

**SERRA CLUB  
CITY OF ORANGE**  
Reg. 11, Distr. 79, Charter 643



# PENTICOST!

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.

## A Voice for Vocations

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### PREZ SEZ



**JOHN LE DUC**

### THE ROSARY LEADS US TO THE MASTER

Just recently, my wife and I were watching a program that dealt with the subject of “memory” and how as we age the “sharpness of our memory” begins to “dull a bit around the edges!” Presented with this subject in a discussion, with just about anyone, would cause a great deal of “soul searching” as to how it may or may not relate. Take this same discussion and place it in my family room with my wife and the “soul searching went out the window” as I assured myself that this “discussion” concerned everyone else I could think of, present company excluded. All those calls home to ask what I was to pick up at the grocery store were just “memory overload.”

Today I happened to check my list of things to accomplish when I realized that I had missed the “Serra Global Rosary for Vocations” with Serra International held on April 29th. My note read, “Ask the Club to join in this International Prayer for Vocations” and I had thought that our participation would be a great way to begin the month of May. Having a hard time telling myself it was “memory overload” with a straight face.

With today’s general meeting concluded, and Father’s talk on Mary and the fact that the Rosary should play an important part in our daily prayers, I would

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### DISTRICT DOINGS

Anne Champagne  
Governor, District #79



MISSION

### 2023 NATIONAL INITIATIVE FOR USA SERRA CLUBS

In an upcoming publication of “The Serran” magazine, you will learn of a new initiative which is being spearheaded by the Cultural Outreach Committee within the Serra Organization, led by Vice President Jesse Gallegos from Harlingen, Texas. Below are a few excerpts regarding the initiative that you will read about in our next quarterly Serran magazine. I am praying that we will have a strong candidate step forward from each of our local clubs to assist with getting this project moving forward.

➤ “One of the best attributes of being a Serran is our ability to embrace diversity.” Serra is examining ways to promote Serra, help cultivate relationships and to provide appropriate training, materials, and guidance in reaching out to the unique cultures in the Serra Catholic community.

➤ The goals are to establish Satellite clubs, or to establish vocations committees in parishes, all with the Serran mission of “establishing a culture of vocations” within our remarkably diverse Catholic communities.

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Happy  
Birthday!

#### MAY

13<sup>th</sup> Deacon Bill Weeks  
22<sup>nd</sup> Thu-Hien Majkoski  
27<sup>th</sup> Donna Silva

#### JUNE

25<sup>th</sup> Matt Ivary

#### JULY

4<sup>TH</sup> Independence  
Day!

6<sup>th</sup> John Le Duc  
8<sup>th</sup> Jim Daze  
13<sup>th</sup> Joe Neglia



**PREZ SEZ CONT.**

would like to suggest that we as a club, set aside a time where we can all stop what we are doing and “Prayer a Rosary for Vocations.” I would suggest that this “Club Rosary” be said on Saturday the 13th, the day before Mother’s Day, at 2:00pm. This would be informal, each of us taking this time to pray the Rosary by ourselves yet tied together as a Club praying this Rosary at the same day and same time.

So, what do you think? Can we do this? There will be no “attendance taken” as this will just be between you and our Blessed Mother.

A thought that I read in one of Matthew Kelly’s Books:

It was battered and scarred and the auctioneer  
Thought it scarcely worth his while

To waste much time on the old violin,  
But held it up with a smile.

“What am I bidden, good folks,” he cried,  
“Who’ll start the bidding for me?”

“A dollar, a dollar,” then, two! Only two?  
“Two dollars, and who’ll make it three?”

Three dollars, once; three dollars twice;  
Going for three...” But no,

From the room, far back, a grey-haired man  
Came forward and picked up the bow;

Then, wiping the dust from the old violin,  
And tightening the loose strings,

He played a melody pure and sweet  
As a caroling angel sings.

