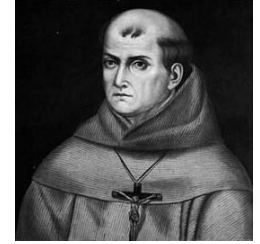




SERRA CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY



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Newsletter

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

FUTURE EVENTS

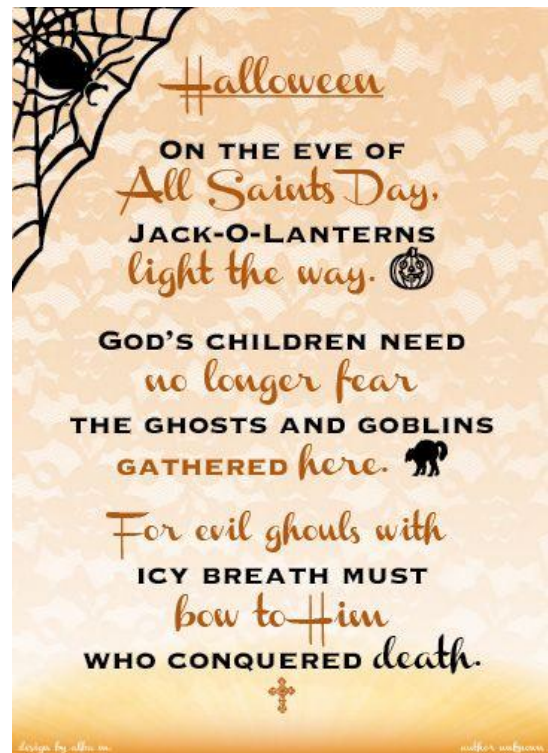
Oct. 7 - Club Meeting, Speaker: Msgr. Urell
Oct. 7-10 - Serra Int'l Convention - Chicago, IL

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Allhallowtide

The three days of All Hallows' Eve, All Hallows' Day and All Souls' Day are collectively referred to as Allhallowtide. The term 'hallow' means holy. Hallow E'en is the Eve of All Saints' Day. It is a time of preparation for the great feast of All Saints. This year All Saints' Day is not a Holy Day of Obligation since it occurs on a Monday. We are still encouraged to attend Mass on that day. I remember when I was growing up and going to Catholic school I would be so glad that after trick or treating I didn't have to worry about going to bed in preparation for school the next day like many of the neighborhood kids did since it was a school holiday. All Saints' Day celebrates saints, known and unknown. Remember that everyone who makes it to heaven is a saint, not just the canonized. It is our goal to be a saint.



Should people dress up as saints on Halloween? We should at least not dress up as something ungodly. However, if someone wants to go the gory route there are certainly enough saints to lead the way in the many martyrs who met a gruesome death. St. Lucy carrying her gouged out eyes on a platter, beheaded saints galore, St. Clement, tied to an anchor and thrown in the sea, St. Simon the Zealot, sawn in half... You get the picture. The final day of Allhallowtide is All Souls' Day. I wish more cemeteries would let us gather with candles in the evening at the gravesite of our loved ones as widely occurs on Dia de los Muertos in Mexico and other Latin American countries.

As Catholics we believe in the reality of evil. Let's pray the Saint Michael Prayer on Hallow E'en, celebrate the Church Triumphant over evil on All Saints' Day and pray for the Poor Souls in Purgatory and remember our dearly departed on All Souls' Day, visiting a cemetery if possible.

In God's Love,
Catherine Walton, President

SPEAKER



Kimberly Jetton, Executive Director of the Orange Catholic Foundation, spoke to our Serra Club on September 2. She hails from Colorado and has been a Catholic all her life. She shared her calling to work in Catholic Ministries at a very early age, and she did exactly that.

The Orange Catholic Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable corporation that exists to serve the Catholic community of Orange County. As a foundation for Catholics, they assist families and individuals to leave a legacy uniquely aligned with their Catholic values and beliefs. The Foundation's primary function is to raise funds through planned giving and various fundraising programs and special annual events. In addition, the Foundation manages endowments and a variety of funds. The Foundation works with donors to customize their charitable intentions and then grants funds according to the fund agreement and donor's intent.

The OC Foundation is currently in transitional times as they institute a new business model. They manage the annual Pastoral Appeal in all the parishes. They also managed the Capital Campaign for the Christ Cathedral in the years 2012-2019.

In the year 2000, there were several lawsuits against priests. The OC Foundation felt the need to invest to protect their assets for future generations. In 2000, fewer endowments transferred into assets for the Foundation. Donor intent for parishes were not subject to lawsuits. The Foundation assures donors their donations are placed exactly where they want them placed. Investments are managed to grow. Last year they experienced a 27% return in one year. Christian Brothers, fund managers for the Foundation, only invest with companies that share the values of the Catholic Church. They do not invest in Big Pharma, Fracking, Birth Control as well as with any company that employs slave labor. They are guided by very strict guidelines.

Kimberly discussed Donor Advised Funds. These funds are invested for individuals in one lump sum. They make the distributions of 50% to the diocese and the rest to the individual. They are trying to make it easier to work with IRA accounts. Appreciated Assets-These investments are in stocks. You don't have to pay capital gains if you transfer the stocks and bypass the capital gains tax.

The immediate fundraiser is to raise one million dollars for the Priests Retirement Funds. The huge gala will be held on April 2. Recently retired priests will be honored. Priests do not earn enough money over the many years of being a priest; thus, their Social Security checks are meager. There is a great need to enhance the retirement funds for our priests who dedicate their lives serving parishioners in our parishes.

