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Fr. Junipero Serra

Prez Sez – Look to Your Mother



**Beverly Truzzolino
President**

All of us were born to a biological mother. However, God has graced us with another mother: Our Blessed Mother. October is the Month of the Rosary, and we just celebrated Our Lady of the Rosary feast day on October 7. Specifically, this feast was established to commemorate the Christian victory at the

Battle of Lepanto, which was attributed to the power of the Rosary, prayed by the faithful. October is a special time for Serrans to honor Mary.

I've heard people say the rosary is boring! I personally am astonished by that statement, as I feel just the opposite. The rosary has always been a part of my life, even though it wasn't always my first priority. It wasn't until my daughter was about fifteen that I was struggling with her temperament and we were locking horns. My own mother suggested I pray the rosary for the situation. Well, I picked up my rosary and never turned back. The Blessed Mother understands



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your current situation, too, and she wants to be your guide.

The rosary, as Padre Pio states, is a “Weapon.” As Fr. Patrick Peyton states, “The family that prays together, stays together.” In Medjugorje, one of the messages is for families to pray together. When Dan and I returned from Medjugorje, we continued to pray our rosaries, but each on our own schedule. One day, I said, “You know, if we’re ever to have a true conversion, we need to pray together.” From that day forward, we have prayed the rosary TOGETHER. “For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them” (Matthew 18:20). “Consider inviting a family member or friend to join you and pray the rosary. Take time to reflect on each mystery and ask the Blessed Mother to steer you to her Son and to bless you”.

A quick reminder: all Serrans are invited to join Serra International on the last Saturday of the month via phone to pray the rosary. As we move into November, let us be grateful for our families, our health, our Serra Club, our parishes, and the love that Our Lord and His Blessed Mother have for each of us.

Peace and Love,
Beverly Truzzolino, President

District Doings – New Saints **Carlo Acutis & Pier Giorgio** **Frassati**

On September 7, 2025 both Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati were canonized to sainthood by Pope Leo XIV. Both of these new saints shared a great love for Jesus Christ, especially in the Eucharist. In this newsletter, some information about Saint Carlo Acutis will be shared and in December of 2025, the column will cover Saint Pier Giorgio Frassati. I know that I was curious



**Anne Champagne,
Governor, District
#79**

about these two, and I hope you benefit from knowing a bit more about them.

Carlo encountered Jesus in his family, thanks to his parents, Francesca and Michele, and then at school; and above all, in the sacraments celebrated in the parish community. He grew up naturally

integrating prayer, sport, study and charity into his days as a child and young man. He cultivated his love for God through simple acts, available to everyone: Daily Mass, prayer, and especially Eucharistic Adoration. Carlo used to say “in front of the sun, you get a tan. In front of the Eucharist, you become a saint!” A favorite saying of Carlo was “to love tomorrow is to give the best of ourselves today!”

Carlo was born in London in 1991, but his family moved to Milan, Italy. Carlo had an amazing love for God from a young age. He learned to code computers, and because of his great interest in Eucharistic miracles, he catalogued them and put them up on a website, which is still in operation today.

Regarding the Eucharist, he said “The more we receive the Eucharist, the more we will become like Jesus, so that on this earth we will have a foretaste of Heaven!”

Most certainly this devout, passionate young man has left behind a legacy which will endure, and all he had done was before he succumbed to leukemia at the tender age of 15. Carlo Acutis’ tomb is located in Assisi’s Sanctuary of the Renunciation, a part of the Church of St Mary



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Major. The sanctuary is located on the spot where a young St. Francis of Assisi is said to have cast off his rich clothes in favor of a poor habit. Carlos was buried in his blue jeans and his Nike tennis shoes. He is affectionately referred to as the "Saint in the Blue Jeans".

Saint Carlo Acutis is the first Millennial Saint and the Patron Saint of the Internet.

Of special interest for us Serrans, his burial place is a popular location for prayer for young men who are discerning a call to priesthood and religious life.

Serran Activities

Msgr. John Sammon Memorial Golf Outing



The Msgr. John Sammon Memorial Golf Outing was held at the Tustin Ranch Golf Club on Monday, September 8th.

