

# A Voice for Vocations

**February 2014**

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



**PREZ SEZ**  
*Maureen Neglia, President*



## Officer Roster

2012 – 2014

President	Maureen Neglia
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Vocations	Wally Drazba
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	Fr. Felix Just, SJ
<b>Spiritual Advisor:</b>	
	Sr. Nadine McGuinness, CSJ
<b>District 127 Governor:</b>	
	Wally Drazba

## Upcoming Events

- Feb 2: World Day for Consecrated Life**  
**Feb 7: Women's Retreat**  
**Feb 15: Jesuit Spirituality**  
Held at St. Joseph's Auditorium-  
Father Allan Deck  
**Feb 18: Gay/Lesbian Community-David Kennedy**  
**Mar 4:**  
"Fat Tuesday" potluck  
Lenten Reflection  
Sr. Nadine McGuinness, CSJ
- Mar 22: 8am to 1pm**  
Day of Recollection  
Held at St Cecilia Church  
Father Bob Stephan
- May 4, 2014: Hearts on Fire Spring Gala**

**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.

(Cont.... "Prez Sez")

We are rewarded knowing that we have been a part of a much larger picture that involves our club, our seminarians, and the larger church.

*And so, the challenge is there for each of us:*

**JUST SAY YES!**

**Happy Valentine's Day**  
♥♥♥

## Just Say "Yes"

Now I am borrowing from Nancy Reagan's "Just Say No" campaign to fight drugs. It's February and it is time to start thinking about a nominating committee for Serra officers for the next two years.

The first thing I am asking you to say "yes" to is prayer. I invite each of us to pray for the nominating committee and for openness on the part of our members to say "yes" to an invitation to serve our club. Next, I invite you to really listen to an invitation offered to serve our club, our seminarians and our church. This is also a chance to enrich our own faith.

As you know, the main officers are President, President Elect, Treasurer, Secretary, along with the four main pillars of each club: vice president for vocations, communication, membership and programs. To this we have added hospitality and our sergeant. I think we all know what is entailed. But, do we know the rewards? We have the chance to work with people that constantly surprise us with their willingness to help, to serve. We have the opportunity to get to know people better. We are given a chance to grow and hone different skills.



## Club Newz

On, January 7, 2014, Sr. Nadine addressed our Serra Club with a presentation on our new Pope Francis. Her explanation began with in order to understand our new pope, it is important to go back in his ministry to understand the man in the context of where he has been and the journey that brought him to the Papal office. He was Bishop of Buenos Aires, Jesuit, and Sister explained that as Bishop his focus was on the whole church instead of just their community. His Archdiocesan Goals are listed below:

Open and brotherly communities  
Informed laity playing a lead role  
Evangelization efforts addressed to every inhabitant  
of the city  
Assistance to the poor and the sick  
(he established multiple clinics to help the sick)

Upon Pope Francis' first occasion to address the faithful in St. Peter's Square, he asked for a prayer from the community and the assembly fell silent. His Papal focus is a "Spirit of Communion". He wishes to promote a mature laity. He embraces active participation of women and society within the church. His wish is that we present to the world our Catholic community showing Joy and Love for the whole world.

Our Pope Francis is a man in love with Christ, Church and his humanity. Pope Francis stated: "I am a sinner that the Lord has looked upon!" He requests that we trust and respond to Jesus' infinity mercy.

**God: by having mercy, Us: by choosing him.**

In the time when Bishop Francis was in Buenos Aires, he was quite authoritative in executing the office. However, now, as Pope he consults w/outside, recognizes the wisdom of the church and the holiness and fidelity of ordinary people. Our job, as Catholics, would be to pray for Pope Francis, Pray for ourselves and Support the Work of God thru Francis. Thanks you Sr. Nadine...you enlightened us, and the photos of our new Pope were endearing!

Sr. Nadine McGuiness, CSJ (below)



On, January 21, 2014, our fellow Serran, Mike Rizzo presented a very personal and detailed recounting of his discernment process, thus far, as he has recently submitted an application for the priesthood to the Diocese of Orange.

Mike is a member of St Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Irvine. He was born in NYC and attended Regis High School. He attended Cornell University and has a law degree from University of Michigan. In 1985, he married his wife Rosemary, who passed away in February of 2011. His son, John is 20 years old and is a Junior at Claremont McKenna College.

Mike explained that as a youth, he was fascinated and very engaged with all that surrounded his Catholic faith. Even in those early years, he felt that he was being called, although perhaps the calling wasn't clearly defined yet. Now, with the events of his life unfolding in some unexpected ways, many things are falling into place to afford him the ability to serve Our Lord in a different capacity. Thus, his discerning journey began. The term "discern" is defined as "to come to understand". Mike's process has been in progress for 18 months. Mike explained that he has received many blessings in his lifetime. He clearly is hearing the call, and this time, he is determined to answer and do all in his power to fulfill God's direction for his life.

During Mike's discernment, he has been assisted by Brother Charlie. You don't travel the discernment process alone. Sometimes Mike has concerns that he isn't worthy (or holy enough)! However, like St Ignatius, he is daring to dream a bigger dream. After his presentation, Fr Felix told our group not to worry about "being worthy", as none of us are, including himself. To me that underlined all of our journeys with Jesus through life. Thank you Mike- your words and your candor are an inspiration to us all and you will continually be in our prayers throughout your journey.

