



A Voice For Vocations



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Fr. Junipero Serra

Prez Sez – Showing Up



**Beverly Truzzolino
President**

Do you consider yourself someone who truly "shows up"? While showing up, we must ask: is it just our physical bodies, or is it all of us? Are your attention, focus, and concern 100% present for God, your family, your fellow Serrans, and even yourself? Let's face it—we live in a busy world full of distractions: cell

phones, social media, calendars, computers, TV, and commercials that pull our minds away from being fully present. I recently read in a Marian devotional book that most people experience at least 200 distracting thoughts while reciting the Rosary. That is absolutely mind-boggling! I wonder if anyone has counted the distracting thoughts we may have at Mass?

Lent begins on February 18; a time to pause and ask: "Am I just showing up, and am I truly present?" Lent is a season to reflect, do penance, and focus on our relationship with God. As Serrans, our mission is to promote vocations and enrich our own spirituality. This Lent, let us take the time to pray seriously for vocations and ask



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God to help us be fully present for Him, our family, and fellow Serrans. I often find that closing my eyes helps me to be more present and not be inundated by distractions during prayer. As we move into this season, let us ask ourselves: Are we showing up for God and giving Him our full attention? A great opportunity to show up and be present for God is by attending the Lenten Morning Reflection on Feb. 28.

Peace and Love,
Beverly Truzzolino, President

District Doings – Saints Canonized 2025, Saint Pier Giorgio Frassati

(continued Part 2)



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

In a newsletter in the Fall of 2025, the “District Doings” column was dedicated to the newly- canonized saints in Rome. This is the final column, following up with Saint Pier Giorgio Frassati who was canonized along with Saint Carlo Acutis, on September 7, 2026 in Rome.

The following information was

originally part of the homily delivered by Pope Leo XIV. On that day. Pope Leo XIV addressed those in attendance:

“I wanted to greet you all and say a few words, because, while the celebration is very solemn, it is also a day of great joy!

Today, we look to Saint Pier Giorgio Frassati and Saint Carlo Acutis (a young man from the early

20th century and a teenager from our own day) both in love with Jesus and ready to give everything for him.

Pier Giorgio encountered the Lord through school and church groups — Catholic Action, the Conferences of Saint Vincent, the FUCI (Italian Catholic University Federation), the Dominican Third Order — and he bore witness to God with his joy of living and of being a Christian in prayer, friendship and charity. This was so evident that seeing him walking the streets of Turin with carts full of supplies for the poor, his friends renamed him “Frassati Impresa Trasporti” (Frassati Transport Company)!

Even today, Pier Giorgio’s life is a beacon for lay spirituality. For him, faith was not a private devotion, but it was driven by the power of the Gospel and his membership in ecclesial associations. He was also generously committed to society, contributed to political life and devoted himself ardently to the service of the poor. Both Pier Giorgio and Carlo cultivated their love for God and for their brothers and sisters through simple acts, available to everyone: daily Mass, prayer, and especially Eucharistic Adoration. Finally, both had a great devotion to the saints and to the Virgin Mary, and they practiced charity generously. Pier Giorgio said: “Around the poor and the sick, I see a light that we do not have”. He called charity “the foundation of our religion” and, like Carlo, he practiced it above all through small, concrete gestures, often hidden, living what Pope Francis called “a holiness found in our next-door neighbors.”

Even when illness struck them and cut short their young lives, not even this stopped them nor prevented them from loving, offering themselves to God, blessing him and praying to him for themselves and for everyone. One day Pier Giorgio said: “The day of my death will be the most beautiful day of my life”. In his last photo,



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which shows him climbing a mountain in the Val di Lanzo, with his face turned towards his goal, he wrote: "Upwards".

Moreover, Carlo, who was even younger than Pier Giorgio, loved to say that heaven has always been waiting for us, and that to love tomorrow is to give the best of our fruit today.

Saints Pier Giorgio Frassati and Carlo Acutis are an invitation to all of us not to squander our lives, but to direct them upwards and make them masterpieces. They encourage us with their words: "Not I, but God," as Carlo used to say. And Pier Giorgio: "If you have God at the center of all your actions, then you will reach the end." This is the simple but winning formula of their holiness. It is also the type of witness we are called to follow, in order to enjoy life to the full and meet the Lord in the feast of heaven."