While our club was short on golfers it was long on banqueters. Our many partiers were there to chow down and show our priests and religious how much we appreciate them! We also had several members who contributed to cover the clergy green fees.

If you did not get a chance to golf or join us for a lovely dinner this year, put it on your calendar for next September.

Many thanks go to Lulu Papac, pac@sbcglobal.net, of the County Club for her hard work to make this annual event a success.

Seven Serrans Program

The entire region follows up annually with each Serra Club to assign prayer warriors to our Vocation Directors. (Geno -Laison National Conference of Diocesan Vocation Directors. NCNDVD).

One day a month, we offer up a prayer or rosary for the person we chose. Our club members pray for the following vocation directors:

- Rev. John Plass: John LeDuc, Beverly Truzzolino, Mark Kreyche, Ann Yates, Brigid Noonan, Anne Champagne., Carol Franks, and Deacon Bill.
- Rev. Brian Hess: Ann Yates, Georgia Mottl, Angie Brazeal, Patty Baer, Loretta Callopy, Sr. Louise and Roni Master, Maryle Olivier.

Ann Yates has agreed to represent our club and keep all updated on Vocation Directors. Thank you, Ann!

Bishop Vann Celebrates 20 Years a Bishop



Serra Clubs of The Diocese of Orange celebrate with Bishop Kevin Vann on the 20th Anniversary of his Episcopal ordination.

"Always forward, never back"
St. Junipero Serra



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The Serra Clubs placed an ad in the Orange County Catholic for his Anniversary Celebration as a Bishop. The ad appears above.

St. John's Seminary Gala



Patty, Gloria, Mark and Beverly attended the St. John's Gala on September 20, 2025. Mass was held at Our Lady of the Angels Cathedral, Los Angeles and dinner followed in the courtyard. There were over 700 in attendance and several awards were presented. Most Reverend Jose H. Gomez, Archbishop of LA was the celebrant for Mass. The new Rector, for St. John's Seminary was introduced Very Reverend Leon Hutton. He gave the final blessing.

Priesthood Sunday Celebrated

On Sun. Sept. 28, 2025, Priesthood Sunday, we handed out spiritual bouquet cards and promoted Serra at St. Cecilia, La Purisima and Holy Family Church. Beverly and Anne led activities at St Cecilia. John LeDuc led efforts at Holy Family. Mike and Maryellen covered La Purisima.

The 31 Club was revived and promoted at St Cecilia on Priesthood Sunday as well. The Club

will follow up to do the same soon at Holy Family.

Thank you to all who participated at each parish: Holy Family, St. Cecilia's and St. Mary's by the Sea.

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Melda Arick, Recorder

On September 2nd Jim Dazé Spoke on the 7 Pilgrimage Churches of Rome



The Seven (7) Pilgrimage Churches of Rome are:

- Saint Peter's Basilica
- Saint Mary Major
- Saint Paul's Outside the Walls
- Saint John Lateran
- Basilica of the Holy Cross in Jerusalem
- Saint Lawrence Outside the Walls
- Sanctuary of Divine Love (replaced St. Sebastian Outside the Walls in 2000)

In 1553, Saint Phillip Neri drew up a one day pilgrimage itinerary starting at St. Peter's Basilica and ending at the Basilica of Saint Mary Major. Each of these churches signified one of the seven events leading up to the death of Jesus on the Cross.



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Jim explained that Classical Rome was surrounded by the Servian Wall, built in the 4th century BC, during the period of the republic, and by the Aurelian Wall, built in 271 to 275 AD during the late imperial period. The walls weren't built just to keep out Hannibal and the Germanic tribes. Romans were very afraid of ghosts. Therefore everyone (martyrs included) is buried outside the walls, which provided paranormal protection.

Jim also covered the Basilica of **San Clemente** built in 392 A.D. to give an idea of how all these Churches have changed and evolved over the centuries. The 392 A.D. Basilica was built over the first story of early second century Roman industrial buildings and a Mithraeum. The foundations of the 2nd century structures lie over the rubble of the Great Fire of Nero in 64 A.D. The second Basilica of San Clemente built on top of the first was constructed between 1099 and 1120. The last restoration of the Church was in the early 18th century. You can walk down (time travel) through all the building layers of this basilica.

