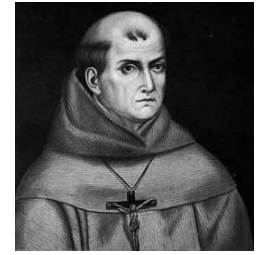




SERRA CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY



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Newsletter

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

FUTURE EVENTS

- 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
- Sept 29 – Priesthood Sunday
- Oct 3 - Club Meeting, Speaker: Msgr. John Urell
- Nov 7 - Club Meeting, Speaker: TBD
- Dec 5 - Christmas Luncheon

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Serra friends,
What a very special day it was on July 27, 2019, for the throngs of family and friends who packed Christ Cathedral to witness six seminarians become ordained priests.

They entered as deacons and exited as Catholic priests. Although Pat Manzo and I had to stand in the back of the cathedral trying to catch a glimpse of Bishop Vann ordain the men, it was very special for me to see my seminarian of many years, Daniel Seo, become Father Seo who comes from the Korean Martyrs Church in Westminster. The following day, I was in the first row of the church to watch Father Daniel say his first Mass. Following the Mass, the Korean congregation hosted a delicious meal outdoors. I couldn't decide which I liked more, the meal or the entertainment. Both were excellent. All the ladies that attended received a handmade crystal bracelet made by the Korean parish ladies. My bracelet is a lovely light blue. It was heartwarming to see so many of our members attend the Ordinatio dinner held at St. Cecilia's. The White House Restaurant catered an excellent meal. The event was hosted by the Serra City Club.



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

Beverly Truzzolino earned a gold star for all her coordinating efforts. Super job Beverly!

Maureen Kosinski, our Special Events chair, is finalizing the last minute details to ensure that our 13th annual Msgr. John Sammon Memorial Golf Outing for the priests and religious of the Diocese of Orange on September 9, 2019 is very successful. For those who aren't golfers, we ask that you support the golf outing by attending the evening event for cocktails at 5:00 and dinner at 6:00, (\$40.00) at the Tustin Ranch Golf Club. You can send your checks to Maureen Kosinski or bring your check to our monthly meeting at St. Norbert's on September 5th. Either way Maureen needs an accurate headcount for dinner. Please make your reservation as soon as possible.

Priesthood Sunday is on September 29, 2019. Think about what special remembrance you would like to do for your parish priests. This is an opportunity to thank them in a very special way for their service to our Blessed Lord. Let's make their Priesthood Sunday a SPECIAL day for them to remember.

Virginia Mort, President

VOCATION REPORT



The seminarian who received the gift card for August, donated by Bruce Junor, is Jake Mackowicz. Jake is from St. John Neumann parish and is studying at St. Augustine Seminary. The seminarian who received the gift card

for September, donated by Cathy Walton, is Oscar Moreno. Oscar is from St. Justyn Martyr parish. He just completed his Pastoral Year at St. Boniface and will be returning to St. John's Seminary.

SEMINARIANS: Seminarian Matthew Leung responded to receiving a gift card. Matthew is studying at Bishop White Seminary. He writes that all the seminarians especially appreciate the prayers and generosity of the Serra Club members. Brandon Lopez completed his Pastoral Year at Our Lady of Guadalupe and spent most of the summer at St. John's Seminary in an intensive period of spiritual formation. He sends his thanks for the gift card and has the Serra members in his prayers.

Our club member Pat Manzo graciously offered her home to have a meet and greet with our new Vocations Director, Father Brandon Dang. Members of both Serra Clubs attended. Father shared his thoughts on his new responsibility and it was obvious he is very happy to be working with the seminarians. He also shared that there are four new seminarians entering. Our Diocese has seminarians studying at six different seminaries. Many have asked about the Seminarians vs. Priests basketball game. With the dedication of our Christ Cathedral and the ordinations it was a very busy summer. Hopefully, there will be a game next summer.

Please continue to pray for all the seminarians and young men discerning the priesthood. There will be no discernment meeting in September. Any questions regarding discernment, please contact Father Brandon Dang at the Vocations Office at 714-282-3036 or bdang@rsbo.org. Remember your day in the 31 Club and try to attend your parish monthly day of Perpetual Adoration.

VOCATION PRAYER: Almighty and eternal God, in your unfailing love You provide ministries for your Church. We pray for those whom you call to serve the Church of the Diocese of Orange as priests. Inspire in them a generous response. Grant them courage and vision to serve your people. May their lives and service call your people to respond to the presence of your Spirit among us that, faithful to the

Gospel and hope of Jesus Christ, we may announce glad tidings to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives, set prisoners free and renew the face of the earth. Amen.

Mary Brockschmidt
Vocations

SPEAKER

Sister Nadine began her talk on Pope Francis on a personal note. She said life is very different now from when she grew up. Her family was glad to see her become a sister. They were grateful she was entering a modern order that had no corporal punishment.

Sister received her MA and PhD from the Jesuits. She has quite a bit of experience with their training.

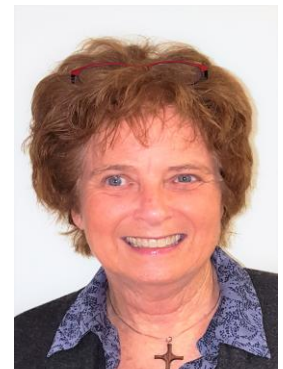
She admits they are not all great, but it would be hard to find any area, be it that of Science, art, literature or economics, that there is not a Jesuit in the field who does more than hold his own.

Jesuits are formed to be men who live among the people in the world, to know what's happening about anything and everywhere.

Pope Francis, true to form as a Jesuit, is a naturally bright and curious man who goes straight to the issue.