Serran Activities

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

Mark Kreyche., Anne Champagne, and Beverly Truzzolino attended the Serra Leadership Rally Jan. 22–25 at the Augustine Institute in St. Louis, MO.



Serran Speakers

They listened to inspiring speakers and updates from National Board Vice-Presidents. They also participated in hands-on workshops with ideas to bring back to our club.



Serran Workshop

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

Monsignor Sammon Fund Distribution

The Monsignor Sammon Fund distributions were made in January. \$12,500 was given to the Vocations Office to support vocations for the Diocese of Orange. At Fr. Cheeyoon's discretion, funds are to be used toward the Intensive Spiritual



LuLu Papac, Fr. Cheeyoon Chun & Beverly Truzzolino



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Formation summer program, held at The Institute for Priestly Formation at Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska. LuLu Papac, President of the County Club and Beverly Truzzolino presented the Monsignor Sammon distribution to Fr. Cheeyoon Chun.

Additional Donations were given to the new convents of the Korean Martyrs (\$1,000) and Lovers of the Holy Cross of NHA Trang (\$1,000)



**Korean Martyrs' Sisters
Dominica Kim and Clara Choi**

Beverly T. and LuLu Papac delivered the Msgr. Sammon \$1,000. Distribution check each to the



**Lovers of the Holy Cross of NHA Trang
Convent**

Korean Martyrs, and Lovers of the Holy Cross of NHA Trang convents in Garden Grove.

The Sisters were very grateful and asked us to send their thanks back to the club. Sister Dominica Kim and Sister Clara Choi will come and share at one of our upcoming meetings

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Melda Arick, Recorder

On January 6th – Angie Brazeal Gave a New Year's Meditation on the Gifts of You.



Angie Brazeal

God made each of us a gift to our parents, to the world and to God, Himself. He has called us to know Him in a deep and passionate way. In the Eucharistic prayer #3 Jesus is making us a gift to the Father.

In 1 Peter 4:7-11, we are to be a gift to the world. Be clear minded to love each other, offer hospitality to one another without complaining, share our gifts with others so we can glorify God.

We were given 15 minutes to share at our tables when we were a gift to another person. Angie shared first and then we all shared individually at our tables.

Angie closed her meditation with a Daily Survival Kit:

1. Toothpick—pick out good qualities in others. Matt,7:1



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2. Rubber Band—remind us to be flexible. Romans 8:28
3. Band-Aid—heal hurt feelings, ours and others. Col. 3:12-14
4. Pencil---list our blessings daily. Eph. 1:3
5. Eraser---everyone makes mistakes, and it's OK. Gen. 50:15-21
6. Chewing Gum---stick with it and you can accomplish anything. Phil. 4:13
7. Mint---you are worth a mint. John 3:16-17
8. Candy Kiss---everyone needs a kiss or a hug daily. 1 John 4:7
9. Tea Bag---relax daily and go over list of blessings. 1 Thess. 5:18

On January 20th – Update on Seminarians and Orange Diocese Vocation Office.



Fr. Cheeyoon Chun

Fr. Cheeyoon Chun started his studies at an architectural school before attending Mount Angel Seminary, fulfilling his high school dream of becoming a priest. His first assignment after the seminary was Parochial Vicar at Holy Family in Orange and the Serra Club Chaplain. He was then made Associate Vocational Director and now is the Full-time Vocational Director of the

Diocese. His favorite hobby is golf, though not sharing his handicap!

Fr. Cheeyoon wants the men going into the seminary to become not just a priest but a saint. There are boys as young as 16 and men in their 40's wanting to become priests. Three of our seminarians from the past year have left for a while. Alvin Huynh from St. John's has a brain tumor and is recuperating from the surgery and wants to return to the seminary when he is healed. Ethan O'Campo has discerned out of the seminary. Seth London is wanting to attend Law School, though he is still discerning.

The new men wanting to go to the seminary are now going to St. Luke's Institute in Kentucky where they are assessed by 4 people rather than just the one psychiatrist that previously assessed them. They are assessed physically, mentally and spiritually. This is done after they make a decision that they really want to become a priest and have discussed it with Fr. Cheeyoon and he agrees that they would make a good candidate. If the assessment goes well in Kentucky, they move him forward as an applicant.

