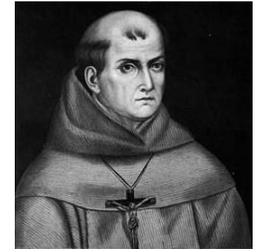




SERRA CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY



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Region 11

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Newsletter

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

FUTURE EVENTS

- May 2 - Club Meeting, Speaker: Fr. Brandon Dang
- May 12 - World Day of Prayer for Vocations
- June 6 - Club Meeting, Speaker: Bill Weeks
- June 19 - 23 - Serra's 77th International Convention
Mexico City
- June 22 - Transitional Deacon Ordination, St. Columban, 10:00
- July 11 - Club Meeting, Speaker: Deacon Omar Uriarte
- July 17 - Dedication of Christ Cathedral
- July 27 - Priesthood Ordination, Christ Cathedral
At 10:00AM
- Aug 1 - Club Meeting, Speaker : Sr. Nadine McGinnis, Part 1-Pope Francis 1
- Sept 5 - Club Meeting, Speaker: Sr. Nadine McGinnis, Part 2-Pope Francis 1
- Sept 9 - Msgr. Sammon Memorial Golf Outing
- Oct 3 - Club Meeting, Speaker: Msgr. John Urell
- Nov 7 - Club Meeting, Speaker: TBD
- Dec 5 - Christmas Luncheon



O Mary, Mother of Jesus, Queen and Mother of all priests, intercede for these special sons of Yours. Hold them in your immaculate Heart, cradle them in your arms, protect them from every evil bent against them, teach them to love and lead them at last into the arms of Your Son in Heaven

Amen

VOCATION REPORT



Our seminarian who received the gift card for May donated by Laura and Al Alfieri, is Matthew Leung. Matthew is from San Francisco Solano Parish and is in College 3 at Bishop White Seminary.

SEMINARIANS: Many of the seminarians were able to be with their families during Holy Week. Seminarian Andrew Quinnan, who is from my parish, St. Cecilia, served at the Holy Week services. Brandon Lopez, who is in his pastoral year at Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Habra, sent a note. He shared that he feels blessed to have been placed in the community. He has learned so much and has encountered opportunities for his vocation to be strengthened and affirmed.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello Fellow Serrans,
On April 7th, we went on the bus trip to St. John's Seminary. We had a wonderful day. We attended Mass and then had lunch with the seminarians. If you haven't been to the seminary, you should try to go next year when they have the Serra Clubs visit. The seminary is beautiful and the Mass is special. At lunch we sat with two seminarians and they told us about their experiences at the seminary. I so enjoy meeting these nice young men who are studying to become priests.

Sandy Micheletti, President

May 12, 2019 marks the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The purpose of this day is to publically fulfill the Lord's instruction to "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborer's into his harvest" (Mt 9:38). Please pray that young men hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.

Please continue to pray for all the seminarians and young men discerning the priesthood. The next priesthood discernment meeting will be at Christ Cathedral on May 8, 2019 at 6:00 p.m., Pastoral Center, First Floor, Room 1D, Christ Cathedral Campus. Any questions regarding, please contact Father John Moneypenny, 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.

VOCATION PRAYER: Dear God, we ask You to inspire men and women to respond generously to your call and embrace the gift of their vocation. Bless them with the joy that comes through loving service. We pray in union with the communion of saints in the name of Jesus, Your Son. Amen.

Mary Brockschmidt
Vocations

SPEAKER

Father Gerry Horan, our Celebrant and speaker at the April Serra Club meeting told us about God's entry into our time and space. He traced our seven day week back to the Jewish Hebrew week. The number seven was understood to be a holy figure. Day seven was a day of rest.



The Sabbath is Saturday, the seventh day of the week, and Sunday is the first day of the week. Sunday is all about worshipping and gathering of prayer.

The earliest cycle of the seven day week comes from our ancestors. Sunday observance was all about the Resurrection. Christ is risen. Sunday was the day to remember God's Resurrection, and all to remember the Easter mystery. He is risen is the Pascal Mystery. Father expounded on the complicated cycle of seasons and feasts that we follow, became the Christian calendar of today.

