

A Voice For Vocations

**SERRA CLUB CITY OF
ORANGE
Region 11, District 79, Charter 643
Newsletter April-June 2024**

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Prez Sez Adieu



John Le Duc

In a breakfast meeting one morning, at Beverly's house, discussions were held as to what the future Board of our Club should look like for the coming years. Open slots in the new Board were identified and names were placed besides each open position. I will have to admit, I was enjoying the breakfast spread when the discussion of the "Vice President" was brought up and somewhere in between my second "sausage sandwich, a nomination was made and seconded before that sandwich was finished and Father turned to me and said, "Congratulations John!" I remember thinking "What did he say?"

Now at the time I may have been caught off-guard, and if the truth were told, a bit apprehensive, but during these past two years as the President of your Club, I could not have been Prouder. Of the many Clubs and organizations, I have been a part of over the years, none of them, I truly feel, are as important as the mission of our Serra Club. I wish to Thank each of you for putting up with my ramblings, loud singing, at times un-organization, and feeble attempt at humor, but most importantly your support and friendship. In the future, I promise to sit somewhat quietly at my table, to wait to be called on before I speak, and at future Board meetings to "listen more and chew less!"

John Le Duc, Past President

Prez Sez - "Start a Fire"

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Thank you, John Le Duc, for your energetic and witty Presidential leadership. You are the best! Serrans, it is my honor to serve as your President for the 2024-2026 term. We just entered the third year of the National

Eucharistic Revival: YEAR OF MISSION. June 2024-June 2025. As Serrans, Mission is a key word for us! Our mission is to support our priests, seminarians and religious.

In Reference to National Eucharistic Revival, Bishop Andrew Cozzens, a Serran and Chairman of the Board, states: "We want to start a FIRE, not a program." As I begin my presidential term. I want to start a fire within our Serran Club! I truly am sad to think of all the people who would love to be part of our club, yet they do not know about us. First, I ask each of us to spend a minimum of one hour a week in Adoration praying for our mission and praying to increase our membership. (There are 168 hours a week.) Second, per Matthew 5:15 "No one after lighting a lamp puts it under a bushel basket, but on the lamp-stand, and it gives light to all..." Ask God to give us that light and spiritual courage to share the mission of Serra.

Sincerely in Christ,
Beverly Truzzolino, President

Officer Installation – June 5th

Installation of new officers for the City of Orange Serra Club for 2024-2025 was conducted by Patty Baer. Induction and pin ceremony followed.

Sister Louise Ann Micek, CSJ concluded the induction with a prayer.

2024-25 Officer Roster

Office	Name
Gov. District 79	Anne Champagne
President:	Beverly Truzzolino
Treasurer:	Matt Ivary
Programs:	Mark Kreyche
Vocations	Carol & Phil Frank
Membership:	Anne Champagne & Patty Baer
Newsletter	Nancy Ivary
Recorder	Melda Arick
Correspondence	Brigid Noonan
Publicity	Angie Brazeal
Hospitality:	Loretta Callopy
Hispanic Ambassador	Luis Morones
Trustees:	John Le Duc & Maureen Neglia
Ad Hoc. Committee	Georgia Mottl, Maureen Neglia, Loretta Callopy, Rosemarie Tsutsumi, Anne Champagne.
Chaplain:	TBD
Spiritual Advisor:	Sister Louise Ann Micek, CSJ

Serran Activities

April 20, 2024 Hearts on Fire – The Hearts on Fire Banquet is the major fund raising event for the Loyola Institute for Spirituality. This year's event was a Brunch at the Christ Cathedral Cultural Center. The audience was entertained by Las Estrallas de OCSA (Orange County School of Arts). In addition the Loyola Institute gave out its annual awards:

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Hearts on Fire Award Jesuit Restorative Justice Initiative
Writers in Spirituality Nancy Pineda-Madrid
Love in Action Nike Trujillo

Our Serra Club was well represented at the event and everyone had very good time.

April 21, 2024 Vocation Sunday – St. Cecilia’s promoted vocations and 12 people expressed interest in Serra. A deacon at Holy Family told his vocation story during the homily. There was also a notice in the bulletin about Vocation Sunday.

