

# A Voice for Vocations

**January 2014**

**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.

## Officer Roster

2012 – 2014

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|                                   | Stan Espenship             |
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|                                   | Fr. Felix Just, SJ         |
| <i>Spiritual Advisor:</i>         |                            |
|                                   | Sr. Nadine McGuinness, CSJ |
| <br><i>District 127 Governor:</i> |                            |
|                                   | Wally Drazba               |

## Happy New Year



I am sure most of you know that the name "January" comes from the Roman god Janus, the god with two faces, one looking to the past and the other looking to the future. And liturgy speaks to this also. In his homily New Year's Eve at St. Cecilia Church, Bishop Vann reminded us that it is indeed a time to look back at the year that has just ended and to look forward to that which is ahead of us and put it all in the hands of our Blessed Mother.

How did I spend this one year of my life that has just passed? Did I use it to advance my goals and objectives in life? Did I use it to enhance the purpose of my existence? Could I have done better last year in the way I invested my time between the demands of work, family, friends and society, and the demands of my spiritual life? What things did I achieve last year and what did I fail to achieve? How can I consolidate the achievements of last year while reversing the failures and losses in this new year? Through soul searching questions like these we find that a review of the past year naturally leads to setting goals and resolutions for the new year.



(Cont.... "Prez Sez")

Some people say that there is no point making new year resolutions as you only break them. But we are called to set goals and make every effort to keep them. The gospel today presents Mary to us as a model of that new life in Christ that all of us wish for ourselves in the new year. Mary was a woman who valued the word of God, who treasured it and made time to meditate and ponder it. It is true that the holiness of Mary is attributed to the grace of God, but this should not make us forget that she needed to make an effort in order to cooperate with the grace of God. And that is our call also, to treasure God's word and and make an effort to ponder it in our hearts. Then shall we be able to realize our new year resolution of a new life in union with God.

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**Remember to attend our January 21<sup>st</sup> meeting as Mike Rizzo will be our presenter.....His topic will be his own personal discernment journey!**



## Upcoming Events

**Jan 7: Sr. Nadine, CSJ**  
**Pope Francis Overview**  
**and the Synod**

**Jan 21: Mike Rizzo**  
**His discernment journey**  
**District Meeting**

**Feb 2: World Day for**  
**Consecrated Life**

**Feb 7: Women's Retreat**

**Mar 2014: Visit to St.**  
**John's Seminary-Camarillo**

**May 4, 2014: Hearts on Fire**  
**Spring Gala**

**Check out the LIS Website!**  
**Lots of programs being**  
**offered for 2014**

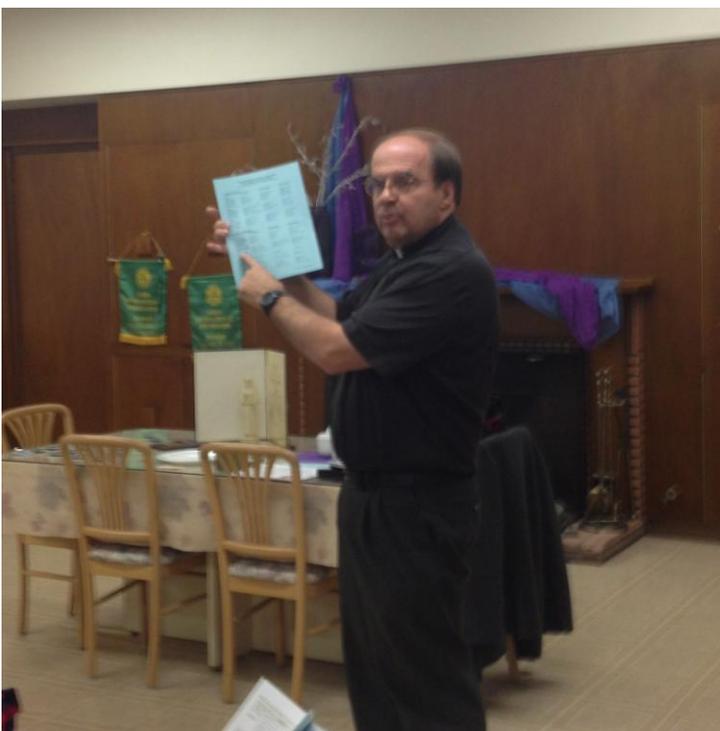
# City Club Newz

Our only meeting held in December was on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of the month. At the conclusion of our Mass, there was an induction ceremony held, where our New Members received Serra International pins, and our Serra Members who had at least 10 years of service were recognized as well. Please check out the photos on the left - best wishes to all!

