

## *A Voice for Vocations*



### **Officer Roster**

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Anne Champagne  
2022-2024

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*Vocations:* Carol & Phil Frank  
*Membership:* Raul Serna and  
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*Corresponding Secretary:* Carol DeFeo  
*Publicity* **OPEN**  
*Hospitality:* Loretta Callopy  
*Past President:* Patty Baer  
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Maureen Neglia

#### **Chaplain:**

Father Cheeyoon Chun

#### **Spiritual Advisor:**

Sister Louise Ann Micek, CSJ

**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 faith. life.



**NOVEMBER**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> Ann Yates**

### **PREZ SEZ**

*John Le Duc, President*



### **THANK YOU GOD!**

Well, by now we all should be “candied out” from eating all those treats that we “held back” from the trick-or-treating little ones; I know I am. Just think, we have but a few days and it will be Thanksgiving--which will be followed by Christmas--which will be followed by trying to figure out where all that weight came from and how we are going to pay for all that “holiday happiness.” If this sounds like the grumblings of a “grinch,” it is not meant to be. It may come from the fact that I have discovered my wife’s hiding place for the holiday treats and have “sampled” a few.

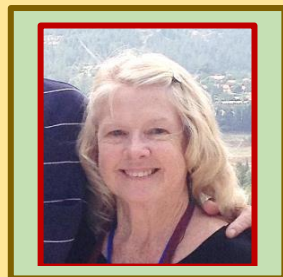
This is the November newsletter, and our thoughts should turn to that time of the year when we gather around the table with family and friends and remember the many things we are thankful for, from this past year or even several years past. As I look back on this year, I find I have many things I am truly thankful for and, if I am truthful, I should not limit my thanks to just this time of year but would like to be constantly realizing God’s many gifts to me and mine.

So, here we go: these are a few of the things that I will be remembering this Thanksgiving (with the hope that I can express this feeling more than on one day during the coming year). I am, first off, thankful for my faith and for the many blessings that the Lord has, in his loving power, seen fit to send my way. He fully knows that I deserve none of them. Next I am thankful

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### **DISTRICT DOINGS**

*Anne Champagne*  
Governor, District #79



### **SERRA INTERNATIONAL IS AN AMAZING ORGANIZATION**

GREG SCHWEITZ, President of Serra International, was visiting Southern California October 25th and 26th to attend an ordination in the Diocese of Los Angeles. Thankfully, he made time to reach out to our Diocese of Orange Serra Clubs, with the objective of getting together to discuss Serra initiatives. Matt and Nancy Ivary hosted a luncheon meeting for members of our two OC clubs. After a lovely repast on the patio, Greg spoke to us about his plans for Serra and the many useful and important resources offered to clubs. His visit most certainly was an inspiration to those in attendance.

Greg narrated for us his long personal history with the Serra organization, which emphasized how, in his personal experience, Serra provides an important support for church vocations as well as for personal, spiritual growth **for adults of all ages**. Greg joined Serra when he was in his early 30s and was greatly blessed by the wisdom and faith of the founding members of his club, 30 to 40 years older than he, who mentored him in fulfilling our universal mission and started him on the path to becoming International president.

He noted that it may be necessary for us to modify some of our meeting structure to attract some younger people and mentor them on the blessings of our organization and its work.

Listed below are a few bullet points from his presentation, and I pray that the topics

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**PREZ SEZ CONT.**

thankful for my wife who has put up with me for over 51 years now. The good Lord knows "I" would not have put up with me. When Judge-ment Day comes for her, she should go straight in!

I am thankful for the sons who still call me Dad, and for my grandkids who still believe everything Grandpa says (well, maybe not everything). I am thankful for the many people I have met through the years who have let me share a part of their lives. last, but in no way least, I am thankful for all of you who are reading this newsletter and who are walking with me down this "Spiritual Path" of my life. I thank you all this Thanksgiving, and I pray that I will not wait another whole year to express my thanks to all of you in the days to come.