May 14th Price is Right” – The television show was attended by our Serrans who sat in two rows behind the contestants. Be sure to look for them when it is shown on TV October 3rd. They enjoyed being there and know how much time (a lot!) goes into taping an episode.

June 8th Ordination: Serrans gathered at Christ Cathedral to witness the ordination of two new priests for the



Rev. Cole Buzon



Rev. Greg Walgenbach diocese of Orange, Rev. Mr. Cole Christian Buzon & Rev. Mr. Gregory Danton Walgenbach. After the ordination Mass the Serrans then lined up to receive the new priests, blessing.

June 14th Priests vs. Seminarians

Basketball Game. Serrans also went to Mater Dei High School to witness the annual Priest vs. Seminarians basketball game. The score was North County, 52 and South County, 50. Seminarian Francis Ang made the winning basket.

On June 15th Dalia Zakhary was consecration to the Ordo virginum the in Diocese of Orange at 10:30 AM.

A Voice for Vocations – Spring Speakers

On April 3rd Fr. Brandon Dang, Director of Vocations, gave an “Update on Vocations and Seminarians”.



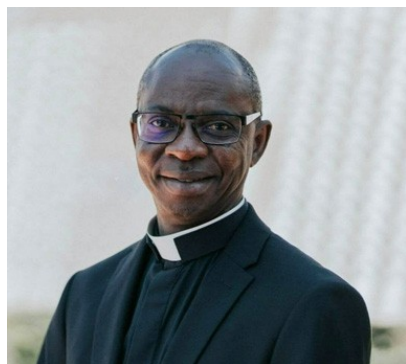
Currently, there are eleven (11) seminarians at St. John’s Seminary in Camarillo, two (2) seminarians at Bishop White Seminary in Spokane, Washington, and six (6) seminarians at Mt. Angel’s Seminary near Portland, Oregon.

Fr. Brandon and Fr. Rev. Brandon Dang Cheeyoon have just completed the Spring Evaluations of all the seminarians. The four dimensions on which the seminarians are evaluated are: human, pastoral, spiritual, and intellectual. The program of priestly formation has the following four stages: preparatory, philosophical, theological, and vocational synthesis.

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This last stage consists of the transitional deacon ordination in December and then being assigned to a parish to integrate into parish life. Ordination into the priesthood happens in June. On June 8, 2024, Deacon Cole will be ordained as a priest. Oliver Coughlin will be ordained as a transitional deacon on December 14, 2024.

On April 17 Fr. Rudy Aluman spoke on his “Vocation Story and Experience in the Orange Diocese”.



Rev. Rudy Aluman

Fr. Rudy grew up in Ghana, Africa on a poor farm. The outhouse was about 100 feet from the house and his older brother was to accompany him at night. He didn't want to, so he told Rudy to go by

himself and pray to God to protect him. Rudy did this fervently and discovered God as his friend who helped him. This formed the basis of his formation to the priesthood.

His family moved back to their ancestral village when he was 9 and he made friends who were Catholic. He went to church with them on Sundays and liked it. That was the only church in their village. He joined different Catholic youth groups in the church and converted to Catholicism. When he was 12, he volunteered to walk 7 miles to and from the rectory to copy the Sunday scriptures for the Mass in his own language for his village church. He went to a seminary high school and admired the life of the priest.

He studied to become a priest and always felt a sense of inadequacy. He was told “what brings you to the seminary will not be what keeps you in the seminary”. His spiritual advisor was a Sister and during one of his retreats, she gave him the scripture from Mt. 13 about letting the weeds and wheat grow together then separate them at the harvest. From meditating on that, he came to understand the weeds in our lives are a part of us that we are not accepting. These parts want us to pay attention to them and this leads us to newer life. After ordination, he was sent to his high school alma mater to be a chaplain and preached for five (5) years. He was moved to a public high school as their chaplain and encountered very different issues. He asked to study psychology and his order sent him to the US.