Following breakfast, Fr. Felix proceeded with his presentation in preparation for Advent. He had a handout of scripture readings from the Roman Catholic Lectionary for Mass. All readings for the Season of Advent and the Season of Christmas were listed. Father's intent was that this should guide us as we study the Scriptures, making the connections between the Isaiah readings and the gospels of Matthew and Luke. He went on to explain that Week One focuses on the Son of Man and preparing for end times. "Be Ready"! Week Two, John the Baptist urges the people to "Repent". Week Three, John said that there is one coming after him and that he had been chosen to prepare the way. Week 4, just before Jesus was to be born, the focus was on Joseph and his status as the legal father.

Father Felix went on to explain the different Theological Emphases of Matthew's and Luke's narratives of the events of the Nativity. Matthew's emphasis being the law and Luke's being directed to the Gentiles. Overall, the topic was fascinating and just the sort of information that was very helpful to all of us in attendance as we embarked on our journey through Advent preparations and the Season of Christmas. Many thanks, from all of us, Father Felix.

Fr Felix Just, SJ (below)



## PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

Left to right: Ed Haske, Raul Serna, Brigid Noonan, Fr. Felix, SJ, Magdalena Santiago, Anne Champagne, and Karen Shaw.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 10-YEAR PLUS MEMBERS

Left to right: Lynn Haske, Matt Ivary, and Nancy Schuba



*District Doings*

**WALLY DRAZBA**

**District Governor  
Serra District 127**

*Vocation Corner*



**District 127 Doings Orange CA Diocese  
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Happy New Year!! And thank you for all that you do in praying for and promoting religious Vocations. All three active clubs had their traditional Club Christmas gatherings, and each is different, and all are special in their own way. Also in December a small group of Serrans went to the Huntington Library to see the wonderful display of artifacts from Fray Serra, and the early California Missions. It was well worth the visit.

Now we look forward to the challenges of the New Year. Normally the Altar Server Recognition Mass is held in January. The date for this event has been changed to November.

Our next international event is the "World Day for Consecrated Life", Feb. 2nd.. We will try as a District to promote this event through the Diocesan email system, but in the meantime, every club should check out what Serra USA has to offer in the way of bulletin announcements etc. Use them to encourage your bulletin editor to at least use the bulletin inserts. They are on our website [www.serraoc.org](http://www.serraoc.org), under the links banner. Let's let our religious, both sisters and brothers know that we greatly appreciate the wonderful work they do for the Church.



**CHECK OUT THE PHOTOS  
CHRISTMAS PARTY**



**HOSTED BY BOB DeFeo**

# Vocation Prayer



# For Deacons

Lord Jesus, Word of God, inspire diaconal vocations of service in the pattern of Your own self-emptying love.

Send your Holy Spirit to call deacons who will enliven the *diakonia* of the Church by teaching and preaching the Gospel, by mediating the needs of the People of God through service at the Eucharistic table, and by cultivating charity and justice for the poor and the marginalized. Amen

## Ministers for Serra Masses EMs

- JAN 7      Jim Briscoe,  
              1<sup>st</sup> Reading  
              Loretta Callopy,  
              Psalm & Prayers
- JAN 21     Wally Drazba  
              1<sup>st</sup> Reading  
              Stan Espenship,  
              Psalm & Prayers
- FEB 4      Nancy Ivary,  
              1<sup>st</sup> Reading  
              Maureen Neglia,  
              Psalm & Prayers



- Joan Amort, Host  
Jim Baer, Cup  
Patty Baer, Cup
- Elena Biale, Host  
John Biale, Cup  
Carol Cagle, Cup
- Barbara Caraccio, Host  
Anne Champagne, Cup  
Bob De Feo, Cup

“Always forward, never back!”  
Junipero Serra



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