

A Voice for Vocations

February 2020



PREZ SEZ

Beverly Truzzolino, President

Serra Club City of Orange

Region 11, District 79, Charter 643



Our mission is to foster, affirm and promote vocations to the priesthood, religious life, deaconate and lay ministries and, through this, to deepen our members' personal faith. life.

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Anne Champagne

2018-2020

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BE A BLESSING TO SOMEONE

On Sunday January 12th, one of our fellow Serrans, Loretta Callopy generously had the 5pm Youth Mass at Holy Family offered for my deceased Mom. I attended the Mass and prayed along with the priest and congregation; I found it greatly spiritually uplifting. Loretta's gift was such a blessing.

That evening I dreamed that I was back at the funeral parlor for the viewing of my Mom. I saw her clearly in the casket wearing her blue dress. The actual day of the viewing, my sister, with whom my mom had lived, was struggling and very distraught. Since I am one of the oldest siblings, I was responsible to be strong and to comfort everyone in the family. I tried to love and console them all.

However, in my dream I was the distraught one! My mother turned her head and motioned for me. She held my hand and said some comforting words. I said to her, "Mom, are you happy in heaven?" She smiled and said "Yes." The mortuary people said it was time, and they came to take her away. In my dream, as I watched her leave, she appeared to have on her head a beautiful yellow flowered crown, and she was smiling. Mom continues to bless me!

Why do I share my dream? Well, God has spoken to many people through dreams. My mom continued to comfort me that way! I hope I can someday bring that same love and comfort to others.

Have you recently given comfort to anyone, or received comfort? 2020 begins a new decade. I challenge you to strive for "20/20 vision" in your spiritual goals and intentions for the year. For

instance, have you written to your adopted seminarian this semester, giving him comfort and assurance of your prayers? Have you affirmed a priest after Mass on his homily, giving him caring comfort? Did you introduce yourself to a new Serran and let them feel the blessing of Serran fellowship? Lastly, will you seriously consider filling a Serran Board position? Are you ready to step up and support our club? Our mission—YOUR mission as a Serran—is to encourage all Serrans in their spiritual growth as well as to support our seminarians, priests and religious. Helping out as an officer facilitates us all in satisfying this responsibility.

This month we plan to review the open positions and ask some of you to fill them. John the Baptist prepared the way for the Lord, and then he stepped back for the Lord to come forward to fulfill his mission; please pray, then step up to fulfill the mission that the Lord is calling you to serve.

PLEASE NOTE: Pope Francis Monthly Intentions for FEBRUARY: Listen to the Migrants' Cries. We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, especially the victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and their needs filled.

Plan to participate in the Serra Day of Recollection

March 14th



Presented by Fr. Domenico Di Raimondo
Mother Louis Room at CSJ Motherhouse

8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events

FEB 4-- Spkrs-Members who attended the Serra Rally: Rally Message & Experience

FEB 18-- Spkr-Jim Baer: Dealing With Illness

FEB 26- ASH WEDNESDAY

MAR 3-- Spkr- tbd

MAR 14-- SERRA DAY OF RECOLLECTION

MAR 17--NO MEETING

MAR 22--SEMINARY TRIP

JUN 6: PRIEST ORDINATION

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

JUL 14: ORDINATI MASS & LUNCHEON at Christ Cathedral

Serra USA Rally – Ventura, CA – 2020



ORANGE COUNTY SERRA was represented at the Rally by ten happy attendees: Maureen and Joe Neglia, Anne and Mark Champagne, Patty Baer, Beverly Truzzolino; Pat Manzo (not shown), Virginia Mort, and Nancy and Matt Ivary. Needless to say, we were very well fed!



BISHOP THOMAS DALY

Celebrated a beautiful Friday Travelers Mass to start off a hugely spiritual, social & satisfying Rally.

CARDINAL THOMAS COLLINS, Episcopal Advisor of Serra International

celebrated an inspiring Mass for attendees at Saint John's Seminary

BISH. ROBT. BARRON blessed us with a brilliant talk at the closing Mass.



KEYNOTE: Msgr. James Shea



USAC Pres., Judy Cozzens

Serrans Worshipped Together at the Rally



RALLY SPEAKERS were consistently engaging & informative, unfolding the theme, *Creating a Culture of Vocations*.



Eucharist Liturgy



District Doings

Anne Champagne, District Governor



A CULTURE OF VOCATIONS

Happy Birthday . . .

FEBRUARY

Amanda Han on the 20th

Joe Costanza on the 27th

MARCH

Anne Champagne on the 3rd

CITY CLUB NEWS

Recently, while our Serrans were in attendance at the Ventura Rally, they were addressed by Serra's Episcopal Advisor for the United States Council, Most Reverend Thomas A. Daly, Bishop of Spokane. In this address, he outlined the seven pillars in establishing a "Culture of Vocations" of which we, as Serrans, have become very aware. It was a good exercise to revisit this, and to understand and reinforce that we are aligning our vocations efforts with the plan of our national advisor. Please keep this list handy and participate in all efforts that you are able. Support our nationwide and global efforts to create a "Culture of Vocations" wherever we find ourselves.

