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

GOD BLESS US ALL

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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# **AUGUST**

8TH Brigid Noonan 17th Carol Frank 22nd Maureen Neglia 28th Luis Morones 29th Betty Padilla

# **SEPTEMBER**

12th Carl Manning

### PREZ SEZ



JOHN LE DUC

## WE HAVE A STORY!

Summer is already half over - REALLY! Wow, what happened to the first half of this year - I know - I and everyone else always says the same thing, "Where has the time gone?" It must be something to do with this "age" thing, but I am still going to complain about it. My son and I were talking, the other day, about an experience I had some years ago and he asked me why I did not write this down so that it would not be forgotten. I told him that I guess that I never had really thought about it which began making me think about our own Club.

At a recent meeting Msgr. Urell talked about the beginning of our Serra Club, and I found myself thinking of all the "History" that we must have within our Club, history that I, as a relative "newbie," would not have. The City of Orange Serra Club must have some great stories within their last "x number of years." I have heard the occasional story of past years, events, and members long since passed, but these are just stories told once or twice but not written down; therefore, they will be forgotten, and that "history" will be lost. This fact made me ask myself, "Why do we, as a Club, not have our history written down somewhere so that we can remember where we came from and how we got here. Each of our members must have a mem-

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# DISTRICT DOINGS ANNE CHAMPAGNE Governor, District 79



WE SUPPORT OUR PRIESTS AND SEMINARIANS AS THEY PLAY BASKETBALL TOGETHER



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# PREZ SEZ continued

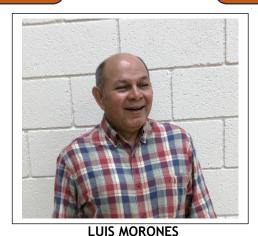
-ory or two with regards to our Club. There must be examples of programs, events, past officers, or members past that are a part of our Club's collective history. So, the question is, how do we bring this all together or do you want to? Let's give this some thought and talk about this at our next meeting.

I have just finished a book by Fr. James Martin, SJ entitled "My Life with the Saints." Yes, I know that this book has been out for years (10) but I am just getting to it. I found the book to be one of those that once picked up is hard to put down. The main subject of the book is how we can strive to become "Holy" through the lives of the Saints and I found great comfort in the statement by Thomas Merton: "For me to be a saint means to be myself." My take-away from this book is that if I can just stay out of my own way, there may be hope and NO I am not excepting any "comments from the peanut gallery" on that last statement!

Pray for Vocations

# OUR NEW AMBASSADOR TO HISPANIC MINISTRIES, ORANGE COUNTY

Hope you're having a GREAT SUMMER.



...has he agreed to be our Outlook Ambassador to introduce the "culture of vocations" within our Hispanic ministries in Orange Diocese parishes.

# **PRAYALWAYS**

### A TIMELY PRAYER FOR ALL

Dear God, give me the courage to live and work for a new heaven and a new earth as Jesus did. Give me the freedom to be critical where I see evil and to offer praises where I see good. Most of all, make me faithful to the vision you have given me, so that wherever I go and whomever I meet, I can be a sign of your all-renewing love. Amen.

A prayer by Henri Nouwen, from *With Open Hands* 

### City Club Newz

### AUGUST SPEAKERS...

August 2 SR. MARIAN SCHUBERT, Canon
Lawyer





**SUBJECT** 

Laity In Canon Law

August 16 ANNE CHAMPAGNE







Mike Downey. Pres. Serra US

Anne Roat, Pres. Elect

## SUBJECT National Serra Leadership



# City Club Newz "LOOKING FORWART"



AUGUST 23<sup>RD</sup>
ORDINATI MASS/LUNCH
CHRIST CATHEDRAL
MASS 10:30 THEN LUNCH
\$55 EACH, Check to Beverly:
"Serra Club, City of Orange"



OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup>
TRIP TO
SAN JUAN
CAPISTRANO
MISSION



DECEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>
OUR LOVELY SPIRITUAL
ADVISOR, SR. LOUISE HAS
ARRANGED FOR US TO
ONCE AGAIN HAVE OUR
CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE
CSJ AUDITORIUM
3:00 TO 6:00 PM

Watch for information about our traditional Lenten Day of Recollection to be led by Msgr. John Urell, Saturday, March 2, 2024.

# City Club Speakers



KRISTINA ELLIOT spoke to us on July 19<sup>th</sup> on the "40 DAYS FOR LIFE" program. Her colleagues John Baptiste (Holy Family) and Natalie (St. John the Baptist) joined her in explaining "Sidewalk Advocacy", a peaceful, prayerful support for women at clinics considering abortion: Love for those going in, mercy for those coming out.



**MAUREEN NEGLIA**, on June 7<sup>th</sup> provided us with a fascinating account of the history and meaning of "Corpus Christi" (Body and Blood of Christ). She encouraged us to follow the Eucharistic Congress, OCT 19-21 in our diocese. We ask ourselves: How can I deepen by relationship to the Eucharist?



MSGR. JOHN URELL was our guest speaker on June 21<sup>st</sup>, providing us with a 1<sup>st</sup> hand account of the history of our club, which he started up in 1989 with Sr. Marianne and founding members Joe and Debbie O'Conner. The original OC club was "men only," and these forward-looking souls thought we needed a club which included women. He has been one of our staunchest supporters ever since our beginning. How wonderful that he has agreed to lead our Lenten Day of Recollection in 2024!

# HAVE YOU CONSIDERED VOLUNTEERING TO BE A SPEAKER?

Our Prez Sez article discusses our developing a history of our Club. Maybe you have some interesting memories (and photos?) which we would all enjoy sharing with you!