Fr. Cheeyoon passed out a floor plan for the St. Joseph Convent in Santa Ana that was no longer being used as a convent. It is Discernment house for the men who are discerning to stay with others doing the same. They can be observed by Fr. Cheeyoon and the director of the building. It is easy to see how a person lives by observing them in a living environment. It could take a couple of weeks or months but no longer than a year.

February 3rd – Megan Morris Walking with Moms.



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Megan Morris

Megan Morris, Executive Director gave an animated and enthusiastic presentation on the Santa Ana Life Center.

The center helps families at risk of abortion by offering several programs:

- Christ –centered relationships with faithful Catholic mentors
- Personalized care plans that meet a mother’s challenges head-on so that when she says yes to life, she knows she won’t walk alone
- Counseling to girls who are considering an abortion by offering an opportunity to invest in a healthy and bright future with support.
- monthly luncheons for client
- co-Parenting classes with spouses and fathers/boyfriends
- child care classes
- A Life Center web page optimized to attract someone who is looking for an abortion and offering them an alternative

The Life Center partnered with the mothers & fathers of 189 babies that were born in 2025.

New Members

We have two new members Carolyn Kinsler Steen and Danielle Zabilski. They were given Serra name tags, pins & books.



Danielle Zabilski



Anne Champagne, Carolyn Kinsler Steen, Patty Baer

Our New Chaplain

Our new chaplain, Fr. Ben Nguyen, from Holy Family was introduced at the January 6th meeting.



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Fr. Ben Nguyen

New Member Biography-Danielle Zabalski

I live in Tustin, California, and work for a small biotech company with locations in both California and Wisconsin. I am married, and at the end of February my husband and I will celebrate 21 years together. I have one son, a stepson, and a stepdaughter, along with seven grandchildren.

My oldest (16) and youngest (2) grandsons live here in California, and I lovingly refer to them as my “bookend boys.” I entered the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil last year and was drawn to the Serra Club because of its mission to encourage and support religious vocations. I strongly believe in fostering faith, discernment, and service in others. My Catholic faith plays a central role in my life and guides both my personal and professional commitments.

Coming Events

**Lenten Morning Reflection
with Father Christopher Smith**
*Lent A Time Of Possibility, Vision
And The Promise of Eternal Life*

LENTEN MORNING OF REFLECTION

Very Reverend Christopher H. Smith, Rector Emeritus, Christ Cathedral
**LENT 2026: A TIME OF POSSIBILITY, VISION
AND THE PROMISE OF ETERNAL LIFE**

Saturday, February 28, 2026
8:30 AM - 12:30 PM
St. Cecilia Church/Msgr. Sammon Hall
1301 Sycamore Ave., Tustin, CA 92780
8:00 - 8:20 AM - Registration
8:30 AM - Mass
9:15 AM - Continental Breakfast
9:45 AM - Lenten Presentation by Fr. Christopher

**Previewing the Gospel stories from three Sundays
of Lent this year, we will journey with Jesus as He meets the
Samaritan woman at the well of possibility, extends His
healing touch of vision to the man born blind, and raises
Lazarus from the dead, giving us the promise of
eternal life which changes everything.**

Suggested Donation \$20.00

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St. John’s Seminary Visit.

Have you ever wondered what the Seminarian you have been praying for and writing to would look like? Here is your chance to find out. Join the “Day at the Seminary” bus, Mass, lunch, and campus tour, as outlined in the attached flyer. The transportation is not a “school bus” but a luxury bus with comfortable seats. The cost of the transportation to and from the Seminary is \$35.00 per person, and everyone is invited. Those under the age 18 must be accompanied by an adult. The lunch (not processed meat and chips) will be provided by the Seminary for \$15.00, Serra Club



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of Orange members \$10.00, as the Club will pick up \$5.00.

Following Mass and Lunch, you will have a tour of the campus before boarding the bus to return. So there you have it, a chance to spend quality time with your Seminarian at their Seminary. SO WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

 The Serra Clubs of Orange invite you to visit

St. John's Seminary
Camarillo, CA 

Sunday, March 15, 2026



We will meet at Villa St. Joseph parking lot- previously called the CSJ Motherhouse- (490 S. Batavia St., Orange, 92868) at 8:00 am to board a luxury bus to St. John's Seminary in Camarillo, CA.

