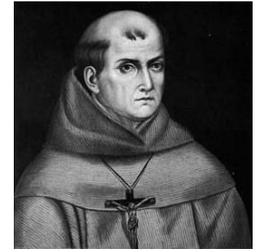




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NEWSLETTER

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

FUTURE EVENTS

- August 7-Club Meeting, Motherhouse, 12:15 Mass
Speaker: Sr. Nadine McGinnis
- August 21 – Club Meeting, Motherhouse, 12:15 Mass
Speaker: Fr. Jerry Horan
- September 4 – Club Meeting, Motherhouse, Speaker:
Fr. Wayne
- September 8 – Msgr. John Sammon Golf Outing**
- September 18 – Club Meeting, Motherhouse,
Speaker: Fr. Steve Sallot
- October 2 – Club Meeting, Motherhouse, Speaker:
Katie Dawson
- October 16 – Club Meeting, Motherhouse, Speaker:
August Puckner
- November 6 – Club Meeting, Motherhouse, Speaker:
Sr. Kit Gray
- November 20 – Club Meeting, Motherhouse, Speaker:
Fr. Antoine Bakh
- December 4- Christmas Mass and Luncheon

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Fellow Serrans,
Pat Manzo, Cathy Walton, Rosa and I attended the 72nd Serra International Convention in Sacramento in July. This year's convention was very well attended. There were four bishops, 22 priests, 15 seminarians and over 300 Serrans from around the world who came to Sacramento to pray and work for an increase in vocations. Serra International has made a lot of positive changes in the last year. It has developed worldwide prayer initiatives, reinstated the Serra Council in the US, dismissed the lawsuit, and published the "Handbook for Serrans Called to Holiness". Its user-friendly website, which has four official languages, contains much useful information and resources. I highly recommend checking out the



Prayer for Priests

O Mary, Mother of Christ and our mother, guard with your maternal care these chosen ones, so dear to the Heart of your Son. Intercede for our priests that, offering the Sacrifice of your Son they may be conformed more each day to the image of your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen

new website. John Liston, who is young and enthusiastic, is the newly hired Executive Director. Sean Patrick Cardinal O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap., has accepted the role of Episcopal Adviser of Serra International and succeeds Francis Cardinal George. For me, the highlight of the convention was Fr. John Horn's talk. Fr. Horn is the rector at the Kendrick Seminary in St. Louis. He energized us all to the contemplative prayer in his talk "Refreshment in the Living Word." Fr. Horn led us through Lectio Divina in gentleness. There is nothing more refreshing than immersing ourselves in the Word and let the Word dwell within us and transform us. Indeed, it is through the meditative and contemplative prayers that our heavenly Father who comes to us, his children, and talks and walks with us. On a recent occasion, I was walking on the beach and having the waves sweep the sand from under my feet. At that moment, I felt a sense of losing my balance, and thought of the story of the fool who built his house on sand (Matthew 7: 24-27). I recalled what our club has been through lately: changing caterers and meeting locations and losing

our chaplain. We may have been feeling a lack of balance in these sudden changes, and we may want to use our own strengths and create solutions to get back on course. However, it is imperative that we know that God is our foundation. Through our prayers, God, the Son, and the Holy Spirit will strengthen our club by giving us a faith-filled foundation and the blueprint. With prayers and faith, I believe that our club will stand firmly on solid rock and continue to be strong and fruitful for our ministry. So, please pray for each other and pray for our club. I, especially, need your prayers.

Mary, Mother of Vocations, pray for us as we reform. May we ever improve in our efforts to encourage and promote vocations for the Church and committed workers for your Son and our Lord

Warren Kato, President

Please continue to pray for all the seminarians and young men discerning the priesthood. There is no priesthood Discernment Meeting scheduled for the month of August. The next Priesthood Discernment Meeting will be Wednesday September 3, 2014 at 6:00 p.m., Pastoral Center, First Floor, Room 1D Christ Cathedral Campus. Any questions regarding discernment contact Father John Moneyppenny, Director of Vocations at 714-282-3036 or Fr.jmoneyppenny@rcbo.org. Remember your day in the 31 Club and try to attend your parish monthly day of Perpetual Adoration.