St. John Lateran was the oldest public church in the Western world, Mother and Head of all Churches. It was consecrated in 314 AD and served as the seat of the Pope as bishop of Rome. Huge statues of the 12 apostles line the nave and the altar contains relics of the table from the Last Supper. The Holy Stairs opposite the basilica are believed to be the steps that Jesus ascended during His Passion.

St. Paul Outside the Walls stands on the site where Saint Paul was buried following his martyrdom in Rome. It was originally commissioned by Emperor Constantine in 325 and rebuilt several times over the centuries.

Saint Peter's Basilica was built over the tomb of Saint Peter, the first Pope. It is a major site for

pilgrims and tourists alike. The original basilica was built by Constantine in 324 AD. The basilica was rebuilt during the Renaissance. It was designed by some of the greatest architects of the period, including Michelangelo, who created its magnificent dome. Inside, you'll find Michelangelo's Pieta, Bernini's Baldachin and the Tomb of Saint Peter. Climbing to the top of the dome offers breathtaking views of Rome.

The Basilica of the Holy Cross in Jerusalem was originally the palace of Septimius Severus, which Constantine gave to his mother, St. Helena in 314 A.D. After the Council of Nicaea in 325, St. Helena went to Jerusalem to supervise the restoration of Christian Holy Sites and returned to Rome with many relics of the passion including pieces of the true cross which she placed in a chapel she built in the palace. After her death circa 328 A.D. her palace became a basilica and home to these relics.

Well overtime by now Jim quickly covered the **Basilica of Mary Major**, which was founded after the Council of Ephesus and finally, the remaining churches dedicated to the early martyrs, *Outside the Walls* of course.

On September 16th Lauren Johnston Spoke on *Focus* (Fellowship of Christian University Students)

Focus began in response to Pope Saint John Paul II's call to a "new evangelization," FOCUS was founded in 1998 by Curtis Martin at Benedictine College in Atchison, Kansas. Since then, FOCUS has grown from two missionaries on one campus to nearly 500 missionaries serving on more than 100 campuses across the country.

Lauren grew up in Upland and grew up a cultural Catholic. She did not come to know Jesus Christ personally until she attended high school when



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Lauren Johnston

she began her Confirmation classes. She continued to pursue her faith at UC Irvine and became a missionary for Focus. She is in her second year at Denver U as a missionary with Focus.

She said, "We belong to the royal family of God. We sell ourselves to the world. Sin is normalized

and scandal is romanticized on the college campus where 80% of college students leave their Catholic faith. There is no greater poverty than spiritual poverty not knowing the saving love of Jesus Christ. The cost the students are paying for college besides money for their education is their souls. We are not made for comfort but for greatness."

St Ignatius of Loyola was a worldly Spanish soldier, who was seriously wounded in a battle against the French. While he was recovering in the hospital, he read the lives of Jesus Christ and the saints. This led to his profound spiritual awakening and devotion to God. He went to the University of Paris to increase his ability to defend the faith. There St. Ignatius met Francis Xavier and Peter Faber. They were partiers converted by Ignatius' *Spiritual Exercises*. Together with Peter and Francis, they started to evangelize other students. Their motto was "Win, Build and Send". Ultimately they founded the Jesuit Order that became the great missionary order to the Reformation and Age of Discovery.

The Holy Spirit is the primary person for evangelization. And all we need to evangelize is Baptism where we receive the Holy Spirit. Jesus had his apostles, especially Peter, James and John and the rest of His disciples. Their goal was to be

faithful to what they knew about God. Their one mission was to spread the knowledge of Jesus Christ. This is the mission of Focus. They invite, invest and inspire the students by bible studies, outreach programs, discipleship groups and retreats.

The image of the Divine Mercy will bring us to pray for college students. They need our prayers and fasting more than anything.

October 2nd - Fr. Christopher Heath, Diocesan Archivist



Fr. Christopher Heath

Fr. Christopher Heath grew up in the city of Orange and attended Holy Family Church. He became a priest October 1, 1988, after attending St. John's Seminary. He began his priesthood at Our Lady Queen of Angels in Newport Beach. He moved on to St. Cecilia's, became

pastor of La Purisima and then moved on to St. Hedwig's.

