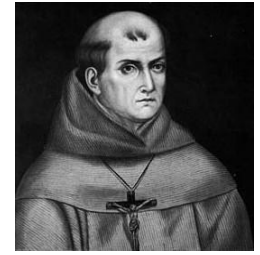




SERRA CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY



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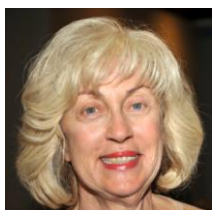
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OUR MISSION IS TO FOSTER, AFFIRM AND PROMOTE VOCATION TO MINISTRY IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

FUTURE EVENTS

- Aug 1 - Club Meeting, Speaker : Sr. Nadine McGuinness, Part 1-Pope Francis 1
- Aug 6 - **Ordinati Luncheon, Mass at 10:30am, St. Cecilia Church**
- Aug 16 - **Welcome Reception for Fr. Dang at Pat Manzo;s home,222 Bayside Dr. CDM**
- Sept 5 - Club Meeting, Speaker: Sr. Nadine McGuinness, Part 2-Pope Francis 1
- Sept 9 - **Msgr. Sammon Memorial Golf Outing Tustin Ranch Golf Club, Tustin**
- Oct 3 - Club Meeting, Speaker: Msgr. John Urell
- Nov 7 - Club Meeting, Speaker: TBD

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Serra friends,
As you may already know, Father Money Penny has been reassigned from Vocations Director to the Pastor of St. Norbert's Church. He has given us permission to

continue meeting at St. Norbert's which we greatly appreciate. To date, we still do not have a chaplain for our club. Since Thursdays are Father's day off, he cannot serve as our chaplain unless we change our meeting date to another day of the week next year. Your feedback is important to the Board. Please consider this option. There are pros and cons to changing the date. We will discuss this important possible change at the Board meeting and at our regular meeting in September.

The Ordinati Mass and Luncheon will be held at St. Cecilia Church, on Tuesday, August 6, at 10:30 Mass. A catered luncheon will follow in the church hall. The morning Serra Club is hosting the event, and the cost of the luncheon will be \$45.00. The

Prayer for Priestly Vocations

Father, in every generation you provide Ministers of Christ and the Church. We come before you now, asking that you call forth more priests to serve our church. Give us priests who will lead and guide your holy people gathered by word and sacrament. Bless us with priestly vocations so that we can continue to be a truly Eucharistic Church, strengthened in our discipleship of Jesus Christ, your only Son. Raise up, we pray, priests who are generous in their service, willing to offer their lives and all their gifts for your greater glory and the good of your people. We make our prayer in the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Ordinati event gives us the opportunity to meet and greet all of the newly ordained priests and to hear their beautiful stories about their journey into the priesthood. This is a VERY important event for all Serrans. Please make it a priority to attend if at all possible.

Pat Manzo has graciously offered to host a "Welcome Reception" for Father Brandon Dang our new Vocations Director at her home. All Serrans are cordially invited. Pat hosted the same event for Father Money Penny when he became the Vocations Director. It was a lovely event. Both Serra Clubs attended. It is also a wonderful opportunity to have a casual get together with both clubs. Please make every effort to attend. The welcome reception will be on Friday, August 16, at 4:30 PM. Pat's home is at 222 Bayside Drive in Corona Del Mar. Since street parking begins four doors away from Pat's house, it is recommended to car pool where possible. There are only three parking places in her driveway and they are available for anyone with a difficulty

walking a bit from the street. We are asked to bring an hors d'oeuvres or wine to share. You can even bring both items should you care to. The more munchies the better. Maureen Kosinski, Events Chair, has mailed each of us Serrans an invitation to the 13th Annual Msgr. John Sammon Memorial Golf Outing to be held on September 9. If you are a golfer this is an opportunity to put a foursome together for a very fun day. If not, mark your calendar to attend the cocktail party and dinner following the golf tournament at the Tustin Ranch Golf Club in Tustin. As Serrans, let us show our support to attend these upcoming events. Each of us brings something special to our club. Let's show our Serran spirit not only to support our club events, but to give thanks and praise to Almighty God for our countless blessings. Serra Club needs you. You'll come ya'hear??(Where did this come from?) Blessings and hugs.

