

A Voice for Vocations

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Serra Club City of Orange
Region 11, District 127, Charter 643



PREZ SEZ
Maureen Neglia, President



Our Mission... to foster, affirm and promote vocations to the priesthood, religious life, diaconate, and all ministries in the Catholic Church, and through this support of all ministries, to deepen our members' personal faith lives.

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2012 – 2014

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Mary & The Rosary

It feels like the year just started and here we are beginning October, the month dedicated to the most holy rosary. This affords us the opportunity to look to Mary, Jesus' disciple, again. Some of her first recorded words are "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word". This provided a pattern of prayer and a way to live for her and, indeed, for each one of us.

Our lives, with all the blessings and all the pain, can be packed with meaning and purpose, if we respond with the same kind of voluntary surrender that Mary did.

That pattern of prayer was the pattern for Mary's entire life. She continues, in her place with the saints, to invite us to follow her Son. Mary lived a life of surrendered love and so it can be with us. It all begins with God's gift and invitation, invites our response, and is intended to bear the fruit of a meaningful life.

Mary brought forth the word of God. This is the prototype of the vocation of every human person. It touches the inner core of the meaning of life for all of us. We are made to give ourselves away to The Lord, and in Him, for

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others. Mary's response to the invitation of a God who always respects human freedom, is an extraordinary event in human history. It is meant to be much more. It is meant to be an invitation and a model for each one of us. Let us use this month of her most holy rosary to draw ever nearer to her and to pattern our lives after hers.



Upcoming Events

Oct 1: Sr. Nadine, CSJ
Topic: Her trip to Ghana

Oct 15: Fr. Bob Stephan
Topic: To be announced

Oct 27: Priesthood Sunday
Diocese of Orange

Nov 5: To be announced

Nov 19: To be announced

**NOV 22-25: Western Region-
Al Convention, Monterey**

DEC 15: Christmas Party
"Save the date"

City Club Newz

Our September 3rd meeting consisted of adoration, led by our chaplain, Fr. Felix Just, followed by a board meeting. Wally Drazba reminded us about our new web site "SerraOC" encouraging all in attendance to "check it out"!

The speaker at our September 17 meeting was Armando Cervantes, director of youth and young adult ministries for the diocese of Orange. Armando's credentials include a bachelor's degree in Social Sciences from UCI, a master's degree from Duke University and he's currently working on an MBA at Chapman University.

He recently returned from Brazil where he accompanied 40 young people to World Youth Day in Rio de Janeiro with a side trip to Sao Paolo. This was his 6th WYD and he's already looking forward to attending WYD in Krakow, Poland. Some 800 young adults from our diocese were on the beach at Copacabana for the closing Mass (along with 3 million others.)

Armando described it as a missionary experience, as often, they did not know where they were staying, eating or if they'd ever have a hot shower, but they were "showered" with hospitality-a mattress on the floor, or bread and coffee to start their day. They soon got comfortable with the uncomfortable.

In an effort to see Pope Francis close up they always looked for babies hoping the pontiff might stop to kiss one of the little ones. In an effort to get the "best picture" it was difficult to resist the temptation to lift one's camera or phone instead of just enjoying being in the moment.

Armando just bursts with enthusiasm for his ministry, young people, and life in general!

Below is dinner @ El Adobe



GOLF TOURNAMENT TUSTIN RANCH GOLF COURSE



What a gorgeous day for golf!



Below is Father Al Baca, after having addressed Serra members



District Doings

WALLY DRAZBA

**District Governor
Serra District 127**



This past month we had two District-Wide events. Both happened to be hosted by the County Club.

The first event was the **Msgr. Sammon Annual Clergy Golf**. The location again was the Tustin Ranch Golf Course, which is a much easier to reach location than the previous site. In future years you may just want to come to dinner and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow Serrans and the clergy. It's not often that many of us get to socialize with them.

Maureen Kosinski, the chairperson for the last few years again put on a wonderful outing. There were 72 golfers, many of them priests and deacons. And, for the first time in a few years, there was a Bishop golfing, **Bishop Dominic**. Unfortunately, he had another engagement later, so he couldn't stay for dinner, but it was great seeing him there.

Maureen changed the prizes awarded to the clergy from golf items to cash awards, this reflects the change where many of the priests come to dinner, but do not golf.

The second event was the evening of prayer under the title of "**Serra Unites**". The reference is really out of date and should be called "**Serra Evening of Prayer for Vocations**". **Fr. Al Baca**, chaplain of the County club suggested that since this is the 300th anniversary of Fray Serra's birth, that we have the evening in the Serra chapel at the **Mission San Juan Capistrano**. Fray Serra said Mass on this very altar. It was a spiritually moving evening. **Fr. Felix Just**, chaplain of the City club, concelebrated with Fr. Al. They were assisted by two seminarians who are doing their Pastoral year, **William Goldin**, and **Brandon Dang**. **Sr. Nadine**, spiritual advisor for the City Club, was also in attendance.

This event was chaired by **Cathy Walton**, again thank you Cathy for a great job. **Joe DeRitis** helped secure the Serra Chapel working with **Msgr. Art Holquin**, as well as the El Adobe restaurant for our meal after the service. Unfortunately, Joe wasn't able to attend, he had a stroke, but Johanna promptly called 911 and Joe was home in a day. Thank you, Joe, for your help.

I'll close with a portion of a longer quote of **Bishop Sheen** that was the theme for the night. "**Prayer in the Church is alone primacy; publicity and its methods are secondary. The search for vocations begins on our knees**". Let's never forget this.

**"SIEMPRE ADELANTE!"
"NUNCA PARA ATRAS!"
"ALWAYS GO FORWARD!"
"NEVER TURN BACK!"**

BLESSED JUNIPERO SERRA

Vocation Corner

I've just changed hats from my District Governor job, and now am writing to our City Club. As noted in that column, we had a good evening of prayer for vocations.

We were reminded several times about the prime importance of prayer. Last Year we started the **Adopt a Seminarian** program in our club. We cooperated with the County Club in our first year. They aren't sure who will continue, so this year, the list I am providing will include only one County member, the rest are our club.

There are a few changes, two were ordained to the priesthood, and several are taking some time off from the seminary. So, of the 38 seminarians, there are 7 new ones. We have a couple of new members, and several seminarians have two Serran prayer partners.

The list will be sent separately from the bulletin, and printed copies will be available at the meeting. If you are one of the Serrans that are doubled up, work it out between you, so we can get all the new ones covered.



Vocation Prayer



For Generous Hearts

Good and gracious God, we come before you this day asking that your call to priesthood and consecrated life fall upon open minds and generous hearts. You never cease calling workers to your vineyard. We pray for the grace to be your voice in encouraging others to risk the response that is called forth. May we never falter in our desire to respond generously to your call, in supporting those who are called to serve as priests and religious, in encouraging others to be open to your call in their lives. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen

Ministers for Serra Masses

- OCT 1 Wally Drazba,
 1st Reading
 Stan Espenship,
 Psalm & Prayers
- OCT 15 Nancy Ivary,
 1st Reading
 Terry Toner,
 Psalm & Prayers
- NOV 5 Nancy Schuba,
 1st Reading
 Loretta Callopy,
 Psalm & Prayers



EMs

- Lynn Haske, Host
Barbara Caraccio, Cup
Matt Ivary, Cup
- Theresa Morris, Host
Joe Neglia, Cup
Betty Padilla, Cup
- Chic Ryan, Host
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