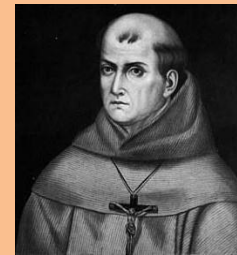




SERRA CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY



October 2025

Pacific Region

District 79

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

FUTURE EVENTS

October 2 – Club Meeting, Speaker: Msgr. Kerry Beaulieu

Nov. 2 – 8 – National Vocation Awareness Week

Nov. 4 – Feast of St. Charles Borromeo, Patron
Saint of Seminarians

Nov. 6 – Club Meeting, Speaker: Father Cheeyoon Chun

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Serrans,

Our **Msgr. John Sammon Memorial Golf Outing** at the Tustin Ranch Golf Club on September 8, 2025, for our clergy and guests was a wonderful success! There were 63 golfers, 12 priests and deacons, and 80 dinner guests who enjoyed a day of golfing, fun and dining. The First Place winners and trophy went to the Knights of Columbus, George Salapski, Chris McCann, Steven Goodman and Ray Hubbard (Ray did not play due to a family emergency). George told me that the trophy will be displayed at the St. Cecilia



Msgr. Sammon Bldg. in the new glass cabinets that he just built. The Closest to the Pin was Henry T., and the Longest Drive was Cole Minaric. Congratulations gentlemen, and thank you for your loyal support. My sincere thanks and gratitude to my excellent group of volunteers, Pat Manzo, Lily Hanson, Diane Salinger, Phyllis Soloy, Ethel Reynolds and Maureen Kosinski. Thanks to all of you who attended or donated to the golf tournament. A special thanks to June and Richard Craig for

donating the lunch. Thank you, Diane, for donating the cookies.

The Serra City Club invited our club members to assist them after all the Masses at St. Cecilia's and Holy Family on September 28, **Priesthood Sunday**, with cards to fill out or notes to write for priests. I know that some of our members stopped by to help them out. Our Club should consider doing the same for next year at other parishes. This may be a great opportunity to increase our Serra membership as well as honoring our priests. Each of us should also think about who we can ask to be our guest at the next Serra Club meeting. Our Club needs to grow in membership to promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

On October 2, 2025, we celebrate the **Holy Guardian Angels**. **Saint Michael the Archangel** is a principal angel mentioned in Judaism, Christianity and Islam, revered as a powerful warrior and protector of God's people and the Church. He is often depicted triumphing over Satan in the form of a dragon, armed with a sword, and is considered the leader of the heavenly host. His name, "Michael" means "Who is like God?" and is a symbol of his humility and devotion to divine will. He is the patron saint of those in the military and police force, and people pray to him for protection from evil and for assistance at the hour of death.

Saint Gabriel's name means "God is my strength." Biblically he appears three times as a messenger. He had been sent to Daniel to explain a vision concerning the Messiah. He appeared to Zachary when he was offering incense in the Temple, to foretell the birth of his son, St. John the Baptist. St. Gabriel is most known as the angel chosen by God to be the messenger of the Annunciation, to announce to mankind the mystery of the incarnation. The angel's salutation to our Lady, so simple and yet so full of meaning, Hail Mary, full of grace, has become the constant and familiar prayer of all Christian people.

Our knowledge of the **Archangel Raphael** comes to us from the book of Tobit. His mission as wonderful

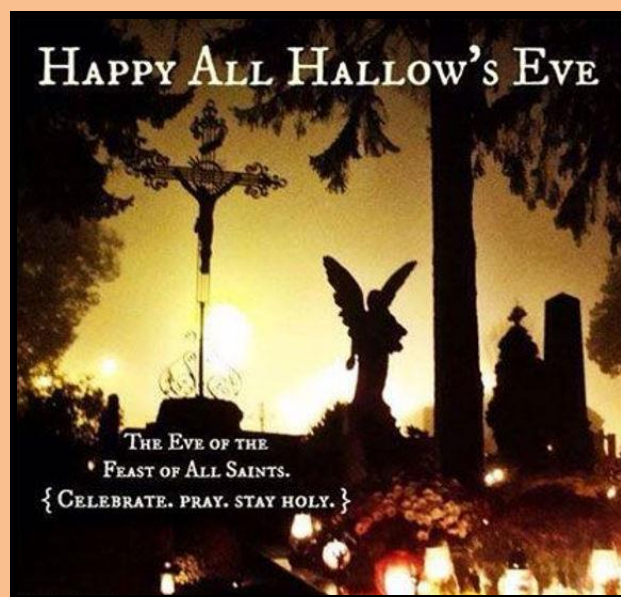
healer and fellow traveler with the youthful Tobias has caused him to be invoked for journeys and at critical moments in life. Tradition also holds that Raphael is the angel that stirred the waters at the healing sheep pool in Bethesda. His name means "God has healed."

