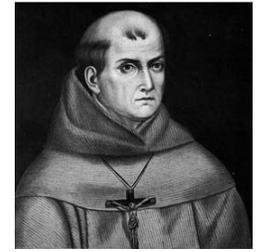




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NEWSLETTER

ALL OUR MISSION IS TO FOSTER, AFFIRM AND PROMOTE VOCATION TO MINISTRY IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

FUTURE EVENTS

May 20, 2015 Installation Dinner and 10th Year Celebration of the South Club

May 25, 2015 Speaker and Celebrant:

Fr. Christian Mondor

June 4, 2015 Speaker Grace Lei; Celebrant:

Fr. Bruce Patterson

June 18, 2015 Speaker: Lee Sweeney, Celebrant:

Fr. Wayne Adujar

June 27, 2015 Diaconate Ordination

July 2, 2015 Speaker Kari Walker, Celebrant:

Fr. Bruce Patterson

July 18, 2015 Speaker Tim Donovan,

August 6, 2015 Speakers Warren and Rosa Kato

Ministers for Serra Masses

In order that our Mass may run smoothly, here is a schedule. If the dates are not compatible with your schedules, please advise of any conflicts.

Mass Date	Lector	EM	Altar
May 25	Pat Manzo	Sara Adamo	Bruce Junor
June 4	Therese McAndrew	Silvia Uriarte	John McAndrew
June 18	Virginia Mort	Warren Kato	Bruce Junor
July 22	Arbie Keown	Pat Manzo	John McAndrew

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



On Saturday, May 3, 2015 Pope Francis' homily during mass was entitled "Blessed Junipero Serra: Apostle of California, Witness of Sanctity." Since it concerns our Blessed Junipero Serra, I am setting forth his entire homily.

"I have set you to be a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth" (Acts 13:47; cf. Is 49:6). These words of the Lord, in the passage from the Acts of the Apostles which we have just heard, show us the missionary nature of the Church, sent by Jesus to go out and proclaim the Gospel. The disciples experienced this from the first moment when, after the persecution broke out, they left Jerusalem (cf. Acts 8: 1-3). This was true also for the many missionaries who brought the Gospel to the New World and, at the same time, defended the indigenous peoples against abuses by the colonizers. Among these missionaries was Friar Junípero; his

work of evangelization reminds us of the first "12 Franciscan apostles" who were pioneers of the Christian faith in Mexico. He ushered in a new springtime of evangelization in those immense territories, extending from Florida to California, which, in the previous two hundred years, had been reached by missionaries from Spain. This was long before the pilgrims of the Mayflower reached the North Atlantic coast.

There are three key aspects to the life and example of Friar Junípero: his missionary zeal, his Marian devotion and his witness of holiness.

First of all, he was a tireless missionary. What made Friar Junípero leave his home and country, his family, university chair and Franciscan community in Mallorca to go to the ends of the earth? Certainly, it was the desire to proclaim the Gospel ad gentes, that heartfelt impulse which seeks to share with those farthest away the gift of encountering Christ: a gift that he had first received and experienced in all its truth and beauty. Like Paul and Barnabas, like the disciples in Antioch and in all of Judea, he was filled

with joy and the Holy Spirit in spreading the word of the Lord. Such zeal excites us, it challenges us! These missionary disciples who have encountered Jesus, the Son of God, who have come to know him through his merciful Father, moved by the grace of the Holy Spirit, went out to all the geographical, social and existential peripheries, to bear witness to charity. They challenge us! Sometimes we stop and thoughtfully examine their strengths and, above all, their weaknesses and their shortcomings.

But I wonder if today we are able to respond with the same generosity and courage to the call of God, who invites us to leave everything in order to worship him, to follow him, to rediscover him in the face of the poor, to proclaim him to those who have not known Christ and, therefore, have not experienced the embrace of his mercy. Friar Junípero's witness calls upon us to get involved, personally, in the mission to the whole continent, which finds its roots in *Evangelii Gaudium*.

