

A Voice for Vocations

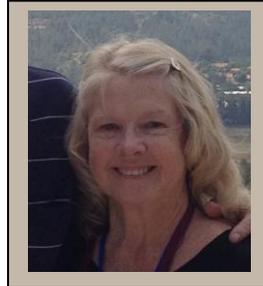
December 2017

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



PREZ SEZ

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2017-2018

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Matt Ivary

Upcoming Events

DEC 5: MEETING

Speaker: Jim Morgan
Topic: Wavecrest Home

DECEMBER 10:

Christmas Party 3-6pm
Hosted by Matt & Nancy

JAN 2: NO MEETING

JAN 16: MEETING

Speakers: Board Members
Topic: Job descriptions of Serra Officers

SAVE THE DATE:

Serra Rally Jan 11-14, 2018
Phoenix, Arizona

SAVE THE DATE: Feb 10

Day of Recollection
Fr. David Robinson, S.J.
St. Joseph Center, Orange

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.

(Prez Sez, cont.)

Advent Wreath Prayers

As Catholics we are all familiar with the Advent Wreath and its use during the Advent Season. However, we can all use a reminder at this time of the year. Listed below are the prayers for each week of Advent. Please, in our personal call to holiness, as a Serran, set aside some time for prayer around the Advent Wreath!

Week #1:

The first candle is lit and the prayer is said.
Stir up Thy might, we beg Thee, O Lord, and come, so that we may escape through Thy protection and be saved by Thy help from the dangers that threaten us because of our sins. Who livest and reignest for ever and ever. Amen

Week #2:

Two candles are lit and the prayer is said.
O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son, that through His coming, we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure souls. Through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen

Week #3:

Three candles, including the rose candle are lit on "Gaudete" the third Sunday and during that week. We humbly beg Thee, O Lord, to listen to our prayers, and by the grace of Thy coming bring light into our darkened minds, Who livest and reignest for ever and ever. Amen

Week #4:

All four candles are lit on the fourth Sunday and allowed to burn as before. Stip up Thy might, we pray Thee, O Lord, and come rescue us through Thy great strength so that salvation which has been hindered by our sins may be hastened by the grace of Thy gentle mercy. Who livest and reignest for ever and ever. Amen



Club Newz

On November 7, our guest speaker was Deacon Stan Necikowski. With his topic of living our Catholic faith, Stan reminded us that there is far more to being a Catholic than attending Mass and receiving the sacraments. He reminded us of Matthew 25: 31-40. In essence, Jesus is asking us what we have done for the least of our brethren. Jesus often told parables that conveyed the same message. We are reminded to love our enemies and see the needs of others around us. If we know something is the right thing to do and we fail to act, that is sinful. St. James tells us that faith without works is dead. Our works of charity and obeying the commandments alone will not save us. But our disobedience to the commandments and our indifference to the suffering around us is what will keep us out.

Stan went on to mention the gifts of time, talent and treasure. All that we have are gifts from God. In gratitude we dedicate a portion of these gifts to furthering God's Kingdom. The elements of sacrificial giving are that it is planned, it is proportionate, it is a sacrifice, it is given in thanksgiving and it is freely given. It is imperative that we live our Catholic faith. We might begin by becoming involved within our own parish. Beyond our parishes, there are a plethora of organizations that serve the needs of our brothers and sisters on the margins of society. Stan mentioned several. Find the ministry that is right for you. Do not let fear or failure deter you. In Ezekiel 36, the Lord tells us that He will remove our hearts of stone and give us a heart of flesh.

Club Newz

Lisa Wood, the CEO of Casa Teresa was our guest speaker on November 21. Founded 41 years ago by Sally and Neil Sullivan, its initial purpose was to serve unwed mothers. Today, many of the women who pass through their doors have suffered years of abuse. So it has been necessary for Casa Teresa to revise its mission. Their goal today is to provide pregnant women a healthy journey and thereby restore their human dignity. Their core program allows them to stay at Casa Teresa during their pregnancy and up to two months after delivery. During this time, they attend classes and receive counseling. While Bible study is offered, it is not required and the clients soon learn to treat others the way they want to be treated. The next phase is a transitional program, where the women may go to work or school and remain at Casa Teresa for another three months. The last phase is transformation where they can remain for an additional five months. Each of the three phases allows the women to become more independent. In summary, it is the goal of Casa Teresa to teach healthy love and hopefully to prevent these women from being victimized again.



Sister Mary Model of Virtue

It was a bright and sunny day in our nation's capital when fourteen novices completed their first profession of vows as a religious sister. My daughter was one of those women. While she wore a radiant smile as she entered Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian Church, this mother had barely a dry eye. This ceremony took place on a most fitting day - the Solemnity of All Saints. Holy Comforter is a beautiful and historic church whose walls are covered in frescoes depicting saints from throughout the history of the Church, each scene labeled with its place and century.

Sister Mary Model of Virtue, or simply Sister Virtue would profess the vows of poverty, chastity, obedience, and Marian consecration. In December of last year, all of the novices received their habits, which included a white veil. On this day of profession, the white veil became a blue one, the insignia of professed sisters, and the crown of flowers worn at first profession, perpetual profession and at the burial of a sister. I suspect that there were few dry eyes at this time of profession. This mom was feeling ever so blessed that her daughter had answered our Lord's call to enter religious life. She is and has been full of joy since entering the Servants of the Lord and Virgin of Matara. I ask that you continue to pray for all of these sisters, as well as all of those discerning religious life.

Written by Brigid Noonan



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 Seminarians)

In-N-Out Gift Cards

Target Gift Cards

Visa Gift Cards



December 3 - Nancy Ivary

December 11 - Patty Baer

Christmas Party
December 10 from 3 – 6 PM
Home of Nancy & Matt Ivary
Consider carpooling to their home

Vocation Prayer

2017

Pray Always

Almighty and eternal God, in your unfailing love you provide ministers for your Church. We pray for those whom you call to serve the Church of Mary Queen as priests and deacons. Inspire in them a generous response. Grant them courage and vision to serve your people. May their lives and service call your people to respond to the presence of your Spirit among us that, faithful to the Gospel and hope of Jesus Christ, we may announce glad tidings to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives, set prisoners free and renew the face of the earth.

Lectors

Ministers for Serra Masses

EMs

DEC 5 St. Cecilia at 6:30

DEC 19 NO MEETING

JAN 2 NO MEETING



“Always forward, never back!”
Junipero Serra



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