

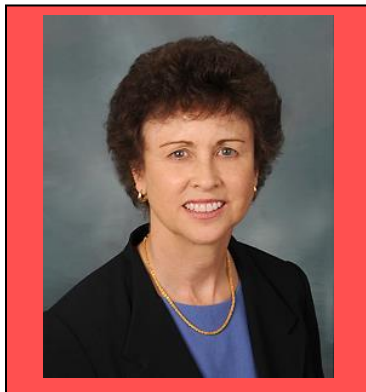
A Voice for Vocations

Holiday 2019-20



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Beverly Truzzolino, President



Serra Club City of Orange
Region 11, District 79, Charter 643

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

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2018-2020

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CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

"Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." This is the greeting of the Archangel Gabriel announcing to the Blessed Virgin Mary that she would conceive and become the mother of Jesus. What a wonderful phase to reflect as we greet each other and say Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We could also say "May the Lord be with you" as we greet family and friends. Mary's YES is a word for us to reflect on even when life doesn't seem to go as WE planned. Think of Mary's pregnancy; that was not in her plan. Our aches, pains, wayward adult children, family or financial challenges, are not in our plans; however, let's give God the opportunity to surprise us! He knows everything: past, present and future. Let us be open to see what plan God has in store for us! We've heard from many seminarians and priests that entering the seminary and the priesthood was not in their initial life plans; however, it was in God's plan. They say YES each and every day. Let us do the same, putting our fears of the unknown aside, and say YES Lord.

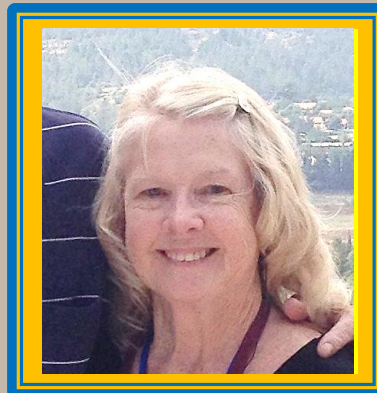
As we prepare for the birth of our Lord at Christmas, let me conclude with a final angel announcement: "An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around

them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord."

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and may the Lord be with each and every one of you.

District Doings

Anne Champagne, District



A CULTURE OF VOCATIONS

Lots to report from the Vocation Fair in November, which took place at Saint Edward the Confessor Church in South Orange County on November 10th. The event was organized by the Knights of Columbus and was attended by 14 different religious groups, which had all been listed on the flyer, prior to the event.

The day was well-organized and our new Vocations Director, Fr. Brandon Dang and Joan Patten were both in attendance. They had prepared for the day with a visit to the school the previous Monday where they had spoken

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Upcoming Events

JAN 7-Mtg: Spkr-
Fr. Brandon Dang: update
on Diocesan Vocations

JAN 16-19: SERRA RALLY
Ventura [+MissionPilgrimage]

JAN 21-Spkr- Joan Patten,
Apostolic Oblate Delegate
for Consecrated Life:
Women in the local Church

FEB 4- Spkr-Jim Baer:
Dealing with illness

FEB 26- ASH WEDNESDAY

MAR 14-SERRA DAY OF
RECOLLECTION

MAR 17-NO MEETING

MAR 22-SEMINARY TRIP

JUN 25-27: SERRA INT'L
CONVENTION: New Orleans

SPECIAL SERRA ACTIVITY

The **COUNTY OF ORANGE SERRA CLUB** had a lovely Christmas party on December 5th which was attended in support of their efforts by many City Club members including (shown above) Anne & Mark Champagne, Jeanne Warren, Nancy & Matt Ivary and several others. The event, held at John Maron Catholic Church in Orange, began with a beautiful Mass. The luncheon was enlivened by the Orange High School Chamber Singers performing Christmas carols. What a great way to begin Xmas!

City Club Newz**PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY HONORED OUR PRIESTS & DEACONS**

At St. Cecilia's, Serrans set up a beautiful arrangement of tents and tables outside the church entrance. Members brought sandwiches, cookies, etc. and provided refreshing drinks. The tables were adorned with flowers and seasonal decorations and supplied with note cards and pens so parishioners exiting the 9:00 am and 11:00 am masses could sit down with refreshments and write notes of gratitude to our priests and deacons. At the end of the event, there were baskets full of notes of appreciation to present to our clergy. Well done, Serrans!

