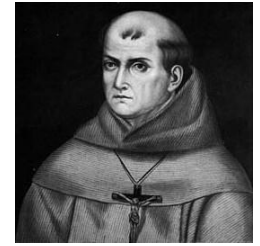




SERRA CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY



August 2021

Region 11

District 79

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Newsletter

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

FUTURE EVENTS

Aug 5 - Club Meeting - via Zoom - 1pm.

Speaker: Fr. Eric Ramirez Alfaro

Sept. 2 - Club Meeting, Speaker: Kimberly Jetton, Exec. Dir. Orange Catholic Foundation

Sept. 13 - Msgr. Sammon Memorial Golf Outing
Tustin Ranch Golf Club

Sept. 25-26 - Priesthood Sunday

Oct. 7 - Club Meeting, Speaker: Msgr. Urell

Oct. 7-10 - Serra Int'l Convention - Chicago, IL

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Get Ready Serrans to Gather Together Soon

A perfect time to get together is our Monsignor Sammon Golf Tournament. If you're a golfer you realize this is a bargain at \$140. Remember, if you don't play golf you can come together for drinks and dinner - only \$40. It's a delicious meal and you can see the priests and religious acknowledged at the event. If you need a ride, please contact me so I can arrange something for you.

I hope to have some good news about gathering in person for our regular meetings at St. Norbert's soon. They will let me know as soon as they are allowing it, possibly in September. Start thinking about who

14th ANNUAL Msgr. JOHN SAMMON GOLF OUTING

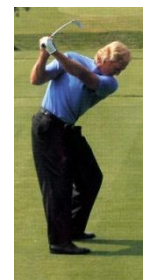
Serra Club of Orange County invites you to have a fun day of golf, dining and camaraderie with friends and the clergy of the Diocese of Orange

**Tustin Ranch Golf Club
12442 Tustin Ranch Road
Tustin California 92782
Monday September 13, 2021**

Entry Fee: \$140.00

Golfing Fee
Golf Cart BBQ Lunch
Cocktails and Dinner

**Cocktails and
Dinner Only: \$40.00**



For information contact:
Maureen Kosinski 714-309-3206

you can invite to one of our meetings as a potential member.

For an even larger gathering of Serrans there is the Serra International Convention in Chicago in October. If that is too soon for you then save the date for the Serra Rally in Dallas from January 13-16, 2022. These events are always a great way to learn from each other as we gather with Serrans from all over the country and the world.

In God's Love,
Catherine Walton, President

SPEAKERS



Father Paw Lwin, Pastor at St. Pius V Church, opened his Zoom presentation to our Serra Club on July 1 with the question, “What happens when we pray for vocations? Perhaps we never gave it a thought; we just pray for an increase of vocations. Saint Paul began to know Christ when he witnessed the martyrdom of Stephen. Shortly after, on his way to Damascus, he really began to know Christ. If Paul wasn’t preaching the gospel, would we know Christ and be a Christian? Paul pushed the envelope. “I am a Jew, but Christ came to save more than just Jews.” Paul became a zealot for Christ. Both Peter and Paul died for Christ. In Rome, there are many sites dedicated to Peter and to Paul. Father Lwin celebrated Mass in St. Paul’s Basilica, Rome. He said the Mass was very reverent, less crowded than St. Peter’s, and had fewer pickpockets working the crowds of worshippers.

During Covid, our lives were seriously impacted. Father’s challenges were more of an inconvenience compared to what Peter and Paul went through.

Father noted that July 1, the day of his presentation to our Serra Club, was the Feast Day of Saint Junipero Serra. He noted that the only means of travel at the time were by foot or horse. Jesus said, “If you want to be my disciple, pick up your cross and follow me.” Even during the pandemic, Jesus hopes we are receiving God’s graces and living through the pandemic. It is by the grace of God that we are here. Saint Junipero Serra was controversial, but he loved Christ. How do we share our faith? There are many challenges. “We are all witnesses to Christ.” People are dropping out of organized religions. This is our challenge to reach out to them to share our faith. Peter, Paul, and Serra were creative in sharing their faith. We need to be open,

and be aware of how we share the gospel of Christ with others.

Father Brandon, newly assigned to his home parish of St. Pius, shared a few comments with our Serra Club. He was on his 19th day as a priest, and Father Paw Lwin was celebrating his 19th year as a priest. Father Brandon shared that he is experiencing an eye-opening grace filled experience. He said all the things that he studied in the Seminary are now happening. Saying Mass for the young adults, hearing confessions, leading adorations all make him very happy. Now all the things that he studied can be put into practice and allow him to show his love for Christ and to belong to the community of Jesus Christ.

Virginia Mort

VOCATIONS REPORT



Seminarian Francis Ang received the gift card for August, donated by Rose Falbo. Francis is from St. Boniface Parish and is in Pre-theology 2 at St. John’s Seminary. He is Virginia Mort’s adopted seminarian. During the summer months the seminarians have a variety of assignments and then spend some time in retreat. Seminarian Johnson Bui, who is in retreat at St. John’s Seminary in an Intensive Spirituality Program, contacted our club President, Cathy Walton, and requested our Club members e-mail him our prayer requests. Johnson’s e-mail is aizikawa@gmail.com. It is very thoughtful of Johnson to do this. He appreciates the support of the Serra Club members. I’m sure we all have prayer requests. Johnson is Pat Manzo’s adopted seminarian.

Father Brandon Dang, Director of Vocations, announced that we have three new seminarians entering this year. Alan Hoetker, Samuel Nguyen

and Jose “Trino” Juarez. Two of them will be going to St. John’s and the other will be on a special discernment year in our Diocese. Father commented that it’s great to have them in the fold. Yes, it helps our Club members to know our prayers for vocations are being answered.

Any questions regarding discernment, contact Father Brandon at 714-282-3036 or bdang@rcbo.org.

VOCATION PRAYER: Dear God, we ask you to inspire men and women to respond generously to your call and embrace the gift of their vocation. Bless them with the joy that comes through loving service. We pray in union with the communion of saints in the name of Jesus, your Son. Amen.

Mary Brockschmidt
Vice President, Vocations

**SERRA BIRTHDAYS IN AUGUST
ROSE FALBO,
GABRIELLA NEGRETE
AND SANDRA NIETO**



BE NOT AFRAID: Moving Forward with Hope
Serra's 78th International Convention
October 7-10, 2021

<https://www.serrainternational.org/serras-78th-international-convention-chicago>