going to Mackinac Island. He stayed at the Iroquois Hotel. As he looked up the hill he saw the Grand Hotel which looked very reminiscent of a castle. Consequently, it is known locally as the "Castle". Farther up the hill, way up on the very top sits a fort. Fr. Marquette was the first priest to say Mass there.

The Island is unique as there have been no cars allowed there since the 1800s. There are, however, two vehicles allowed. One is an ambulance and the other a sheriff's vehicle. Transportation for everyone is by horse and buggy, bicycling, and walking. There are thousands of people here yet the life and atmosphere were quite calm - and it was on the Fourth of July this year.



Fr. Al Baca

DISTRICT DOINGS

Back home here in California, he took the bishop to Garden Grove to visit the Muslims. It was their õRamadanö, a time of penance. Sunrise was at 4:00am when they arose and had a small meal. Then there was no more food, only drink, until 9:00pm when the fast was broken. The bishop wore his full regalia, and all the Muslims were thrilled to have him. They referred to him as õour bishopö.

The group is trying to create American Muslim, leaving behind the baggage. Although it takes one step forward and three steps backward, they keep trying. Men are below on the ground floor and the women are relegated to the balcony.

Just as a little footnote, Fr. Al did remind the bishop to wear good socks as it is required for all to remove their shoes.

At another event, more than ten clergy sat at a table together. There were two Mormons, one Catholic, two Muslims, the bishop and Fr. Al, as well as Episcopalians and Lutherans. The Mormons were mesmerized by the bishop's response to how the Catholics read the Bible. They want to start a Mormon ó Catholic dialogue.

Fr. Al is so full of wonderful stories; I hope I give justice to all he shared with us. Here are some tidbits of other stories he shared.

Saint Sava, of 11th century Serbia, wanted to be a monk. Although not of his father's choosing, he entered the monastery. A little surprising and sometime later, the king followed into monkhood; however, he died in Belgium. Much effort brought him back to Serbia. Ultimately the Communists took him to the top of a hill in the city and burned him forcing all believers to watch.

Pope Francis is a huge success in Brazil. Less than one million people were expected yet three million came to see him. On the flight from Italy to Brazil he told the reporters õno talks ó uselessö. However on the way home, he comfortably answered questions. His first choice to celebrate Mass was not available as a big rainstorm caused four feet of mud to be an obstacle. So Mass was celebrated at Copacabana Beach. He put a Brazilian flag and a beach ball at Mary's altar as representing World Youth Day because that's just what happened.

Pope Francis will announce the canonization of two popes sometime in September. World Youth Day is also next year but in 2015 it will be in Poland.

Sharon Birchler, VP Communications



Thank you to the County Club for organizing the Ordinati Mass and Dinner. It is always the privilege of the Serra Club to have the newly ordained priests, the Ordinati, con-celebrate Mass and tell us their vocation journeys. Harriet and I missed this one, we were in Chicago celebrating a 50th wedding anniversary of good friends. At this affair they took a picture of about 10 couples well in the OLD days. It was over 500 years of marriage. So I hope we were excused.

Cathy Walton chaired the event and did the usual great job. Thank you Cathy. And wait, she's not done yet, she is putting together another õSerra Unitesö evening of prayer and fellowship. The event is planned for Sept. 24th at the Serra Chapel of Mission San Juan Capistrano at 5:00pm. The evening will include a meal at the historic El Pueblo restaurant just down the street. More will be coming on this soon, but save the date.

Maureen Kosinski is working hard to make this year's Clergy Golf the best yet. I am sure you have received the mailing. If you can't golf, come to dinner or at least make a contribution to defray the cost of the clergy, both priests and deacons.

Finally, we have been able to procure the website, www.serraoc.org. It took a lot of work by our webmaster, and member of the City club to accomplish this. The basis of the website is done. There will be more additions, such as our district calendar and details of events such as clergy golf, and Serra Unites. Thanks to Jim Wiencek for his tireless work on our behalf. Check out the website and tell me what you think at walhar@earthlink.net.

