

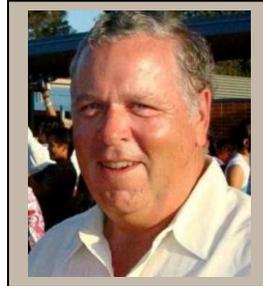
A Voice for Vocations

November 2014

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



PREZ SEZ
Matt Ivary, 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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All Souls' Day



Prez Sez (Cont.)

We may see some of these remembrance altars set up in churches with Hispanic community presence much like votive candles are placed in niches by statues of the saints. The Spanish priests were not successful in eliminating what they saw as pagan celebrations but were able to merge Dia de los Muertos with All Saints and Souls days of the Catholic calendar. However you celebrate All Souls Day please remember to pray for the canonization of our patron, Fr. Junipero Serra.

Below is Fr. John Money penny, Director of Vocations giving the homily at the Mass for our newly ordained priests.

Upcoming Events

NOV 2 THRU 7:
Nat'l Vocation Awareness

NOV 4: **MEETING**
Elizabeth Henderson
Author-St Cecilia Parish

NOV 15: **Altar Servers**
Appreciation Reception

NOV 18: **MEETING**
LeeSweeney
Director of Shroud Center
History of the Shroud

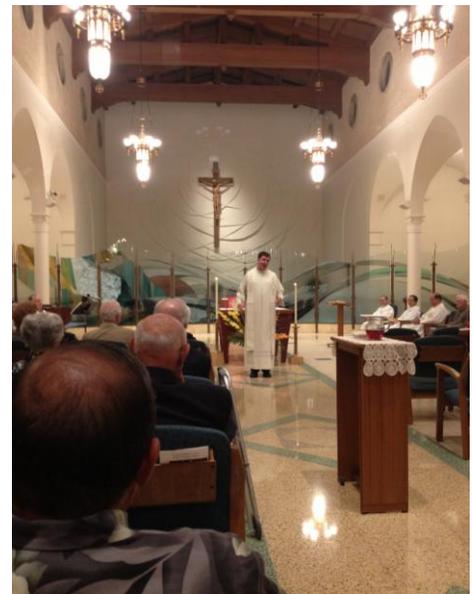
NOV 21 – 7:30pm H.F.C.:
Mass for Consecrated Life

DEC 2: **Kathleen Beckman**
Author: **Praying for Priests**

DEC 14 – 3pm to 6pm
CHRISTMAS PARTY

DEC 15: **"Women & Spirit"**
Film 7pm Christ Cathedral
(Freed Theater)

The holidays are moving in. Seems this year is moving faster than most with Halloween now past and Thanksgiving looming up. We can forget to consider what all Souls day is about. A time to remember our loved one who have gone to their reward. We make lists and put them on the altar for the month of November so they can be remembered and prayed for in a special way all month. A more ancient custom is Dia de los Muertos where special altars and gifts are offered for the same purpose. I was surprised to learn that Dia de los Muertos or Day of the Dead was a custom in the Americas well before the Spanish explorers came to Mexico.



Club Newz

On Tuesday, October 7, 2014, Sr. Christine Hilliard SJ, addressed our club. Her topic was Mary in Scripture. Sister has been a St. Joseph Sister for 48 years. She began her career teaching elementary and high school and was the Principal of St. Cecilia's elementary school for a couple of years. She currently is working with Adult Faith Formation.



Sister opened her presentation with some information regarding a woman's role during biblical times. It was a patriarchal society where men occupied the public domain and women were relegated to the domestic domain. Women looked to men for direction. Women, historically during this period would not have been a follower or disciple of Jesus Christ.

Mary heard the word of God and acted upon it. She truly was His first disciple. This was in keeping with the scripture "Then his mother and his brothers came to him unable to join him because of the crowd. He was told "Your mother and your brothers are standing outside and thy wish to see you." Jesus said to them in reply, "My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and act on it." (Luke 8: 19-21) When referring to "brothers", that would not necessarily mean "blood-related".

Also, Sister pointed out that the Old Testament (O.T.) continues in the New Testament. That indicates that the O.T. is not old and detached. Mary was connected with women from the O.T. who liberated their people. Her emptiness was filled by the Lord/God. The lesson: "In our powerlessness is our strength."

God is the Master of "reversal of fortunes"! Throughout history there have been very rich and very poor Saints. God is faithful generation to generation. God invites us, he doesn't manipulate.

Be open to God - wonderful things happen.....

LISTEN!!!!

**ORDINATI DINNER**

Our Annual Ordinati Dinner was held this year at the St Joseph's Motherhouse and was a beautiful evening, where we got to know our new priests a little better. (Many thanks to Joan Amort, dinner was fabulous!)

