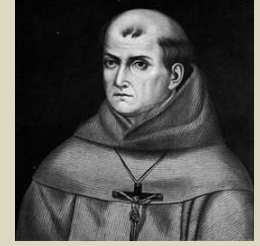




SERRA CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY



June 2023

Pacific Region

District 79

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Newsletter

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

FUTURE EVENTS

June 1 - Club Meeting, Speaker: Rev. Juan Navarro

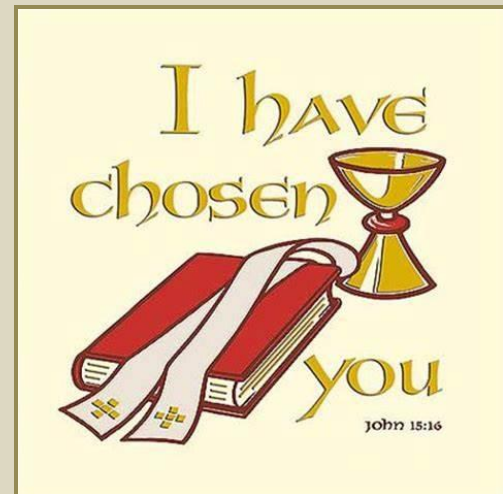
June 10 - Priesthood Ordination - 10am - Christ Cathedral

June 16 - Priests and Seminarians All Star Basketball Game - Mater Dei -7pm

June 22 - 25 - Serra International Convention - Thailand

June 24 - Transitional Deacon Ordination - 10am Christ Cathedral

July 6 - Club Meeting, Speaker: Rev. Pascal Nguyen



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The month of June provides lots of opportunities to interact with our seminarians and priests.

The main event, of course, is the Priest Ordination on June 10. We are all invited. If you want to sit in an area with fellow Serrans let me know by June 2 and they will reserve enough seats for us there.

Some seminarians will become deacons at the Transitional Deacon ordination at 10am on June 24 at Christ Cathedral.

A great time is always had at the Priests and Seminarians All Star Basketball Game at Mater Dei, this year on June 16. Tickets are just \$10 each, \$40 for 5.

Also in June, Serrans from around the world will gather in Thailand for the 80th Serra International Convention. Pat Manzo hopes to recover enough from her fall to make the long journey there to represent us.

Finally, we have news about some local Sisters. We were able to donate \$1000 to help the Lovers of the Holy Cross replace their 1998 Dodge Caravan with a new safer car for the novices. They received some sizable donations and they raised \$8000 selling peanut brittle they made and the rest came from their savings. We were glad to play a part in helping with the effort.

In God's Love,
Catherine Walton

SPEAKER



The Serra Club was blessed in the month of May with a visit from our former chaplain, Fr. Bruce Patterson. We always appreciate his visits as we are all curious to be updated on his recent activities.

Presently, Fr. Bruce is the Vicar for Priests at the Diocese of Orange. As Vicar for Priests, Fr. Bruce is responsible for the clergy's well-being from ordination until death. His duties include assisting in their ongoing formation in the pastoral aspect, such as retreats (which can take place in the House of Prayer for Priests) as well as the administration aspect of handling their housing, health care and insurance needs. Fr. Bruce did admit that the favorite aspect of his job was caring for the retired clergy. He believes the experience of caring for his mother prepared him for taking care of his "older brothers" and someday someone will do the same for him.

There are two initiatives in which Fr. Bruce is working on at the moment for our retired priests.

First, some priests have acquired properties (most are not in Orange County) but many priests prefer to live in community and not live alone. Therefore there is a pilot project in the works of converting old convents into 4-5 unit residentials for priests and St. Joseph's in Placentia is at present undergoing said transformation. The reconverted building will be ADA compliant with elevators, etc. The arrangement is such that this will be the retired priests' home forever where no one can evict them.

The second is a new healthcare initiative from the RETA Trust whereby by the end of May the RETA Trust will provide that senior priests receive all their benefits and a professional medical person will be in charge of taking care of priests and avoid much red tape.

Fr. Bruce admitted that although it is a fulfilling job, it can be quite challenging as well. Older priests do not want to let go of their autonomy and they need someone to look after them. Some priests may develop behavioral issues and are unwilling to acknowledge they have a problem. Fr. Bruce has to help them with rehabilitation which takes a great deal of time. In spite of the patience and effort, Fr. Bruce has witnessed great successes and is with them until the end.

Gabriella Negrete

VOCATIONS REPORT



The seminarian who received the gift card for June, donated by Margo Ang, is Johnson Bui. Johnson is in Theology 2 at St. John's Seminary and is from St. Columban Parish. He is Pat Manzo's adopted seminarian. Soon the seminarians will be leaving their seminary for their summer assignments.

There will be a Priests vs. Seminarians basketball game at Mater Dei High School on June 16th, 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10.00 and can be purchased online. Tickets will be sold at the door, but it is recommended to purchase ahead to avoid lines. Food trucks will be available, no food inside

the gym. Doors open at 6:30. The priests won the trophy last year.

Any questions concerning discernment, contact our Vocations Director, Father Brandon Dang, at 714-282-3036 or bdang@rcbo.org Father's assistant, Elizabeth Sandoval, can be reached at esandoval@rcbo.org

VOCATIONS PRAYER: Holy Spirit, Spirit of wisdom and divine love, impart Your knowledge, understanding, and counsel to youth that they may know the vocation wherein they can best serve God. Give them courage and strength to follow God's holy will. Guide their uncertain steps,

strengthen their resolutions, shield their chastity, fashion their minds, conquer their hearts, and lead them to the vineyards, where they will labor in God's holy service. Amen.

Mary Brockschmidt
Vice President, Vocations

**SERRAN BIRTHDAYS IN JUNE
SISTER NADINE MCGUINNESS,
MARGOT ANG AND
JUNE CRAIG**



PRIESTHOOD ORDINATION

06.10.2023, 10 AM AT CHRIST CATHEDRAL

Join the Diocese of Orange in celebration as we welcome three new priests! Bishop Kevin W. Vann will ordain Rev. Mr. Ian Michael Gaston, Rev. Mr. Jesus David Moreno Noriega, and Rev. Mr. Benjamin Minh Nguyen to the Sacred Order of the Priesthood.

		
DCN. MR. IAN GASTON	DCN. MR. DAVID MORENO	DCN. MR. BENJAMIN NGUYEN
Assignment: St. Irenaeus	Assignment: Christ Cathedral	Assignment: St. Kilian



Save the Date

PRIESTS & SEMINARIANS ALL-STAR BASKETBALL GAME



**FRI., JUNE 16 2023
MATER DEI HIGH SCHOOL
RCBO.ORG/BASKETBALL**



*LOVERS OF THE HOLY CROSS NOVICES WITH
THEIR NEW VAN*