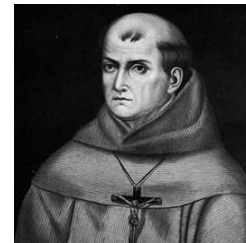




SERRA CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY



July 2026

Pacific Region

District 79

Charter 438

Newsletter

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

FUTURE EVENTS

July 2 – Club Meeting, Speaker: Father Christopher Pham

July 9-12 – Serra Int'l Convention – Indianapolis

July 14 – Ordinati Luncheon – Mass -10:30am

Christ Cathedral – Tower of Hope – 13th Floor

Luncheon follows – Cultural Center – 4th Floor

July 25 – Habit and Collar Talent Showcase -

Arboretum – Christ Cathedral

August 6 – Club Meeting, Speaker: Father Danh Trinh

September 3 – Club Meeting, Speaker: Sister Veronica of St. Francis Home for Women

September 14 – Msgr. Sammon Golf Tournament

October 1 – Club Meeting, Speaker: Fr. Steve Sallot

November 5 – Club Meeting, Speaker: Fr. Martin Nguyen

November 27 – Priests/Seminarians Soccer Game

December 3 – Club Christmas Luncheon

December 5 – Transitional Deacon Ordination



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Serrans,

As Catholics and Serrans, we are reminded that true freedom is rooted in God's truth and love. Our mission to pray for, encourage, and support vocations is one way we help strengthen both our Church and our society. By fostering future priests and religious, we help ensure that the Gospel continues to be proclaimed and that future generations will know Christ and His saving grace.

As we celebrate 250 years of our nation, let us give thanks for those who courageously established this country under God and entrusted its future to His care. Let us also pray for our leaders, our communities, and

SERRAN BIRTHDAYS IN JULY

LILY HANSON
JAMES PAPAC
BARBARA BENEVILLE

our families, asking the Holy Spirit to guide us in wisdom and unity. May this anniversary inspire us to renew our faith, deepen our commitment to service, and continue building a nation that honors God and upholds the dignity of every human person.

One way to serve Our Lord is to attend the Mass and Ordinati Luncheon in honor of our Fr. Francis Ang on Tuesday, July 14, 2026. You can give your reservation check to Pat Manzo at our July meeting or mail it to her before July 6.

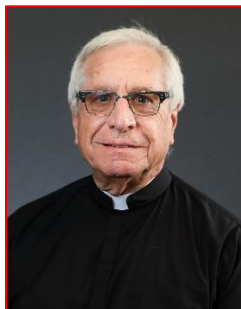
May God bless America, and may He continue to call many generous men and women to serve His Church.

“Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.” – Psalm 33:12

GOD BLESS AMERICA – HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!

Lourdes Papac, President

SPEAKER



Was our June speaker Italian? Is the Pope Catholic? Fr Michael Pontarelli is Italian Catholic through and through and he is also 100% a Servite Friar. An Orange County native, he grew up in Anaheim and graduated from Servite High School. He became a priest at age 27 and began his priestly ministry teaching at his alma mater, Servite High School. Many of his former students have become his parishioners. With classic Italian humor, he wanted us to know there was no escape from these Servite people. As he put it, “They were simply in my mother’s milk.”

His grandparents came to Chicago from Italy. The Pontarellis settled on the North Side of Chicago and attended Assumption Parish, founded by the Servites. His mother’s family settled on the West Side and attended Assumption Basilica, founded and served by the Servites. His mother’s baptismal name was Juliana, chosen for St. Juliana Falconieri the foundress of the Order of Servite Sisters. His parents moved to Anaheim, California, before he was born. He graduated from Servite High School.

He studied Philosophy and English Literature at USC, where the Servites ran the Campus Newman Center. It was then he surrendered and entered the seminary. He told us he never looked back. He was ordained a priest in 1981 at the age of twenty-seven. His first assignment, which lasted twenty-three years, was to teach Senior Religion at Servite High School. In 2005 he retired from teaching and was assigned as Pastor of St. Juliana Falconieri Parish in Fullerton. In his words, “I couldn’t escape these people. Maybe they were leading me.”

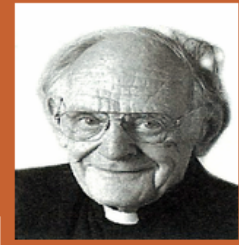
Father then asked if we had any questions for him. What do you like most about being a priest? He answered, “The study, the reading, and the social life.” What do you think about the Orange County youth of today compared with your youth in Orange County? He told us all youth are at risk now and then. He tries to teach them to be joyful. Can you recommend a good Italian restaurant in Chicago? I think Lulu asked that question because she is traveling to Chicago in July. He answered immediately, “*Rosebud on Taylor* on the corner of Taylor and Laflin streets.” The question Father Michael asked us to answer each day of our lives was, “Did you enjoy the life God gave you?”