PILLAR #1: PRAYER Some examples are the monthly Serra world-wide rosary, prayer at adoration and Mass, participation in 31 club, and attending Serra meetings.

PILLAR #2: PRAY FOR MARY'S INTERCESSION The Bishop pointed out that we are intercessors as well! He reminded us that asking Mary to intercede for us to her Son, on behalf of vocations, would be a great practice.

PILLAR #3: SACRIFICE We all remember being told in school to "offer it up", but there truly is a wonderful opportunity, when we are faced with difficulties in life, both large and small, to embrace what we are going through and to make our suffering something pleasing to Our Lord. When we endure, and in many cases offer it up in support of an intended recipient or a higher cause (such as support for our seminarians or for those currently serving in religious and consecrated life) there appears to be a higher purpose for our daily challenges.

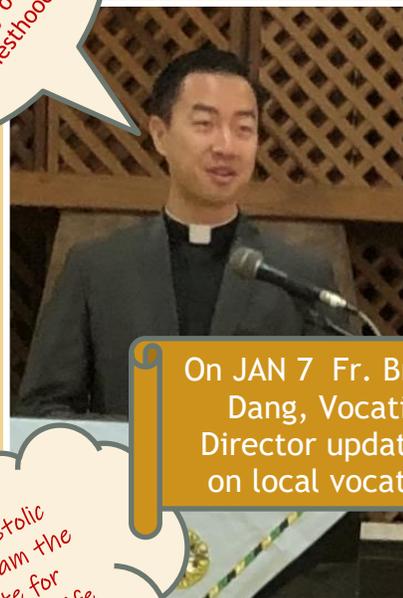
PILLAR #4: GENEROSITY OF HEART Everyone has had the experience of how wonderful they feel when they are in the company of people who have generous hearts. Our Serra members, are some of the finest examples of this within our parishes. Please keep up the good work, "walking the walk" in our Catholic daily lives and persisting in efforts towards a "culture of vocations." These are valuable goals for which we are striving.

PILLAR #5: HUMILITY May we all follow the example of Jesus in our humility. Through unassuming activities we can foster an approach to a collaborative effort among Serrans, both locally and around the world, to plant seeds for the future laborers for our Church

PILLAR #6: HEALTHY SEMINARIES We can pray for the support of this pillar, as well as encouraging those currently laboring in seminary life.

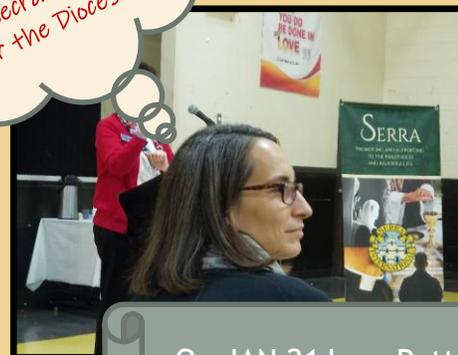
PILLAR #7: BISHOPS WHO CARE Bishop Daly was a fine example of this, and our own Bishop Kevin Vann has consistently demonstrated his caring spirit in our Diocese of Orange.

My duty is to show to all the beauty of the priesthood.



On JAN 7 Fr. Brandon Dang, Vocations Director updated us on local vocations.

As an Apostolic Oblate, I am the Delegate for Consecrated Life for the Diocese.



On JAN 21 Joan Patten, A.O. explained the variety and structure of religious communities.

PRAY ALWAYS

Loving Lord, your son came and showed the ultimate gift of love. Even in the face of mockers, he gave his own life as a sacrifice for mine. I pray that you overflow my heart with a love so wide and so deep that it shows in my words, actions, and attitude. Help me to love others without hesitation and without boundaries. Amen.

Love Is Patient

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. . . .

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love.

But the greatest of these is love.

VOLUNTEER BREAKFAST HOSTS



FEB 4 JOE & MAUREN NEGLIA H. 714/288-0341

CLEAN-UP LORETTA CALLOPY & ROSEMARIE TSUTSUMI

FEB 18 BETTY PADILLA H. 714/832-8213

CLEAN-UP BETTY PADILLA & GEORGIA MOTTL

MAR 3 BEVERLY TRUZZOLINO C. 714/642-6455

CLEAN-UP LORETTA CALLOPY & ROSEMARIE TSUTSUMI

MAR 17 NO MEETING: PLEASE, SIGN UP TO HELP THE DAY OF REFLECTION

“Always Forward, never back!”
Junipero Serra



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