AUGUST VOCATION PRAYER: *O Father you desire all of us to be happy. Stir up the grace of a religious vocation in the hearts of many men and women. Grant to them the willingness and generosity to give of themselves, their lives, their time and their talents to the service of Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord and Savior, and to His Holy Church. May more men and women go forth as priests, deacons, brothers and sisters to bring the truths of our Catholic faith to all others so that soon they, too, may know you better and love You more and serving You be truly happy. Amen*

Mary Brockschmidt, Vocations

VOCATIONS REPORT

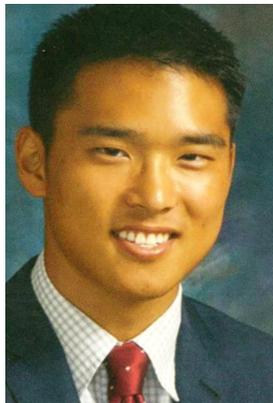


Our Seminarian who received the gift card for August, donated by Bruce Junor, is Michael So. Michael is from St. Thomas Korean Center and has completed Theology 2 at St. Patrick's. He is the adopted seminarian of John and Therese McAndrew.

The past Tuesday at the last Summer Backyard BBQ at St. Cecilia's, the guest speaker was seminarian Daniel Seo. Daniel is from Korean Martyrs Center. Daniel shared his very uplifting vocation story. As a student at UCI, Daniel was involved in campus ministry. Fr. Al Baca became his advisor and Fr. Al felt Daniel had a calling to the priesthood. Fr. Al prayed and said to Our Lord, "I'll leave it up to you to call him." In one week Daniel had four messages from different sources, all asking, "have you thought about becoming a priest?" Daniel discerned with Fr. Al and decided to enter St. John's Seminary. Hearing Daniel's story confirms that our prayers for vocations are being answered.



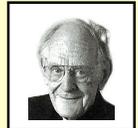
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Daniel Seo

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SPEAKERS



Fr. Al Baca was our celebrant on July 3rd and Sr. Therese Le our speaker. She hails from the "Lovers of the Holy Cross" of Los Angeles. She took her final vows one year ago and is now the vocation director.

The Lovers of the Holy Cross was Founded in 1670 in Viet Nam. Their mission includes three major areas: 1) education, 2) healthcare-nursing, hospitals, home hospice, chaplain, and 3) social work, especially for the homeless.

Before joining the community in 2003, she was in 11th grade when God first called her. At Mass one day she heard "I want to be a sister. One year later she heard the same thing but did not respond right away. During her first year of college she decided she "must respond somehow."

During discernment her thinking was "Do I really want to do this?" After all out of 20 postulates, 2 were disowned by the families. During a retreat her calling became much stronger. In marriage you must want to do for a husband. In sisterhood, you must be in a relationship with God and Jesus.

Always having been a homebody, she is learning to break out in the community. She is now able to speak to groups of others as she has done with us.

At the time of her final vows, her father was dying of cancer. She asked God what to do. The answer was not easy to arrive at immediately but she did surrender to God. Her mother had told her "Go where God is leading you to."

Our celebrant and speaker on July 17 was Fr. Felix Just S.J.. He is the Director of the Loyola Institute for Spirituality. Fr. Steve Corder was the previous director and moved on so, Fr. Just was asked to be the "interim" director. The real question seems to be: "How long is interim?" Fr. Just, a member of the California Province of the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits), is Director of Biblical Education at the Loyola Institute for Spirituality in Orange, CA. After receiving his Ph.D. in New Testament Studies from Yale University, he taught at Loyola Marymount University (Los Angeles), The University of San Francisco, and Santa Clara University. And was also director of the Center for Religion and Spirituality at LMU for several years. He now regularly teaches courses for LMU Extension, the "Ecclesia" program at Mount St. Mary's College (Los Angeles), the Lay Ecclesial Ministry and Deacon Formation programs of the Diocese of Las Vegas, and The Catholic Bible Institutes of several diocese in California. He gives many public lectures On a wide variety of biblical And liturgical topics, and also leads biblically-based days of prayer , parish missions and weekend or week-long retreats. He's webmaster for the Catholic Biblical Association of America, and also maintains his own large internationally recognized website of "Catholic Resources".



Fr. Felix Just S.J.

Classrooms at Loyola hold 24 to 30 students. He would like to see these expanded to hold at least 40 students. Classes are full at night but he would like to see more programs offered during the daylight hours. He is reaching to expand programs to young adults, the homeless, a Hispanic program,

transitional shelters, lawyers. Weekend retreat experiences are in the offing. He is also looking to expand to on-line outreach, which will hopefully occur in the more distant future, possibly a year or two.