Recently, the dedication of the Shrine to the Lady of La Vang at Christ Cathedral was a huge success. She is a very treasured saint of the Vietnamese. In the 1970's with the Fall of Saigon, the Lady of La Vang protected the Vietnamese people. We have the largest population in the United States of Vietnamese right here in Southern California. Over 8000 people came to the dedication. There is always a steady stream of visitors to the shrine. Donations poured in from all over the world to help build the Shrine.

There is a specialized need for fundraising campaigns for our Catholic schools. Our elementary schools need financial help, 3-4 million dollars each year. We need major financial gifts to the Catholic

schools. A luncheon is being planned to give an overview of the good things that are happening in our Catholic schools. We kept our schools open during the Covid shutdown. We don't ever want to turn away any students that want to have a Catholic School education.

There are plans to build a St. Callistus Chapel in the basement of the Cathedral. Bishops will be interred in the basement chapel. This is separate from the Mausoleum on the campus of Christ Cathedral.

Kimberly Jetton closed her presentation with news of upcoming seminars to be scheduled on topics such as: Trusts, Wills, Power of Attorney and many other topics of interest. She invites each of us to check the Orange Catholic Foundation website for upcoming events that just may be of interest.

We are urged to help with the mission of the OC Foundation. The Orange Catholic Foundation serves the Roman Catholic community of Orange County through philanthropy and stewarding funds to protect and support ministries which further our beliefs and values in loving service to God.

Virginia Mort

VOCATIONS REPORT



Seminarian Oliver Coughlin received the gift card for October, donated by Virginia Mort. Oliver is from St. John the Baptist Parish and is studying at St. John's Seminary.

Our Club received a nice note from seminarian Cole Buzon. Cole appreciates the support of the Serra Club members. He said he would use the gift card for some much needed supplies. Cole has been studying at St. John's Seminary and is now in his Pastoral Year at St. Polycarp in Stanton.

Additionally, there are two more seminarians in their Pastoral Year. David Moreno is at San Francisco Solano in Rancho Santa Margarita and Vincent Nguyen is at Holy Family Cathedral in Orange. With the seminarians in their Pastoral Year and not away at the seminary, there is the possibility they might be able to attend one of our meetings.

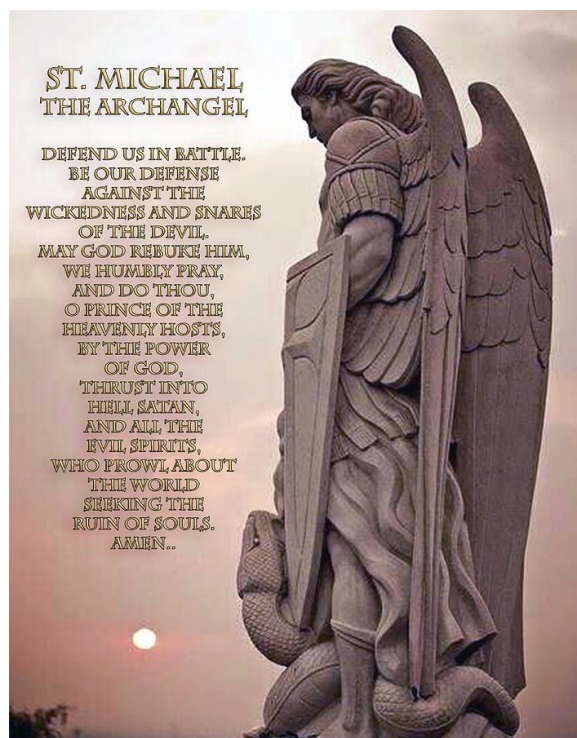
Our Diocese of Orange had three new seminarians enter in September. We now have nineteen seminarians studying at three seminaries - St. John's in Camarillo, CA, Mt. Angel in St. Benedict, OR and Bishop White in Spokane, WA.

Now that our club will be having meetings, I will be updating our activity of Adopting a Seminarian in the coming months.

Any questions regarding discernment, contact our Director of Vocations, Father Brandon Dang, at 714-282-3036 or bdang@rcbo.org.

VOCATIONS PRAYER: Gracious God, source of all life, we praise you for your abundant blessings. You nourish and strengthen us on our faith journey. We join our hearts and voices in prayer that you enrich your Church with people who embrace the call to holiness and service. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Mary Brockschmidt
Vice President, Vocations





MONSIGNOR SAMMON GOLF OUTING 2021

After a year off due to COVID, the Monsignor Sammon Golf Tournament came back in full swing. There were 64 golfers and a total of 103 attended the dinner on September 13 at the Tustin Ranch Golf Club.

The winners of the trophy were first time participants Steven Martinez, George Del Gedo, Ruben Hernandez, and Aaron Sanchez, all hailing from St. Timothy's Catholic Church.

As you can see in the picture, the trophy still bears the original name of the event - the Jim Callanan Memorial Golf Outing.

None of the priests could attend this year due to the Bishop summoning them to a last minute meeting, thus creating a scheduling conflict. Several deacons were able to attend and we were glad to see Sister Nadine again.

A big thanks to Maureen Kosinski and her great group of volunteers. Thank you to all of you who attended or donated to the occasion. Your support will further vocations in our Diocese.



**SERRAN BIRTHDAYS IN OCTOBER
MARY HORAN,
VIRGINIA MORT
AND SUE SILVESTRI**