Wally Drazba, District Governor

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SERRAN BIRTHDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

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IN MEMORIAM



Wanda Thomas

HUNTINGTON LIBRARY SERRA EXHIBIT

Coinciding with the 300th anniversary of Serra's birth, this unprecedented exhibition features about 250 objects from the Huntington's collections and those of 61 lenders in the US, Mexico and Spain. Through a display of rare documents, maps, artifacts and works of art ñJunipero Serraö provides a sweeping examination of Serra's origins on the Spanish Island of Mallorca, where he was born, his years as a missionary in Mexico and his work to establish a system of missions along the California coastline, beginning with Mission San Diego in 1769. The exhibition also provides the backdrop against which the missions emerged, taking a closer look at the numerous groups of culturally diverse Indians that populated early California. And it examines the impact of Serra and the mission system on that native population, offering a wide contemporary perspective on his legacy. Exhibit continues to January 6, 2014.



SURVEY OF YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS ON VOCATIONS

The following is Part 3 of a *Consideration of Priesthood and Religious Life Among Never-Married U. S. Catholics* by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate at Georgetown University.

Consideration of Becoming a Priest or Religious Brother Among Men

Among male respondents, those who attended a Catholic secondary school (grades 9-12) are more likely to have considered becoming a priest or religious brother. Compared to those who did not attend a Catholic secondary school, these respondents are more than six times as likely to have considered a vocation. Participation in a parish youth group during primary school years is also strongly related to vocational consideration. The respondents are more than five times as likely to consider becoming a priest or religious brother than those who did not participate in a parish youth group. Given that 75 percent of male respondents who have considered a vocation report that they first did so when they were 18 or younger, these two results provide some of the strongest evidence of a possible causal effect.

Encouragement from others is also important. Respondents who have one person encouraging them are nearly twice as likely to consider a vocation as those who are not encouraged. Each additional person encouraging these respondents increases the likelihood of consideration. Respondents who had three persons encouraging them would be expected to be more than five times more likely to consider a vocation than someone who was not encouraged by anyone. Knowing someone who has become a priest, religious sister or brother, or seminarian also has a positive effect. Respondents who personally know one of these individuals are more than one and a half times more likely than someone who does not to consider a vocation themselves. This effect is additive and knowing more of these individuals would be expected to increase the likelihood of a respondent considering a vocation.

Attendance at World Youth Day or at a National Catholic Youth Conference has a positive effect. Those who attended either of these events are more than four times as likely as those who have not to say they have considered becoming a priest or brother.

Finally, those who have recently used traditional media (television, radio, print) to access content about religion or spirituality in the 12 months prior to the survey are more likely than those who have not to say they have considered a vocation. Thus, what this more likely demonstrates is that people who have considered a vocation are more likely than those who have not to use traditional media to currently follow religion and spirituality content. Those who have used one type of traditional media in the last year are nearly twice as likely to say they have considered a vocation than those who have not used these media recently. The use of two or three

traditional media to access religious or spiritual content is associated with an even greater likelihood of vocational consideration. This finding is potentially useful in understanding how male never-married Catholics who have considered becoming a priest or religious brother can be reached now.

Neither generation nor race and ethnicity are statistically significant in the full model. Thus, there is nothing about a person's age or race and ethnicity that are associated with lower or higher likelihoods of consideration. Any disproportionality in the race and ethnicity of men who decide to become priests or religious brothers are in part likely to be related to being less likely to attend Catholic schools or to be involved in youth groups, comparatively lower levels of encouragement, or not personally knowing clergy or religious. This could also be related to factors that are important after consideration of a vocation is made by individuals, such as meeting requirements for entry into a formation program.

To be continued

*7th Annual
Msgr. JOHN SAMMON
GOLF OUTING*

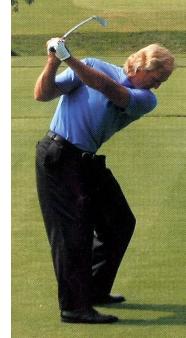
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Monday, September 9, 2013

ENTRY FEE: \$135.00

Includes
Golf Fee
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Lunch
Cocktails and Dinner

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