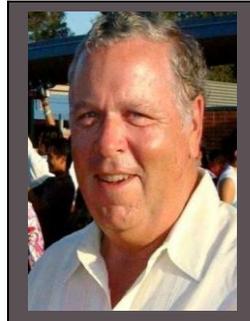


A Voice for Vocations

October 2015



PREZ SEZ
Matt Ivary, President



Officer Roster 2015 – 2016

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Upcoming Events

OCT 4: St. Cecilia Church
"Sweet Fellowship"

OCT 6: MEETING
Speaker: Beverly Truzzolino
Topic: Recent trip to Europe

OCT 20: MEETING
Speaker: Kari Walker
Topic: Alzheimer's Disease

OCT 24:
Mercy/Bethany House
Fashion Show/Fundraiser

OCT 25: Priesthood Sunday

NOV 3: MEETING
Speaker: Br. Charlie Jackson
Topic: Vocation Discernment

Save the Date! Nov 6-8/2015:
Region 11 Conference
Ventura Beach Marriott
Save the Date! Dec 13, 2015
Christmas Party Hosted by
The Amorts

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

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.



Pope Francis during his recent trip to the United States.



*Meet to Pray, Organize, Invite and Work
For the Priesthood and the Consecrated Life*

SAVE THE DATE!

REGION 11 CONFERENCE

NOVEMBER 6-8, 2015

VENTURA BEACH MARRIOTT
SAN BUENAVENTURA MISSION

"Always Forward! Strengthening Our Serra Clubs"



Pope Francis' First US Visit

Pope Francis has amazed us all with his whirlwind tour over the past nine days, leading us in prayer and encouraging us all to live out the gospel and love one another. As he left Philadelphia he said he was leaving with "a heart full of gratitude and hope." I was able to watch the canonization Mass of Father Serra before the EOHSJ (Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem) meeting in San Diego this weekend. I watched the highlights of other events on the news and checked out sites online throughout the weekend. I now have some binge watching of what I have on the DVR in order to catch up with everything. What a wonderful time to be Catholic. Our prayers for the canonization of Fr. Serra have been answered and Pope Francis has put the gospel of Jesus and the teachings of the Church into the minds of millions here at home and around the world. Let us pray that Pope Francis will inspire vocations in our youth and encourage us as in our continued support of vocations.

God Bless.

Club News



Speaking at our meeting on September 1, 2015 was our own beloved Chaplain, Father Felix Just, S.J. His topic was "A Reflection for the World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation".

Father Felix opened with, "today's speaker is actually Pope Francis". Our Pope has asked us to focus our efforts on our environment and to educate ourselves, so that we can join our efforts, as stewards of our world environment, to make a difference in any way that we can. There is plenty of information out on the internet surrounding the Holy Father's latest encyclical. Father Felix used a reflection that had been prepared by Sr. Mary Elizabeth Nelson of the Sisters of Saint Joseph to lead our club members through the reflection, an outline of the encyclical, and the prayer service. Father invited us all to share with one another in groups our thoughts, action plans surrounding efforts to preserve our precious Earth. Father explained that when Pope Francis addressed this encyclical, it was meant not only for members of the Catholic Church, but for all inhabitants of our World. This is quite rare, having been done once before by Pope Saint John XXIII surrounding the topic of Peace on Earth.

We (Serra Club members) were asked to reflect on the question: "How am I discovering God in all things, in creation, in those I encounter?" Father then asked us to break into groups and to share with one another our answers, and thoughts on this reflection.

Father provided an outline of the Laudato Si Encyclical. The translation of Laudato Si ("Praise to You my Lord") is taken from Saint Francis of Assisi. The Pope's call, as Bishop of our universal church, is to reflect on what is going on theologically, and serves as a social teaching of our Church. Many reports in current media would have us believe that his writing is about "global warming", but that would be an over-simplification of what our Pope intends to convey. Father went on to explain in lay terms the six chapters of the encyclical, Laudato Si.

Then, he reflected back to his days as a boy scout when he was involved in a program that some may remember called SOAR. This acronym stood for "Save our American Resources". This was a time at the beginning of recycling. We can save resources by abandoning the "throwaway culture", turning off lights and not overusing air conditioning, etc.