The music ceased, and the auctioneer,  
With a voice that was quiet and low,

Said, “What am I bid for this old violin?”  
And held it up with the bow.

“A thousand dollars, and who’ll make it two?  
Two thousand! And who’ll make it three?”

Three thousand, once; three thousand twice;  
And going and gone,” said he.

The people cheered, but some of them cried,  
“We do not quite understand

What changed its worth?” Swift came the reply:  
“The touch of a master’s hand.”

And many a man with life out of tune  
And battered and scarred with sin,

Is auctioned cheap to the thoughtless crowd  
Much like the old violin.

A “mess of potage,” a glass of wine;  
A game—and he travels on.

He is “going” once, and “going” twice,  
He’s “going” and almost “gone.”

But the Master comes and the foolish crowd  
Never can quite understand

The worth of a soul and the change that’s wrought  
By the touch of the master’s hand.

**We Are One With  
The Risen Christ**

Lord we lift our hearts to you. As the dawn breaks, may we carry the unity we share live to praise you! Amen. Into every moment knowing that we are one with the risen Christ. Lord, we lift our eyes to you. As the sunrises, may this moment stay with us, reminding us to look for the beautiful colors of promise in your word. Lord, we lift our prayers to you. As the dew air falls, may we breathe this morning in and know that like the earth, you sustain us, keep us and work within us always. And so, we lift our voices to you. We celebrate the greatest day in history, when Jesus rose from death, defeated darkness and bathed the world in stunning resurrection light. May we ever live to praise you! Amen.

REJOICE!

**City Club Newz**

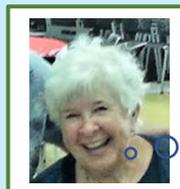
MAY 17

Patty Baer

Subject: “MEANING OF THE 15  
PROMISES OF THE ROSARY”

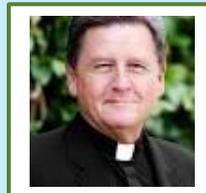


JUNE 17 Maureen Neglia Subject: “TBD”



No meeting  
on July 5th!

JUNE 21 Msgr. John Urell Subject: “TBD”



**DISTRICT DOINGS** CONT.

I ask all of our Serrans to pray about this initiative, and please offer any suggestions of possible contacts who may assist us, particularly within the Hispanic communities in your parishes. "Always forward, never back!"

**CULTURAL OUTREACH COMMITTEE**  
USA COUNCIL FOR SERRA INTERNATIONAL

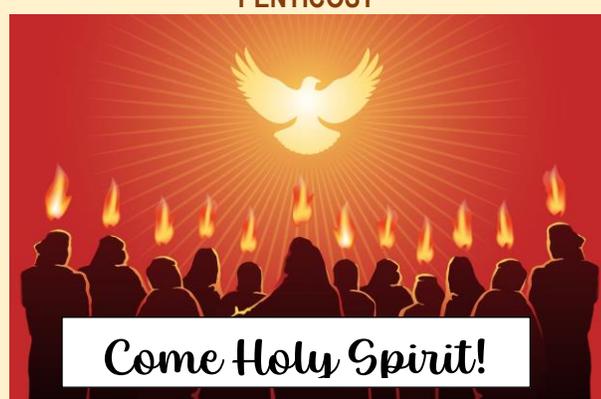
*Praying for Vocations*



"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them"  
(Matthew 18:20)



**PENTICOST**



**Come Holy Spirit!**

**PRIESTLY ORDNATION**

Join the Diocese of Orange in celebration as we welcome three new priests! BISHOP KEVIN W. VANN will ordain REV. MR. IAN MICHAEL GASTON, REV. MR. JESUS DAVID MORENO NORIEGA, AND REV. MR. BENJAMIN MINH NGUYEN to the Sacred Order of the Priesthood.



