

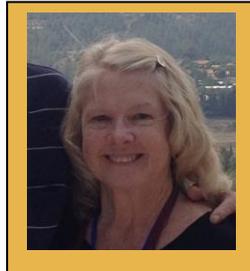
A Voice for Vocations

March 2017

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



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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.

Serra Rally - Phoenix

From February 16-19 District 81 of the Serra Clubs USA hosted a Rally in Phoenix, AZ. We had 5 members of our Orange County clubs in attendance. The programs, speakers and events were nothing short of wonderful, covering multiple topics of interest to Serrans, related to our mission of supporting vocations, and answering our personal "Call to Holiness" in our own spiritual lives. It would be impossible to share all that we learned over the three days, so I will write briefly on an excerpt from a presentation on St. Junipero Serra that was given by Fr. Joseph Chinnici, OFM, (see photo lower right) Pres. Emeritus of the Franciscan School of Theology. He hailed from Old Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside, California.

Fr. Chinnici shared some authentic entries from St. Junipero Serra's own diary and some direct testimony from those with an oral history, from those who knew him, that were interviewed during the process of his canonization. He suggested that we view Saint Junipero Serra as a real person at a specific time in history. He went on to quote Pope Francis on what it means to be a Disciple of Christ.

Pope Francis states a Disciple of Christ knows that the Lord has loved us first. A Disciple of Christ is moved by an endless desire to show mercy. A Disciple of Christ gets involved by word and deed in people's lives.

A Disciple of Christ is supportive and stands by people every step of the way. A Disciple of Christ is faithful, however incomplete or imperfect the work is. A Disciple of Christ thinks always with the fruit of his/her actions in mind, in any given situation. A Disciple of Christ is filled with Joy.

Fr. Chinnici stated that St Junipero Serra was canonized because he represents a Disciple of Christ in all of these characteristicshe is an exemplar of holiness in our Church. Saint Serra's spirituality had Franciscan roots. He had an understanding of who God is. He saw God as judge.....administering justice, with gentleness and mercy. He saw God as gentle; He created us. "My yoke is easy and my burden light" comparing God to loving parents. He saw sufferings as being given to us as gifts for our spiritual health. God is gentle in his pardoning....as a father has compassion on his children, so should we have compassion with one another, and so does God have compassion for us.

Those in attendance were thankful for Fr. Chinnici's insightful views on our club's beloved Patron Saint.



Upcoming Events

MAR 4: Day of Recollection

MAR 7: MEETING
Speaker: Gloria Suess
Topic: Mary's Kitchen

MAR 21: MEETING
Speaker: Shawna Smith
Topic: Hope Builders

APRIL 4: MEETING
Speaker: Katie Dawson
Topic: Faith Formation

MAR 19: St. John's
Seminary Bus Trip

Club News

Brenda Walters spoke with our group on February 7. Brenda has been the Education Program Manager at WHW since 2014. WHW is a local non-profit that provides skills and resources that are needed for the unemployed and underemployed to get and keep a good job. Since its inception in 1993, services have been provided free of charge to more than 70,000 job seekers. Initially, the organization was begun to help women who left domestic abuse situations in their job search; providing the right clothes for job interviews was the initial goal. In 2008, a Men to Work component was added. In addition, workshops on resumes, interviewing skills and computer programs were also included. Each month 55 workshops are offered and today 2/3 of their clients come for the education programs. They learn ways to approach the new job market and are encouraged to be job search warriors, thereby avoiding passivity. Last year, WHW was privileged to have 1200 volunteers. There are many ways to become involved, including shopping at the quarterly Saturday sale or their high-end retail shop. Donations of clothing and hygiene items are always needed. An annual fundraising event is their fashion show and luncheon.



Laura Caraccio began her thoughtful and inspiring presentation on February 21 with words from Mother Teresa: “Holiness is not the privilege of the few. It is a simple duty for you and me.” Laura believes we have been called to that same call of holiness. During the year she spent in Calcutta working with the poorest of the poor, she shared four things that she learned.

- 1) “I will refuse you nothing.” These words were a secret vow made by Mother Teresa at the age of 29.
- 2) One life at a time - during her stay, she was asked to simply work with one child in this city of 12 million people.
- 3) At a home for the dying, she learned to do ordinary things with great love. “Let my touch heal thy broken body.”
- 4) “I thirst.” The lesson here was to go out where people are thirsting for the love of Jesus and quench that thirst. Jesus allowed her to feel the abandonment of those whom she served.

Laura recommended a book by Mother Teresa - ***Come Be My Light***. It includes many of her private writings. In addition, she had handouts available that included thoughts and reflections from Mother Teresa.

The Serra Clubs of Orange County are invited
by the
Seminarians and Staff of

ST. JOHN'S SEMINARY

to visit them on

SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2017

We will gather at CSJ Motherhouse parking lot at 8:15 am for a continental breakfast before boarding a luxury bus at 8:30 for our trip to Camarillo. We'll get there in plenty of time for guided tours of the campus, Mass in the beautiful chapel, and lunch with our seminarians. We will be back by 4 pm.

The fee for the bus trip is \$20 each. Please pay your club treasurer.

This is how we show our seminarians that we support and encourage them. It's not for us, it's for them.

PLEASE PLAN TO GO!



March 3 - Anne Champagne

March 10 - Gloria Suess

March 13 - Loretta Callopy

March 28 - Raul Serna

Chapel at Arizona State University where Bishop Olmsted celebrated Mass for the Serrans at the Phoenix Rally in February.

*Important Reminder
During renovations at the
Motherhouse, please check the
location of our Mass and meeting.*

*Something to think about...
Invite a friend or family member to join
us at one of our Serra gatherings.*



VOCATION

2017

PRAY ALWAYS

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.

Ministers for Serra Masses

Lectors

- MAR 7 HOLY FAMILY 7 AM
 Brigid Noonan

- MAR 21 ST. JOSEPH 7 AM

- APR 4 ST. CECILIA 7:15 AM
 Beverly Truzzolino



EMs

- Bob & Carol De Feo

- Matt Ivary
Joe Neglia

“Always forward, never back!”
 Saint Junipero Serra



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