Jeanne Bullington



REGISTRATION FORM

ANNUAL
MSGR. JOHN SAMMON
MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING



Monday, September 14, 2026

TUSTIN RANCH GOLF CLUB

12442 Tustin Ranch Road,
Tustin, CA 92782



FORMAT

Four Person Scramble

INFO

Golf Coordinator: Lulu Papac
(714) 287-9023
e-mail: papac@sbcglobal.net

SCHEDULE

11:00 Registration

11:30 Lunch

1:00 Shotgun Start

5:30 Cocktails

6:30 Dinner

ENTRY FEE: \$225.00

INCLUDES:

Golf Fee
Golf Cart
Lunch
Dinner/Cocktails

AWARDS

Winning Foursome
Longest Drive
Closest to the pin

Serra Club of Orange County Msgr. Sammon Golf Entry Form

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Number of golfers (all day) _____ at \$225.00 each _____

Number for Golf and Lunch only _____ at \$170.00 each _____

Number for dinner only _____ at \$70 each _____

Clergy Sponsor Donation _____ \$ _____

Make checks payable to: **Serra Club of Orange County** Amount Enclosed \$ _____

**Detach, mail with check to: Serra Club of Orange County, P.O. Box 5781, Newport Beach, CA 92662
or ZELLE to (949) 244-9670 by August 31, 2026**



The Office of Vocations
presents

HABIT & COLLAR

Talent Showcase



Celebrate the performing and artistic gifts of our Priests, Seminarians
and Religious in a musical stage performance and art exhibit.

Saturday, July 25, 2026 • 6pm – 9pm

Christ Cathedral, Arboretum

6:00 PM – Art Exhibit & Refreshments

7:30 PM – Talent Showcase



Get your tickets!

\$20-\$30 | rcbo.org/talent-showcase

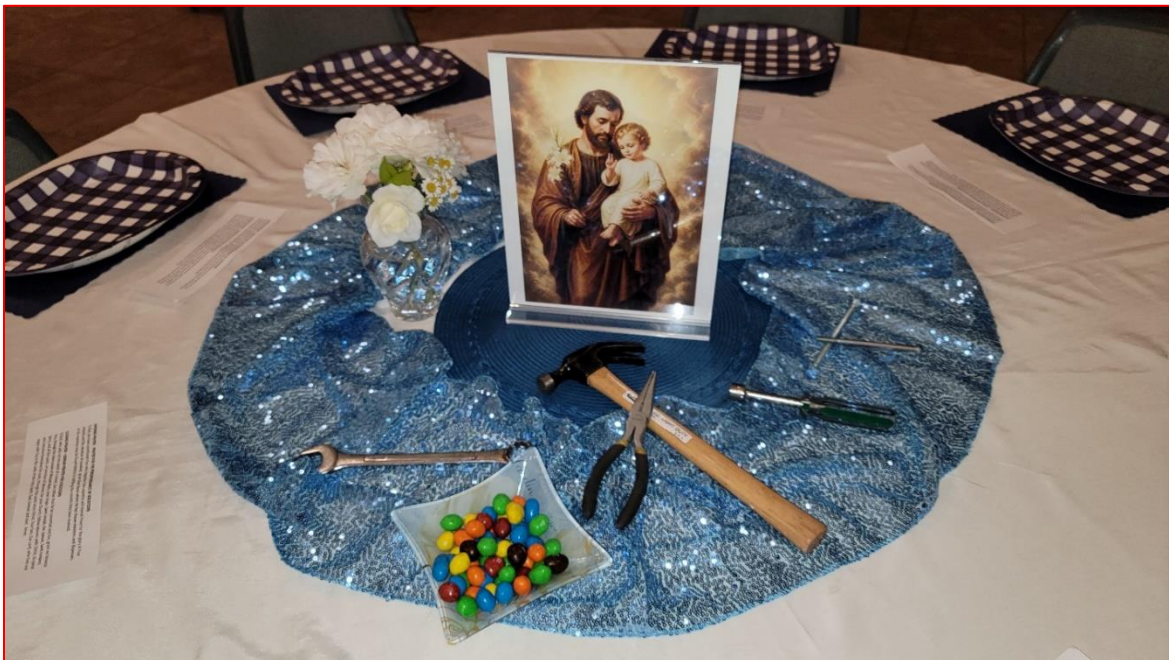


THE DIOCESE
of ORANGE
JUBILEE ANNIVERSARY

All proceeds from the event will help support the development of the new Diocesan House of Discernment, a future home dedicated to prayer, formation, fellowship and vocational discernment for young men discerning God's call. Your presence and support will not only encourage our performers, but also help build a place where future vocations can be nurtured and formed for generations to come.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/habit-and-collar-talent-showcase-lift-up-your-hearts-tickets-1990605972048>

JUNE MEETING





INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS



L to R: Lani Muego (assisting VP Vocations Phyllis Soloy (not pictured)), Trustee James Papac, VP Programs Silvia Uriarte, Trustee Tom Woore, President-elect Carmen Keally, VP Communications Catherine Walton. Treasurer Pat Manzo, VP Membership Virginia Mort, President Lulu Papac. (Not pictured Secretary Julie Fralick, Trustee Molly Thomas)

PRIESTHOOD ORDINATION







FATHER FRANCIS ANG'S FIRST MASS



PRIESTS AND SEMINARIANS BASKETBALL GAME



Father Francis Ang injured his ankle but his brother, seminarian Travis Ang, won MVP for the North Team scoring 28 pts. including seven 3 pt.shots. South Team won 63 – 55.



SERRA OFFICER ROSTER

Term of Office 2026 - 2028

OFFICE	NAME
President	Lulu Papac
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VP Programs	Silvia Uriarte
VP Vocations	Phyllis Soloy
VP Communications	Catherine Walton
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