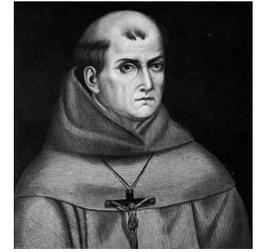




SERRA CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY



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NEWSLETTER

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

FUTURE EVENTS

- June 5 – Club Meeting, **SJ Motherhouse**, Speaker: Seminarian Robin Joo
- June 7 – Priest Ordination and Reception**
- June 19 – Club Meeting, Officer’s Plans for the Coming Year
- July 3 – Club Meeting, Speaker: Sr. Grace Le
- July 10-13–Serra International Convention, Sacramento, CA**
- July 17 – Club Meeting, Speaker: Fr. Felix Just
- August 7-Club Meeting, Speaker: Sr. Kit Gray
- August 21 – Club Meeting, Speaker: Fr. Jerry Horan
- September 5 – Club Meeting, Speaker: TBD
- September 8 – Msgr. John Sammon Golf Outing**
- September 18 – Club Meeting, Speaker: Fr. Steve Sallot
- October 2 – Club Meeting, Speaker: TBD
- October 16 – Club Meeting, Speaker: Fr. August Puckner
- November 6 – Club Meeting, Speaker: TBD
- November 20 – Club Meeting, Speaker ; TBD

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE



Dear Fellow Serrans,
 This is my first message as your club President. I would like to take the opportunity to thank our past president Pat Manzo and all the officers for their commitment and hard work these past two years. As you know, my wife, Rosa, and I are fairly new to our Serra Club. Lacking both knowledge and experience, I humbly seek all my fellow Serrans’ guidance and support for our journey these next two years. I commit myself to you and to our club with a servant’s heart and hope that with the support and understanding of each other, we will continue our mission and ministry of Fr. Serra to support the vocations of priesthood and religious

Prayer of Consecration at the Ordination of Priest

Come to our help, Lord, Holy Father, almighty and eternal God; you are the source of every honor and dignity, of all progress and stability. You watch over the growing family of man by your gift of wisdom and your pattern of order. When you had appointed high priests to rule your people, you chose other men next to them in rank and dignity to be with them and to help them in their task; and so there grew up the ranks of priests and the offices of Levites established by sacred rites.

In the desert you extended the spirit of Moses to seventy wise men who helped him to rule the great company of his people. You shared among the sons of Aaron the fullness of their father’s power, to provide worthy priests in sufficient number for increasing rites of sacrifice and worship. With the same loving care you gave companions to your Son’s apostles to help in teaching the faith: they preached the gospel to the whole world.

Lord, grant also to us such fellow workers, for we are weak and our need is greater. Amen

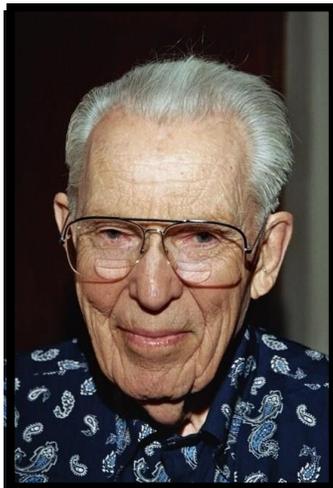
life.
 Since the Tustin Banquet Center was sold, we will have to explore different venues for our meetings. I give my special thanks to Sue Silvestri for her hard work in contacting various vendors. What we have learned will be shared at our June 4th Board of Directors meeting.
 Our International Convention will be held in Sacramento from July 10 to 13. I encourage you to attend if possible.
 On June 7, 2013, Pope Francis answered the question of one student of the Jesuit Schools of Italy and Albania by analogizing faith to walking. Walking is an art; if we are always in a hurry we tire and cannot reach our destination, the destination of

our journey. Yet if we stop and do not move, we also fail to reach our destination. Yet always keep this in your thoughts: do not be afraid of failure. In the art of walking it is not falling that matters, but not staying fallen. Get up quickly, immediately and continue to go on. And this is beautiful: it is working every day, it is walking humanly. But also: it is terrible to walk alone, terrible and tedious. Walking in community, with friends, with those who love us: this helps us to arrive precisely at the destination where we must arrive. (Cited by Chris Lowney in Pope Francis: *Why he Leads the Way He Leads*, Loyola Press, 2013)

Let us walk together in community for our faith, our mission and our ministry. God Bless.

Warren Kato, President

IN MEMORIAM



John McElligott

Today I got the sad news that John McElligott had gone to heaven.

John was past president of our club as well as district governor when the district included San Bernardino. John and his wife Anita attended all the regional conventions and many international conventions as well. When I agreed to be president again these past two years, John told me he would continue to come to meetings while I was president even though he was 90 when my term began. John kept his promise and drove from Fullerton to our meetings during my entire presidency.

When I first joined Serra, the indefatigable and meticulous John Mc Elligott was one of the first people I met. He was welcoming and helped me get my bearings in the club. John was then VP of programs, a position he held for the next ten years or so and always introduced the speakers himself. For

the last two years, I sometimes introduced the speakers. As anyone who knows John can imagine, John continued to help me out. He would whisper anecdotes about our speakers to me so I could then introduce them.