Virginia Mort,
President

**BISHOPS DEBATE THE FUTURE
OF PRIESTLY CELIBACY**

This article is from the Wall Street Journal, June 29, 2019

This October, bishops meeting at the Vatican will consider the possibility of ordaining married men to serve as priests in the remote parts of the Amazon region. If the Synod of Bishops recommends such a move to ease celibacy rules and Pope Francis approves, it will be the first time in a thousand years that the Roman Catholic Church has routinely ordained married men as priests.

Though the change is proposed as an exception for the region where the Church has struggled to recruit clergy, progressive Catholics hope, and conservatives fear, that it would set a precedent for expanding the practice to other areas, including parts of the U.S. and Europe. Germany's Catholic bishops have already announced that they will study the question of clerical celibacy in preparation for a discussion on whether it should remain a rule for the country's priests.

Both sides in the debate over clerical celibacy agree that regularly ordaining married priests would, for better or worse, reshape Catholic understanding of the priesthood. Catholic doctrine doesn't require clerical celibacy and married priests were common in the early Church, but celibacy was always honored as a sign of special commitment. "An unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord. But a married man is anxious about things of the world, how he may please his wife, and he is divided," wrote St. Paul in his First Letter to the Corinthians.

After their ordination, married priests in the early church typically swore off sexual relations with their wives, a practice that recalled and extended the temporary abstinence required for the ritual purity of Jewish priests before their service in the temple. According to the Rev. Gary Selin, author of "Priestly Celibacy," Christian leadership increasingly required priests to be unmarried or to separate from their wives, as ordination was seen as marriage to a new spouse, the church.

But in the early middle ages, when the hierarchy was largely a branch of the secular nobility, many bishops lived openly with wives and families. Ordinary priests often did likewise and passed along their positions and property to their sons. Reforming popes of the 11th and 12th centuries reinforced the traditional insistence on abstinence, in effect making celibacy the norm. Enforcement was inconsistent but

VOCATION REPORT



There is no Vocations Report this month.

**CONGRATULATIONS Sr. NADINE
ON YOUR 60th JUBILEE**



Madrienne Peters (left) and Sr Nadine McGuinness, CSJ

was reaffirmed strongly in the 16th century, After the Protestant Reformers embraced a married clergy. (Monks and priests in religious orders , such as the Franciscans, Dominicans and Jesuits, have always been required to be celibate.

In 1967, St. Paul VI issued the encyclical Sacerdotalis Caelibatus ("Priestly Celibacy") enumerating various reasons for the practice, including the priests imitation of the unmarried Jesus in his "total dedication to the service of God and men"; the "greater freedom and flexibility in the pastoral ministry" permitted by the celibate life; and the example it offers of the selfless, nonexclusive love that all the saved will enjoy in heaven.

Today, the relatively small Eastern Catholic Churches that follow the pope observe Orthodox practice, which allows the ordination of married men as priests though not as bishops. In recent decades, some married former Protestant clergy, almost all of them Anglicans, have been ordained as Roman Catholic priests following their conversion to Catholicism.

Although married priests today aren't expected to abstain from sex, priests are never allowed to marry after ordination, a rule that Father Selin says harks back to the ancient tradition of abstinence for the ordained.

The past half-century has posed new tests for the discipline of clerical celibacy. Over the decades following the Second Vatican Council, which ended in 1965, some 20,000 men left the priesthood in the US alone, in most cases to marry. Similar loses hit the church in Western Europe. And recent scandals over clerical sexual abuse of minors have led some to ask whether celibacy might be a factor.

To be continued

13th ANNUAL Msgr. JOHN SAMMON GOLF OUTING

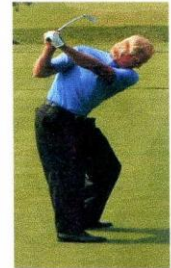
Serra Club of Orange County invites you to have a fun day of golf, dining and camaraderie with friends and the clergy of the Diocese of Orange

Tustin Ranch Golf Club
12442 Tustin Ranch Road
Tustin, CA

Monday, September 9, 2019

ENTRY FEE: \$140.00

Golfing Fee
Golf Cart
BBQ Lunch
Cocktails and Dinner



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SERRAN BIRTHDAYS IN AUGUST
Rose Falbo