In the words of Mother Teresa, "some people come into our lives as blessings and some come as lessons." You are all certainly both things for me. May your "blessings" this season be great and your "lessons" be gentle.

Now, LET'S EAT!!

### **FR. BRANDON DANG, VOCATIONS DIRECTOR, VISITS SEMINARIANS**



Brandon L. Dang is at Bandits' Grill & Bar Camarillo.

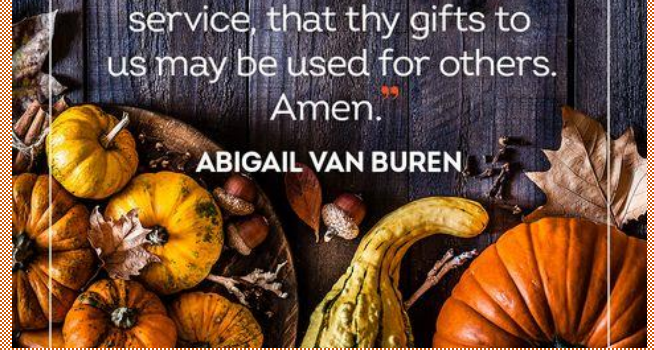
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@ocvocations rolls deep! Me with our seminarians from St. John's Seminary. Celebrating birthdays and installation to Lector. Pray for them this weekend!

**PRAY ALWAYS**

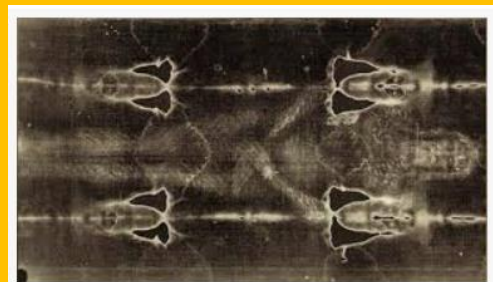
O, heavenly Father:  
We thank thee for food  
and remember the hungry.  
We thank thee for health  
and remember the sick.  
We thank thee for friends  
and remember the  
friendless. We thank thee  
for freedom and remember  
the enslaved. May these  
remembrances stir us to  
service, that thy gifts to  
us may be used for others.  
Amen."

ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

**City Club Newz****NOV-DEC SPEAKER**

CHRIS MORRIS  
"Shroud of Turin"

NOV 16 PART 1  
DEC 7 PART 2





**DISTRICT DOINGS** CONT.

may prompt you to check out some of the information, YouTube talks and other upcoming events that can be found on the SerraUS.org website.

- Explained that we have a universal mission; 10 councils in 15 countries around the world, all with the same goal
- Updated us on his recent official visit to Rome
- Noted that currently we have 200 clubs in the US - with approximately 7,500 members and 250 clubs outside the US - 4,000 to 5,000 members in those clubs
- Assured us that our church hierarchy loves the Serra Organization and their members
- Observed that Serra clubs have carved their own niche in Church structure by focusing on vocations and our call to holiness
- Asserted that we need to focus on what the Church needs RIGHT NOW?
- Encouraged all Serrans to read the latest publication of the Serra Magazine, which covers multiple articles, that all members would find very enlightening.

Greg thanked each and every Serran for their profound commitment to Serra. He succinctly focused on our Mission and our direction. All of us Serrans present at this event were deeply grateful for his insights.

Subsequent to Greg's visit, I viewed the recording from a past Serra Meets presentation done by Cardinal Tom Collins. It was so "to the point" in unfolding our Serra mission. He tied together in 7 points and how they would apply to Serra's vocation ministry in connection with some of his studies of the *Apocalypse* and *Acts of the Apostles*. If you are able, please avail yourself of that recording as I am certain that you will not be disappointed. He clearly outlined the 7 topics below:

- Citizens of the New Jerusalem
- Community context of the Church, no matter how imperfect
- Tribulation is to be expected as followers of Christ
- Pentecostal FIRE is irresistible
- Leadership matters - Church laity and clergy
- We are a community of Word and Sacrament
- Go forth with joyful boldness! Being glum doesn't attract!

