



## A Voice for Vocations

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### PREZ SEZ



**JOHN LE DUC**

### SAINTS FOR ALL SEASONS AND SITUATIONS!

As this article is read, we will see the completion of Lent, Easter, and will be on our way to Pentecost. During these times of the church year, we seem to find several meetings and retreats held on a verity of subjects and themes. I attended one of these retreats over Palm Sunday. A discussion began on the number of patron saints that are currently recognized within the Church. Sitting back in my chair, I put my notetaking aside, expecting to hear a long list of the names of saints we have read about over the years. Not so!

The speaker explained that he wanted to introduce our group to what he called the "unknown or bizarre" saints of the Church. It was at this point I picked back up my notes. Here are some of the saints that would fall under Father's definition of "unknown or bizarre" Saints of the Church:

**SAINT NICHOLAS** of Tolentino - Patron Saint of Vegetarians. Saint Nicholas was an Augustine priest who decided to give up meat when upon being served a roasted chicken and making the sign of the cross over the bird, it suddenly turned into a roasted vegetable.

**SAINT BARBARA** - Patron Saint of Fireworks. Barbara was the daughter of

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### DISTRICT DOINGS

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### CONGRESS ON VOCATIONS AT THE VATICAN

With "World Day of Prayer for Vocations" approaching us on April 21, 2024, when all Serrans focus on prayer and encouraging others to pray for vocations, I came across an interesting article on Vatican News reporting that Cardinal Marc Ouellet, Prefect Emeritus of the Dicastery for Bishops, is following up in March 2024, with a "Congress on Vocations", continuing from the previous 2022 Symposium dedicated to the theology of the priesthood. The theme will be "Man-Woman: Image of God; Towards an Anthropology of Vocations," and it will take place at the Vatican.

The **questions** asked during the interview were as follows:

- What is the significance of this initiative?
- What do you expect from this Congress?
- How are the proceedings of Symposium 2022 on the Priesthood being distributed?
- How can we discover the beauty of every vocation?

Excerpts from Cardinal Ouellet's **responses** were as follows:

The theme continues this synodal research by deepening the foundations of Christian anthropology that enable all vocations to be built on the Word of

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**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY!**

**APRIL**

**23rd Rosemarie Tsutsumi**

**25th Sr. Louise Ann Micek**  
(baptismal)

**MAY**

**8th Phil Frank**

**12th Beverly Truzzolino**

**13th Dcn. Bill Weeks**

**22nd Thu-Hein Majkoski**

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of a wealthy pagan by the name of Dioscorus. Upon Barbara's conversion to Christianity, her father demonstrated his displeasure by personality torturing and beheading his daughter. Dioscorus, as he was walking home from his daughter's execution, was struck by lightning and died.

**SAINT GENESIUS** - Patron Saint of Comedians. Hired to work in a play that made fun of Christian baptism, Genesius received word from God to decline enacting such an obscenity. Instead, he converted to Christianity... and was beheaded by the emperor.

**SAINT CYPRIAN OF ANTIOCH** - Patron Saint of Occultists. Cyprian, a pagan at the time, practiced sorcery. After falling in love with a Christian woman, Justina, he attempted to seduce her with the black arts. Justina made the sign of the cross, freeing Cyprian from his own demons. Cyprian converted to Christianity, became a priest and bishop. Alas, he was eventually beheaded by the same emperor that beheaded Genesius.

**SAINT CLOTILDE** - Patron Saint of Disappointing Children. Clotilde, wife of the local king, was "blessed" with several unruly children who, upon their father's death, fought continually for the throne. Clotilde, disgusted at being unable to control her children, abandoned her offspring and went off to establish hospitals to treat the poor.