From there, the Bishop assigned him to be in charge of the Archives of the Diocese of Orange, Law Enforcement Chaplain, and the Director of the Mission Office following Msgr. Sammon. The bishop chose him as Archivist because he wanted a priest who grew up in the Diocese of Orange and lived the history there.

As director of the Archives, he followed Fr. Krielberg who had been the Archivist for forty (40) years. The office was empty for eight (8) years. As a parish priest, he knew nothing about archives so it was quite a surprise to receive the



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assignment. He didn't touch anything for a year and a half until he had the basics under him. He hired Danielle who had a degree in archives so he felt more secure in moving forward.

Previously, all the archives were paper copies that were filed away. Now everything is digital. The hard copies have to be kept because they are valuable but every piece of paper has a life span. Eventually it will fade into oblivion. There are no more hard copies since the year 2000.

After starting to work as an archivist, he discovered that he had a lot of pictures that his mom had taken. She had taken all the pictures of all the priests of the diocese as the first photographer of the diocese. He feels that his mom had given him the job to stay connected to her.

His mom was always supportive of him to become a priest. She wanted to make sure that he wanted to be a priest on his own accord and not only because he thought that they wanted him to be a priest. Fr. Chris is grateful for his assignment as an archivist for helping him learn more about the history of church, priests and how to work with a computer!

October 21st - Steve and Maryle Olivier spoke on Relics



Steve Olivier

In their travels around Europe and America, Steve and Maryle Olivier were able to visit many Catholic places that had relics of Saints. Relics are what are left behind by a person who has been

declared as a Saint. Catholic relics are classified as follows:

- First class relics are bones of a saint, the cross upon which Jesus was crucified or the Shroud of Turin.
- Second class relics are belongings on saints.
- Third class are anything that touched a saint or a first class relic.

The most famous relics are the True Cross, Shroud of Turin, and the Tilma of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Infamous relics are the Holy Grail, Arc of the Covenant and James coffin which is a hoax.

At the Second Council of Nicaea, the status of relics was defined to only be venerate the saints and help us stay connected to the saints. The Vatican Relic instructions state that the relics belong to the diocese where they came from. They have to be taken care of. The church puts more effort into the significant ones (first and second class). The third class relics, the insignificant ones, are not taken care of by the church.

The places and relics that were visited by the Oliviers are;

- St. Luke the Evangelist, Dubrovnik, Croatia,
- Holy Steps (steps Jesus walked up to see Pilot), Rome, Italy,
- St. John Lateran, relic of the table of the Last Supper, Rome, Italy,
- Our Lady of Fatima relics of Jacinta and Francisco, Fatima, Portugal,
- Holy Dirt, not saint, Chimayo, New Mexico,
- Capuchin Crypt, skulls of probably multiple saints but unknown, Rome, Italy,
- Splinter of the True Cross, Holy Family Church Orange, California,



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- Relics of Junipero Serra and other unmentioned saints, Christ Cathedral Garden Grove, California.

Those relics available to us locally are:

1. Visiting the relics of St. Therese in Alhambra
2. Shroud of Turin Experience: starting in November at the Christ Cathedral Pastoral Center; admittance is \$20 Adults, \$10 Kids, \$15 Seniors.

New Membership



Eileen McAuliffe.

Anne Champaign. welcomed our new member Eileen McAuliffe. She was a visitor at the September meeting and decided to join the Serra Club.

Coming Events

National Vocation Awareness Week Nov. 2-8

National Vocation Awareness Week is coming the first weekend of November. Although we have not consistently observed this week in the past, a recent Priesthood Sunday event with Holy Family Church and St. Cecilia has raised awareness of the Serrans. This gives us an excellent opportunity to host another weekend event to encourage vocations by distributing prayer cards and Serran brochures.

St. Cecilia and Holy Family parishes will need volunteers after every Mass to distribute the Harvest Holy Cards and promote Serra Club. A Serran will lead the prayer for vocations at the end of each Mass.

Come out after the Mass at your parish to hand out holy cards.

