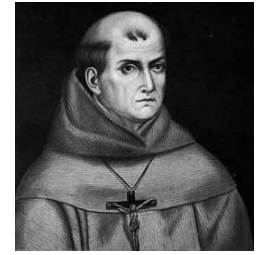




# SERRA CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY



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Newsletter

## FUTURE EVENTS

Aug 6 – Club Meeting via Zoom - Judy Cozzens -  
**How Serra is Building a Stronger Church  
through Our Dues and Passing on the Faith to  
Our Children and Grandchildren**

Sep 3 – Club Meeting

Sep 21 – Golf Tournament

Sep 27 – Priesthood Sunday

October 1 - Club Meeting

November 5 - Club Meeting

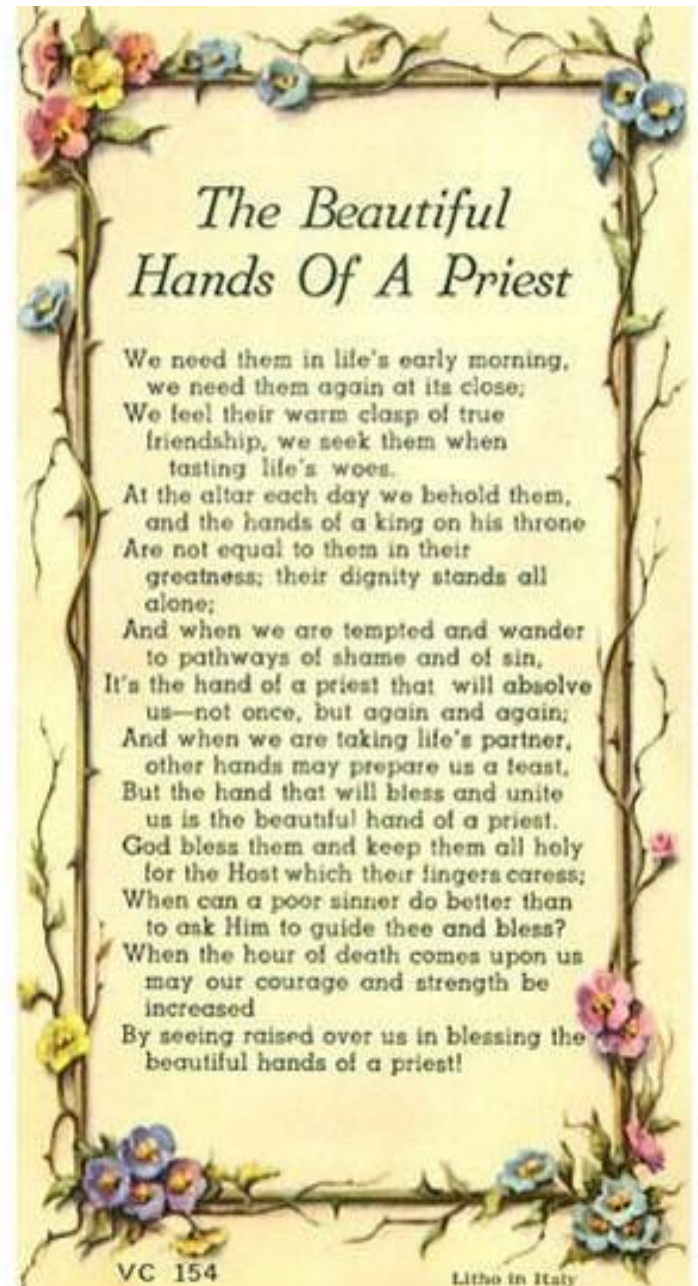
## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



### Communions in July

I attended my grandson's First Holy Communion at St. Norbert's two weeks ago - in July. Luckily we had chosen the outdoor Mass for the Communion, so when indoor Masses weren't allowed we didn't have to change plans. Yes, they are having Holy Communions in July. And in August. It's like Christmas in July. Or the Stanley Cup Finals in Autumn. Yes, we have routines. Our rituals at certain times of the year can be comforting. Traditions are important. When things don't go as planned, however, what is important is that we get it done at some point. Our traditional month for the Monsignor Sammon Fund is May but we collected donations in June. Many of our club's plans are delayed because we can't gather together. I'd like to offer some ideas of things that we can do.

Remember to keep your 31 Club commitment - to go to one extra Mass or a Holy Hour each month on your selected day. If they are not available or you cannot physically attend, you can watch online. You know about the parish Masses, but there are Holy



Hours available as well. <https://serraspark.org/spark-vocation-tools/20-holy-hours/>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XxGW4d4x\\_fk&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XxGW4d4x_fk&feature=youtu.be)

Another thing we should all do when we can is pray a Rosary for Vocations. On the last Saturday of each month Serra International prays their Rosary which is accessible by the gotomeeting app or by phone. It is at 6am West Coast time, however. That's too early for me, but maybe I should sacrifice and get up early on that day. While it's special to pray together with other Serrans, we can say a Rosary anytime, of course. There are vocation intentions you can integrate into your Rosary.

