A Voice for Vocations

Fall 2018



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Upcoming Events

DEC 16: XMAS PARTY 3:00-6:00 @ Betty Padilla's

DEC18+JAN 1:NO MEETINGS

JAN 15--Mtg: Speaker--Sr. Catherine Nguyen: "Faith Formation: Way of the Holy Spirit"

JAN 18-20 :SERRA RALLY: Ventura [+MissionPilgrimage]

FEB 5—Mtg: Speaker--Sr. Nadine Me Guinness

FEB 19—Mtg: TBD

MAR 5—FAT TUESDAY POTLUCK BREAKFAST

JUN 20-23: SERRA INT'L CONVENTION: Mexico City [+ OL Guadalupe Pilgrimage]





PRAY IN THANKSGIVING

November is dedicated to praying for all the souls in purgatory. Therefore, in the spirit and pious tradition of praying for these souls, let us remember to pray fervently for our deceased brothers and sisters. "Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And may the perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen."

November is also a month to be thankful as we celebrate Thanksgiving with our family and friends. Let us use this opportunity to share the love of Christ and appreciate God's generosity, especially as move in December and prepare for the birth of His Son at Christmas.

A Prayer of Thanksgiving & Gratitude

Father in Heaven, Creator of all, and source of all goodness and love, please look kindly upon us and receive our heartfelt gratitude in this time of giving thanks. Thank you for all the graces and blessings you have be-stowed upon us, spiritual and temporal: our faith and religious heritage, our food and shelter, our health, the love we have for one another, our family and friends.

Dear Father, in Your infinite generosity, please grant us continued graces and blessing throughout the coming year. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

By Gretchen Filz

May our spirit of Thanksgiving continue throughout Advent and the holy celebration of Christmas.

Serra Club City of Orange

Region 11, District 79, Charter 643

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



Anne Champagne District governor

With our recent, successful plans for Priesthood Sunday and for National Vocations Week, it is a good time to share with our fellow Serrans some of the actions that we can take to fulfill our mission to foster, support and affirm a "culture of vocations" during a very challenging time in our church in the United States. Having recently visited Serrans in the North Coast Serra Club of San Diego, some of these suggestions were discussed amongst their members, and I thought that, it is not uncommon when we, as Serrans, hear a call to action, sometimes we can use clearly defined suggestions for steps to be taken to fulfill our commitment to our mission. Listed below are some excellent ideas, and I hope that many of you will take them from "suggestion" status to fruition through your prayerful commitment to our mission with your active participation!

- 1. Recite the Prayer for Perseverance daily.
- 2. Fast in reparation for the misdeeds of those in positions of church leadership who have hurt others through their actions, or lack of action.
- 3. Invite others to join Serra today to work as faithful soldiers in this important ministry.
- 4. Send thank you cards and spiritual bouquets to our good and faithful priests.
- 5. Send notes of encouragement to our seminarians with our prayers.
- 6.Participate in our global rosary, which is held on the last Saturday of every month with Serrans worldwide praying the rosary in

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community for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. I will close with the following scripture reading. I think it may speak to your heart.

"Let what you heard from the beginning remain in you. If what you heard from the beginning remains in you, then you will remain in the Son and in the Father. And this is the promise that he made us: eternal life. . . As for you, the anointing that you received from him remains in you, so that you do not need anyone to teach you, but his anointing teaches you about everything and it is true and not false; just as it taught you, remain in him." 1 John 2: 24-27

City Club Newz



In October, seminarian Joe Squillacioti was ordained a Deacon at St. Peter's in Rome. A large contingent from our diocese made the trip to celebrate with him.



On OCT 2, Bro. Lou Podesta spoke to our club. He currently is a one-year novice discerning his vocation with The Brothers of St. Patrick in Midway City, CA. He will be a novice for two years, taking vows annually. His great love is teaching.



On October 16th we were fortunate to have as our speaker Tita Smith, Mayor of the City of Orange. She spoke about her growing up in Orange, meeting her husband at Mater Dei, and about the wonderful accomplishments of Catholic Charities in her 42 years there. Her inspiring motto: "I am the handmaid of the Lord."



On NOV 6, we were privileged to be visited by Bishop Thanh Throng, both celebrating Mass and speaking at our meeting. He told the very moving story of his family's escape from Viet Nam in 1978, a harrowing 18-day voyage, in 8 of which there was no food or water. He promised the Lord if they survived, he would give his life to God's service. And so he has. We are blessed.

Don't Forget City of Orange Serra

CHRISTMAS PARTY

AT PADILLAS' HOUSE 3-6 PM SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16TH

NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER! 2019 Serra Rally



Experience the missions and the spirituality of Saint Junipero this January when you join us at the Serra Rally in San Buenaventura, California!

Attend the Rally at the Ventura Beach Marriott Hotel for the usual educational, inspirational, and empowering talks from Church and Serra leaders around the world. After a long weekend of fortifying yourself for the work of fostering vocations, consider a truly fabulous spiritual refresher: a pilgrimage tour with Chicago's own Father Jim Heyd of seven missions beginning with Mission Santa Barbara all the way north to Mission San Francisco Solano.



Pray for Our Birthday Celebrities

Happy Birthday ...

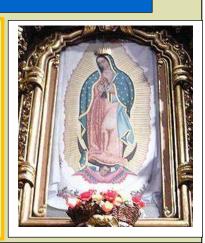
December

Nancy Ivary on the 3rd

Patty Baer on the 11th

Save the Date!

SERRA INT'L
CONVENTION
IN
MEXICO CITY
JUNE 20-23
2019
With Pilgrimage
to see Our Lady of
GUADALUPE



Plan to participate in our Serra Day of Recollection

February 16th



8:00 am- 1:00 pm Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange Motherhouse, Mother Louis Room. Guided Reflections by FATHER DOMENICO. Mass and lunch

PRAY ALWAYS

Wiping Away Tears

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines. ...he will destroy death forever. The Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces. Isaiah 25: 6,8

This reading is perfect for a funeral—a celebration of life—and also for this season of Advent with its introspection and conscious preparation of a better home in our hearts for the coming Christ. Beloved God, in such tangible ways, you let us know how close and real your love is, now and after death. Thank you!

VOLUNTEER BREAKFAST HOSTS

JAN 15 PATTY & JIM BAER C. 714/248-3216 FEB 5 LORETTA CALLOPY C. 714/305-0267 FEB 19 ANNE CHAMPAGNE C. 714/7217137

"Always Forward, never back!" Junipero Serra

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