

# A Voice for Vocations

## January 2016

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



**PREZ SEZ**  
Matt Ivary, President



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**District 127 Governor:**

TBD

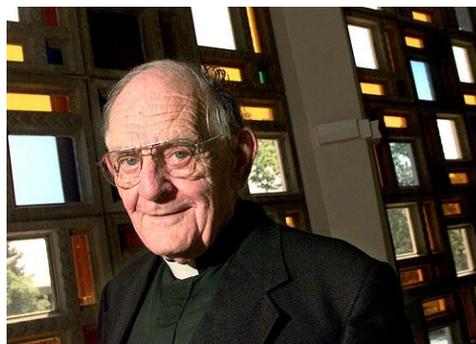
### Upcoming Events

**JAN 5: MEETING**  
Speaker: Sr. Nadine McGuinness, CSJ  
Topic: Renovations and plans for St. Joseph Motherhouse Campus  
**JAN 14 thru 17:**  
Serra Club – Houston Rally (see insert on the right)  
**JAN 19: MEETING**  
Speaker: Jeni Baird  
Topic: L'Arche  
Wavecrest Community  
**FEB 2: MEETING**  
Speaker: Tim Reid  
Topic: Youth Ministry  
**FEB 20: SAVE THE DATE**  
Day of Recollection (see Page 2)  
**MAR 1: MEETING**  
Speaker: Laryn Kovalik  
Topic: Laboure' Society

At this time of year we all look forward to the adventures and challenges that the New Year brings. But at the same time it is good to remember the wonderful people that have helped us on our path so far. One such person for me was Msgr. John Sammon (please see his photo below). His light humor encouraged all that met him to live the joy of the gospel every day in all the normal things that we do. Whenever I see a happy Snoopy I can't help thinking of Msgr. Sammon. Keep on smiling as we move into a New Year and resolve to share joy and happiness to all those we meet.

God Bless and Happy New Year.

Matt



**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.



**THE SERRA RALLY** ★ January 14-18, 2016 ★ HOUSTON

We've got a great line-up of speakers and topics planned for this wonderful event. Here are some highlights:

**Engage. Inspire. IGNITE!**

**Serra RALLY 2016**

Register by Dec. 15 and save \$75!  
Register online and see the agenda at <http://www.serrainternational.org/content/serra-rally-1>

- THE FAMILY, CALLED to be a SEEDBED OF VOCATIONS**—presented by Arland K. Nichols, Founding President of the St. John Paul II Foundation
- HUNDREDFOLD-LAYING THE CORNERSTONE** for a PARISH VOCATION MINISTRY—presented by author and speaker, Rhonda Gruenewald
- INCREASING VOCATION AWARENESS on COLLEGE CAMPUSES**—presented by Rev. David Konderla, Director of Campus Ministry at St. Mary's Catholic Center, Texas A & M University
- The PATRIOTIC PILGRIMAGE: SEEKING GOD in the CAPITOL BUILDINGS** of each of the 50 STATES—presented by Mickey Straub, Mayor of Burr Ridge, IL

## Club News



On Tuesday, December 1, 2015, Juliana Gerace addressed the club members with her presentation on "HOPE". Juliana has served the Diocese of Orange for over 20 years in youth ministry; as a religion teacher and department chair at Santa Margarita High School, director of children's faith formation and adult faith formation. She presently works for Fr. Robert Spitzer, S.J., and is a faculty member of the Magis Institute and visits various parishes to present on topics of faith. She has completed her Doctorate in Ministry in 2010, and has recently published her first novel. (See book cover insert on right). She and her husband Vincent live in St. Cecilia's parish in Tustin.

Juliana opened her presentation reminding us that as believers, we already acknowledge the Incarnation that we focus upon during Advent, and that we are awaiting Jesus' second coming. This adds many layers to our Advent prayer and devotion. We live in times that try our hope. We are called as baptized, committed missionary disciples to bring hope to our world, and to those around us. The virtue of hope is a powerful force and one that we are already gifted with...through our baptism. Cardinal John Henry Neumann said: "I have a mission, God has created me to do Him some definite service, He has committed some work to me that He has not committed to another. I have my mission, I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons, He has not created me for naught, I shall do good, I shall do His work. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth. In my own place, while not intending it, if I do but keep His commandments, therefore I will trust Him whatever I am, I cannot be thrown away....if I am in sickness my sickness may serve him, in perplexity, my perplexity may serve him, if I am in sorrow my sorrow may serve Him. He does nothing in vain. He knows what He is about, He may take away my friends, He may throw me among strangers, He may make me feel desolate, He may make my spirit sink, hide my future from me, still, He knows what He is about." These words reflect how beautiful it is to live in hope.