**SAINT GERTRUDE OF NIVELLES.** Patron Saint for protection from the fear of mice.

**SAINT MONICA** - Patron Saint of Alcoholics.

**SAINT RENE GOUPIL** - Patron Saint of Anesthesiologists. And my all-time favorite . . . . .

**SAINT DROGO** - Patron Saint of Unattractive People. Drogo's mother died at his birth. Drogo, feeling responsible for this loss, practiced extreme penance. At the age of 18 he gave away his property and became a pilgrim, devoting his life to God. During one of Drogo's pilgrimages, he was stricken with a disease that caused gross deformities. Drogo spent the remainder of his life in a small cell attached to his local church away from the public. This was a retreat that I will long remember!

## DISTRICT DOINGS CONT.

God, in the midst of the challenges posed by contemporary cultural currents that raise many questions and uncertainties about human and Christian identity. A synodal Church that wants vocations must be welcoming to everyone in society, but it cannot build its own witness on sand, so it must rely on an anthropology firmly rooted in the Word of God.

We hope to offer reasons for hope and engagement. The common experience of our secularized societies speaks of loneliness, individualism, excessive consumption, multiple addictions, suicides and so on. Christian anthropology offers us first of all faith in Christ as the transcendent foundation, clear reference points on the human vocation, reasons to live and even to suffer in the service of Love; the Christian vision of man and woman promotes self-giving as the path to happiness, self-realization in service and communion with others in a horizon of solidarity and brotherhood with humanity as a whole.

The proceedings of the Symposium are published in two volumes and in six languages as promised. It's the biggest update on the priesthood theme since the Second Vatican Council. This communication is very useful for the Church's synodal research because it raises awareness of the reality of baptism and its *priestly* and *missionary* dimension. Pope Francis often speaks of holiness in ordinary life.

The beauty of each vocation becomes clearer when we discover that we are committed together in a synodal and missionary Church. Reference was made to a "communion of vocations".

If you wish to read more: below is the link for the article and there is a "click here" button available to subscribe for a newsletter with ongoing updates!  
<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2023-10/cardinal-marc-ouellet-vatican-congress-religious-vocations.html>

## Serra's Own Great Speakers

### APRIL SPEAKERS

APR 3 Fr. Brandon Dang VOCATIONS UPDATE



APR 17 Fr. Rudy Aluman ? (undecided)



On 2/21, after our FAT WEDNESDAY meal, Angie Brazeal led a beautiful Lent en Meditation using music: "Feel the Nails"



On 3/20 Beverly Truzzolino presented an informative, interactive lesson on St. Joseph. It was absolutely delightful!





Our Lenten Morning of Reflection on March 2<sup>nd</sup> was a spectacular success! Msgr. John Urell's meditation focused on "Return, Rend, Repent, Rejoice." We enjoyed buffet breakfast as a record 141 participants registered, filed in after Mass and filled the Hall at Holy Family. The thought-provoking spiritual talk sent us all away renewed and ready for Easter.



Many thanks to all the many Serrans who planned, prepared, presented and cleaned up after this wonderfully successful event! And special thanks to Monsignor John for inspiring, informing and delighting us all.

**SOME WORTHY  
ACTIVITIES FOR  
SERRANS**



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IN THE  
GARDEN**

*On behalf of The Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange, we invite you to join us in helping the dear neighbor.*

Join us for an afternoon of food, music, and companionship featuring the art of our own Sisters and other local artists, a silent auction, wine pull, fund-a-need, lacemaking demonstration, and more!

Art in the Garden supports the ministries of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange.

**Saturday, May 4, 2024  
3:00 to 6:00 pm**

St. Joseph Center Garden and Welcoming Center  
440 S. Batavia Street  
Orange, CA 92868

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**HEARTS  
ON FIRE**

*Saturday, April 20, 2024*

Christ Cathedral, Cultural Center  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



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As always, our Serra Convention is a profound opportunity for spiritual growth and learning. Engage with well-known speakers who will inspire with their deep wisdom and insights. From practical workshops to inspiring keynote addresses, you'll enhance your faith and be equipped with the tools to strengthen your efforts to foster and promote vocations!

Registration opens Spring 2024