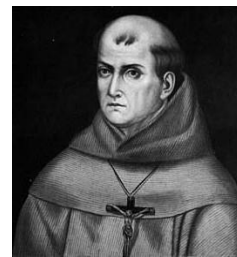




# SERRA CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY



February 2025

Pacific Region

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

## FUTURE EVENTS

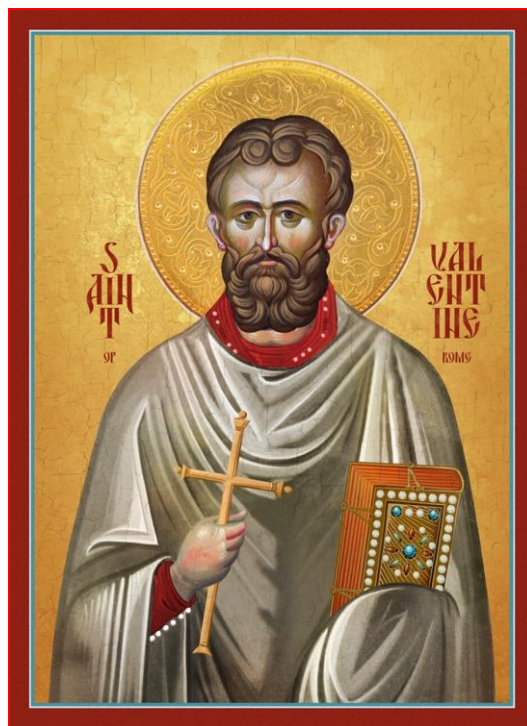
**Feb. 2 – World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life**  
**Feb. 6 - Club Meeting, Speaker: Fr. Kerry Beaulieu**  
**Mar. 1 – Lenten Day of Recollection**  
**Mar. 6 – Club Meeting, Speaker: TBD**  
**Mar. 8 – 14 – Catholic Sisters Week**  
**Mar. 23 – St. John's Seminary trip**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Serrans,

As we had welcomed the New Year with many plans and prayers to grow in our faith commitment, the month of February also gives us opportunities to emulate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph as it is the month dedicated to them. A tradition that began in 17th century France and Canada, it was established to recall the example of the Holy Family between Christmas and the beginning of Christ's public life and to restore the true spirit of family life. There are so many ways we can celebrate with our families every day of this short but special month, for example, baking a special dessert together, planning a family outing or praying the Rosary together.

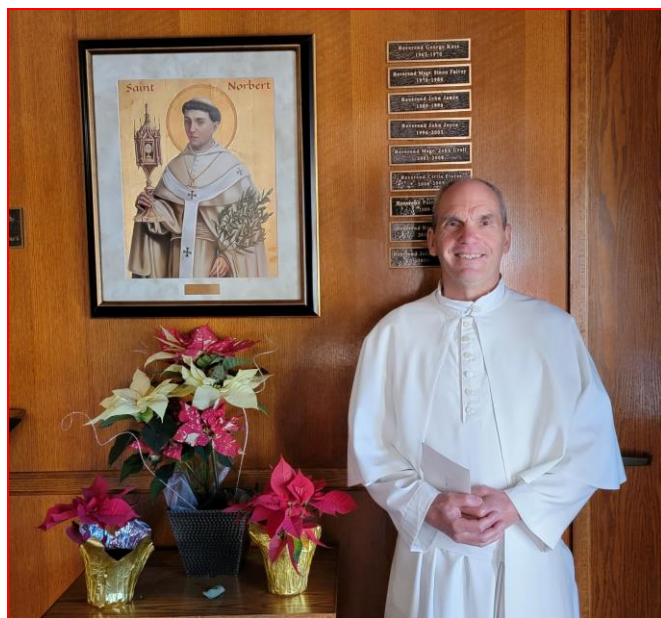


This Orange County chapter of Serrans is also my family as we have shared lively times together with meals and prayers, and you are always included in my prayers of gratitude. You have all been very supportive and have taught me kindness, patience, generosity and compassion. It will be very difficult to leave my position as your President this May, as I will be entering into the ministry of marriage with my beloved John Baptista, but I must dedicate myself to this new chapter which is all very new to me. I know my Serrans to be wise and dedicated to the ministry and with the guidance of the Holy Spirit will continue to persevere in the promoting of vocations into the priesthood.

God bless you all,  
Gabriella Negrete

SERRAN BIRTHDAYS IN FEBRUARY  
WALLY DRAZBA  
AND  
SOPHIA WICKSON

SPEAKER



Who are your best friends? The Cycling Priest, Father Francis Gloudeman of St. Michael's Abby, our January speaker, counts Father Al Baca and Father Sy Nguyen as his best friends. We are blessed to have these three amigos in our diocese. All three of them are OC Boys. Learned and smart communicators on fire to share their love for Jesus and His Church. They are also very different from each other. Father Al is a Diocesan Head of Ecumenism. Father Sy is a Parish Pastor. And our speaker, Father Francis, is a Premonstratensian of the **Order of Canons Regular of Prémontré**, also known as the **Norbertines**.