**Mike Rizzo delivering his presentation with Brother Charlie in attendance.**



*District Doings*

WALLY DRAZBA

**District Governor  
Serra District 127***Vocation Corner***District 127 Doings Orange CA Diocese  
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As I write this we are celebrating our Consecrated Religious with special recognition today and tomorrow. I know some of the church bulletins used the bulletin announcements regarding "World Day for Consecrated Life". Did your parish? There should have been one last week and another this week regarding WDCL. Please email me what your parish did, I am very interested. One parish told me they have two versions of their bulletin, an electronic one and a printed one. The electronic one has more information in it. Several of us from our district were at a "Super Weekend" that Serra USA Council has every January. I went for the first time this year. It was a worth-while weekend, both from the further training I received, and the upbeat nature of the Council meetings. Serrans, we are again working together as ONE SERRA with our vocation work. If you are interested in the particulars, I will forward an email I just received from Dan Jones our USA Council president. It summarizes the settlement of the distraction that a few international members caused. My email address is walhar@earthlink.net.

As part of the extra training I received, I am asking each club to do two things. First pick your new officers for next year. Your president will be meeting with a nominating committee soon and I pray that you think of how you can better serve our Serran goal. Secondly I am asking the presidents to ask at least one more person, and hopefully more than one to serve on a district level Vocation committee; after all, that is the purpose of our clubs. I'd like to start meeting with this group soon. Please give it some thought and prayer, we need your help.

**REMINDER****MSGR SAMMON FUND****For the benefit of our seminarians**

*Please consider making regular donations to Orange Catholic Foundation with the special designation that it goes to the Msgr. John F. Sammon Endowment Fund for Vocations.*

**The Sisters of St. Joseph  
of Father Medaille****(More History of the Order)**

Fr. Medaille, according to the custom of the time, would have needed the authorization and directive of a bishop superior in order to legally found a religious community. The translated letter I have copied here is from the Bishop who did authorize the foundation of the community of St. Joseph. I think it is interesting. Very different from our American and modern way of writing crisply, this document shows a huge amount of gratitude to God and faith that such a community should come into existence in his diocese.

*Title: Letters of provisions given by Monseignor Henri de Maupas de Tour, Bishop of Le Puy in favor of the daughters of the Congregation of St. Joseph of Le Puy regarding their establishment. March 10, 1651*

We, Henry de Maupas du Tour, Bishop and Lord of Le Puy, Count of Vellay and Immediate Elector of his Holiness, abbot of Saint Denys of Reims, Counselor to the King in his Council and First Confessor of the Regent Queen, seeking to advance the glory of God and salvation of souls and service of charity in our diocese, having learned that several widows and young women seek to dedicate their lives to such service, as much for the sick and for the poor of our city as for the education and direction of orphan girls; and that, in order to achieve these works, they seek to form a society or congregation in which they live together, they must not be prevented from these works of charity. This plan seemed to us so praiseworthy that we embrace it with utmost affection, and have permitted and do permit these women to begin the congregation under the name and title of St. Joseph, to assemble and live in community in one or several houses, as needed to better serve the works of charity, and to multiply their houses throughout our diocese where we judge it appropriate.

Finally, that all this may take place with utmost order to help this congregation prosper, we have written and given rules to the daughters and widows which they will keep exactly for the great glory of God and the edification of the neighbor, as they have done in and to multiply their houses throughout our diocese where we judge their work at the Montferrant hospital. Henceforth let us take these women and their congregation under our protection, and order our vicars and officials to provide the necessary support so that no one may molest them to whom we give our blessing and our deep affection and bless with the same affection in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*(Given) In Le Puy, this 10th day of March, 1651. Henry e. du Puy compte de Vellay.*

# Vocation Prayer



# For Zeal

Come, Holy Spirit. Inflame the hearts of all the faithful with a restless zeal for a new evangelization. Embolden the anointed with your grace to proclaim the Gospel to people of every language, culture, and way of life. Make our youth eager to hear the voice of the Shepherd tenderly calling them to furrow the world with faith, plant it with charity, and harvest it with hope. We make this prayer in the name of the Lord Jesus, who shared your many gifts with us. May you dwell with us always until we come to dwell with you, our Advocate, with Christ, our Savior, and with the Father, forever. Amen.

## Ministers for Serra Masses EMs

- FEB 4 Nancy Ivary,  
1<sup>st</sup> Reading  
Maureen Neglia,  
Psalm & Prayers
- FEB 18 Nancy Schuba,  
1<sup>st</sup> Reading  
Terry Toner  
Psalm & Prayers
- MAR 4 Loretta Callopy,  
1<sup>st</sup> Reading  
Wally Drazba,  
Psalm & Prayers



- Barbara Caraccio, Host  
Anne Champagne, Cup  
Bob De Feo, Cup
- Lynn Haske, Host  
Janie Hanson, Cup  
Nancy Ivary, Cup
- Theresa Morris, Host  
Joe Neglia, Cup  
Betty Padilla, Cup

**“Always forward, never back!”  
Junipero Serra**



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