He had planned to go back to Ghana, but he was assigned to a parish here. He served at St. Irenaeas for 2 years then Holy Family for 6 years. He is now at St. Joseph in Santa Ana. Several years ago, he formed a project to get water for his village in Ghana. The donations kept coming in and they now spend the money on school supplies and food. These efforts became the Maalgo Project.

Follow the following web link for more information on the Maalgo Project
<https://themaalgoproject.org/about/>

On May 1 Sr. Karin Nuernberg, CSJ, Director of the Vocation Formation Team, told us her vocation story.

She was born in Munich, Germany. She had no religious upbringing at home. Her Catholic friends told her about the sanctuary light never going out. One day when she was 8 years old, she blew it out and felt guilty afterwards.

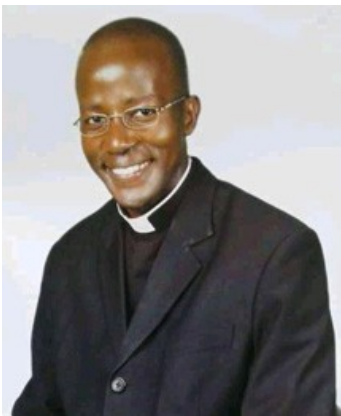
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She converted to Catholicism when she was twenty (20) years old. She became a novice in a charismatic community near where she lived. She worked with children, and later with adults, who had disabilities. She decided she did not want to join that community.

Karin moved to California with L'Arche and worked with the disabled for nine years. Something was missing in her life and she drifted away from the Catholic Church. A novice director contacted her out of the blue and asked her to help the novices from her community to discern if they had a vocation. Two decided to stay there and she developed friendships with them.

Karin became restless once again and asked Fr. Felix Just to be her spiritual director. Nine (9) months later, she approached the novice director to become a novice. She joined the community and has been working as the novice director since September.

On June 19th Father Christmas Austen presented his "Vocational Journey"



Fr. Christmas Austin lighting but grew up to be ordained a Priest.

Fr. Christmas was born on Christmas day in a small village in Uganda. His father was gone at the time of his birth and his mom had to be carried by men in the village 18 miles to the hospital. But God works in strange ways and he was not struck by

He is now the Rector of the Cathedral and Parish Pastor of Our Lady of Good Shepherd of the Rushoroza Cathedral Parish in the Kabale Diocese. His Parish has 52,000 members with 5 priests and 859 lay ministers. The Diocese has forty-one (41) parishes with one (1) Bishop. When they have mass, it is usually attended by 20,000 parishioners and is said outside in the open.

Father deals with schools and women 's empowerment. He gives them seeds and goats and sheep so they are capable of taking care of their family. There are Bishmore groups consisting of 5 families that are close. They meet and help each other. They make efforts to keep them close to the Catholic Church. The lay members, along with a seminarian visit every house in the village, yearly.

Right now, there are one hundred-nine (109) seminarians. This year they ordained 11 priests. Two priests went to Minnesota and Pioria, Illinois. They remain there for two years and return home. Then two more priests go to America.

Coming Events

July 26, 2024 Ordinati Luncheon: The day began at 10:30 with Mass in the Chapel in the Sky, Christ Cathedral Tower. Serrans, the new priests, and their families adjourned for lunch to the Christ Cathedral Cultural Center. A wonderful lunch was catered by the White House Restaurant. The new priests told us the story of their journey to the priesthood. We also got to speak with and congratulate their family and friends.

Aug. 8-11, 2024 Serra International Convention

The convention takes place in New Orleans – (Anne and Mark Champagne-will attend). For

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more Information follow this link
<https://serrainternational.org/new-orleans-convention/>

September 16th The Annual Msgr. Sammon Golf Tournament. The golf tournament takes place at Tustin Ranch Golf Course. The cost is \$189 for golf and banquet. Registration at 11:00AM & cocktails at 5:00 PM. Banquet tickets alone are \$70. each. Sponsor a clergy for \$189, St. Serra Feast Day. See Poster below.

Annual Msgr. Sammon Golf Tournament



On Monday, September 16th the 17th Annual Msgr. Sammon Golf Tournament takes place at beautiful Tustin Ranch Golf Course.

