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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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



JULY

- 6 John LeDuc
- 8 Jim Daze
- 13 Joe Neglia
- 26 Bob DeFeo
- 31 Jeanne Warren

PREZ SEZ Patty Baer, President



A NEW TERM BEGINS

Greetings, my Serran friends. introduce myself. I am Patty Baer, your incoming president for the next two years. At this time, I want to express a big thankyou to our outgoing president, Beverly Truzzolino. She has persisted tirelessly in keeping our ship afloat and getting new projects put in motion. In addition, I welcome the new board, willing to work diligently alongside me. Who knew we would still be in the situation of being "hunkered down" inside our homes as late as June? Yet, going forward, an intriguing time awaits us as we navigate toward being together once again in person. For the time being, we will "see" one another at meetings by conference calls. I have been preparing for this undertaking by becoming acquainted with ZOOM and other media communications. I've sat in on Serran training meetings recently offered. I will continue to avail myself of helpful programs to further my knowledge Serran updates. All of you are also invited to participate in these sessions.

Let us continue to lift up our prayers for the four new priests ordained on June 6th at Christ Cathedral. We've journeyed with these men through their years of preparation for this big day. In addition to these new Fathers, I also wish the many dads in our club a Happy Fathers' Day on June 21st. I ask God to bless and strengthen them. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. May they be honored with a spirit of profound respect, reverence, and love. Amen. Finally, we also pray for our three seminarians receiving their ordination to Transitional Deacon on June 27th at San Juan Capistrano Basilica (see page 2). We hold all these intentions before God, our loving Father.

All of you are indispensable to our City of Orange Club. Without your faithfulness to our mission, and participation in service goals, my job would be a one-woman exercise in futility! I realize we all feel lukewarm from time to time, but Our Lord invites us to be fervent! Can I count on each of With God's encouragement, I promise my energetic support to all of vou!

DISTRICT DOINGS

Anne Champagne Governor, District #79



PLAGUES & PROVIDENCE

Perhaps many of you have had occasion to read some Catholic articles reflecting upon our current pandemic and how it affects people of faith. There were some excellent articles in a

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recent publication of "Angelus" on March 20, 2020. Below, are a few excerpts, and please, if you would like a copy of the articles, just notify me via email at anne.champagne@att.net, and I will either e-mail you a scanned copy or send you a copy via "snail mail." I found the perspectives remarkably interesting!

"Through pandemics, plagues and pestilence, the Church always seeks the health of the sick—not just people's bodies, but their souls, too".

For example, one writer actually attributed some of the growth of the early church directly to the pandemics of the era. See a few excerpts below:

"In the first of the plagues, in AD 165, the pagan physician Galen praised the Christians' fearlessness as they cared for others. In the second, which began around AD 250, we find the African bishop, Saint Cyprian, exhorting his congregation to mobilize for the task of healing. He urged them to give care not only to their fellow believers, but also to their pagan persecutors. 'There is nothing remarkable in cherishing merely our own people, he said.... (we) should love our enemies as well....the good (should be) done to all, not merely in the household of faith'".

Quoting the author, Rodney Stark in "The Rise of Christianity," he states that epidemics were a major factor in the early growth of the Church: "Had classical society not been disrupted and demoralized by these catastrophes, Christianity might never have become so dominant a faith."

All of this history is certainly food for thought! And, as we hear so often.... "God works in strange wavs!"

For all incoming officers:

PRAYER OF GENEROSITY

Dear Lord, teach me to be generous.
Teach me to serve you as you deserve,
To give and not to count the cost,
To fight and not to heed the wounds,
To toil and not to seek for rest,
To labor and not to ask for any reward
Except that of knowing that I do your will.

Amen

-- Saint Ignatius Loyola

COMING EVENT (online)...

Pray For the Upcoming
TRANSITIONAL DEACONS' ORDINATION



DEACONS' ORDINATION Mission San Juan Basilica Saturday, June 27 10:00am

- Mr. Cheeyoon Chun
- Mr. Michael Fitzpatrick
- Mr. Grandon Lopez

Cards can be sent to the **Vocations Ofc.** 13280 Chapman Ave., Garden Grove, 92840

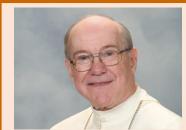
City Club Newz

OFFICERS' INSTALLATION

This will be the 1st item on the agenda for our 10am Zoom meeting Tuesday, June 9th. Abbot Hayes will join us at 10:30 to bless and inform us. Be there!

See back page for Zoom instructions.

Great honor! The speaker for our next online meeting is



Rt. Rev. Eugene Hayes

Abbot, St. Michael's Abbey

City Club Newz "ADAPTING TO THE TIMES"

ANDREW QUINNAN, former seminarian, sent a note to Dan Truzzolino: "I have been doing really well, except of course the fact that the sacraments are unavailable. I officially decided to end my discernment as a diocesan priest with the diocese of Orange. I still believe I have a calling to the priesthood, but not as a diocesan priest. I am discerning entering the Carmelites and have some stuff in motion with that. I plan on ceasing almost all ministry so as to focus more on the

prophetic charism of the Carmelites. The aspect of the Carmelite spirituality that is most attractive is the essential element of spousal intimacy with Christ. Other than that I left the seminary a year ago. I do plan on returning to seminary, but consecrated life is my focus. I am working while Carmelite's plans are in motion. Ad Jesum cum Mariam!





Is this a crazy way to have a meeting, or what?



Mike Downey of the USA Council of Serra made arrangements for our "gotomeet.me" mtg.



Our on-line speaker for the meeting was Armando Cervantes, Director of Youth & Young Adults Ministry for the Diocese of Orange.



Sr. Louise Ann Micek, our Spiritual Advisor, was up to the task of ending our meeting as usual with sage spiritual commentary. We are so blessed to have her with us.



Maureen § Joe Neglia were participants and contributors to this meeting; faithful long-time members. Please remember them in prayer: Covid 19 has caught up with them! God bring them strength and health!

City Club Newz





Newly Ordained Fr.Mike Risso

blesses Bishop Kevin Vann during the Ordination Mass (after the bishop blesses him, at left).

City of Orange Serra Club congratulates all 4 of the new priests. We have a special place in our hearts for Fr. Mike because when he was discerning whether to apply to be admitted to seminary, he was an active and beloved member of our club. In fact, he was our master punch maker at ordination receptions. We now lift a cup to him: well done!

SUMMER MEETING SCHEDULE

For the summer, we will continue our **Zoom** meetings online. The new time for all meetings will be **10:00** am to noon. During **June only**, the meetings will be the **2**nd and **4**th **Tuesdays**. July through September, we return to our regular meeting dates of the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays.

With the <u>exception of June 23rd</u>, all meetings will have the <u>same https://address and password:</u>

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PASSWORD: 719605

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR JUNE 23RD ONLY: 10:30 am to noon. Spec https: & password:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83775344982?pwd=RFFzbVVUeFdlZmg0WUxlTm9rRFp6QT09

PASSWORD: 107323

If you do not have Zoom or a computer, to listen to the meeting call the following:

TELEPHONE NUMBER: 1 (669) 900-9128 (on June 23rd call the same number)

PASSWORD: 719605

MEETING ID: 837 4961 8391