During the reign of Constantine the Great (AD 30-337) Christians began to transition into being able to openly be a Christian without the threat of persecution. The writing of a woman E Geria, 4th century Spaniard and a very holy woman, somehow was given permission to go to the Holy land. She kept a detailed diary, and took copious notes that gave us a detailed description of the two year cycle leading up to Easter. She wrote about the catechumens and the forty days of special retreat to get ready for Easter and the Pascal Triduum. Baptism takes place during the triduum.

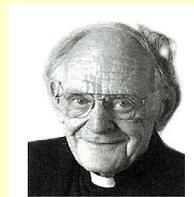
What is a Pascal mystery? The term tells us the past present and future of our faith that sustains us. Pascal uses the Latin translation for the Passover. Triduum is Latin for three days. Three in one event draws us into the entrance of one day Easter.

Mystagogia is the final period of adults coming into the Church. The newly Baptized neophytes continue into the Church. Lent is the season of renewal, a time of preparation for Baptism to get reminded of our acceptance of our own Baptism. We renew our Baptismal vows during the Easter Mass.

Father Horan's research into the earliest history of Christianity prove to be a very interesting accounting of our seven day week, The Pascal Mystery, the foresight of E Geria, a woman who travelled to the Holy Land and brought back detailed information about the early Christian church.

Virginia Mort

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WOMAN DEACONS

A new study, recently released, found that a high majority of U. S. Catholic bishops and deacon directors believe that if the Holy See gives the green light to ordination of woman deacons, the United

States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) would implement the practice.

The findings also revealed that among responses, only 41 percent of bishops and 50 percent of deacon directors believe woman's ordination to be theoretically possible, with one-third of the bishops and two in five of the deacon directors responding that they personally believe the Church should do so. Moreover, only 27 percent of both bishops and deacon directors believe that the Church will authorize the sacramental ordination of women as deacons.

The report, issued by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) at Georgetown University was conducted last fall in light of Pope Francis's establishment of a papal commission to study the historical question as to whether there were, in fact, women deacons in the early church.

The commission, which was established in August 2016 and consisted of twelve members - six women and six men - and headed by then -archbishop now Cardinal Luis Francisco Ladaria, has submitted it to Pope Francis, and is under his consideration.

According to the new report, when respondents were asked whether they would implement the practice in their own diocese if the Holy See approves it, just one-half of the bishops said yes, and more than six in ten of the deacon directors said their bishop would implement this.

In summarizing their report, CARA co-authors Michal J. Kramarek and Jesuit Father Thomas P. Gaunt said that in their responses . "it appears that the bishops and deacon directors would positively respond to the sacramental ordination of women as deacons if the Holy See authorizes it, but they themselves do not believe the Holy See will do so".

The role of the permanent diaconate, which was restored during the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965), has grown to over 45,000 deacons worldwide, with 18,000 in the U.S. alone.

Respondents to the CARA survey were overwhelmingly positive about the need for the permanent diaconate, with more than four in five bishops responding that they "agree somewhat" or "strongly believe" that the permanent diaconate is needed more now than when it was first restored". There did appear to be a split on whether the current numbers of permanent deacons are sufficient for ministry.

More than one-half of the bishops agreed that their diocese has a sufficient number of permanent

deacons for its current need, while only three in ten deacon directors believe that to be the case.

Despite mixed responses on the possibility of women deacons, 64 percent of bishops responded that they "strongly believe" or "somewhat agree" that their diocese is committed to increasing women's ecclesial leadership.

In January of this year, two members of the papal commission studying women's deacons - Phyllis Zagano and Jesuit Father Bernard Pottier - spoke publicly for the first time at a panel discussion at Fordham University on the topic.

To date, it's unknown when and if Francis will formerly respond to the commission's findings.

"He will know the time to say something," said Zagano, senior research associate-in-residence and adjunct professor of religion at Hofstra University.

In 2002, the International Theological Commission, an advisory body to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, produced a document on the diaconate which considered whether women might be eligible for the role. Although the document did not draw any firm conclusion, it seemed to lean against the idea of female deacons.

SERRAN BIRTHDAYS IN MAY
Sara Adamo Maureen Kosinski
Bob Taylor