The Golf Outing is our biggest event of the year. All our clergy and professed religious are invited free of

charge to show our support and appreciation of all they do for us and the Church.

Your help is need to make this event a success. If you can't play golf then come to the banquet. The food is excellent. Please, consider sponsoring one of the clergy at \$189 who we host free of charge.

Date: Monday September 16th

Place: Tustin Ranch Golf Course; 12442 Tustin Ranch RD

Time: Registration at 11:00AM, cocktails at 5:00 PM. Dinner begins at 6:00 PM

Cost: \$189 for golf and banquet. Banquet tickets alone are \$70. each.

Sponsorships: Sponsor a clergy for \$189

Father Serra's Feast Day

July 1st marks the annual feast day of Saint Junípero Serra, a Franciscan friar and missionary who played a pivotal role in the colonization and evangelization of the western United States in the late 18th century.



Born in Majorca, Spain in 1713, Serra joined the Franciscan order as a young man and later

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traveled to Mexico, where he worked as a missionary for many years. In 1769, he founded the first of 21 Catholic missions that would eventually stretch along the coast of California, from San Diego to San Francisco.

Through his tireless efforts, Serra is credited with converting thousands of indigenous people to Catholicism, as well as establishing a network of settlements, roads, and agricultural systems that laid the foundation for much of modern-day California. He is venerated by the Catholic Church as the "Apostle of California" for his devotion to spreading the faith.

Serra's feast day continues to be observed each July 1st by Catholic communities across California and beyond, honoring his remarkable spiritual and administrative accomplishments as a pioneering missionary in the American West.

Prayer: Saint Junípero Serra, though you had a wonderful life in Spain, God spoke to your heart, calling you to leave everything behind and to bring the saving love of Christ to those who had never heard the Gospel. You responded with generosity and selfless courage. Please pray for me, that I will be open to all that God asks of me and will respond to God's will with the same generosity and resolve as you did. Saint Junípero Serra, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.

Matt Ivary	June	25
Mark Kreyche	June	25

Prayer List

Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bob DeFeo and for his family.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Biale and for his family.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Brockschmidt and for her family.

Please pray for the repose of the soul Dan Phelan (father in law of Deacon Bill) and for his family.

Sick

Please pray for the intentions and speedy recovery of

Tom Arick and all our Serra travelers, Carol DeFeo, Michael Feeney, Mary's Kitchen, Sr Louise Ann Micek, Kathy Robinson, Jeanne Warren, Fr. Droessler, Dan McKelvie, & Nancy Ivary.

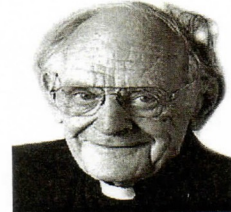
Happy Birthday

Name	Month	Day
Rosemarie Tsutsumi	April	23
Sr. Louise Ann Micek, CSJ	April	25
Phil Frank	May	8
Beverly Truzzolino	May	12
Deacon Bill Weeks	May	13
Thu-Hien Majkoski	May	22
Roni Masters	May	25

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REGISTRATION FORM 17th ANNUAL MSGR. JOHN SAMMON MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING



Date: Monday, September 16, 2024

Time: 11:00 Registration

11:30 Lunch

1:00 Shotgun Start

5:00 Cocktails

6:00 Dinner

Format: Four Person Scramble

Info: Gabriella Negrete (714) 422-9430

e-mail: gabriellanegrete@gmail.com

ENTRY FEE: \$189.00

Includes:

- Golfing Fee
- Golf Cart
- Box Lunch
- Dinner

Awards:

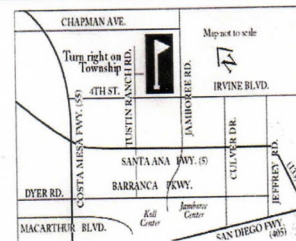
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- Closest to the Pin



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3. Name: _____
4. Name: _____

Number of Golfers (all day) _____ at \$189.00 each \$ _____

Number for Golf and Lunch only _____ at \$150.00 each \$ _____

Number for Dinner Only _____ at \$70.00 each \$ _____

Sponsor Donation..... \$ _____

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