Cardinal Collins closed with the assertion that "the Eucharist is central": "Center on My Lord and My God." We are asked as Christians and as Serrans to "step forward in the Lord's service." AMEN!

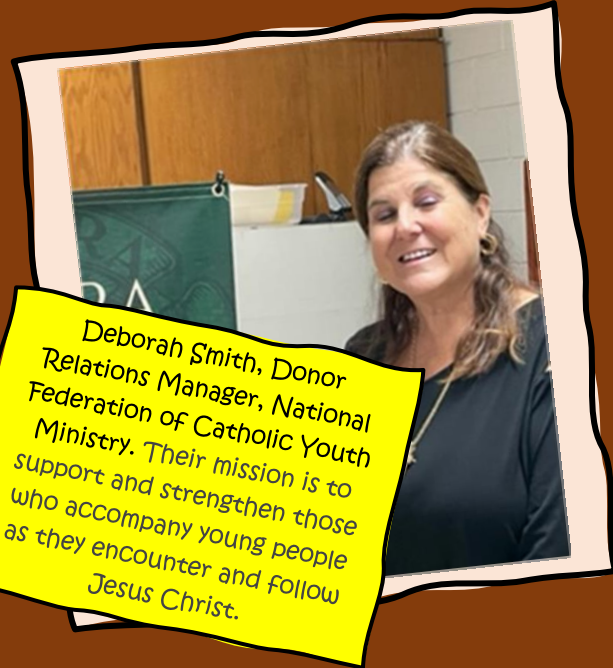
**SERRA INT'L PREZ VISITS OC SERRANS!**

# SAVE THE DATE

**SERRA CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
**SUNDAY, DEC. 11<sup>TH</sup> 3:00-6:00 PM**

**City Club Newz****GRATITUDE TO SPEAKERS!**

Fr. Brandon was our speaker on Oct. 19th unfolding for us the progress of our seminarians.



Deborah Smith, Donor Relations Manager, National Federation of Catholic Youth Ministry. Their mission is to support and strengthen those who accompany young people as they encounter and follow Jesus Christ.

**YOU  
MADE IT  
HAPPEN**

Thank you!

**LABOURE**  
HELP RESCUE VOCATIONS



Bishop Andrew Cozzens, son of past SerraUSA president Judy Cozzens, thanks us for our \$500 donation (matched to double the amount) to assist in promoting religious vocations.



**"DISCERNMENT** is the narrative reading of the good moments and the dark moments, the consolations and desolations we experience in the course of our lives. In discernment, it is the heart that speaks to us about God, and we must learn to understand its language. Let us ask, at the end of the day, for example: what happened today in my heart? Some think that carrying out this examination of conscience is to calculate the balance of sins – and we commit many – but it is also about asking oneself, "What happened within me, did I experience joy? What brought me joy? Was I sad? What brought me sadness? And in this way, we learn to discern what happens within us."

**Pope Francis** 11/9/22



**Annual Rally**  
**Jan 12-15, 2023**  
**Irving, Texas**

**SAVE THE DATE**

Presenters include Serra International Episcopal Adviser **Thomas Cardinal Collins**, Archbishop of Toronto, **Fr. Jorge Torres**, Executive Director, USCCB Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations, **the Most Rev. Edward Burns**, Bishop, Diocese of Dallas, and **Dr. Jonathan Sanford**, President, University of Dallas, among others.

**At the Rally, you will**

- Engage with fellow Serrans to strengthen your network for sharing ideas, solving problems, and building morale
- Be inspired by top-notch lay and religious speakers who work on the front lines calling laborers to the Harvest
- Ignite and renew your dedication to our vocations apostolate via opportunities for spiritual development and conversion

**Location**

The Westin Irving Convention Center At Las Colinas  
400 West Las Colinas Boulevard, Irving, Texas