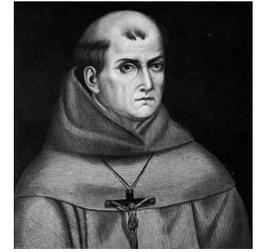




SERRA CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY



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NEWSLETTER

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

FUTURE EVENTS

February 2 ó Club Meeting, DVD: Mother Teresa
Seeing the Face of Jesus

February 16 ó Club Meeting, Speaker: Fr. Wayne
Adajar

March 2 ó Club Meeting, Speaker: Daniel Seo,
Seminarian

**March 4 ó Lenten Day of Recollection, Speaker:
Fr. Felix Just, SJ, St. Joseph Center**

March 16 ó Club Meeting, Speaker: Father Paul Vu

April 6 ó Club Meeting, Speaker: Sister Eymard

April 20 ó Club meeting, Speaker: Fr. John Nguyen

May 4 ó Club Meeting, Speaker: Sr. Sarah Jordan

May 7 ó World Day of Prayer for Vocations

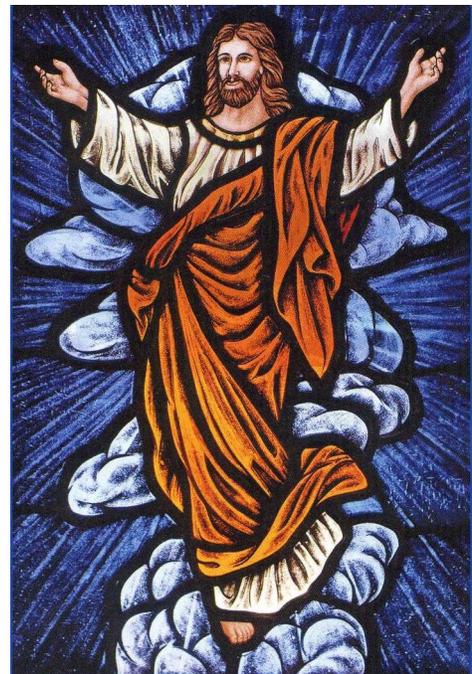
May 18 ó Club Meeting, Speaker: Fr. Bao Thai

June 1 ó Club meeting, Dr. Juliana Gerace

June 15 ó Club Meeting, Speaker: Msgr. John Urell

July 6 ó Club meeting, Speaker: John Straw
Concern America

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Serra Friends

A huge thank you to Father Bruce Patterson, our Chaplain, for providing St. Norbert's Church and hall for our Serra Club meetings until the remodel is complete at the Mother House. The employees of St. Norbert's have gone out of their way in helping to get acquainted with the temporary facility.

Frank Micheletti stepped right up to serve Mass even though it has been 62 years since he last served Mass. Good job Frank! Bruce Junor and John McAndrew have always happily served Mass when

asked. It is always good to build up our òserver ò arsenal in the event you are called to serve Mass. That's the Serra spirit that we all admire.

Speaking of a thank you, all our members deserve a pat on the back for continuing to pray for our seminarians, keeping in touch with our adopted seminarians, and signing up for the Gift Card Ministry each month for a seminarian. Mary Brockschmidt continues to keep us informed with seminarian news and updates. Way to go Mary!

Madrienne Peters handed out a sheet of the Spiritual Benefits that are available to Serra members because of Serra International's affiliation with the Pontifical Work for Priestly Vocations, If you didn't get a copy of the many occasions that a Plenary Indulgence is given because we are Serrans, ask Madrienne for a copy. We

should all have a copy.

Sue Silvestri is the Serran who works behind the scenes, for the most part, to plan and coordinate our lunches with the caterer as well as serve as co-Program Chair. It is no easy job to keep up with our menus, and speakers. We appreciate your work Sue!

Please everyone do your part in cleaning off the tables before you leave the room. If everyone takes a part in the cleaning up then it will make our job easier.. Please make every effort to attend our meetings. There are several members that we haven't seen in a while. You are missed when you don't attend the meetings.

Happy Valentine's Day to all, and it is a known fact that each of us is a beautiful SWEETHEART!. Valentine hugs for all.

In God's Love, Virginia Mort, President

Any questions regarding discernment, please contact Father John Moneypenney, Director of Vocations at 714-282-3036 or

www.frjmoneypenney@rcbo.org.

VOCATION PRAYER :

Loving God, creator of the universe, you have gifted me with life. You call me to be a light in the world through baptism. Help me to brighten our world by sharing my gifts in the service of others and respecting all of creation. I ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ

Amen

Mary Brockschmidt, Vocations

VOCATIONS REPORT



Our seminarian who received the gift card for January, donated by Bruce Junor, is Brandon Lopez. Brandon is from St. Pius V Parish and is in Theology 1 at St. John's Seminary. Brandon sent a very nice letter to our club. He requested that I share his

message.

