

A Voice for Vocations



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OUR MISSION is to foster, affirm and promote vocations to the priesthood, religious life, diaconate and lay ministries and, through this, to deepen our members' personal

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

JULY 4TH! USA



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

PREZ SEZ

Patty Baer, President



PRAY FOR OUR NATION

This month of July begins right away on the 1st, celebrating the feast of our namesake, St. Junipero Serra. This is the prayer from his Mass: O God, in your ineffable mercy, you chose St. Junipero Serra as a means of gathering many peoples of the Americas into your Church. Grant that through his intercession our hearts may be united to you in ever greater love so that at all times and in all places we may show forth the image of your Son who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

As I celebrated July 4th, I lifted up the Prayer for Our Nation from the Roman Missal: O God, who arranges all things according to a wonderful design, graciously receive the prayers we pour out to you for our country, that, through the wisdom of its leaders and the integrity of its citizens, harmony and justice may be assured and lasting prosperity come with peace. Through Jesus, your son, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

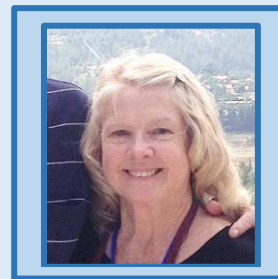
A few weeks ago, I was looking for an important paper I had misplaced. I gave up after 9:00 PM, planning to continue the search later. The next morning, before the start of (YouTube) Mass, I saw that it was the feast of St. Anthony of Padua. Father Nicolaus, in his homily, intoned (paraphrased), "Anthony, Anthony, come around; something is lost and must be found". Jim and I looked at each other and then repeated it. Jim started looking for the paper that afternoon while I was out, and lo, he found it! Was I relieved upon hearing that good news upon my return. Thank you, St. Anthony!

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 you? With God's encouragement, I promise my energetic support to all of you!

Since last month, when I lamented our "still sequestered in place" dilemma, who could have predicted anything worse? But, alas, we've had killings, rioting, looting, statue demolitions, oh, and in the midst, some peaceful rallies. We must speak out against such vicious attacks, along with mourning such losses. Sister Louise announced the perfect forum in which to "fight back". The Sisters of St. Joseph Justice Center is hosting a virtual Public Witness on these and other issues every Thursday, starting July 2nd through Sept. 17th. Thank you, Sister Louise, for providing us with a positive response opportunity. A question put forth is this: How does our faith guide us in ending disparities and working towards a unified and just nation? (harkening back to Our Nation prayer). Pope Francis' Monthly Intention is for our families. We pray that they be accompanied with love, respect, and guidance.

DISTRICT DOINGS

Anne Champagne
 Governor, District #79



PLAGUES & PROVIDENCE

There has been a very interesting article circulating through the Serra US Council emails that I thought would be of great interest to us Serrans in California. Basically, this author Charles Harley is responding to four points of misinformation surrounding the Catholic

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Church and the Mission Period.

We shall begin this month, with the introduction, followed in subsequent months of our newsletter, by the responses to the four misinformed statements listed below, and finally a summary.

1. The Catholic Church stole the land from the Indians in order to build the missions.
2. The Catholic Church built the Missions to enslave the Indians and benefit from their free labor.
3. So many Indians died during the mission years, it is obvious the Catholic Church was operating "Death Camps" along the model of Dachau and Buchenwald.
4. The Catholic Church practiced systemic genocide to wipe out the native cultures.

Here we begin with the introduction:

St. Junipero Serra, the Catholic Church & the Mission Period: A Historical Perspective --Charles Harley

A number of you have contacted me about the saga unfolding on the streets of Ventura regarding the removal of the statue of Saint Junipero Serra. I share your concern. Many in the crowds are angry. Yet, I find their anger very understandable. For at least the past 50-years descendants of the native peoples of California have been lectured by elders with gut wrenching statements focused on vilifying Fr. Serra and the Mission period for which he is a symbol. If the information they have been advancing was true, I too would demand that the statue be removed.

