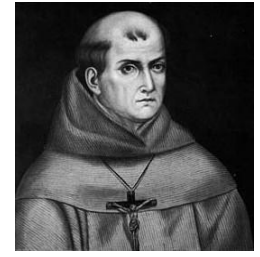




# SERRA CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY



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Region 11

District 79

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Newsletter

## FUTURE EVENTS

- July 2 - Club Meeting via zoom, Speaker: Francis Ang
- July 14 – **Ordinati Mass and Luncheon-Cancelled**
- Aug 6 – Club Meeting
- Sep 3 – Club Meeting
- Sep 21 – Annual Golf Tournament**
- Sep 27 – Priesthood Sunday**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



### Mothers' Sons

As many of you know, I became a member of the Serra Club because my son was encouraged to discern the priesthood by his chaplain at MIT.

Suddenly, I wanted to learn all about the priesthood. Would he be a Diocesan priest or a priest in a religious order? What did a diocesan priest do? What are the religious orders? What is involved in the formation of a priest? What was the best place to study?

Then one day I came across this group in the OC Catholic paper – the Serra Club of Orange County. It was the answer to my questions. I would be around people who shared my enthusiasm. I saw the care they put into their events and the dedication shown in their service. I pictured my son receiving the loving support of a Serra Club somewhere in the country.

Well, as some of you may also know, it didn't turn out that way for my son. I am glad, however, for the journey that dream provided. I can take comfort in knowing that I am helping, in some way, other mothers' sons. A prayer here, a word of encouragement there; a gift card, a meal, a golf round, a visit.

As I complete my first month as your president, I can't think of a better way to start my term than with



### PRAYER TO SAINT JUNIPERO SERRA

Saint Junipero Serra, your missionary zeal brought the light of Christ to millions. You endured so many hardships, and labored so much that your work resonates today in the hearts of hundreds of millions of Catholics.

Saint Serra, I petition you today to help me deliver the light of Christ through my words and deeds to others. May I instruct by example and faithfully guide others to Christ, just as you so wonderfully did centuries ago.

I pray that you stand beside me, that you grant me the wisdom and words to share. Please intercede for me before the throne of Christ, May you both witness the work I do on His behalf. I offer my labor and my sacrifice to you. Please receive me as your faithful servant, in Christ, My Lord, I pray.

our priest and transitional deacon ordinations. This year is special for me as I got to know new priest, Mike Rizzo, during the time he spent as a seminarian at my parish. In addition, my adopted seminarian and fellow St. Pius V parishioner, Brandon Lopez, has been ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacon. Their journeys have been long, yet seem like they started yesterday.

With each new seminarian I walk with on his journey, I'll think of what might have been but I'll cherish what is.

In God's Love,  
Catherine Walton  
President

## VOCATION REPORT



The seminarian who received the gift card for July, donated by Cathy Walton, is Johnson Bui. Johnson is in College 3 at Bishop White seminary. A big thank you to the

members who responded to the request to sign up for the monthly gift cards for the rest of the year.

On June 27<sup>th</sup>, at Mission Basilica San Juan Capistrano, Cheeyoon Chun, Brandon Lopez and Michael Fitzpatrick were ordained Transitional deacons. Please keep the seminarians and newly ordained in your prayers.

July 1 is the Feast day of St. Junipero Serra. He was an intellectual whose interest ranged from sustainable agriculture to the construction of churches and dwellings, to fomenting structures of government and community living unknown to the many different tribes that lived in present day California. He was a professor who founded cities and knew as many as 20 different languages. He was also a physically disabled man who limped practically the length of California on foot.

His task, formidable beyond the dreams of his critics, was to integrate an indigenous culture into the New World version of Western European Catholic cultural project.

It is ironic that St. Junipero prayed for the success of the American Revolution that would eventually swallow California whole. He fought for the Native American's survival in the face of the historical currents that transformed that part of the world. Unfortunately, history was not on the side of the creation of a hybrid culture of indigenous and European elements.

He would criticize the violence of our society. He would be dismayed at the disintegration that is evidenced in our social turmoil because his whole project was one of peaceful development and integration of cultures. His master, father Scotus, famously taught that "Love was superior to knowledge." I am sure the saint would love his "enemies" and be as dissatisfied with the materialistic and divisive culture we live in today. California would still be part of the American Imperium without the work of St. Junipero. Any questions regarding discernment call Father Brandon at 714-282-3033 or [bdang@rcbo.org](mailto:bdang@rcbo.org).

Mary Brockschmidt  
Vocations

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

*From The US Conference of Catholic Bishops*

The world day of prayer for the sanctification of priests was celebrated by the universal church on June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Occurring annually on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the World Day of Prayer for Sanctification of Priests was established by Pope St. John Paul II in 2002 and encourages priests to reflect upon the importance and dignity of their vocation.

In his Holy Thursday homily on April 9, 2020, Pope Francis reminded priests that in order to serve others, they must first allow themselves to be served by Christ. Just like St. Peter, priests must be willing to be washed by Christ, forgiven by Christ and loved by Christ so that they, in turn, may be dispensers of divine forgiveness and to love others. The Holy Father also remembered those courageous priests in hospital ministry who have died in service to their brothers and sisters suffering from coronavirus. He also commended those priests who serve prisoners and those ministering in remote parts of the world.

Bishop James F. Checchio of Metuchen, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Bishops, Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations echoed Pope Francis' gratitude for priests during this time of pandemic. "We give thanks to the priests who are continuing to serve the people of God in this challenging time. Priests are the face of Christ and allow people to encounter Jesus, especially through the celebration of the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. On this World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests, I encourage my brother priests to contemplate with gratitude the great gift Jesus has given us in our vocation. I ask the faithful to pray for all priests that they may be filled with joy and strength as they continue their important work of shepherding God's people."

## MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

Father Stephen Boyle, a Norbertine priest, was the speaker at the joint zoom Serra Clubs recent meeting. Father Boyle traced the controversy as to where the document of Mother of the Church should be placed. Should it be placed in a separate document devoted entirely to the Blessed Mother, or

should it be included as chapter and part of the Church documents?

In 1965, the Second Vatican Council, Pope Paul VI officially declared Mary as Mother of the Church. Mary is honored by the most tenderest of titles. But, Chapter 8 of the official Church Documents, is titled, The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, Mother of the Church.

Our Lady cooperates with her motherly love with the birth of the faithful at Baptism to the death of her Son at Calvary. Jesus spoke from the cross with the words, "Behold Your Mother." Our lady was with the apostles at Pentecost.

Father Boyle related that we see the Church as a mother or bride. The Church has the tenderness of a mother. To understand the beauty of the Church, we need to look to Mary. Mary is the most holy of all of God's creatures.

Mary is present in the Church as the Mother of Christ, and at the same time as the Mother whom Christ, in the mystery of the redemption, gave to humanity in the person of Apostle John at the foot of the cross, "Behold your Mother."

Mary embraces each and every one in the Church, and embraces everyone through the Church. Her feast day commemorating this title, Mother of the Church, is celebrated the Monday after Pentecost. There is an image of Mary in St. Peter's square. It is a mosaic of Our Lady looking at St. Peter's Square. There is a writing on the mosaic, Totus Tuus, translated from the Latin is Totally Yours.

Virginia Mort