When he became Pope the Vatican Bank was a mess. It is the only bank in world history that was set up to help the poor. Instead it was being used to launder money, among other things. Pope Francis brought together some of the smartest bankers from different countries in the world. He met with banking experts every three months. The bank was totally reorganized. Within six years Francis brought it into the modern banking system.

Francis has always been idealistic and a man of deep piety, deeply influenced by his grandmother. On the subject of prayer, should we be open to new translations of Scripture such as "my precious child" instead of "my beloved Son" or the possible change of the words" lead us not into temptation" in the Our Father to "do not abandon us to temptation" ? Sister asked if we are praying the way we should. Are we trusting God enough? Jesus called God – Abba,



Sr. Nadine McGuinness

Abba is one who hugs you no matter what is happening.

Our Church is in big trouble. It hasn't understood the challenges of the lay people. The Pope realized that the Church hasn't stayed up with the crises in our world. All the people in the world need to be supported, understood and recognized as God's children.

Sister note that the Catholic tradition is steeped in art, music, science and languages. Some of the greatest music was written by mystics who were also composers. Francis wants us to be steeped in a new way in our Roman Catholic tradition. If you love music, science, etc., do it as a truly Roman Catholic. Struggle to appreciate what God makes available.

Talking about the environment, Sister says that the world is being abused. In her various trips to Guam over a number of years Sister noticed the number of miles the women have to walk to reach the forest to get wood for cooking increased from 3 to 10 miles.

Regarding the upcoming Amazon Synod, Sister said that the conference looks to put "Laudato Si" ideas into reality. Francis is not doing it alone but with experts from all areas. Pope Francis identifies who he gets ideas from in the back of all his documents. He is trying to show us how to be modern people. It has to be about taking care of our world and the people next door. He is the first to identify in a church document the structure for helping the world. Look first in your village, then county, then state, then country level. Don't take on the whole problem. Take on your part of it.

Finally, regarding the sexual abuse crisis, the Pope wants a centralized coordinated response. He is adamant that the scandal needs to be addressed as one Church not by a single bishop's conference.

Sister Nadine will conclude her talk on Pope Francis at our September meeting.

Cathy Walton

BISHOPS DEBATE THE FUTURE OF PRIESTLY CELIBACY

The following is a continuation of the article in last month's newsletter

Church leaders typically reject a link between celibacy and abuse. According to the Rev. D. Paul Sullins, a sociologist at the Catholic University of America and himself a married priest, the rate of reported child sexual abuse by Catholic priests is substantially lower than that for clergy in other Christian denominations that allow their ministers to marry.

Yet some church leaders have been open to relaxing the discipline of celibacy in order to remove the shortage of priests in certain areas. Only ordained priests can celebrate Mass, hear confessions, and administer last rites to the dying. Last year, Cardinal Beniamino Stella, the Vatican's top official for clergy, said that ordaining married men could help resolve a "sacramental emergency" in places experiencing a lack of priests, such as the Amazon.

A recent Vatican document setting forth the agenda for October's Synod offered no details on the issue beyond saying that the bishops should consider the ordination of "elders, preferably indigenous respected and accepted by their community, even if they have a constituted and stable family.

But in January, Pope Francis singled out as worthy of study the work of Bishop Fritz Lobinger, a German who has lived in South Africa for decades and has written several influential books arguing for married priests. Bishop Lobinger basic idea is to ordain married men who would continue to support themselves economically in their secular jobs, eschew clerical garb and be known by the title "elder" rather than "father." Teams of such men in each village or town would share priestly duties, receiving periodic instruction from roving celebrate "animator priests," who would continue to be called by the title "father."

Conservatives have voiced a number of concerns about such proposals, warning that they would diminish the significance of the priest as a representative of the celibate Christ. George Weigel, an American theologian and biographer of St. John Paul II, objects that separating a priest's sacramental functions from his other traditional roles of administrator and teacher "risks reducing the priest to a kind of magician who speaks certain incantations, but that is all he does. A two-tier priesthood is a very bad idea." Mr. Weigel adds that a theological limited to the weekend courses that Bishop Lobinger recommends for his elders would ill prepare them to hear confessions, a process that involves both weighing both the gravity of sins and spiritual counseling.

Bishop Lobinger, 90, has said that his proposal would lead to tumultuous change that extends beyond the question of celibacy. "It will be a step of enormous proportions," he wrote in 2000. "The way the average Catholic experiences the sacrament will change." Ordaining local teams of elders would "lead to an enormous increase in the involvement of the members of the community," he continued. We

should ordain people fully immersed in this world in order to show that God is everywhere in the world.” Those changes could lead to yet another revolutionary challenge, Bishop Lobinger wrote in 2010: “Because the majority of proven local leaders are women, it is unavoidable that the question of inclusion among elders will arise, though present church law doesn’t permit it.”

Pope Francis has said that the “door is closed” to women’s ordination as priests. He has also said that “celibacy is a gift for the church,” which he would not make optional except perhaps “in the most remote places...where there is no Eucharist.”

I’m not saying that it should be done, because I have not reflected, I have not prayed sufficiently about it,” the pope said in January. “But the theologians must study it.”

SERRAN BIRTHDAYS IN SEPTEMBER
Al Alfieri Madrienne Peters
Jane Virgilio

**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

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



**RECEPTION FOR FR. BRANDON DANG THE NEW VOCATIONS DIRECTOR
AT THE HOME OF PAT MANZO**



ORDINATI MASS and LUNCHEON SEPTEMBER 6, 2019



Fr. Joseph Squillaciotti



Fr. Erialdo Ramirez Alfaro



Fr. Scott Allen



Fr. Duc Nguyen



Fr. Daniel Seo



Fr. Martin Vu