The plight of Native Californians in the 120 years from 1770 to 1890 was horrific. Throughout history, the collision of two dissimilar cultures is always violent and deadly for the vulnerable culture. California was not an exception. During these 120 years the native population of California dropped 94.5% (from 300,000 to only 16,500) Fr. Serra and his Franciscans were sent to California by Spain to mitigate this forecasted horror. Records show the Padres were successful in that endeavor during the first 60-years until they were stopped cold by the Mexican Government in 1830's. In the next 60-years, with the Padres removed, Mexico and the US Government were free to practice state sponsored genocide against California's original inhabitants. The years 1830 to 1890 were a holocaust for the Indian tribes. The anger on the street today is real, but it is miss-directed. Allow me to address four of the more egregious points of misinformation. (Stay tuned!)

Plans are already underway

2021 Serra International Convention

Toronto, Ontario, Canada

July 1-4, 2021

Please mark your calendars.

A TIMELY PRAYER FOR ALL

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas, we fly to you today as your beloved children. We ask you to intercede for us with your son as you did at the wedding at Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world, and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of your holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

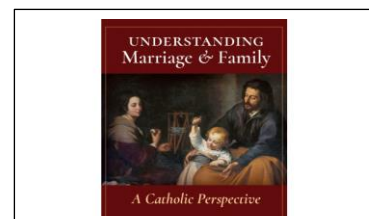
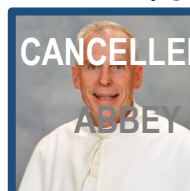
In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind. Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate Mother, Health of the Sick, and cause of our joy.

Shelter us under the mantel of your protection. Keep us in the embrace of your arms. Help us always to know the love of your son, Jesus. Amen

City Club Newz**JULY SPEAKERS...**

July 7 ~~Fr. Norbert Wood, O.Praem.~~
Fr. Sebastian Walshe, O.Praem.



July 21 Fr. Anselm Rodriguez, O.Praem.



See back page for Zoom meeting instructions.

City Club Newz “PRACTICING OUR FAITH”**Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange
Justice Center****Third Annual
Summer Public Witness****Thursday, July 9, 2020**

How does our faith guide us in reflecting on the
intersectionality of racism, immigration and climate crisis?

Public Witness are held virtually on Thursdays
July 2 - Sept. 17
10:00-10:30 a.m. PDT

RSVP by [clicking here](#)

You only need to RSVP once to participate

Recordings are [available here](#)

We raise our voices to speak out on social and economic disparities that cruelly impact our vulnerable brothers and sisters. We must address the institutionalized racism impacting our nation. We are outraged and mourn our black brothers and sisters who lost their lives, immigrants who continue to be oppressed by inhumane immigration policies, and the perpetual injustices that COVID-19 has brought to light. Join our community in prayer and reflection, listen to testimonies on issues of the day, and take action.

For more information, please contact:
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City Club Newz

... for being such good and faithful Serrans, even when it's difficult. Your prayers, notes and calls to Serran friends and clergy are your blessings and are deeply appreciated.



Deacon Steve Greco...

spoke to us at our June 23rd online meeting. He encouraged us to trust in God during this pandemic and related problems, to pray for endurance, for God's divine mercy, and to know that all things work for good (Romans 15:13). He reminded us that the best way to pass on our faith is to make our beliefs visible in our homes and in our actions. And he encouraged us to be faithful in our prayers and our work for vocations.

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. July through September**, we return to our regular meeting dates of the **1st and 3rd Tuesdays**.

All meetings will have the same https:// address and password:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83749618391?pwd=a3ZIMXpVczBwVHh0SXF5V01iNk1oQT09>

PASSWORD: 719605

- If you do not have Zoom or a computer, to listen to the meeting call the following:
TELEPHONE NUMBER: 1 (669) 900-9128
PASSWORD: 719605
MEETING ID: 837 4961 8391