<https://serraspark.org/spark-vocation-tools/12-rosaries-for-vocations/>

I would encourage everyone to go to the Serra website and dive in to all it has to offer.

<https://serraus.org/>

Maybe there are some ideas or programs you'd like to see us implement in the future.

Another thing we can all do is look for new members. Invite them to hear a speaker at one of our Zoom Meetings. If you attend a weekday Mass, someone you see there might be interested.

As our parishes have carried on by having Communion in July, so too are we going to accomplish our club's goals no matter what this virus throws at us.

In God's Love,  
Catherine Walton  
President

## VOCATIONS REPORT



The seminarian who received the gift card for August, donated by Jerry Stauber, is Cole Buzon. Cole is in Theology 1 at St. John's Seminary. He is Maureen Kosinski's adopted seminarian.

Jerry Stauber is a long time member of Serra and has not been able to attend our meetings because his wife, Doris, is ill and he is taking care of her. When I sent out the request for members to sign up for the monthly gift card, Jerry was the first one to respond. Please keep him and Doris in your prayers.

Francis Ang, who received the gift card in June, thanked our club for their generosity, kindness and prayers. He is praying for all the Serrans.

Johnson Bui, who received the gift card for July, donated by Cathy Walton, wrote that he is a Fourth Year Philosophy student and in 2021 he will enter

into Theological Studies. He is studying at Bishop White Seminary. He shared that it is a blessing to hear from those who are praying for him. It gives him an extra boost to continue his journey toward ordination. He prays for all of our families, that God will keep us safe during this difficult time.

Father Brandon, Director of Vocations, has had a busy summer working with the seminarians. Soon they will be returning to their respective seminaries. He was pleased to announce that our Diocese of Orange has four seminarians entering in September. Any questions regarding discernment, contact Father Brandon at 714-282-3033 or bdang@rcbo.org.

## VOCATION PRAYER:

Dear God, bless each of us as we respond to your call. May we encourage and support one another in discerning and living out our vocation. Help us foster a vocation in which your seed will bear much fruit. We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Mary Brockschmidt  
Vocations

## SPEAKER

Francis Ang, 27 years old, our guest speaker at the July Serra Club Zoom Meeting, was born and raised in Anaheim. His home parish is St. Boniface Church. He was born to Filipino parents. Francis is a child of professional parents, his mother a nurse and his father a teacher and ex-seminarian. His father was very happy to hear that Francis was going to enter the seminary. Francis attended St. Catherine's Military Academy and was an altar server where he attributes his discernment began at age 10. Now Bishop Freyer, former Pastor at St. Boniface Church and a close friend of Francis for over ten years, had a large impact on his discernment to become a priest. Spending time at St. Boniface Church, Francis developed many relationships with many good role models.

When he was young, attending a military school, he felt the call to be a soldier of Christ in the fight of good vs. evil. Francis enjoyed being surrounded by good priests.

While in high school, participating in the party scene wasn't giving Francis joy. At the same time, his parents kept him in line with God. He needed to be more serious in his faith and to develop a closer relationship with Christ.

After graduation from Loara High School in Anaheim, he enrolled at UC Riverside. It was during his freshman year at college that he really felt his calling to the priesthood. Graduating from college with a B.S. degree in Nursing from Roseman University, he began working at St. Mary's Hospital in Long Beach. At St. Mary's he worked in the Telemetry Department, working with stroke and heart patients. Working diligently to save lives while seeing patients struggle, often on their death bed, he felt the tug to become a priest and also save souls. He worked 12 hour shifts at St. Mary's and felt it was really a blessing to work in a Catholic hospital. This environment also contributed to his decision to join the seminary.

Additionally, during college he was often an altar server. One day, the lector did not show up, and Father asked him to read 1 Samuel, Chapter 3, the verse where God is calling Samuel. Francis thought God was calling him, but he continued on his own path. Once again, no lector showed up and Francis was asked to do the reading, which was Isaiah 6, regarding a vision, "Who shall I send? Send me, Lord." Francis understood God was calling him and nothing was stopping him but himself.

In 2017, he began his discernment to the priesthood. In 2018, he started praying the rosary and went to confession more often. He felt God was holding his hand. Francis felt all his experiences up to this point had given him an advantage for God's calling.

Completing his first year at St. John's Seminary - enter Covid-19. Questioning, "Why God, aren't I helping on the battlefield of all the sick people in the hospitals?" he felt God said, "To pray for all the healthcare workers and stay where you are."

On a lighter note, Travis, his 24 year old brother, also a nurse, is his best friend. They love traveling together.

In closing, Francis said, "The beauty of the Catholic Church is that no matter where you travel, no matter what country, the Mass may be in a different language, but it is the same Mass." Francis has six more years to become Father Francis. With God's help and the love and dedication of Francis we Serrans can attend his ordination at Christ Cathedral.

Virginia Mort

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Our dear Newsletter Editor and Treasurer Dick Peters is having difficulty recovering from a burst appendix. Please pray that the doctors can find a way to stop the bleeding. He's a real fighter but he needs our prayers right now. Pray he has the strength to get through this. And may God accompany his wife, Madrienne, through this stressful time.

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