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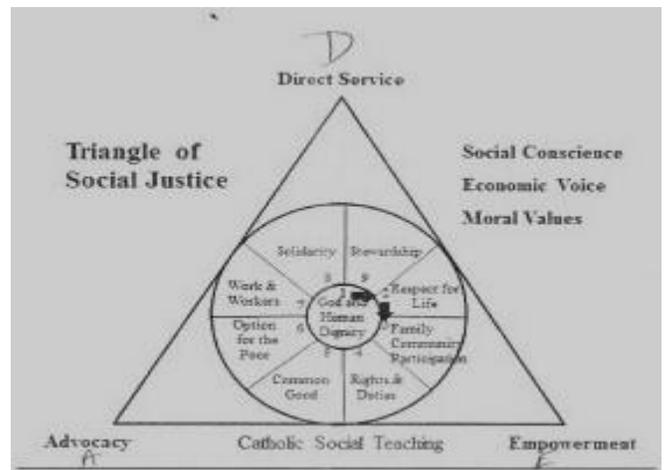
On September 15, 2015 Fr. Eduardo A. Samaniego, S.J. was our speaker and his topic was Social Justice/Immigration.



Father Eddie Samaniego explained the Triangle of Social Justice (shown below).

He explained that most parishes and diocese are really good at the top point, Direct Service. Why? Because it is the Corporal Works of Mercy that Matthew 25 holds up as our ideal. We are not good, though, at the other points on the triangle: Advocating or Empowering. Why? Because we mistakenly feel that they are too political to be involved in. Did Jesus advocate for those who had no voice in his day? Did Jesus not empower the poor to leave their poverty? Didn't he empower the apostles, who were mostly "uneducated oafs", to become difference-makers in the history of salvation? Father invited us to look at our gifts, and to relish in the gifts of others, to make a difference that we have lived at all, promoting a faith-that-does-justice as men/women-for-others. He called attention to the circle of Social Justice, inside of the Social Justice Triangle.

Notice that at the center of the circle are two names: God and humanity. Why? Because to love, we must love God and humanity as we have been loved by God. Hence our love for humanity, which shows our love for God, is shown in the other seven areas in the circle. They represent all of the encyclicals of our past popes.



Saint Junipero Serra
Canonized Sept 23, 2015



Upcoming: Save the Dates:

October 24, 2015
Mercy House – Fashion Show
Fundraiser (see invitation, bottom right)

October 25, 2015
Priesthood Sunday

November 6 thru 8, 2015
Serra Regional Conference

December 13, 2015
Serra City Club
Christmas Party at Amorts' Home

February 21, 2016
Day of Reflection



Reminder:
Invite a friend to our next
Serra Club Meeting!



October 14 – Karen Shaw
October 15 – Jim Baer
October 18 – Ed Haske
October 27 – Theresa Morris

MERCY HOUSE PRESENTS THE
BETHANY HOUSE FALL PARADE

**DISCOVERING
TREASURES
WITHIN**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24TH 2015

FEATURING
FALL FASHIONS FROM CABI FASHIONS
JEWELRY BY SILPADA DESIGNS
HONOREE FURNISHING HOPE

11:30AM – 2:30PM
\$50 per person / \$400 table of 10

EMBASSY SUITES ANAHEIM – SOUTH
11767 Harbor Blvd, Garden Grove, CA 92840

LUNCH SERVED AT NOON

To RSVP, please return the card enclosed or register online at
www.2015BethanyFallParade.tk
Your RSVP by October 16, 2015 is appreciated.

Vocation Prayer

2015

Pray Always

Gracious God you have blessed people with many gifts and talents. Grant them the wisdom to know how best to use them for the glory of your name. Jesus calls, "Come, follow me." Help men and women to follow him and to be faithful to their call. Help them to see in themselves what you see and give them the courage to follow wherever you may lead. Bless the Church with generous hearts, eager to serve your people and to spread your word. Amen.

Ministers for Serra Masses

Lectors

EMs

OCT 6 Loretta Callopy, 1st Reading Jim Briscoe, Psalm & Prayers

OCT 20 Maureen Neglia, 1st Reading Nancy Ivary, Psalm & Prayers

NOV 3 Jim Briscoe, 1st Reading Loretta Callopy, Psalm & Prayers



Anne Champagne, Host John Biale, Cup Barbara Carraccio, Cup

Matt Ivary, Host Bob DeFeo, Cup Carol DeFeo, Cup

Betty Padilla, Host Theresa Morris, Cup Joe Neglia, Cup

"Always forward, never back!" Saint Junipero Serra



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