

# A Voice for Vocations

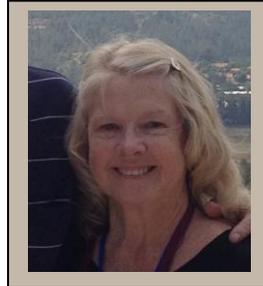
**November 2017**

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



## **PREZ SEZ**

**Anne Champagne, President**



### **Officer Roster**

2017-2018

**President** Anne Champagne  
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#### **Chaplain:**

Fr. Nicolaus Thai

#### **Spiritual Advisor:**

Sr. Louise Ann Micek, CSJ

#### **District 127 Governor:**

Matt Ivary

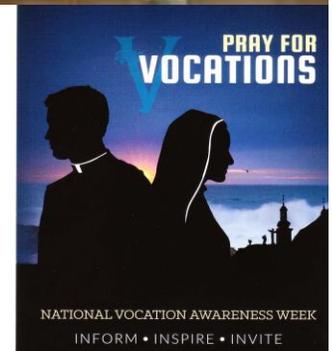
**Our Mission...** to foster, affirm and promote vocations to the priesthood, religious life, diaconate, and all ministries in the Catholic Church, and through this support of all ministries, to deepen our members' personal faith lives.

### **Thankful to God**

At this time of the year, we reflect on events of the year, and hopefully, are filled with gratitude to God for what He has done for us. I am also thankful to all of our Serra Club members for their tireless efforts towards "fostering affirming and promoting vocations to the priesthood and religious life, the diaconate, and all ministries in the Catholic Church." (Hopefully you recognize this excerpt from our Serra Club's Mission Statement.)

We Serrans have witnessed in 2017 the ordination of six new priests for the Diocese of Orange; we have heard their testimony at our Ordinati Dinner; we have had an auxiliary bishop Bishop Timothy Freyer ordained in January (whose mother was a Serran for many years). Also, one of our own Serran's daughter has chosen to answer the call to religious life with the Servants of the Lord, based in Washington, DC. Very recently, we have had another auxiliary bishop named to the Diocese of Orange as well. Most certainly, God has blessed us with an abundant harvest!

Please continue praying, serving, and "spreading the word" as we seek to insure a culture of vocations which will continue to provide a "rich harvest" for many years to come!



### **Upcoming Events**

November 5 - 11:

**National Vocations Awareness Week**

NOV 7: **MEETING**

**Speaker: Deacon Stan Necikowski**

**Topic: Living our Catholic Faith**

NOV 21: **MEETING**

**Speaker: Lisa Woods**  
**Programs that heal women**

NOV 30: **Taize Prayer service @ St. Joseph's 7pm**

**SAVE THE DATES:**

**Christmas Party – Dec 10**

**Serra Rally Jan 11 - 14, 2018**  
**Phoenix, Arizona**

*Club Newz**Fr. Nicolaus Thai*

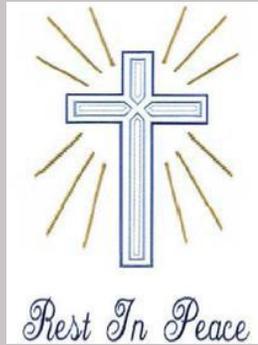
On October 3, Fr. Nicolaus Thai shared his vocation story through the lens of God's patience. Born in Saigon in 1984, he was finally able to come to the US in 2001, after waiting many years for the paperwork to be approved. He recounts that he began practicing to be an altar server at age 10, but it would be two years later before he passed the exam. When he was 17 years old, his family came to Fountain Valley. Recalling that this was a new country with a new focus, altar serving was not so important then. Sometime later, when he met Fr. Bao Thai, he was asked if he ever thought about becoming a priest. Fr. Nicolaus believes God planted the seed while he was in Saigon, but it would be 2009 before he entered the seminary in Menlo Park. He was invited to go to Rome for a two year period, but part of the deal was that he learn Italian. He believed that God was showing him something else that he didn't know. It made him realize that he must be patient with God as He is patient with me. He spent many hours sitting in front of the tabernacle and almost went home. He kept remembering that he must be patient and allow God to work in his life. Relating other examples of his need to be patient, he emphasized the importance of his prayer life. In July, 2017, Fr. Nicolaus was assigned to St. Cecilia Parish in Tustin. He summarized his presentation by stating that it is his goal to communicate effectively in a parish setting as we all journey together. He desires to bring a witness of God to others.