USA Council Serra Leadership Rally, St. Louis, MO Jan. 22-24, 2026 -

Serra Leadership Rally Jan. 22–25, 2026 at the Augustine Institute in St. Louis, MO. There will be

- Inspiring speakers.
- Updates from National Board Vice-Presidents
- Hands-on workshops with ideas to bring back to your club

Registration Details:

- Register at <https://serrastl.org/serra-rally-2026>
- Rally fee: \$250 (charged at registration)
Confirmation e-mailed
- Lodging fee: paid at check-in. Confirmation e-mailed later
- Room rates: • \$200/night (single) • \$275/night (double)
- No Taxes
- Each room has One Queen bed with linens, towels, etc.
- Meals (dinner, breakfast, lunch) are included
- No TVs – this is a retreat setting



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- Everything takes place under one roof, with access to a chapel for Mass, Adoration, Holy Hour, and Rosary.

Kathy Robinson
Linn Stalnaker

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Optional: Also register for a tour of the magnificent St. Louis Cathedral Basilica on Thursday before the Rally begins.

At the October 21st meeting Al Jezowski picked Mark Kreyche's name out of the basket as the winner of one free rally fee worth \$250.00. Congrats to Mark.

Meetings:

- **Tuesday Nov. 4, 2025** – St. Cecilia 6:30 AM Mass in the church, followed by a continental breakfast, speaker, and business meeting
- **Tuesday Nov., 18, 2025** – St. Cecilia 6:30 AM Mass in the church, followed by a continental breakfast, speaker, and business meeting
- **Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2025** – St. Cecilia 6:30 AM Mass in the church, followed by a continental breakfast, speaker, and business meeting
- **Sunday, Dec. 14, 2025- Serra Christmas Party 3:00PM – 6:00PM at George and Shirley Salapski, 18111 Benita, Tustin, 92780**

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February 28, 2026 Lenten Morning Day of reflection with Fr. Christopher Smith

Happy Birthday

Name	Month	Day
Carl Manning	Sept.	12
Melda Arick	Oct.	4

Prayer List

Deceased

- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Michael Feeney and for his family.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Wally Drazba and for his family.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jane Virgilio (County Club) and for her family.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jen Mauson and for her family
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Marge Turk and for her family.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bob Moore and for his family.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Charlie McCarthy and for his family.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bob DeFeo and for his family.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Messerschmidt and for her family.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul Dan Phalanx (father in law of Deacon Bill) and for his family.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Bible and for his family.

Sick

Please pray for the intentions and speedy recovery of:

Kent Davis, Mary Poole (who is having open heart surgery). Dan Truzzolino (recovering from an airplane maintenance accident), Kathy Le Duc, Tom Arick, Angie Brazeal (recovering from a broken hip), Andy Sison (recovering from an auto accident), Carol DeFeo, Deacon Bill Weeks,



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Mary's Kitchen, Sr Louise Ann Micek, Kathy Robinson, Jeanne Warren, Dan McKelvie, Nancy Ivary, Maureen Renden, Sister Virtue, Seminarian Alvin Huynh who is having major surgery. and our Serran travelers.

capacity for our organization. Help us to select a spiritual candidate on fire for your Church passionate about serving it well. Enable them to make herself known quickly so that our members may be fed with the light of your truths. We make this our prayer today.
Amen.

2025-26 Officer Roster

Officer	Name
Gov. District PA79:	Anne Champagne
President:	Beverly Truzzolino
President Elect:	Mark Kreyche
Treasurer:	Matt Ivary
Programs:	Mark Kreyche
Vocations	Carol & Phil Frank
Membership:	Anne Champagne & Patty Baer
Newsletter:	James Dazé
Recorder:	Melda Arick
Correspondence:	Brigid Noonan
Publicity	Angie Brazeal
Hospitality:	Loretta Callopy
Hispanic	Luis Morones
Ambassador:	
Trustees:	John Le Duc, Maureen Neglia & Sister Louise Ann Micek, CSJ
Ad Hoc. Committee:	Georgia Mottl, Maureen Neglia, Loretta Callopy, Rosemarie Tsutsumi, Anne Champagne.
Chaplain:	Deacon Bill Weeks
Spiritual Advisor:	TBD

Prayer to Find A New Spiritual Advisor

Heavenly Father,

We seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit in this matter. May He grant us His wisdom to search out a member of your Kingdom to serve in this