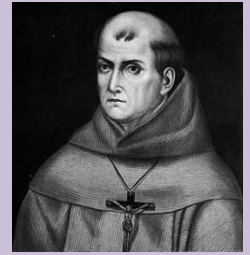




SERRA CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY



June 2025

Pacific Region

District 79

Charter 438

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

FUTURE EVENTS

June 5 – Club Meeting, Speaker: Deacon John Reza

June 7 – Priesthood Ordination – 10am - Christ Cathedral

June 13 – Priests and Seminarians Basketball Game – Mater Dei – 7pm

June 26 – 29 – Serra International Convention

June 27 – World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests

July 1 - Feast Day of St. Junipero Serra

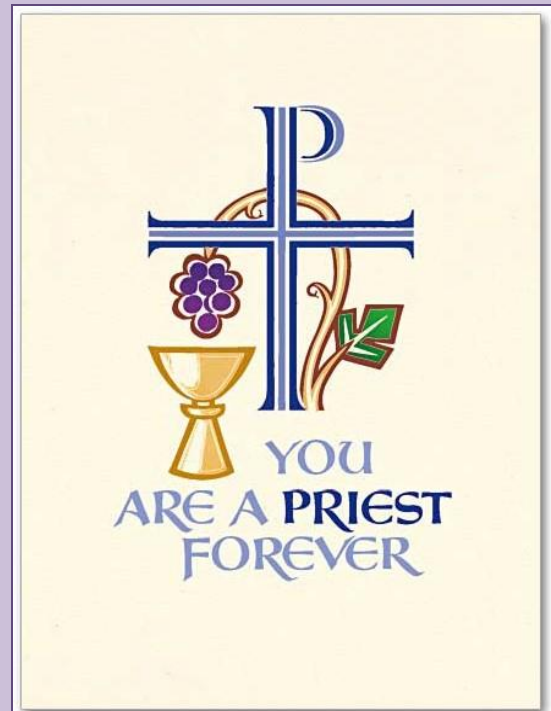
July 3 – Club Meeting, Speaker: Msgr. John Urell

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Serrans,

I am so honored to serve as your new President of the Serra Club of Orange County. Since this is not an election year, and Gabby is not able to complete her second year as President, the Board has appointed me to the Office of President in accordance with our By-Laws. For that, I am grateful to them for bestowing me this honor, and I wish Gabby a very happy and blessed new adventure in matrimony.



I accept this role with a profound sense of duty – to continue the sacred mission entrusted to us; to foster and affirm vocations to the priesthood and consecrated religious life, and to support and uplift those already living out these vocations.

Serra International was established in 1935 by a membership of Catholic men who wanted to make a difference in their Catholic community. Their purpose was to promote and support religious vocations to our Catholic Church, and to also strengthen their own faith. This year is very special because it is the 50th anniversary of our club, Serra Club of Orange County, which was officially chartered on June 24, 1975. Today, 50 years later, we are carrying on these traditions in our Serra Club.

So as your new President, I invite and challenge each of you to consider: What unique gift can I bring to our shared mission? How can I use my voice, my presence, my time, to help someone hear God’s call? Attend our meetings, be proud to wear your Serra badges to the meetings and be inspired to become more involved in our Serra Club. There is so much that we can all do for vocations to the religious life and also have fun and gain personal rewards. Two important events are coming up soon. The Ordinatio Luncheon on July 15, 2025, and our Golf Tournament on September 8, 2025. The Golf Tournament is our biggest fundraiser.

Through our future priests, seminarians, deacons and others, we are spreading the Word of the Lord. Let us make this 50th year a fantastic, memorable and rewarding one together.

May our Lord bless us all,
 Lourdes (Lulu) Papac
 President

SPEAKER



On May First, 2025, our meeting date, Pope Francis was dead and the Conclave that named Cardinal Robert Prevost as Pope had yet to open. May First, 1955, was the first Memorial Day to St. Joseph the Worker. Then Pope Pius XII established the Memorial to Christianize the concept of labor and give to all workers a model and a protector.

Our May Speaker, Father Hoa Tran, having told us his faith journey into the priesthood at a previous meeting, chose to exhort us with a comparison between the Joseph of Genesis and Joseph in the New Testament. Out of Man’s foolish machinations both Josepchs are placed by God as the protector and benefactor of God’s Family.

