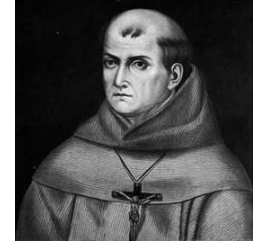




# SERRA CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY



March 2022

Region 11

District 79

Charter 438

Newsletter

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

## FUTURE EVENTS

Mar. 3 - Club Meeting, Speaker: Fr. Brandon Dang, Vocation Director

Mar 12 - Lenten Day of Reflection

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Serra Here and There

To encourage growth of Serra Clubs, Serra has instituted the Missionaries of St. Junipero Serra Membership Contest. We are registered along with more than 100 other clubs in this year's contest which runs from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. There are cash awards for the top three clubs in the 25 member or under category. Largest net increase will be awarded \$1,000, second largest increase - \$750 and third largest increase - \$500. All remaining clubs that show a net gain of 5 or more members will receive a 10% rebate of club dues for 1 year and one free registration to the 2023 Serra Rally in Texas or to the Serra International Convention in Thailand in the summer of 2023.



On July 1 we started out with 23 members. We now have 26. So only 2 more to go! Of course we want to increase beyond that and for other reasons but it's nice to have some incentives encouraging everyone.

The Diocese of Orange is exploring the possibility of starting parish vocation committees. We need at least 5 out of our 62 parishes to participate in order to have a workshop with 3-5 representatives from each parish attending. Serra US will facilitate the workshop in our Diocese using Serra SPARK. Then local Serrans will mentor those parishes for one year. More information will be forthcoming including opportunities to help facilitate a workshop and/or become a mentor.

Videos from the January Serra Rally in Dallas are now available. Watch here:

<https://serraus.org/serra-rally-2022-media/>

The next Serra International Convention is in Toronto this July. For all the latest information and to register, see here:

<https://www.serrainternational.org/serras-79th-international-convention-toronto-0>

And finally, please join us for the annual Lenten Day of Recollection.

“Lá fhéile Pádraig sona dhaiobh” –

Happy Saint Patrick’s Day! 🍀

In God's Love,  
Catherine Walton, President

## MEMBER PROFILE

We welcome our new member  
Sophia Wickson



I grew up in the small mountain town of Weaverville, CA. Trinity County is one of the largest CA counties in area and one of the smallest in population. The county has never had more than one priest for the entire county.

I graduated from San Francisco College for Women (RSCJ sisters). The campus is now part of USF. I married after graduation and went back for my 5th year to get a teaching credential. We lived in San Francisco and San Mateo before moving to Reno, NV, then another 2 years in the Bay Area before moving to Anchorage, AK for 5 1/2 years. Along the way we had 3 sons. We moved to Yorba Linda in 1981.

I taught at St. Edward’s School in Corona and St. Norbert’s School before settling at Grace Yokely Middle School in Ontario. I have been active at St. Martin de Porres parish teaching religious ed, moderating Beginning Again group, as a Eucharistic minister (currently to the sick and homebound), and various roles in WINGS (Women In God’s Spirit).

In July, 2021, I married Bill Smith and met Virginia Mort at our wedding. Her late husband and Bill were friends from childhood. Thank you, Virginia, for becoming my friend and inviting me to join the Serra Club.

### Lenten Day of Recollection

Presented by Serra Clubs  
Vocation Ministries

Saturday, March 12, 2022

8:15 AM - 1:15 PM

**Presented by:** Fr. Cheeyoon Chun, Parochial Vicar

**Theme:** “Final Words from the Cross”

*A reflection on the final words spoken by Jesus Christ on the Cross and how His words are still relevant to us today.*

<b>Location:</b>	<b>Highlights:</b>
Holy Family Church	8:15 AM Mass
566 So. Glassell St.	8:50 AM Registration + Continental Breakfast in Holy
Orange, CA 92866	Family Hall
	9:30 -10:45 AM Fr. Cheeyoon Chun - Speaker
	10:45 -11:00 AM Break
	11:00-12:20 PM Fr. Cheeyoon Chun - Speaker
	12:30 PM- Lunch + Fellowship

**\$25 per person**  
(In advance)

**All are welcome!**

Reservations: Beverly Truzzolino 714-642-6455  
or truzzfam@yahoo.com

\*Deadline March 6

## VOCATIONS REPORT



The seminarian who received the gift card for February, donated by Joan Golding, is Alan Hoetker. Alan is from St. Timothy Parish and is in Pre-theology 1 at St. John's Seminary.

Alan attended Catholic schools from kindergarten through high school. He received an associate degree from Saddleback Community College and then a BA from Berklee College of Music in Boston. Music has always been a large part of his life. Alan and his brother had an original rock band called "Orange Blossom Special." He has sung in the choir at St. Timothy's and played, wrote and recorded with a worship band called "Vitae." His decision to enter the seminary was influenced by his family, many of the priests he knew and the members of St. Timothy parish.

Our club is fortunate to have four new members- Barbara Beneville, Gabriella Negrete, Molly Thomas, and Sophia Wickson. At our meeting we will be updating our activities to support our seminarians.

Any questions regarding discernment, contact our Vocations Director, Father Brandon Dang, at 714-282-3036 or [bdang@rcbo.org](mailto:bdang@rcbo.org).

**VOCATIONS PRAYER:** Dear God, we rely on your help to strengthen us on our journey of faith. Open our hearts so we may respond generously to your call to serve your people. Bless all those in ordained and consecrated life with courage, integrity, and zeal. Amen.

Mary Brockschmidt  
Vice President, Vocations

## SERRAN BIRTHDAY IN MARCH

**JOAN GOLDING**