After the Christmas break, Brandon has returned to St. John's. First, there was a week-long silent retreat. The retreat master focused on the gospels. Through that Brandon feels he has gained deeper appreciation of the sacred scriptures. They have been made alive through a deeper understanding. Following that, they have begun the spring semester.

Brandon requests our continued prayers and thanks us for our generous gift. He also requests prayers for his mother, Theresa. Since he entered the seminary, his mother has become more faithful in practicing her faith.

She has seen Brandon's joy and peacefulness through service to God's people. Brandon has the Serra Club members in his prayers. He asks our Lady to continue to guide us in our mission of supporting vocations.

Please continue to pray for all our seminarians and young men discerning the priesthood. In addition to the monthly discernment at Christ Cathedral on February 8th at 6:00 PM, Pastoral Center, First Floor, Room !D, Christ Cathedral Campus, there will be another discernment on February 24, at 7:00 PM at St. Cecilia's in Tustin.



Brandon Lopez

SPEAKERS



Warren and Rosa Kato

Rosa and Warren Kato took a mission trip to Cambodia and presented a video called "Live Out Love" about their experiences teaching health education to children and also delivering fresh water to small villages of Cambodia. The fresh water program was called "Water with blessings" which had been developed by the Ursuline Sisters of Ohio. With their friends Sandy Huang Christina Yuk, they delivered health education to children in villages surrounding Phnom Penh. Christina herself had set up five breakfast programs in this area. She had also started an orphanage as well as establish three churches, including one church that was built from the ground up.

At each location, they led the children in prayer and sang worship songs. Dental and general hygiene was taught to each group. Over 800 hygiene kits were distributed to the children. They were even allowed by the local authorities to lead the children in prayer at a local elementary school. Rosa and Warren were struck by the beauty and innocence of the children.

The most fulfilling part of the trip was bringing clean water to several households. Cambodia has one of the highest infant mortality rates in Southeast Asia. In the villages that Rosa and Warren visited, there was neither running water nor sewer systems. They distributed filter systems that removed practically all of the bacteria from the local water supply.

The theme for the video that was shown was "Live and Love." Rosa and Warren felt blessed in being able to live out their love by bringing the Gospel as well as clean water to the beautiful and wonderful people of Cambodia.

Warren Kato

We were fortunate to have Father Kerry Beaulieu as our speaker on January 19th. He is presently the pastor at Our Lady Queen of Angels in Newport Beach. He told us of his experiences with Serra Clubs. His father was an International officer in Serra Clubs and he attended Serra conventions with his parents.

Next week the priests of the diocese will have their annual meetings with Bishop Vann. The Bishop wants each parish to send a group of eight parishioners to these meetings. These groups are then to coordinate evangelization efforts in their respective parishes.

Father Beaulieu said that the goal of evangelization is to help people have a personal relationship with God. He provided us with a handout that gives statistics regarding people's current faiths. He discussed how many people have no affiliation with a religious group or were formerly affiliated with a religious group.



Fr. Kerry Beaulieu

He then discussed the five stages of evangelization. They are Trust, Curiosity, Openness, Seeking, and Intentional Discipleship. He concluded with discussing his own faith and his personal relationship with Christ.

Sandy Micheletti

FROM THE VATICAN

Pope Francis said he believes the Roman Catholic Church ban on women becoming priests is forever and will never be changed, in some of his most definitive remarks on the issue.

He was speaking aboard a plane taking him back to Rome from Sweden, in the freewheeling news conference with reporters that has become a tradition of his return flights from trips abroad.

A female Swedish reporter noted that the head of the Lutheran Church who welcomed him in Sweden was a woman, and then asked if he thought the Catholic Church could allow women to be ordained as ministers in coming decades.

"St. Pope John Paul II made the last clear word on this and it stands," Francis said.

Francis was referring to a 1994 document by Pope John Paul that closed the door on a female priesthood. The Vatican says this teaching is an infallible part of Catholic tradition.

The reporter then pressed the Pope, asking: "But forever, forever? Never, Never?"

Francis responded: "If we read carefully the declaration by St. John Paul, it is going in that direction."

Francis has previously said that the door to women's ordination is closed, but proponents of a female priesthood are hoping that a future Pope might overturn the decision, particularly because of the shortage of priests around the world.

The Catholic Church teaches that women cannot be ordained priests because Jesus willingly chose only men as his apostles. Those calling for women priests say he was only following the norms of his time.

In August Francis set up a commission to study the role of women deacons in early Christianity, raising hopes among equality campaigners that women could one day have a greater say in the 1.2 billion-member Church.

Deacons, like priests, are ordained ministers and must be men. They cannot celebrate Mass, the Catholic Church central rite, but they are allowed to preach and teach in the name of the Church, and to baptize and conduct wake and funeral services.

The church barred women from becoming deacons centuries ago.

Scholars debate the precise role of women deacons in the early Church. Some say they were ordained to minister to other women, for instance, in baptismal immersion rites. Others believe they were on a par with male deacons.

SERRAN BIRTHDAYS IN FEBRUARY
Mary Brockschmidt Bruce Junor
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