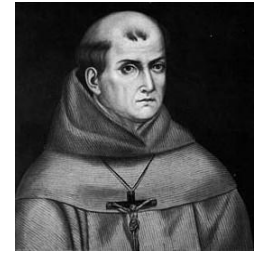




SERRA CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY



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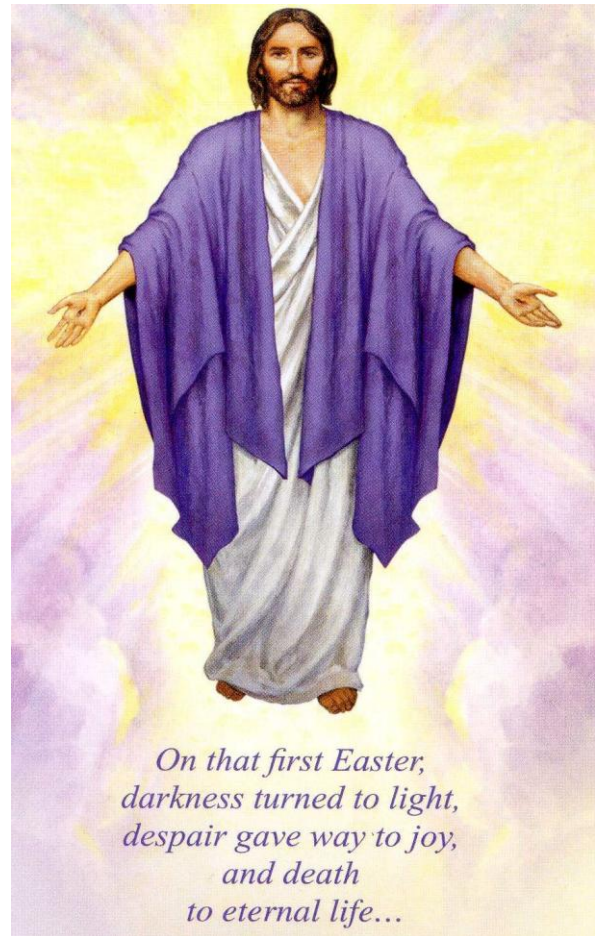
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FUTURE EVENTS

- Apr 2 – Club Meeting **CANCELLED**
- May 3 - **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**
- May 7 – Club Meeting
- June 4 – Club Meeting
- June 6 – Ordination at Christ Cathedral**
- June 27 – Transitional Deacon Ordination at Mission San Juan Basilica**
- June 27 – 2020 International Convention, New Orleans Louisiana**
- July 2 - Club Meeting
- July 14 – **Ordinati Mass and Luncheon**
- Aug 6 – Club Meeting
- Sep 3 – Club Meeting
- Sep 21 – Annual Golf Tournament**
- Sep 27 – Priesthood Sunday**



Dear Fellow Serrans,
You have all heard the expression
"The best laid plans oft go awry,"
Well mine certainly went awry. I
planned to write about our
Day of Recollection and our trip to
St. John's Seminary, both of which

were cancelled. Ba humbug! Presently, we are all quarantined, and we may be all climbing the walls at home. We pray constantly that we can remain in good health and not contact the dreaded Covid-19 virus. We wash our hands very often, and we do our best to keep them away from our face. We wear face masks and rubber gloves if a need arises that we must go to the pharmacy or to the bank. We watch television constantly only to hear the number of virus cases are climbing, and how fervently our president, our leaders and the medical experts appear to be working around the clock for a prescription breakthrough to solve this deadly virus. Our country has never seen such medically trying times. Enough of this rhetoric!

I am happy to report that we have two new members:

Sandra Nieto and Xochi Rizo. I believe the Holy Spirit sent us these two beautiful ladies. Sandra was innocently making a visit to St. Norbert's. I saw her sitting in the back of the church. I motioned her to come forward to join us rather than sitting alone in the back of the church. She came forward to join us with the biggest smile on her face. She had never heard of the Serra Club before. She joined us for lunch, stayed for our meeting and decided to become a member. What a blessing!

I invited Xochi Rizo to come as my guest to our meeting and decided to join our Serra Club. Xochi is a dear friend of mine and has been a member of the Womens Ministry Group at St. Cecilia's. She too is a charming, lovely lady with three school age children.

SPEAKER

Soon we will have a bio article and photo of each new member. I am confident that our two new members will make positive contributions to our club. Let us extend a warm welcome to Sandra and Xochi. Who would you like to invite as a guest? Think about it, and ask the Holy Spirit for His ideas. We don't know when we will be able to have our next Serra Club meeting; however we need to pray for an increase of religious vocations, keep in touch with our adopted seminarians and pray for an end to this dreadful Covid-19 virus. We pray fervently to return to our normal way of life without wearing a mask and rubber gloves.

In God's love,
Virginia Mort, President

VOCATION REPORT



The seminarian who received the gift card for April donated by Silvia Uriarte, is Oswaldo Sanchez. Oswaldo is in college 3 at Bishop White Seminary. He is Silvia's adopted seminarian. Silvia has graciously adopted three of the

Spanish speaking seminarians.

SEMINARIANS: Father Brandon Dang, Director of Vocations, has said that the seminarians are doing well and are basically "quarantined" at their respective seminaries. Father Brandon does not have a discernment scheduled for April. Presently, Father Brandon is staying at his residence parish, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Irvine. Father is live streaming Mass daily on: youtube/seas/Irvine. Times: daily at 8:30am, Saturday at 5:00pm, and Sunday at 9:00am.

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. Remember your day in the 31 Club and try to attend your parish monthly day of Perpetual Adoration.

VOCATION PRAYER: Faithful God, You sent your Son to be our Good Shepherd. Renew in us our commitment to serve you. Bless all who dedicate their lives to You. Give insight to those discerning their vocations. Send us to proclaim the good news of Jesus, our Good Shepherd, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Mary Brockschmidt
Vocations

Father Wayne was our celebrant at Mass and kept us entertained with his presentation at our March 5 Serra Club meeting at St. Norbert's church. Dedicating his life to serving God and His people, playing basketball ranks second in Father Wayne's zest for life. He shared that in his earlier years, he thought all you had to do to become a priest was to play basketball. Father Wayne married his two loves; he became a priest, and he spends his recreation time playing basketball. (I call him Father Basketball!)

Father Wayne had planned to give a Lenten program entitled, Pain and Suffering are Non-Negotiable : Complaining is Optional. He involved the audience asking the question, what is our pain? He broke his question into parts: body pain and emotional pain.

Body pain: Physical pain is a given and non-negotiable. How do we choose to deal with it?

Emotional pain: Emotional pain is psychological. Loss of job, loss of spouse, loss of reputation, loss of faith, money, trust, self-confidence are but a few examples of emotional pain.

Father drew an analogy of Jesus dying on the cross asking, "Father, why did you abandon me?" As Jesus asked this rhetorical question, He was speaking for all of us.

As Father Wayne moved on to the complaining part of his talk, he gave many examples of people complaining about practically everything at times from the president to a high priced dinner in a restaurant. Perhaps his best example was about his mom.

Years ago his mom bought a burial plan in San Pedro where she used to live. Now she has moved away from San Pedro and is worried about the people having to fight the traffic to get to San Pedro for her funeral Mass. Father chuckled as he shared her worry. He assured his mom that the traffic will not be a concern of hers, while family and friends are in-route to her funeral mass and burial.

Father closed his talk with our need to pray fervently, stay close to our Blessed Lord and to keep the faith.

Virginia Mort