At the seminary, we will attend Mass, eat lunch with the seminarians, and take a tour of the campus.

We will arrive back at Villa St. Joseph by approximately 5 pm.

This is great way to meet our seminarians and show them our support!

\$35 per person and \$15 for lunch

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Election of New Officers-WE NEED YOU!

The Nominating Committee is busy filling the slate of new officers for the coming Year beginning In July 2026. Mark Kreyche will be moving up to run for President, which leaves his office of president elect open. We are also in need of a Communications Officer.

The complete list of current officers is at the end of the newsletter. Please review them and step forward to show your interest in serving in one of them.

Don't be afraid to step forward and ask. Several other officers are looking to step down or serve in other offices so there will be openings. We will train you. There will be a training session at Mark Kreyche's home after the installation of new officers.

Elections will probably be scheduled in April. Step forward now. Nominations will remain open until election day, when you can nominate from the floor anyone present for any office.

If would like to serve in an office contact the nominating committee: Beverly Truzzolino, Cell 714-642-6455, truzzfam@yahoo.com or Mark Kreyche, Cell 714-914-2689, mgekreyche@gmail.com

Sign up today, tell your friends, talk it up at your parish, take the opportunity to "Farm for Vocations!"

For those of you who are not able to make the trip, please give some thought to "sponsoring" someone who would like to attend.

RSVP to John Le Duc, jleduc7644@gmail.com or Beverly Truzzolino truzzfam@yahoo.com

Meetings:

- **Tuesday Mar. 3, 2026 – Canceled** (due to Day of Recollection, Feb. 28)
- **Tuesday Mar 17, 2026 – St. Cecilia 6:30 AM** Mass in the church, followed by a continental breakfast, speaker, and business meeting



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- **Tuesday, Apr. 7, 2026** – St. Cecilia 6:30 AM Mass in the church, followed by a continental breakfast, speaker, and business meeting
- **Sunday, Apr. 21 2026-** St. Cecilia 6:30 AM Mass in the church, followed by a continental breakfast, speaker, and business meeting.

Save The Date

**Lenten Morning Reflection
St. Cecilia**

Sat. Feb. 28, 2026

,St. John’s Seminary Visit

Sunday, March 15, 2026

Mass at 11AM, Then Lunch & Tour

The Life Center of Santa Ana Client

Luncheon

Serra Volunteers Serve Lunch

Thurs. April 2, 11:45 AM – 1:30 PM

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

April 26, 2026

Ordination of Deacon Francis Ang

Christ Cathedral

June 6; 10AM

Seminarian/Priests Basketball Game

Mater Dei Gym

June 12

Serra Priests Golf Tournament

September (Day TBD)

Seminarian vs Priests Soccer game

St. Jeanne de Lestonnac

Nov. 27, 2026

Transitional Deaconate

Christ Cathedral

Dec. 5; 10 AM

Happy Birthday

Name	Month	Day
Werner Deffner	Jan.	4
Angie Brazeal	Jan.	15
Carol De Feo	Jan.	16
Marylee Olivier	Jan.	18
Georgia Mottl	Jan.	22
Shirley Salaski	Jan.	24
Cecilia Santiago	Jan.	30
Andy Sison	Feb.	1

Prayer List

Deceased

- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Kent Davis and for the Davis & Ivory families.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Michael Feeny 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

Sick

Please pray for the intentions and speedy recovery of:

Carl Manning, Dan McKelvie, Kathy Le Duc, Tom Arick, Deacon Bill Weeks, Mary’s Kitchen, Kathy Robinson, Jeanne Warren, Betty Padilla, Werner Deffner, Kathleen Berry, Dan McKelvie, Nancy Ivory, Maureen Renden, Maureen Neglia, Joe Neglia, Brion Baer, Susan Murphy, personal intention of The Keatings, Seminarian Alvin Huynh, and our Serran travelers.



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2025-26 Officer Roster

Officer	Name
Gov. District PA79:	Anne Champagne
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Chaplain:	Fr. Ben Nguyen
Spiritual Advisor	Sr. Louise Ann Micek CSJ