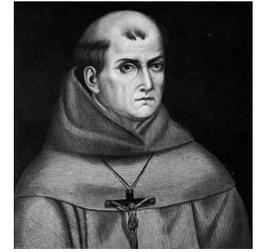




SERRA CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY



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NEWSLETTER

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

FUTURE EVENTS

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

October 20 – Ordinati Dinner, Motherhouse

November 6 – Club Meeting, Motherhouse, Speaker: Sr. Kit Gray

November 20 – Club Meeting, Motherhouse, Speaker: Fr. Antoine Bakh

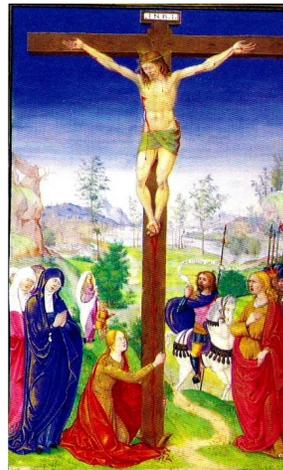
December 4- Christmas Mass and Luncheon

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Fellow Serrans,
First, I would like to thank all of my fellow Serrans from the Orange County Club for all their love, work and dedication to making our club a success. Each of you is a part of something special.

Our primary, if not most important duty as Serrans is to pray for vocations. At the last Serra International Convention in Sacramento in July 2014, Fr. John Horn reminded us that we are the prayer warriors of the Church. There is nothing more refreshing than receiving the Word. At the outset, Fr. Horn reminded us that we should not talk about her but actually enter into prayer. We must open ourselves and experience Jesus in our hearts. Fr. Horn walked us through Lectio Divina exercises



Vocation Prayer for Deacons

Lord Jesus, Word of God inspire diaconal vocations of service in the pattern of your own self-emptying love send your Holy Spirit to call deacons who will enliven the diakonia of the Church by teaching and preaching the Gospel, by mediating the needs of the People of God through service at the Eucharistic table, and by cultivating charity and justice for the poor and the marginalized.

Amen,

using two paintings, one of which was *öThe Annunciationö* by Henry Tanner. (See below)

In *öThe Annunciationö* there is hidden in Mary's gaze, a question to the viewer, *öWhat is she looking at?ö* She is attentive but not fearful of the apparition of the angel Gabriel that appears before her. In a similar manner to imagining what Mary might have been thinking and seeing, we are asked to enter into the scene and in doing so enter into meditation. A study of the painting does not curtail or inhibit our faith but deepens it, just as entering into the truth verifies our belief. Pope John Paul said that the virgin was called to offer herself entirely as human being and as woman that God's word might take flesh and come among us. We are called to listen to what God wants from us. It is this place that we as Serrans must find for ourselves.



The Annunciation

The second painting was called "Smiling Jesus" which was not attributed to any artist. What made this painting intriguing was the slightest hint of a smile on Jesus' lips while on the cross. Fr. Horn invoked Psalm 23 for us. "I will dwell in the house of the Lord for endless days," to remove the sting from His crucifixion. As we enter into this meditation, He gives us a new past and allows us to hear in a new way that He was always with us in the places where we suffered.

P.S. If you have a chance, please check out the video by Scott Allen, one of our seminarians, of one day in his life in Rome: <http://vimeo.com/95487216>.

Warren Kato, President

VOCATIONS REPORT



Our seminarian who received the gift card for September, donated by Jane Virgilio is Joseph Squillacioti. Joseph is from Holy family Parish and is in Pre-Theology 2 at St. John's Seminary

News of the Seminarians: Following some time off over the summer most of the seminarians have returned to their respective seminaries, St. John's, St. Patrick's and Mt. Angel. This year, 9 of the seminarians are doing their pastoral year assignment in parishes in the Diocese of Orange. Since they are in the area, it is our hope that some of them will be available to visit our Serra Clubs. The Vocations office reports that Seven men have entered the Seminary. Mary Osinga, at the Vocations office,



Joseph Squillacioti

is working on The pictures of the seminarians. When this is complete we will redo our Adopt a Seminarian activity. Presently there are forty-one seminarians studying for our Diocese.

Please continue to pray for all the seminarians and young men discerning the priesthood. The next Priesthood Discernment Meeting will be Wednesday, September 10, 2014 at 6:00 p.m., Pastoral Center, First Floor, Room 1D Christ Cathedral Campus. Any questions regarding discernment contact Father John Money Penny, Director of Vocations at 714-282-3036 or Fr.jmoneypenny@rcbo.org. Remember your day in the 31 Club and try to attend your parish monthly day of Perpetual Adoration.

SEPTEMBER VOCATION PRAYER: *Loving God, your Son, 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 speaker on August 7th was Sr. Nadine McGuinness sometimes called the "Pope Francis Nun" because of all her studies about him.

Let's start with Vatican II where the focus became the act of communicating, all to Jesus not just the clerics. So, what is Pope Francis' take on what the Church needs? What does the Church need most at this moment? What do we wish for the Church in the coming year? What kind of Church do we want? Pope Francis' answers are that the Church needs to have the ability to heal wounds, spiritual wounds.

The Church needs to have the ability to warm the hearts of the faithful. It also needs nearness and proximity. The Pope's image is to serve as a field hospital after a battle. Remember the movie and TV show MASH? We need to treat the seriously injured, perhaps, someone who lost a



loved one, those unable to concentrate on reason due to perhaps family issues, financial issues, and those injured from the ground up. Think of 9/11.