Secondly, Friar Junípero entrusted his missionary activity to the Blessed Virgin Mary. We know that before leaving for California, he wanted to consecrate his life to Our Lady of Guadalupe and to ask her for the grace to open the hearts of the colonizers and indigenous peoples, for the mission he was about to begin. In this prayer we can still see this humble brother kneeling in front of the "Mother of the true God", the Morenita, who brought her Son to the New World. The image of Our Lady of Guadalupe was and has been present in the twenty-one missions that Friar Junípero founded along the coast of California. Since then, Our Lady of Guadalupe has become, in fact, the Patroness of the whole American continent. You cannot separate her from the hearts of the American people. She represents our shared roots in this land. Our shared roots in this land! Indeed, today's mission to the continent is entrusted to her, the first, holy missionary disciple, a constant presence and companion, our source of comfort and hope. For she always hears and protects her American children.

Thirdly, brothers and sisters, let us contemplate the witness of holiness given by Friar Junípero. He was one of the founding fathers of the United States, a saintly example of the Church's universality and special patron of the Hispanic people of the country. In this way may all Americans rediscover their own dignity, and unite themselves ever more closely to Christ and his Church.

With the universal communion of saints and, in particular, with the assembly of American saints, may Friar Junípero Serra accompany us and

intercede for us, along with the many other holy men and women who have distinguished themselves through their various charisms:

- contemplatives like Rose of Lima, Mariana of Quito and Teresita de los Andes;
 - pastors who bear the scent of Christ and of his sheep, such as Toribio de Mogrovejo, Francois de Laval, and Rafael Guizar Valencia;
 - humble workers in the vineyard of the Lord, like Juan Diego and Kateri Tekakwitha;
 - servants of the suffering and the marginalized, like Peter Claver, Martín de Porres, Damian of Molokai, Alberto Hurtado and Rose Philippine Duchesne;
 - founders of communities consecrated to the service of God and of the poorest, like Frances Cabrini, Elizabeth Ann Seton and Katharine Drexel;
 - tireless missionaries, such as Friar Francisco Solano, José de Anchieta, Alonso de Barzana, Maria Antonia de Paz y Figueroa and Jose Gabriel del Rosario Brochero;
 - martyrs like Roque Gonzalez, Miguel Pro and Oscar Arnulfo Romero;
- and so many other saints and martyrs, whom I do not mention here, but who pray before the Lord for their brothers and sisters who are still pilgrims in those lands. There has been so much holiness in America – so much holiness sown!

May a powerful gust of holiness sweep through all the Americas during the coming Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy! Confident in Jesus' promise, which we heard today in the Gospel, we ask God for this special outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

We ask the Risen Jesus, Lord of all ages, that the life of our American continent may be rooted ever more deeply in the Gospel it has received; that Christ may be ever more present in the lives of individuals, families, peoples and nations, for the greater glory of God. We pray too that this glory may be manifested in the culture of life, brotherhood, solidarity, peace and justice, with a preferential and concrete love for the poor, through the witness of Christians of various confessions and communities, together with believers of other religious traditions, and people of upright conscience and good will. Lord Jesus, we are merely your missionary disciples, your humble co-workers so that your Kingdom may come!

With this heartfelt prayer, I ask Our Lady of Guadalupe, Friar Junípero and all the American saints to lead me and guide me during my approaching apostolic journeys to South America and North America. I ask all of you to keep this intention in your prayers, and to continue to pray for me. Amen.

VOCATIONS REPORT



Our Seminarian who received the gift card for March, June Craig, is Martin Vu. Martin is in Theology 1 at St. John's Seminary. donated by The recipient for April is Tim

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NEWS FROM THE SEMINARIANS: On June 27, 2015 at 1:00 p.m., six seminarians will be ordained to the Order of Diaconate by Bishop Kevin Vann for the Diocese of Orange. The Ordination will be at St. Columban's Church in Garden Grove. To be Ordained: Brandon Dang, Robin Joo, Joseph H. Nguyen, David Otto, Nicolaus D. Thai, Quyen V. Truong. This is a significant milestone in the vocation journey of these young men.