**DCN. MR. IAN GASTON**  
Assignment: St. Irenaeus



**DCN. MR. DAVID MORENO**  
Assignment: Christ Cathedral



**DCN. MR. BENJAMIN NGUYEN**  
Assignment: St. Killian

## We Have Great Speakers at Our Meetings!



On April 19 we heard from MICHAEL RUSSO, a prospective seminarian. He came to us from LABOURE, an organization which helps young men and women who wish to become priests or religious to pay off all debts (usually student loans) in order to qualify to begin their discernment studies. He hopes to enter the Capuchin Franciscan Community.

[MichaelR@rescuevocations.org](mailto:MichaelR@rescuevocations.org)



On May 3 we were blessed to hear the Norbertine priest FR. PETER ADRIAN MILLER speak on his journey to the priesthood, interestingly related to and partnered with the story of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, which was to be celebrated the next day, May 4. Fr. Peter was an engaging speaker, and we hope to hear from him again.



On May 17 our own PATTY BAER spoke to us about the 15 Promises of the Rosary which Holy Mary gave to St. Dominic to especially bless those who regularly recite the rosary. These include personal growth in holiness, increase in virtue and inspiration to perform good works. *Holy Mary, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen!*

An Article Written by Our Chaplain, Published by *Lovers Of The Holy Cross*

**PER CRUCEM Spring 2023**

# My Motif

**EUCHARIST AS A SOURCE OF VOCATIONS**

BY Fr. CHEEYOON CHUN

A motif is a repeated narrative element that supports the theme of a story. In a movie, a motif can be presented in several ways: objects, sounds, dialogue, music, colors, and symbols. For instance, the color red in *Schindler's List* symbolizes the massacre of innocence. The spinning of the top in *Inception* represents the protagonist's grasp of reality. The Lord of the Rings has a ring that was forged on Mount Doom which represents the worldly temptations of power and pride. In my so-called life-movie, the motif that reappears in every scene of my life is the Eucharist, as it should be for all Catholics.



Fr. CHEEYOON CHUN  
Parochial Vicar  
Holy Family Catholic Church

Much like in a movie, one must be intentional in looking for these signs to ascertain the deeper meaning of their own story. If we can train the eyes of our hearts to seek the spiritual signs in our own lives, we will arrive at a deeper understanding of our narrative but, more importantly, a deeper relationship with the source and summit of our faith.

From the very start of my discernment to the nights leading up to my ordination, I found myself constantly returning to the source, the Eucharist. If a single thread connected all the tapestries in my life, it would be the Eucharist: the body, blood, soul, and divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Early in my faith journey, my approach to the Eucharist was solely a theological venture. The Eucharist was a mystery that remained unsolved, and I desired to understand its nature. Little did I know what started as a theological inquiry would later become a love and relationship that I cannot live without. The Eucharist hooked me from the conceptual and reeled me into the relational. Our Lord is not an idea to be figured out; our Lord in the Eucharist is someone to encounter. As he presents himself in the Eucharist, we adore him, and in the presence of our King, we become adorned by his infinite love and grace.

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Throughout my discernment period, I thought I was trying to seek him, but he sought me first. He fought for me when I did not deserve saving. He took up his cross because he loves the Father and wants us to return to our rightful home. At the Last Supper, Jesus instructs his disciples to remain in him. As baptized members of the Church, we are grafted to the true vine. We receive the necessary nutrients that keep us fully alive. If we remain in him, we will never hunger, and we will never thirst because he is true food and true drink.

But we become impatient and tend to venture off. We go the distance to "find" ourselves by taking on different jobs, earning various degrees and certificates, and traveling the world to find meaning. The answer that we sought was never far. In Christ we find clarity while we navigate a world that has become very much murky. Who better to ask about your vocation and purpose than the one who knitted you into existence, the author of all life, the God of all creation?

He makes himself readily present in the humble forms of bread and wine at every Mass all around the world and at all times of the day and night. He awaits your presence as he remains in his presence at the sacred liturgy and during the many hours of adoration. He is here to remain; are you willing to remain in him? May the Eucharist be your motif in your movie version of life.