Sr. Nadine McGuinness

A story from Pope Francis goes something like this: A shepherd had 100 sheep. One strayed away and was lost. The shepherd spent much time searching for the lost sheep. When it was found, much petting and favor was bestowed on that sheep. Well, turn around and pay attention to the other 99. Do not neglect them.

Back to our Catholic MASH unit. The caregivers of this hospital have great responsibility. They must be caring as a mother, a shepherdess. They need to focus on attitudes which act to warm the hearts of others, and to walk through the night with them. These people, with a feeling of being fed and feeling safe, can heal. Simple attitudes can warm the heart. I am sure we can all relate to that. Caregivers are merciful, taking responsibility for the people; accompany them like the Good Samaritan. They must support the movements of God among their people with patience so no one is left behind (in other words, get off your donkey). Hey, Sr. said that. How can we support each other? We can go out to those who feel excluded and/or wounded. Above all, we must consider the person, as God accompanies the person. In life, God accompanies with love.

One Church, One Faith. Our proclamation must show and act our faith of the saving love of God which comes before moral and religious imperatives. How long will we have Pope Francis? We only had Jesus for three years.

Are you with me? Are you behind me? Come, follow me.

Sharon Birchler, Communications

Our Serra Club was privileged to have Fr. Jerry Horan, Director of the diocese's Reaching Out program, as our guest speaker. Fr. Horan stressed the importance of effective communication on the part of our Church. The Catholic Church must reach Young people, fallen away Catholics, and regular parishioners. Several new programs have been developed to do just that.



Catholic Schools This ministry, among other jobs is concerned with the enrollment of Asian and Latino students supported with scholarship money.

Parish Faith Formation This ministry has developed several new programs directed at recruiting potential catechists as well as educating parents regarding passing the faith on to their children.

Youth Ministry—World Youth Day takes place in Krakow, Poland, July 26-31, 2016.

Institute for Pastoral Ministry This ministry's responsibility is to train Catholics who are called to share the joy of the Gospels.

University Chaplaincy—This ministry consists of FOCUS, a group made up of Catholic University students reaching out to fellow UCI, CSUF, Chapman University students as well as students in 12 community colleges.

Our members left the meeting following Father's presentation, knowing that our Church is growing, our Church is reaching out to the future, and our Church is alive and well.

Sharon Mulherin for Sharon Birchler

DISTRICT DOINGS



I will start this month's column where the last one left off. **Why did I join Serra?** Have you thought about the question and answered it in your mind? What did you come up with?

This coming Serra year was started last weekend with a gathering of over 20 Serra officers representing all three active clubs. We are all in agreement that we need to strengthen all three clubs. And not lose another club, as we did two years ago. In fact there is agreement that we need to add a club, most probably in the northwest of the diocese.

Membership chairpersons need to act not only in adding new members, but also in retention of current members. We will be continuing on with the support we give hosting Diocesan receptions for ordinations and the altar server recognition Mass. This past summer we were able to get all seven Catholic High Schools to cooperate with **Newman Connection**. Armando Cervantes, diocesan youth and young adult leader has already asked us about our next step, in the parishes, a good start for next year.

This coming year has been proclaimed by Pope Francis **The World Year for Consecrated Life**. A member from each club has answered my request to form a committee to see if we can, as Serrans, help those that have consecrated their lives to God and His Church to celebrate their year.

That's just a couple of items we can do. Have you thought of anything else? This is your club also; can I hear what you have to offer?

Wally Drazba, District Governor

VOCATION PRAYERS ANSWERED



In the 17 years since the founding of the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, the numbers of sisters has increased more than 2,500 percent ó from four Sisters to approximately 120. And, at a time when the average Sister is in her seventies, most of the Sisters are in their twenties.

In 1996, Pope John Paul II issued an urgent summons. Observing, in his exhortation *Vita Consecrata*, the widespread loss of faith had left the world ñone great mission land, even in countries of long-standing tradition, ñhe called on consecrated religious to lead a ñnew evangelization.ö

But to do that, wrote the Holy Father, it would be necessary to revitalize the consecrated life itself. How? By. Among other things, founding religious communities that were ñnew in ardorö and capable of responding to the challenges of our times.ö

It so happened that I and three of my Dominican Sisters were called to found just such a new community, one that would combine the traditional Dominican charisma of ñteaching and preachingö with a spirituality firmly grounded in Eucharistic Adoration and Marian devotion, said Mother Assumpta Long, O. P., Prioress General.

Now, it may seem a daunting undertaking to leave oneö established community to found a new one. But in Luke 7:36-50, we read that no human hesitancy hindered the holy woman Mary from rushing into the Phariseeö crowded home, falling down before Christ, and lavishing her precious ointment on the feet of her Beloved.

So it was with us. But the questioned remained: Though we knew what we wanted to do, exactly how ó and where-would we do it?

Our answer came quickly; from New Yorkö John Cardinal OöConnor. On February 9, 1997, in the private chapel of St. Patrickö Cathedral, His Eminence received, in the name of Holy Mother Church, our vows as the four founding members of a new religious institute, to signal our unique

devotional emphasis, we took the name, ñThe Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist.ö

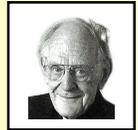
Soon after our canonical establishment, God found work for usí

In April 1997, Bishop Carl F. Mengeling welcomed us into the Diocese of Lansing, Michigan. With the Cardinalö permission, we moved to Ann Arbor, where we built our Motherhouse. At the time, of course, you could still count us on one hand. So a Motherhouse built to house 23 Sisters seemed quite sufficient. Little did we know what God had in store for us.

Next month we will learn more about the “Miraculous Draught” of vocations in the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist.

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SERRAN BIRTHDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

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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:
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