Pope Francis calls us to live, not just in hope, but to a heroic level of hope! We place our trust in Christ's promises and in placing our trust and hope, not on ourselves, but on the grace of the Holy Spirit.

### What is God's dream for us ?

Let us set our internal compasses to align with that message of hope. Many thanks to Juliana for her insightful presentation....!



## Serra Clubs Lenten Day of Recollection

Saturday, February 20, 2016  
8:15 am to 1:00 pm



Join us for our annual Lenten Day of Recollection

Presenter: Fr. Francis Benedict, OSB  
Abbot Emeritus, St. Andrews Abbey

Holy Family Cathedral  
566 S. Glassell Street  
Orange, CA

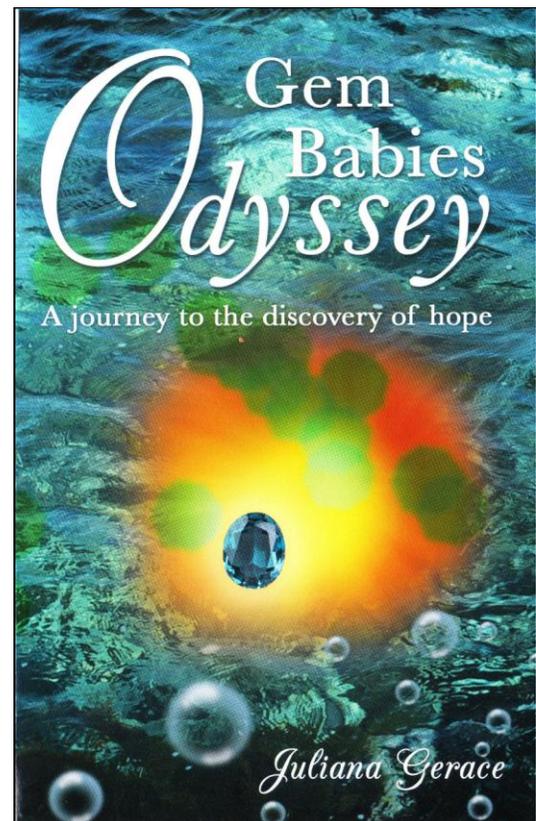
\$25 per person  
Non-members & Guests are welcome

**Highlights**

- Mass @ 8:15 am
- Continental Breakfast
- Reflections by Fr. Francis
- Lunch

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Below is Juliana Gerace's book published in 2013.  
Her website is: [www.gem-babies.com](http://www.gem-babies.com)





**Jan 16 – Carol DeFeo**

**Jan 22 – Georgia Mottl**

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**Reminder: Invite your family or friends to try out a meeting of our City of Orange Serra Club....**

**We would love to meet them!**

**Our Christmas Party was fantastic this Year!  
Thank you to the Amorts!**



Vocation Prayer

2016

Pray Always

O Father, raise up among Christians numerous and holy vocations to the priesthood, to keep the faith alive and guard the gracious memory of your Son, Jesus, through the preaching of his word and the administration of the sacraments, with which you continually renew your faithful. Give us holy ministers of your altar, who are careful and fervent guardians of the Eucharist, the sacrament of the supreme gift of Christ for the redemption of the world. Call ministers of your mercy, who, through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, spread the joy of your forgiveness. Grant, O Father, that the Church may welcome with joy numerous inspirations of the Spirit of your Son and, docile to his teachings, may she care for vocations to the ministerial priesthood and to the consecrated life. Sustain the bishops, priests and deacons, consecrated men and women, and all the baptized in Christ, so that they may faithfully fulfill their mission at the service of the Gospel. This we pray, through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Ministers for Serra Masses

Lectors

EMs

- JAN 5 Jim Briscoe, 1st Reading
Loretta Callopy,
Psalm & Prayers
JAN 19 Stan Espenship, 1st Reading
Nancy Ivary,
Psalm & Prayers
FEB 2 Maureen Neglia, 1st Reading
Jim Briscoe,
Psalm & Prayers



- Barbara Caraccio, Host
Anne Champagne, Cup
Bob DeFeo, Cup
Carol DeFeo, Host
Matt Ivary, Cup
Theresa Morris, Cup
Joe Neglia, Host
Betty Padilla, Cup
John Perample, Cup

“Always forward, never back!”
Saint Junipero Serra



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