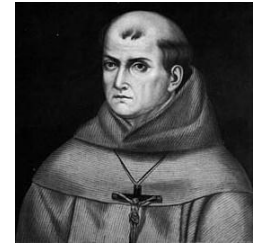




SERRA CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY



September 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

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

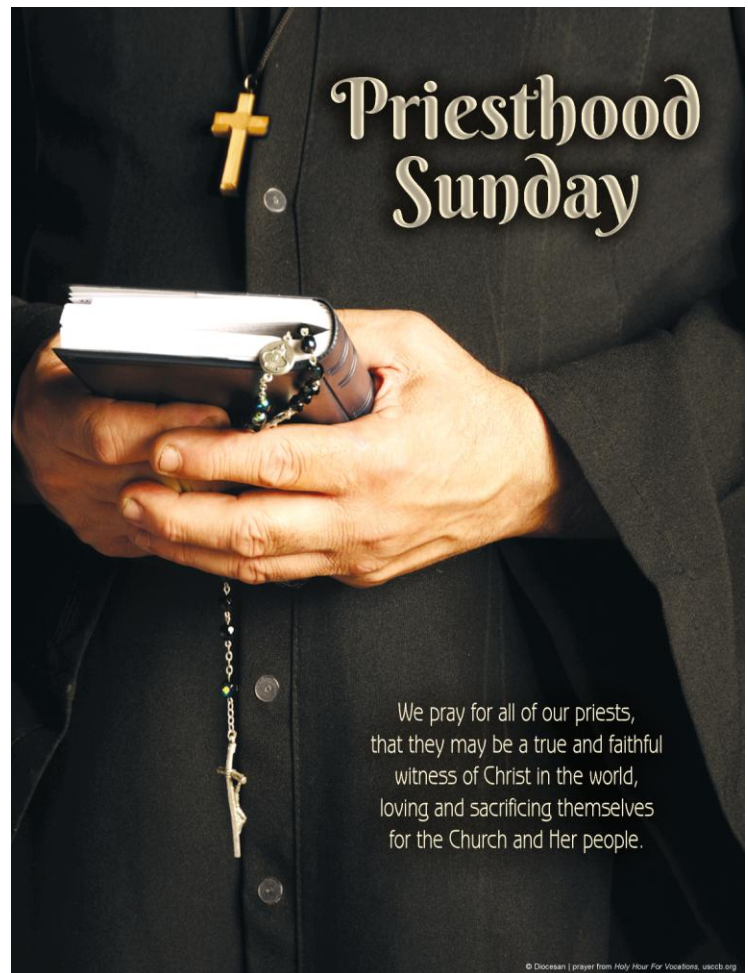
Oct. 7-10 - Serra Int'l Convention - Chicago, IL

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Touchstones of Our Faith

When my husband was in the hospital at St. Jude recently due to a heart attack, the importance of a priest hit home. Whether it is the comfort of praying before going in to surgery and stopping by afterwards or the emptiness felt by their absence, priests are with us at key moments of our lives, often when we are at our most vulnerable. On Priesthood Sunday this year please do something special for the priests in your life. Communicate your appreciation. I was with my husband in his hospital room as check out time drew near when a lady came around with a cart of various items. My husband asked me to select



We pray for all of our priests,
that they may be a true and faithful
witness of Christ in the world,
loving and sacrificing themselves
for the Church and Her people.

an item since I could get closer to see what they had. "Choose one," she said. "We have ear plugs, mini Bibles.... My eye caught the perfect item. " I'll take that," I said. "That's the last one," she told me, as she handed it over. It was a plastic rosary with orange beads for the Hail Marys, green beads for the Our Fathers and a white cross. Perfect for my husband who always keeps a rosary in his pocket. Perfect for my husband who keeps his rosary in the

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same pocket as his wallet and thus has on more than one occasion lost a rosary as it slipped to the ground unbeknownst to him as he took out his wallet to pay for something. Perfect for my husband and perfect for the next person who will find it on the floor of some store somewhere some day.

I cherished the encounter with touchstones of our faith in the brief time we were there at the hospital. I am so glad I'm Catholic.

See you at our Golf Tournament on September 13!

And good news! We'll be meeting at St. Norbert's again in October. We will be meeting in the room next to where we used to meet. It will be partitioned in half for us. So welcome back October 7 everyone!

In God's Love,
Catherine Walton, President

MEMBER PROFILE

We welcome our newest member
Gabriella 'Gaby' Negrete



Gaby is currently a Real Estate agent and loves serving her local community and parish at St. Thomas More in Irvine. She is a cradle Catholic, having attended parochial schools her whole life, including being part of the last graduating class of Marywood High School in Orange prior to it being sold to the Diocese of Orange. Gaby also holds a Liberal Arts degree from Marymount College. Prior to Covid-19 she assisted in the Faith Formation Department at Christ Cathedral Parish for five years and during the 90's was a Catechist at St. Cecilia's in Tustin. She is very grateful to have been invited by the lovely Virginia Mort to join the Serra Club where she hopes she can encourage vocations with the help of God and the other wonderful Serrans.

Seminarian Cole Buzon received the gift card for September, donated by Joan Golding. Cole is from St. Angela Merici parish and is at St John's seminary. Cole is Maureen Kosinski's adopted seminarian. Most of the seminarians have returned to their respective seminaries to complete another year of study. Our club received a very thoughtful note from seminarian Johnson Bui. Last month when he was on retreat, Johnson asked our Serra Club members to e-mail our prayer requests. He especially appreciates the Serra Club prayers this month as he is preparing for the Rite of Candidacy in October. Our club also received a note from Seminarian Francis Ang, who received the gift card last month. Francis appreciates our club's generosity and kindness. Francis is at St. John's Seminary. He is beginning his third year there and is in his first year of theology. He feels blessed to have such loyal prayer support. He requests that we continue our prayers for all the seminarians.

There are three new seminarians entering the seminary for our Diocese of Orange. Any questions regarding discernment, contact our Vocations Director, Father Brandon Dang, at 714-282-3036 or bdang@rcbo.org.

VOCATION PRAYER: Come Holy Spirit, be the fire in our soul. Ignite us with passion for the gospel. Be the wind in our spirit. Breathe in us and move us to act. Anoint our whole being. Confirm in us our commitment to witness to the gospel. Renew us and the world in your love, now and always. Amen.

Mary Brockschmidt
Vice President, Vocations

**SERRAN BIRTHDAYS IN SEPTEMBER
AL ALFIERI,
MADRIENNE PETERS
AND JANE VIRGILIO**

*14th ANNUAL
Msgr. JOHN SAMMON
GOLF OUTING*

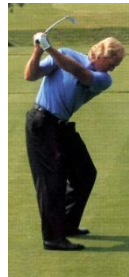
*Serra Club of Orange County invites you
to have a fun day of golf, dining and
camaraderie with friends and the clergy
of the Diocese of Orange*

**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**



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