Premonstratensians are designated by *OPraem* (*Ordo Praemonstratensis*) following their name. The Premonstratensians are not monks. Their work often involves preaching and the exercising of pastoral ministry. They frequently serve in parishes close to their abbeys. Fr. Francis was in service to St Martin

de Porres Parish and it's Pastor, Father Bruce Patterson, who was unable to keep his commitment to be our January speaker and asked Fr. Francis to speak in his place.

God died to save us, and we are each called to give back. That is the Good News preached to us by Fr. Francis. How Fr. Francis was called to give back was the subject of his talk. He gave us one and one-half hours of his time. He took no breaks and ate none of our food. What a testament to his generosity and fortitude.

So how did this OC Boy, Mike Gloudeman, become a canon regular now named Francis? He summarized that the process was driven by three factors: Good Parents; Good Priests; and Good Formation.

The first factor, Good Parents, gave him love and the fertile soil of family. The Gloudemans are rich in Faith, Hope, and Love. In Faith the Gloudeman family can boast 4 generations of priests. At the turn of the century a Gloudeman was the first Norbertine in the United States to drive a car. When Fr. Francis prays the Mass, he uses the chalice that his Great-Uncle used when he prayed the Mass. And presently, two of his father's brothers are priests. As for Hope and Love, his Paternal Grandmother gave birth to 10 children. After the fifth child the doctor told her she could never give birth again. While pregnant with her ninth child the doctor declared either she or the baby would die in childbirth. Wrong again. The ninth child is Fr. Francis' father. And her tenth child is one of the two priests in that Gloudeman family. Priests from both inside and outside the Gloudeman family were always present at Gloudeman celebrations.

The second factor was Good Priests. In his junior year of high school, Michael Gloudeman had a profound experience of guilt from the realization he was a sinner. His behavior changed. And he begged God to make it stop. And by the Grace of God, in his senior year at Mater Dei High School, Michael Gloudeman encountered a Norbertine teacher, Fr. Leo, who changed everything. Conversion happened. Mike's three earthly ideals of long-

distance running, music, and his high school sweetheart were replaced by new ideals of daily Mass, Rosary, and regular Confession. God was now his ideal. It was time to choose a vocational path. Was it going to be Matrimony or Holy Orders? If Holy Orders, Mike would choose to be a diocesan priest because they are the “work horses” of the church. He was not interested in any religious order and never would be interested in the Norbertines. Never say Never, it only makes God laugh.

The third factor was Good Formation. In college Mike attended a prayer group at St. Norbert’s Parish in Orange. The priests in that group impressed upon them the importance of a daily Holy Hour. From that time on Mike made a Holy Hour every day even if that hour started at midnight. For years the daily formation process yielded no clear vocational direction. Until one day when a clear call came. While Mike Gloudeman was praying before the Crucifix, he observed the “Perfect Priest.” And he heard the question “How have I experienced your priestly love?” One by one Mike went through all the priests in his life. And as he had experienced so many blessings from so many priests, he knew he was called to give back what had been given to him.

The journey from his call to St. Michael’s Abby was a winding path that included tears. First there was a college degree in Philosophy. Then the desire to be a diocesan priest changed to a desire to be a religious, a Franciscan. When the Franciscans rejected his request, counseling him to seek a more contemplative order, there were lots of tears. Feeling lost, Mike actually got lost on his way home after a wedding reception in El Toro. He found himself in the canyon and decided to visit a friend he thought was staying at the Abby. As it turned out that friend was not there, but many strangers who instantly felt like family were there. The rest is, as they say, history. Father Francis, OPraem, thank you for sharing your priestly love with us.

Jeanne Bullington  
Secretary

## VOCATIONS REPORT



The gift card for February is scheduled to be presented to Oliver Coughlin. Oliver was just ordained Transitional Deacon on December 14 and with God's blessings will be ordained into the Priesthood this coming June.

I received a short note from David Hoang thanking everyone for their prayers and support and that he enjoyed being with us at the Christmas luncheon.

Any questions concerning discernment contact Fr. Cheeyoon Chun or Father’s assistant, Elizabeth Sandoval at 714 282-3033 or Elizabeth at [esandoval@rcbo.org](mailto:esandoval@rcbo.org).

**VOCATIONS PRAYER:** O God, You have constituted Your only-begotten Son supreme and eternal Priest for the glory of Your majesty and the salvation of mankind; grant that those whom He has chosen ministers and dispensers of His mysteries may be found faithful in fulfilling the ministry they have received. Amen.

Phyllis Soloy  
Vice President, Vocations