God bless Fr. Just for all his successful and upcoming successful attempts to spread God's word.

Sharon Birchler, Communications



Dick Peters, Sr. Eymard Flood, OSC, Madrienne Peters at Sr. Eymard's 50th Jubilee

DISTRICT DOINGS



I personally have had a very busy July. It started with a grandson's wedding with many from our far flung family attending. It was followed immediately by the Serra International Convention in Sacramento.

Now it's finishing with the funeral for my older sister this week in Chicago. Harriet and I leave July 29. What a microcosm of life, Harriet and I thank our dear Lord for the strength to do it all. Oops, I almost forgot, many of our Serra friends from the City Club had a fun time roasting Carol Cagle and Bob DeFeo on their impending marriage. Silver tongued Bob talked about how their first meeting after Holy Family 8:15 weekday Mass to an occasional dinner, then to love, and now their wedding. Congratulations to two wonderful Serrans. We have had planning and discussions with the District Council members, all three club presidents and the president-elects from all three clubs. This was followed by a first, a Vocation Committee meeting with multiple clubs attending, and after that a small gathering of members from two of the clubs to discuss membership. Beverly Truzzolino of City hosted the meeting and had a good agenda prepared. One of the items that the National membership

committee stressed was retention. Getting a new member is great, getting that new member to become active is not only greater, BUT IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL TO THE GROWTH OF YOUR CLUB. Beverly will be introducing a chart proposed by National to keep track of member's involvement. I referred to this last month, answer the question truthfully in your own mind: **Why did I join Serra?**

NEWMAN CONNECTION If you aren't familiar with Newman Connection, let me bring you up to date. Serra USA Council started College Connection a few years ago. We tried to get it going in our Diocese with a bit of success. Last year we were a bit more successful. The object is to connect graduating seniors to the campus ministry at the college they will be attending. Only 15% of Catholic college grads are practicing their Catholic faith by the time they graduate. The idea is to get them involved in Campus ministry so the chance that they will be practicing their faith doubles, up to 30%, woeful but still better.

Last year a successful businessman in Illinois with a great love of the Church decided that he would invest thousands of dollars to increase staff to help the program grow. The result is now known as the Newman Connection, it is tied to the college Newman clubs throughout the country.

They also made the signup process easier. All they need is the grads name and the college name. They then advise the campus minister of the incoming student's name. With the new procedure in place we contacted the seven Catholic high schools in our Diocese. Mr. Greg Dhuyvetter, superintendent of all Catholic schools gave us thumbs up, and the names of the people we needed to contact. Every school was contacted, and the name of the person we needed to get the information was updated by the school principal or president.

So what are the results? Countrywide over 25,000 names were given to campus ministers. How did we do in our Diocese? We're still hoping that we get school number seven to send us their names. The president and principal are on vacation and will be back soon. With the names from that school I think we will be over 1,000 names. Next year we take on the bigger challenge of getting to the parishes and getting the names of students from public schools. For now, do you have the name of a relative, or child of a friend going off to college? We can get their name into the pool.

SERRA MSGR SAMMON GOLF OUTING

Check out our district website www.serraoc.org for information and a printable registration form for the 8th annual clergy golf. The date is Sept 8, 2014; the place is the Tustin Ranch Golf Club. **Make sure you invite every priest and deacon that you know that they are invited guests.** Also please make a donation to help cover the cost of these invited guests. Any profit from the outing goes to the Msgr. Sammon Fund to support our seminarians.

Wally Drazba, District Governor

SERRAN BIRTHDAYS IN AUGUST
Rose Falbo Eileen Loonam
Gene Salkeld

8th ANNUAL
Msgr. JOHN SAMMON
GOLF OUTING

Serra Club of Orange County invites you to have a fun day of golf, dining and camaraderie with friends and the clergy of the Diocese of Orange

Tustin Ranch Golf Club
12442 Tustin Ranch Road
Tustin, CA
Monday Sept. 8, 2014

ENTRY FEE \$135.00

- Golfing Fee
- Golf Cart
- BBQ Lunch
- Cocktails and Dinner



For information contact:
 Maureen Kosinski, 714-838-9387