Please keep them in your prayers as they begin Please continue to pray for all the seminarians and young men discerning the priesthood. The next Priesthood Discernment will be June 16, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. Pastoral Center, First Floor, Room 1D Christ Cathedral Campus. Any questions regarding discernment, please contact Father John Moneypenny, Director of Vocations at 714-282-3036 or fr.jmoneypenny@rcbo.org remember your day in the 31 Club and try to attend your parish monthly day of Perpetual Adoration.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: Gracious God, help us realize that we are called by our baptism to continue the mission of Jesus by proclaiming the Good News. We pray that you bless each of us as we respond to your call. Guide those discerning your call and give them the support they need. We ask this in Jesus' Name.

Mary Brockschmidt
Vocations Trustee

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SPEAKERS



Serra Club April 15, 2015

Fr. Troy Schneider, the Parochial Vicar at Holy Family Parish was our celebrant and speaker. Originating from Eugene, Oregon, he came to California in 2000. He spent

much of his seminary years in Belgium, quite a ways from home. The seminary was established in 1885. He has been back here in the United States for two years. While away from home, he treasured letters form Serra Club and the Knights of Columbus.

A personal interest of his is old cars. He owns a 1937 Oldsmobile. He compliments Bishop Kevin Vann is as being a wonderful asset to him. Fr. Troy does icons, currently having two in progress for Bishop Vann and he wants to do one to sell. Many entering or already in the religious community are nervous about public speaking. To help the lectors, ask yourself "Do you love Jesus?" For those seminarians, ask yourself "Do you love God's people?" For those prepping for the diaconate, tell yourself "It's that easy."

These questions and statement are good for all of us I believe. They all help keep us grounded in Jesus.

May 7, 2015 by Sharon Mulherin

Serra Club of Orange County was pleased to welcome Superintendent of Catholic Schools, Diocese of Orange, Gregory Dhuyvetter, as guest speaker to our last meeting

Superintendent Dhuyvetter presented a positive message as to the state of our Catholic school system. Enrollment has increased at all grade levels.. He stressed that the overall goal of the schools is to make a Catholic school education available to all students in the diocese.

The theme of Superintendent's Dhuyvetter's speech was "Seeds of Hope" as illustrated by the following:

- * the restructuring of the financial foundation of the schools

- * the continuing support of our Bishop for Catholic education

In closing, Superintendent Dhuyvetter reminded us what our schools need from us-- financial support, prayers, and our encouragement to our grandchildren to attend Catholic schools.;

DISTRICT DOINGS

As you are probably aware, Wally Drazba, our wonderful and energetic District Governor, has resigned his position. No one has stepped forward to volunteer for his position. In the interim, Matt Ivary and Warren Kato have agreed to act as interim District Governors until a permanent person can be found. He loved the mission of the Serra Club with a passion.

SERRAN BIRTHDAYS IN MAY

Jeanne Wintheiser
Maureen Kosinski
Joe Wesley

TRIP TO ST. JOHN'S SEMINARY

On March 22 of this year, we had a wonderful trip to St. John's seminary in Camarillo. Going on this short pilgrimage were Virginia Mort and her two guests, Arbie Keown and his wife Gloria with their three guests, Tim Reid, the youth minister at St. Cecilia's, accompanied by 2 young men, Warren Kato and his guests Alexander, and Ralph Masdeo.

I was lucky enough to have a tour conducted by "my adopted" seminarian, Antoine Nguyen. On this trip we were treated with a visit to see the Stations of the Cross, which is on a 1/2 mile path around the seminary.



Near the end of the Stations of the Cross, we had an opportunity to visit Mary's Grotto. This grotto was recently donated to the seminary by a Japanese Catholic man whose life's plan was to go around the world and build grottos dedicated to Mary. Here is a photo of the grotto:



Following our tour, we celebrated Mass at the beautiful chapel in the seminary



At the end of our trip, after we enjoyed lunch with Serrans and the seminarians, we took a group photograph.