Now John can rest and enjoy the best of what God created.

Pat Manzo, Immediate Past President

SPEAKERS



Since our former location was sold, we met at the Motherhouse. Our celebrant and speaker on May 15 was Fr. Jim Reis. He has been pastor at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Fullerton and now will be the new pastor at Our Lady of Fatima in San

Clemente. The poor man will have to suffer with living near the beach with fresh ocean air, in his own condo. Such a sacrifice he is making. But he does sacrifice much in his work as a priest, Counsel, and more. Yes, he wears many hats.



Fr. Jim Reis

He spoke about Christ Cathedral. Trying for completion in 2016, it is looking a lot like it will be 2017. Anyone the slightest familiar with renovation knows that things definitely do change along the way. One of good news is that the current estimate of Pentecost, it will become Christ Cathedral Parish.

Currently we have raised, through pledges and donations, \$83M. Pretty marvelous for a first time around request. We need a goal of \$120M. Priests have pledged about \$700K.

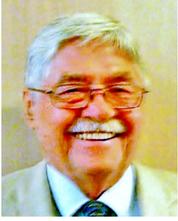
We want to keep an ecumenical prayer room on the 12th floor of the Tower of Hope. Blessed Sacrament chapel is currently planned to be under the organ, although that could change. Retrofitting now needs to be done. The organ renovation in itself is a \$2M project. I believe he said that came from a generous donor specifying the money to be used toward that endeavor.

A question was raised about maintenance costs. That, of course is a continuing cost. We are looking for large donations, endowments, etc.

Fr. Jim, we know your workload will be demanding, but do enjoy your new parish.

Sharon Birchler, Communications

DISTRICT DOINGS



Thanks to the South Club for the wonderful Mass and dinner for our installation. I won't list the officers, but here are the leaders in each club. County Club: Warren Kato President, and Arbie Keown President-Elect.

City Club: Matt Ivary, President and Janie Hanson, President-Elect. South Club; Ed Dainko, President and Bob Taylor President-Elect.

There are a couple of relatively new names in the list, thank you for answering the call to serve

We just received an e-mail from the president of Serra International, Sean Yeo, asking Serrans to remember two events calling for prayer. First, is a novena to the "Sacred Heart Of Jesus" (18-26 June). He forwarded a prayer for each day emphasizing the increase of sanctity in the priesthood. The second is an "Act of Consecration of Serra International to the Immaculate Heart of Mary", on June 28. If anyone would like to pray the specific prayers Sean sent, the prayers will be on the website: www.serrainternational.org.

During the coming month I'll be working with many of our officers helping them to do a better job in their respective offices. We'll still be having a wonderful summer, and I hope you do too.

Wally Drazba, District Governor

POPE ADVISES SEMINARIANS

Pope Francis met with seminarians from around the world who are studying in Rome and offered advice in response to their questions. Assuring seminarians from the Middle East and Ukraine of his prayers, Pope Francis responded to an American seminarian's question by stating that spiritual formation, academic life, community life, and apostolic formation are the four pillars of the seminary. Academic study without the other three components, he said, leads to the danger of "slipping into ideology."

In response to a Chinese seminarian's question about the difficulties of community life, Pope Francis warned against gossip and recalled that when he was in the early stages of formation, he told his spiritual



director that he was angry with someone. The priest asked, "Tell me: have you prayed for him?" and the future pope, ashamed, said no. Pope Francis urged the seminarians to pray for those whom they have problems.

In response to a question from a Mexican seminarian about discipline, Pope Francis referred to the Eastern fathers, advised vigilance over the heart, and repeatedly emphasized devotion to Mary. The Pontiff also exhorted the seminarians to examine the inclinations of their hearts each night before retiring. Pope Francis emphasized to a Philippine seminarian that priests must be humble servants of the people, avoiding love of money and vanity. He advised reading St. Augustine's *De Pastoribus*.

Responding to a request from a seminarian from Cameroon, Pope Francis discussed his daily schedule—a schedule that includes prayer, lectio divina, Mass, the Rosary, adoration, and the Liturgy of the Hours. "The ideal is to end the day tired," said Pope Francis. "No need to take pills: finish tired."

In response to a question from a Mexican seminarian about homilies and the new evangelization, the Pope advised closeness to the people and short, strong homilies of no more than eight to ten minutes. He recommended *A Theology of Proclamation* by Hugo Rahner and "not Karl, Hugo! Karl is difficult to read" as well as a similar work by Domenico Grasso.

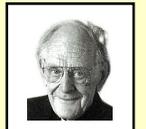
"One of the most beautiful jewels of the priestly life," Pope Francis said in response to the last question, from a Polish seminarian, is "priestly friendship."

SERRAN BIRTHDAYS IN JUNE

Judi Jo Amy, June Craig, Rosa Kato

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SERRA INSTALLATION MASS AND DINNER MAY 19, 2014



PAT MANZO



SUE SILVESTRI , SERRAN of the YEAR