City Club Newz**OUR WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS PARTY!**

On Sunday, December 15th Anne and Mark Champagne opened their spectacularly decorated home to our club for our annual Christmas party. The event was well-attended, and the beautiful day allowed the crowd to wander in and out of doors, enjoying to goodies everyone contributed, including several bottles of wine that Raul Serna had made himself! In fact, everyone was having such a good time partying that no one remembered to take photos for this newsletter! Oh well. We ate, drank, played fun Christmassy games (with prizes!), and delighted in the company of our fellow Serrans. A great thanks to Anne, Beverley, and all who made it such a success.



Dear Serra Club,

Because of your generosity, the girls will be able to enjoy an extra special Christmas day. Thank you so much for your gifts of Love!

Blessings and miracles,
Gina & staff of Mary's Path



On November 5th, **MSGR. JOHN URELL** (at right), pastor of St. Timothy's in Laguna Niguel, concelebrated Mass and joined us at breakfast before speaking to us about his pilgrimage on the Camino de Santiago de Compostela. His answer to "Why are you doing this?" changed as the journey progressed. He was sick at the start, but he witnessed that on this holy trek he was visited by St. Michael the Archangel (with big white hair and beard) who helped and cared for him. Msgr. Was our club's first chaplain. . . and he still inspires us!

District Doings

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to the 3rd through 8th grade students at St. Edward's at an assembly in the school hall. Fr. Brandon commented that they had a very good time, and that he and Joan had worked well as a team where they staged a game with the children of "Truth, Truth and Fake Fact," a version of Truth and Lies, where they really engaged the student body. I cannot think of any better way to do what we Serrans call "establishing a culture of vocations."

On to Sunday: there was a brief video on the topic of vocations played before Mass which addressed not only religious vocations, but everyone's vocation, the call to pursue what God's plan is for every individual. Fr. Brandon announced at the beginning of Mass that we were having an upcoming Vocations Week from Nov 3 through 10 during which we focus on answering the call of vocations, and the need to pray towards that end.

Fr. Brandon's homily was very inspiring. He talked about a family where a young mother had experienced a stroke, and she had very young children. As he visited her, he also talked with the three young children, then he met with the father one-on-one. The situation was dire, and he encouraged prayer. After having called the father, at a later time, during a private prayer session, the mother opened her eyes and they presented photos of her children. This was the first time that she had opened her eyes for this length of time. A time later, the father called Fr. Brandon Dang saying that his wife had requested a visit from him. Fr. Brandon was filled with trepidation, not knowing what he may encounter. Upon visiting her, she told him that her brain scan was fine and that she just needed to get on with being her children's mother.

Fr. explained that we all have crises in our lives where we can experience the understanding of Jesus. We are called to holiness in our ordinary lives, and through that call we can experience the divine in our lives. He considers himself blessed, because in his work with all religious, he is brought to "encounter the divine". Fr. Brandon closed with "Pray for Vocations."

After Mass, he was outside the church with a basket of arm bands to distribute which stated, 'Pray for Vocations - Diocese of Orange'. They were cleverly designed in black to mimic a roman collar that a priest would wear. Wearing one is a nice reminder to pray daily for the future of our church!



FR. BRANDON DANG handed out to all in attendance wrist bands: "PRAY FOR VOCATIONS"

Happy Birthday ...

December

Nancy Ivary (3rd)

Patty Baer (11th)

Chic Ryan (27th)

January

Werner Deffner (4th)

Carol DeFeo (16th)

Georgia Mottl (22nd)

Shirley Salapski (24th)

Fr. Nicolaus (31st)

Save the Date!

Serra Club Lenten Day of Recollection

Do not ask God
to guide your
footsteps...
If you're not willing
to move your feet.

MARCH 14, 2020

Plan to come and bring a friend!

**SERRA INT'L
CONVENTION**
In
NEW ORLEANS

**June 25-27
2020**

St. Louis Cathedral



PRAY ALWAYS

May your troubles be less,
your blessings be more,
and nothing but happiness
COME THROUGH YOUR DOOR!

VOLUNTEER BREAKFAST HOSTS

JAN 7	Matt & Nancy Ivary	H. 714/730-7273
	CLEAN-UP	BETTY PADILLA & GEORGIA MOTT
JAN 21	Sr. Louise Ann Micek	C. 714/675-3872
	CLEAN-UP	LORETTA CALLOPY & ROSEMARIE TSUTSUMI
FEB 4	Joe & Maureen Neglia	C. 714/504-2687
	CLEAN-UP	BETTY PADILLA & GEORGIA MOTT

"Always Forward, never
back!"
Junipero Serra



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