

A Voice for Vocations

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Upcoming Events

JUNE 7: MEETING
Speaker: Sr. Nadine, CSJ
Topic: Apostolic Exhortation

**JUNE 11: Priesthood
Ordination**

JUNE 21: MEETING
Speaker: Pete Bowen
Topic: Moral issues
challenging our culture

**JUNE 25: Trans-Diaconate
Ordination**

JULY 5: MEETING
Speaker: Teri O'Toole
Topic: Spiritual encounters
through volunteering

The Joy of Love "Amoris Laetitia"

Pope Francis was elected on March 13, 2013. During the two years after the Pope's election, General Assemblies of the synods of Bishops were convened to consider the situation of families in today's world. This Apostolic Exhortation, "The Joy of Love": On Love in the Family was written "post synodal", that is, it is taking into consideration and developing from the events of the two synods. It was published on the third anniversary of Pope Francis' papal installation.

Over the last week, all of our City of Orange Serra members should have received, via email or regular mail, copies of Sr. Nadine's summaries of the Prologue, Chapter 1 and 2 from this publication. We are grateful to Sister for so generously sharing this material with us. As Sister had suggested to us, we should read this Apostolic Exhortation in a non-hurried fashion, taking time to reflect and to absorb the material, even connecting in our hearts and minds how some of the principles may apply to our lives and reap of its wisdom as we go forward. Pope Francis explains his intention in writing "Amoris Laetitia" is to: 1) "gather the contributions of the two recent Synods on the family", and 2) to add "other considerations as an aid to reflection, dialogue and pastoral practice, and as a help and encouragement to families in their daily commitments and challenges.

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.

Sr. Nadine goes on in her summary of Chapter I: Love in the Family: In the Light of the Word to explain: "The Word", in this Apostolic Exhortation, is "the experience in the lives of people in families" that their joy is the experience of the wonder of God's love being made manifest. Their experience of darkness, tragedy and heartbreak in their families reveals their need to fulfill the desires of their hearts for lives of love, justice and peace within their families, that the love of God may become visible in their family life. "Families choosing to remain faithful to their love commitments to God and to each other themselves reveal the mystery of God's inner life, of God's creation, redemption and sanctification of humanity and of all creation, and the experience of salvation experienced to the whole church. It is for this reason that Francis begins with a reflection on the meaning of love in the family "in the light of the Word".

Chapter II: Love in the Family: The Experiences and Challenges of families is the next summary which opens with "The welfare of the family is decisive for the future of the world and that of the Church (Paragraph 31). It goes on to explain some of the conditions which are impacting the families, society and the Church in negative ways, and how we Christians need to respond to these challenges in family life. These conditions and suggestions are compelling! Sister's concluding remarks, such as, "I thank God that many families, which are far from considering themselves perfect, live in love, fulfill their calling and keep moving forward, even if they fall many times along the way" are truly heartwarming.

So, please find some time, get comfortable and enjoy some great reading material!

**Thank you Sr. Nadine McGuinness, CSJ
for sharing this aid with us as we
continue to grow spiritually!**

Club News

On May 3, Bryce Deline spoke to our Serra group about his own personal journey. Bryce is the Assistant Director at the Loyola Institute. He entered the Jesuits in 2009 as a Jesuit Scholastic. He began by saying that we are called from places that we might not expect. A product of a single parent family, he admits to going through an existential crisis in high school when he had stopped going to church. He found his choice of college as unfulfilling so he dropped out and went to work. He said the money was great, but I was miserable, because "I felt no sense of altruism". Using the internet to pursue a possible next path in his life, he happened upon the Jesuits. After having a spiritual director for a year, he realized he needed to relinquish control of his life. Bryce reports that it was depression, fear and anxiety that led him to the Jesuits. But why he stayed was the result of spiritual exercises. Toward the end of a 30 day silent retreat, he admits that he could finally respond to Jesus that he was ready to accept Him. Bryce questioned why they let him into the Jesuits, but at the end of his second year of novitiate he feels blessed. It has been a long process where he has had to acknowledge his gifts and talents. It took effort. The reasons that drew me into the Jesuits have been perfected. He admits that he would like to study philosophy. At this time, he is a first year regent. Regency is a stage in the formation process. His Mom has been very supportive in this process of growth.

Virginia Mort was our speaker on May 17. Speaking on her own life journey, she expressed confidence that the Holy Spirit would guide and lead her throughout her life. As a young child she spoke about her first recollection of Jesus when her Mom asked her to kiss a crucifix saying Jesus loves you. From her days of high school, her life did not always go as she had planned, but she has always been grateful for her Catholic education and the gift of faith. It is her goal these days to serve God and church. Actively involved at St. Cecilia, she is a leader in their women's ministry program. For the second time, she will be installed as President of the Serra County Club. She encouraged us to always keep Christ in our lives.



Congratulations Fr. Felix Just, S.J. on the celebration of your 25th Anniversary of your Ordination to the Priesthood! Thank you for all that you do.



*Induction Ceremony
May 3, 2016*

Welcome to our newest members: Phil Frank, Carol Frank & Thelma Tavera.

Invite your family or friends to try out a meeting of our City of Orange Serra Club... We would love to meet them!

JIM BRISCOE – JUNE 10

MATT IVARY – JUNE 25



**INSTALLATION CEREMONY
MAY 29, 2016**

VOCATIONS

2016

PRAY ALWAYS

Heavenly Father, You have asked us to pray for vocations, that there might be young men and women willing to give of themselves for the sake of the Gospel. Hear the prayers of your Church and, through the merits of Your Passion and Death, send an abundance of good and holy priests, religious and other consecrated persons to serve faithfully the people of God. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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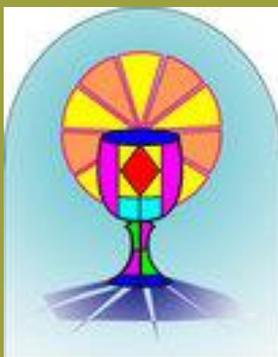
Lectors

EMs

JUNE 7 Loretta Callopy, 1st Reading
Stan Espenship,
Psalms & Prayers

JUNE 21 Nancy Ivary, 1st Reading
Maureen Neglia,
Psalms & Prayers

JULY 5 Jim Briscoe, 1st Reading
Loretta Callopy,
Psalm & Prayers



Raul Serna, Host
Patty Baer, Cup
Chic Ryan, Cup

Elena Biale, Host
John Biale, Cup
Barbara Carraccio, Cup

Bob DeFeo, Host
Carol DeFeo, Cup
Anne Champagne, Cup

“Always forward, never back!”
Saint Junipero Serra



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