*Mike Manhardt*

Mike Manhardt was our vibrant guest speaker at our meeting on October 17. The founder of one strong family, Mike was full of enthusiasm as he spoke about evangelization. He began working with Catholic youth ministry in Denver, and then moved on to Bermuda. But he has come to Los Angeles, because it is a city filled with diversity and culture. Serving the homeless five days a week he believes we need to get out of our comfort zones and be better at loving people. It is our duty by our own Baptism and Confirmation to approach others with a smile/embrace and keep sharing until the day we die. Speaking to large groups of young people, he brings a message of selflessness and unconditional love and being open to what God has in store for them. The creator of One Strong Family Mission, he developed the acronym FAMILY:

- Forget
- About
- Me
- I
- Love
- You

Mike believes we need to forget about ourselves and put others first. Reminding us that God doesn't need our love but He does desire it, he suggested that we be mindful and be encouraged. We are all souls - each and every one of us.



During November, we pray for the repose of the souls of those who have left this earth. Listed below are the names from the prayer request cards that were submitted at our two meetings on Sept 19<sup>th</sup> and Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>. The list of names will be placed on the altar @ St. Cecilia's, along with a prayer card handout to all Serrans in attendance at the 6:30 AM Mass on November 7<sup>th</sup>. Thank you all for sharing this information with our Serra Club, allowing us all to pray, in community, for those who have gone to eternal life.

Listed below are those we will be praying for:

Charlie Adamo	Augusta & Muriel Kost
Jack & Lena Amann	James Loria
William Ames	Michael Mariotti
Martha Brychel	Tyler Martin
Bill Brandenberger	Michael Martin
Jim Callopy	Mary McAnena
Margaret & Jim Callopy, Sr.	Francis McCreedy
Barbara Caraccio	Tillie McCreedy
Agnes Costa	Archie McKelvey
Marian Danadio	Bill & Teri McMahon
Bill & Louise Daze	Michele McManus
Marge De Clue	John & Virginia Minehan
Frank DeFeo	Daniel Paul Micek
Linda DeFeo	Kathi & Lorenz Morschl
Mary DeFeo	Heidi Muth
Joe DeRitis	Ella & Mike Neglia
Rick Doty	Thomas Noonan
Anneliese Eizikovits	Delores Padilla
Bob Elliott	John & Peggy Perample
Don Exner	Rita & Ralph Peterson
Shura Fadeff	Mildred Principali
Donnis Falletta	David Robinson
Dorothy Frank	Ruth Sallot
Philip Frank, Sr.	Frances Schroer
Gilbert Frankeny	Pete Schultz
Isabel Frankeny	Carol Shaw
Al Glicksir	Frank & Irene Sowitch
Lynn Haske	Frank & Linda Sowitch
Margaret Ivary	Dick Sues
T. Henry Ivary	Daniel Truzzolino, Sr.
Isaac & Stella John	Marion Truzzolino
Jean Kentisbeer	Mike Tsutsumi
Bobbie Kordus	Ray Vidal
Bob Kost	John Vogt
John Kost	



In anticipation of the upcoming Christmas Season, perhaps some of you would like to remember your Adopted Seminarian with a gift for Christmas. This would be purely voluntary, with no obligation. If you choose to do so, listed below are some items that are suggested through the Vocations Office in the Diocese of Orange.

In this day and age, we suggest gift cards. Gift cards can travel easy, and that way the seminarians can use it for whatever they may need (i.e. toiletries, snacks, things for their dorm room, books, etc.).

Amazon Gift Cards  
Gas Cards (for St. John's Seminarrians)  
In-N-Out Gift Cards  
Target Gift Cards  
Visa Gift Cards

Please remember to pray for our Serra Club members who are facing some health challenges.

*Joe Costanza  
Michael Feeney  
Theresa Morris*

*Rest in Peace  
Lynn Haske*

Vocation Prayer

2017

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.

Lectors

Ministers for Serra Masses

EMs

- NOV 7 St. Cecilia at 6:30
- NOV 21 St. Cecilia at 6:30
- DEC 5 St. Cecilia at 6:30



“Always forward, never back!”  
Junipero Serra



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