Parallel Lives

- 1.Both have fathers named Jacob ([Matthew 1:16](#) and [Genesis30:22-24](#))
- 2. Both received dreams from God ([Matthew 1:20-21](#) and [Genesis37:5-11](#))
- 3. Both were righteous and chaste ([Matthew 1:19](#) and [Genesis39:7-18](#))
- 4. Both saved their families by taking them to Egypt ([Matthew 2:13](#) and [Genesis 45:16-20](#))

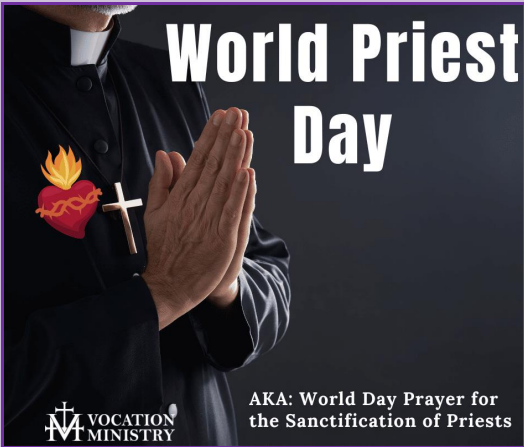
JOSEPH OF THE OLD TESTAMENT	JOSEPH OF THE NEW TESTAMENT
1. Son of Jacob	1. Son of Jacob
2. From the great line of Abraham, Isaac & Jacob	2. From the great line of David
3. Was sold and taken to Egypt	3. Fled to Egypt with his family
4. Had the ability to interpret dreams	4. Angel Gabriel spoke to him through his dreams
5. Was made ruler and lord over all his possessions in Egypt	5. Ruler of the home of the King of the Universe in Nazareth

BISAYANG KATOLIKO

ISABWAG ANG KAMATUORAN.

Thank you, Father Hoa Tran, for gracing us with this exhortation.

Jeanne Bullington
 Secretary



VOCATIONS REPORT



The seminarian for June to receive the Gift Card was Eddie Huber who is studying at Mt. Angel Seminary in Oregon. Lulu Papac, our new Serra President, was the donor of this Gift Card.

The Gift Card for July will be presented to Alvin Huynh of St. John's Seminary in Camarillo and was donated by Virginia Mort. Alvin is in Configuration Stage 1 and is a parishioner of St. Bonaventure in Huntington Beach.

I received a note from David Hoang thanking us for our prayers and the Gift Card. David is back at the seminary after serving his Pastoral Internship at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish.

Oliver Coughlin will be Ordained into the Priesthood on June 7 at 10:00 AM at the Cathedral. ALL ARE INVITED!

Any questions concerning discernment, contact our Vocations Director, Fr. Cheeyoon Chun or his assistant Elizabeth Sandoval at esandoval@rcbo.org

VOCATIONS PRAYER: Grant perseverance to our seminarians and all those who are carrying out the idea of a life totally consecrated to Your service. Amen.

Phyllis Soloy
Vice President, Vocations

SERRAN BIRTHDAYS IN JUNE
PHYLLIS SOLOY
SISTER NADINE MCGUINNESS
ETHEL REYNOLDS
MARGOT ANG AND JUNE CRAIG



June 26 – 29 2025

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DONATION TO BROTHERS OF ST. PATRICK

To celebrate “Religious Brothers Day,” President Gabriella Negrete visited the Brothers of St. Patrick noviate in Midway City on May 8 to deliver a \$500 donation from our club. She handed the check to Brother Thomas who teaches Catechism at Blessed Sacrament and St. John the Baptist.

The Brothers of St. Patrick are an Irish congregation established in 1808 by Bishop Daniel Delaney for the purpose of helping the poor and educating youth. The Brothers’ first foundation in the United States was in Santa Monica in 1948. The Midway Novitiate was established in 1955.

Brother Joseph Anoop is the Superior of the congregation. He holds two patents in computer peripherals. (See mouse at magnima.com.) He teaches math and computer science and coaches a robotics team at Mater Dei.

MAY MEETING





INSTALLATION OF OUR NEW PRESIDENT



Virginia Mort administers the Oath of Office to Lulu Papac.



Past President Gabriella Negrete passes the gavel to Lulu Papac.



l. to r. Immediate Past President Gabriella Negrete, Vice President of Membership Virginia Mort, President Lulu Papac and Father Hoa Tran.

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