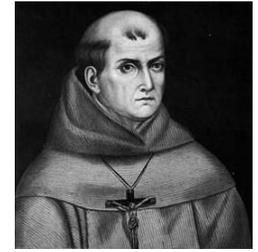




SERRA CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY



October, 2019

Region 11

District 79

Charter 438

Newsletter

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

FUTURE EVENTS

Oct 3 - Club Meeting, Speaker: Msgr. John Urell

Nov 3-9 National Vocations Awareness Week

Nov 7 - Club Meeting, Speaker: Fr. Daniel Seo

Dec 5 - Christmas Luncheon

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Serra friends,
SHE DID IT AGAIN! Maureen Kosinski chaired a most successful Monsignor Sammon Golf Tournament at the Tustin Ranch Golf Course for our clergy and guests
On September 9, 2019. The net

proceeds from the tournament was \$5,677. Suffice it to say, that Maureen surpassed even her expectations. There were 68 golfers, 17 clergy, and 96 guests attended the dinner at the golf course.

This year's trophy goes to our twenty year supporters: Hank Wesseln, Joe Alduenda, Gary Masciel, Victor Valenzuela. Congratulations gentlemen, and thank you for your loyal support.

I have included a photo of the Rev. Daniel Seo, my adopted seminarian. I cannot express the joy it has been to have him as my adopted seminarian. Daniel has called me his Serra Mom, and I have loved that title. I met Daniel shortly after he entered St. John's Seminary. He was the guest speaker at the St. Cecilia Backyard Bar-B-Que. I remember going up to him and asking him to be my adopted seminarian. It was love at first sight. I am so very proud of him, and I know Father Daniel will be an outstanding priest working with people of all ages.



Prayer for Priests

O Queen of the apostles
Mother of Jesus Christ,
you were with him at the
beginning of His life and
of His mission, you
sought the Master among
the crowd, you stood
beside Him when he was

lifted up from the earth consumed as the one eternal sacrifice, and you had John close by you, your son, accept from the beginning those who have been called, protect their growth, accompany your sons in their life and in their ministry. O Mother of priests. Amen

I use our relationship as an example for all Serrans to step up and adopt a seminarian. Just praying for your adopted seminarian adds a special dimension not only to your prayer life, praying for his successful journey toward ordination into the priesthood, but it is an opportunity to grow your personal family without going through the pregnancy. Needless to say, I love Father Daniel dearly and he will always be my special son.

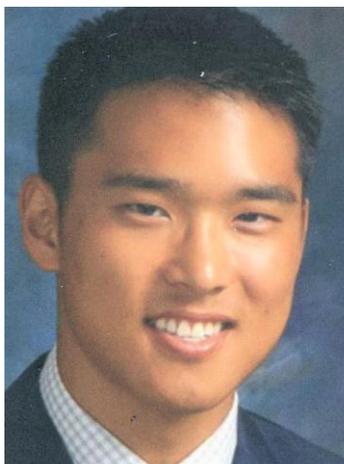
October brings us falling leaves, pumpkins, Halloweeners, and cooler weather. It is also a great time for each of us to think of whom we can ask to be our guest at the next Serra Club meeting. Our club needs to grow in membership and in a positive spirit with lots of energy to promote to promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life. I plan to do my part, and I am confident that you will do the same.

In God's Love

Virginia Mort, President

Virginia,
 Thank you truly for all your prayers, gifts, encouragement and motherly love over these years of formation. I told you that I'm going all the way, that you need not worry. Look, I made it! I am truly grateful to you being my Serran mom. Now, what's next? To a new winning streak! Siempre Adelante!

Daniel Seo



Daniel Seo

VOCATION REPORT



The seminarian who received the gift card for October, donated by Virginia Mort, is Benjamin Nguyen. Benjamin is in Theology 2 at St. John's Seminary.