Rev. John Duy Nguyen (St Norbert's Parish) shared some personal information regarding his vocation journey. He is from Saigon, Vietnam. His Mother taught him to pray. He taught young children and found that to be "very fun". He was very shy, however. He attended Ignatian retreats on weekends and felt the presence of God, to the point of being moved to tears! He felt touched by God. Originally, he was part of the Vincentian community, but wanted to pursue Parish life. In the photo below, it would be hard to tell that he was shy as he is warmly greeting an attendee at the Mass on October 20th.

Rev. Charles Tran (Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish) was born in Vietnam He was the fourth child in his family. Moved by questions like "what will I do with my future?" led him to 4 years of medical school, where he became a dermatologist. He still had "empty" feelings and prayed daily and attended Mass. God slowly revealed to him that he was being called to be a priest. He had the courage to surrender to God's will --- not his own. He even, at one point, left the seminary but found that he could not run from God, so he "surrendered". God granted him the grace to fulfill his priestly vocation. He thanked all Serra members indicating that their prayers gave him courage, helped with loneliness and temptation.

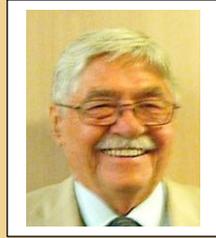
Rev. William Goldin was unable to attend as he is currently assigned abroad, in Rome, Italy.



Below: Matt Ivary presented to our newly ordained priests, Fr. Charles Tran (left) and Fr John Nguyen, framed copies of their Ordination photo with Bishop Vann on the steps of St. Columban's Church.



District Doings
WALLY DRAZBA



District Governor
Serra District 127
Vocation Corner

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At the District Council meeting, several members of the council reported on the wonderful things that happened on **Priesthood Sunday**. St. Cecilia parish had a lunch on Sunday in honor of the priests. Fr. Maximilian O.P. was deeply moved by the priest blessing at the end of Mass. St Edward had a great collection of cards and notes to their priests showing appreciation of their Priesthood. The children at Holy Family Cathedral school made a banner and the whole school signed it thanking the priests and bishops. Different classes wrote thank you notes to different clerge. Bishop Brown went to the 4th grade to personally thank them for their thoughtfulness. Of course, many other things happened at different parishes. These are just examples of what was done.

We must also thank Deacon Frank Chavez for encouraging the deacons to either lead the priest blessing or arrange to have someone else lead it . And of course, thanks to Patrick Mott, editor of the Orange County Catholic, for the article regarding **Priesthood Sunday**. It appeared in the Oct 22 edition of the paper. And, last but not least, a **great THANK YOU** to all the wonderful priests that serve us in the Diocese!

REMINDER:

This wonderful film will have 2 more showings at the Christ Cathedral at 7pm on Dec 15, 2014 (Freed Theater) and March 9, 2015 (Arboretum)



Celebration of the 2015 Year of Consecrated Life

WOMEN & Spirit: Catholic Sisters in America

A "Must See" one-hour Documentary that chronicles the story of women religious (Sisters) in this country.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY

Father Felix – Nov 2nd

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY GREAT SUCCESS!

Below: Top - Banner from students HFC
Bottom - Welcome for Lunch @ St Cecilia's



Save these Dates:

Nov 2 thru 7, 2014 National Vocation Awareness (Sisters will be talking at various Schools)
Nov 21, 2014 @ 7:30pm Evening prayer (Vespers) Holy Family Cathedral
Feb 4, 2015 @ 4pm Holy Family Cathedral Mass in celebration of Consecrated Life (Serrans are encouraged to attend as many of these as possible!)

Prayer of Thanks



Pray Always

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as sisters, brothers, religious priests, consecrated virgins, and hermits, as well as members of Secular Institutes. Renew their knowledge and love of you, and send your Holy Spirit to help them to respond generously and courageously to your will. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Ministers for Serra Masses

EMs

NOV 4 Jim Briscoe, 1st Reading
Terry Toner,
Psalm & Prayers

NOV 18 Loretta Callopy,
1st Reading
Wally Drazba,
Psalm & Prayers

DEC 2 Stan Espenship, 1st Reading
Nancy Ivary, Psalm & Prayers



Anne Champagne, Host
Bob DeFeo, Cup
Janie Hanson, Cup

Matt Ivary, Host
Theresa Morris, Cup
Joe Neglia, Cup

Betty Padilla, Host
Chic Ryan, Cup
Raul Serna, Cup

**"Always forward, never back!"
Junipero Serra**



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