

A Voice for Vocations

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

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Anne Champagne, 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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2016 – 2017

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What a Game!

On July 15, 2016 at Mater Dei High School gymnasium, the 2nd Annual Priests vs. Seminarians Basketball Game was held. It was well attended, including many of our Serra Club members as well as many familiar faces like Fr. John Moneyppenny, Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Orange, and Mary Osinga who also works in the vocations office. It provided an opportunity for some of our Serrans to meet up with their "adopted seminarians". To open the game, Fr. William Goldin sang an excellent rendition of the Star Spangled Banner to get things started. What a great voice he has!

During the first half the score was pretty close, but in the third quarter, the priests started to pull away and the final outcome was Priests-50 and Seminarians-33. Fr. Wayne Adajar from St. Cecilia's put in a great performance as guard, dazzling the crowd with a total of 16 points and walking away with the MVP for the evening. Does that stand for "Most Valuable Player or Most Valuable Priest?" Both, I guess.

There were many outstanding performances by Martin Vu, Michael Nguyen, Brandon Dang, etc. just to name a few. Thanks to all who participated as it truly was a great night of fun for all in attendance!

Below are the Priests (in the black uniforms) and the Seminarians warming up before the game. There was a definite intensity in their level of play!



Upcoming Events

AUGUST 2: MEETING

Speaker: Frank Luna

Topic: Parish movement called "Search for Christ"

AUGUST 16: MEETING

Speaker: Seminarian

Michael Duc Nguyen

Topic: His own journey

SEPT 6: MEETING

Speaker: Georgia Mottl

Topic: Insights on her Pilgrimage to Italy

SEPT 19: Ordinati Dinner

SEPT 20: NO MEETING

Club News

On July 5, 2016, Teri O'Toole addressed our City Club. Her topic, in her own words was "the selfish calling of serving others". What a perfect ministry in alignment with Pope Francis' Year of Mercy.

How can I ever thank the Lord for the amazing life that He has provided for me? In pondering that question, Teri recalled many of the heroic saints in Church history that had done great deeds. Their accomplishments seemed daunting to her, but as she continued to reflect she realized that often it is many small acts of love and service that are very meaningful. Teri assured us that the word volunteer and selfish truly are in conjunction with one another. At St. Joseph's Hospital, Teri is known as the "shampoo lady". Through being a caregiver for her parents, it came to Teri that helping, fixing and serving others had different perceptions. When you help, you perceive weakness, when you fix, you perceive brokenness, but when you serve you perceive holiness. We can only serve that to which we are connected. "I feel good about myself, I was granted the opportunity to serve someone other than myself". The scripture "what you do for the least of my brothers, you do unto Me" came to her mind. Teri went on to explain the ministry of "the shampoo lady". It is a universal thing that people like to be clean. With Teri's ingenuity, she has devised a system whereby she is able to use a camping shower hose and a small inflatable pool to manage a full washing of the patient's hair and often a head massage. This process often transforms the person's attitude and even feeling of dignity and their facial expressions often express that very sentiment. Something so simple as water being poured over one's head seems to have healing powers for them. Teri actually brought the apparatus with her to do a bit of a demo for us (see photo). What an experience for us to hear the specifics of her activities and to hear her say "I chose to serve other people" and "I am being selfish in that because of what it does for me!"

God bless you, Teri for the beautiful and fulfilling work that you are doing at St. Joseph's Hospital and for making a difference in people's lives, including ours, by sharing your story!

At our meeting on July 19, we were honored to have Mike Rizzo as our guest speaker. Mike is a former member of our Serra Club. For the last two years, he has been pursuing a path to priesthood at Mount St. Angel's Seminary in Oregon. He went on to explain how he is moving through the 4 pillars of formation.

- 1) Pastoral - He had an assignment at a correctional facility, where he would provide some instruction. He also helped the inmates deal with their own faith challenges.
- 2) Human - He is working at building relationships and developing brotherhood. Some goals are to be less judgmental and more patient.
- 3) Spiritual - He is learning to build prayer into his daily life. Prayer takes place throughout the day.
- 4) Academic - Two of his courses are studying the history of the Church and an introduction to Theology.

Speaking on the life of a seminarian, Mike reiterates the words of Pope Francis: we must bring ourselves to the people. We need to get out there and get our shoes dirty. It is all about serving others. When questioned about what he finds most challenging, his response was "my personal holiness". He went on to say that he needs to take the time to stop and pray and listen. He believes he needs to develop an inner peace and focus so he can develop true holiness. He ended his presentation by thanking Serra. Prayers are needed to bring forth a focus on vocations.



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Diocese of Orange

40th Anniversary Celebration

September 18, 2016

See OC Catholic or Diocesan website for more information.



John Perample - August 4

Brigid Noonan - August 8

Carol Frank - August 17

Maureen Neglia - August 22

Betty Padilla - August 29



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VOCATIONS

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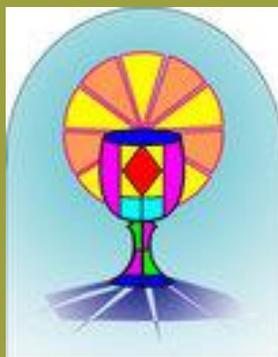
Father you call each one of us by name and ask us to follow you. Bless your church by raising up dedicated and generous leaders from our families and friends who will serve your people as Sisters, Priests, Brothers, Deacons, and Lay Ministers. Inspire us as we grow to know you, and open our hearts to hear your call. We ask this in Jesus name Amen.

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- AUG 2 Loretta Callopy, 1st Reading
Jim Briscoe,
Psalms & Prayers
- AUG 16 Nancy Ivary, 1st Reading
Maureen Neglia,
Psalms & Prayers
- SEPT 6 Jim Briscoe, 1st Reading
Loretta Callopy,
Psalm & Prayers



- Betty Padilla, Host
John Perample, Cup
Thelma Tavera, Cup
- Raul Serna, Host
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Patty Baer, Cup
- Anne Champagne, Host
Barbara Caraccio, Cup
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“Always forward, never back!”
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