SEMINARIANS: Our Diocese of Orange has thirty seminarians studying at five seminaries. We have gained six new seminarians. There are ten at St. John's, six at Bishop White, nine at Mt. Angel, and one at the N. American College in Rome, one at St. Augustine's in Canada. Presently, five of the seminarians are on Pastoral Assignment at parishes in Orange County. When the seminarians are here in Orange County, there is an opportunity for them to visit our club. Last year some of the seminarians were able to attend our Serra club Christmas luncheon. At our meeting this month we will be redoing our Adopt a Seminarian activity. It means so much to the seminarians to know we are praying for them every day.

Please continue to pray for all the seminarians and young men discerning the priesthood. Any questions regarding discernment, please contact Father Brandon Dang at the Vocations Office at 714-282-

3036 or bdang@rsbo.org. Discernment will be held at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, 9 Hillgate Irvine on October 8th and 29th. Holy Hour 7 p.m., gathering 8 p.m. Inquiries call 714-282-3046. Remember your day in the 31 Club and try to attend your parish monthly day of Perpetual Adoration.

VOCATION PRAYER:

O God , Father of all Mercies, provider of a bountiful harvest, send your graces upon those You have called to gather the fruits of Your labor; preserve and strengthen them in their lifelong service to You. Open the hearts of your children that they may discern a love and desire to surrender themselves to serving others in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Teach all Your faithful to follow their respective paths in life guided by Your Divine Word and Truth. Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, all the Angels, and Saints, humbly hear our prayers and grant your Church's needs, through Christ our Lord. Amen

Mary Brockschmidt
 Vocations

SPEAKER

Father Wayne Adujar was our speaker on September 5th. Father Wayne began by saying that we, as Serra members are well informed Catholics who have heard it all, so this was going to be a conversation, not a talk.

He asked us, "What does it mean for you to be Catholic at this time in history, after so many scandals? Why do you stay?"

Answers included: "Because it's the True Church." "We have the Eucharist." "There have always been scandals." "The Mass is the same Mass throughout the world." "Even one of the 12 apostles was a rotten apple." "Those without sin cast the first stone." "Jesus is who I'm going to church for, not the clergy." "There are scandals in other churches and secular institutions."

Father asked if we were proud to be Catholic. The consensus was that we were and we felt stronger about our Faith.

Father was asked how he felt about the scandals. He said, "We are sorry for the sins of the Church. He said that he had compassion for the accused." "They are my brothers. We wear the same vestments. We are the same servants. Compassion means you feel the same way - that could be me."

Is my faith being determined by all this stuff happening outside or is it between me and my God. Where am I in my faith journey?

Father tells fallen away Catholics and those of other denominations that the Catholic Church is the main office. There are branches, but why go to the branches?

The idea that Catholics aren't Christian is a falsehood that has been spread about us over the centuries. We were the first Christians, of course. Many converts are surprised to learn this as witnessed in books like "Surprised by Truth" or programs like Marcus Grodi's "Coming home." They often become some of the Catholic Church's biggest defenders, in the end. This, in turn, makes Catholics rediscover their faith and how rich it is so they will never leave her.

Although other religious services may have the same Gospel reading, the difference is the Eucharist.

Still, we are all learning about our faith and striving to know who God is.

Father said that when we pray and settle down and leave our baggage behind, that's when we discover God.

Father concluded by saying, "When you go home and you're alone having heard all these stories and your own journey and your own story, when you start to pray, who are you? Having taken all your judgment and ill feelings, discard these things and you empty your mind, empty your baggage and you are before God, who are you?"



Fr. Wayne Adujar

Cathy Walton

**WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBER
JUDITH FARKAS**



**MSGR SAMMON GOLF TOURNAMENT
SEPTEMBER 9, 2019
and the WINNERS ARE....**



(not in order) Hank Wesseln, Joe Alduenda, Gary Masciel and Victor Valenzuela

**SERRAN BIRTHDAYS IN OCTOBER
Mary Horan, Virginia Mort
Sue Silvestri**