On October 7, 2025, we honor **Our Lady of the Rosary**. Let us all pray the rosary to Our Lady for vocations and world peace.

And on October 31st, **Halloween** is a holiday with ancient Celtic origins in the Samhain festival, where people lit bonfires and wore costumes to ward off spirits. The name comes from "All Hallows' Eve," the night before the Christian All Saints' Day. Modern traditions include trick-or-treating, carving jack-o'-lanterns, costume parties, and visiting haunted attractions, though it is now largely a secular holiday in much of the world. Happy Halloween!

May God bless us all,

Lourdes (Lulu) Papac
President



**SERRAN BIRTHDAY
IN OCTOBER
VIRGINIA MORT**

SPEAKER



Made me happy to see Father Rudy's name as our September speaker because one of my Cursillo Groupies had told me about his good work in Ghana as the Founder of the Maalgo Project. The Project's mission is simple, yet powerful: to bring hope to children in rural communities where opportunities for education – and for a better future – are limited or nonexistent. They believe that by supporting the educational aspirations of young people today, they are investing in a brighter tomorrow. My Groupie friend supports this community, and she lovingly made by hand over 100 dresses delivered to bring joy, dignity, and a sense of belonging to the children who received them. Being a humble man, Father Rudy never even mentioned his work at this school in Ghana when speaking to us in September. That simple act of humility makes me wonder how many beautiful works of corporal and spiritual mercy are being done by the person sitting next to me today.

Catholic schools brought Father Rudy to Catholicism. Rudy Alumam was raised in a non-Catholic home with two siblings, an older sister and younger brother. Each of his siblings has four children. Lots of nieces and nephews. As you will read, Father Rudy seems to be always surrounded by children.

When Rudy Alumam was nine years old his family moved five hundred miles north to live with his grandparents. It was there he attended public school, went to catechism classes on Sunday and joined the Catholic Youth Organization all because he wanted to hang out with his friends, not because he felt a calling to the priesthood or even to be religious. However, in this Catholic culture where there is religious education and chaplains employed by the public school system, Rudy began to grow where he was planted. At ten years old he was baptized. At fourteen years old he was lector at Mass. In 1970 all the eighth-grade boys were asked to meet after Mass

to hear about a Catholic high school forty miles away that opened ten years earlier and was accepting applications for enrollment. The fee to apply was \$5.00. Rudy wanted to go. He asked his father if he could apply. His father regretfully explained that the family did not have the money for the application fee. Sad and unable to sleep, Rudy got up the next morning to find his father just returning home from a journey. His father, who was sad and could not sleep, had made an all-night journey to borrow the five dollars to give to Rudy. Six boys applied. Only two were accepted and Rudy was one of them. This school, a minor seminary named Notre Dame, provided a strong formation in the Catholic Faith and Good Citizenship. Personal motivation evolves, explained Fr. Rudy. "The reason you enter the seminary is not the same reason you become a priest." He entered Notre Dame Catholic High School to expand his knowledge. He was ordained a priest in 1991 because he wanted to spend his life serving in a parish.

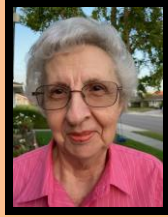
Now ordained and motivated to serve in a parish, his Bishop assigned him back to Notre Dame High School. There Father Rudy served 200 students for four years as Chaplain and Geography teacher. Next, he was assigned to the public high school where he served 1600 students as Chaplain and Religion Teacher. The personal situations of these 1600 public high school students were fraught with more issues both economic and psychological than Fr. Rudy had experienced at the Catholic high school. Fr. Rudy requested additional training in psychology and theology and was sent to the United States for that training. His next assignment was as Spiritual Director at a Seminary.

At this point, Fr. Rudy had been a priest for twenty years. His motivation to become a priest was to serve in a parish. After twenty years of no parish work, Fr. Rudy was finally assigned to a parish. He was sent to the United States intending to serve for from two to four years in a parish. Today, fifteen years later, he is still serving parishes in the Diocese of Orange. Presently he is the Parochial Vicar at Blessed Sacrament Church in Westminster. He loves it. He lives his life WITH, IN, and THROUGH our Lord Jesus Christ. And he runs the Maalgo Project back home in Ghana.

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Jeanne Bullington
Secretary

VOCATIONS REPORT



The September Gift Card was sent to Seth London at Mt. Angel Seminary and was gifted by Phyllis Soloy.

The October Gift Card is being presented to Ivan Lopez and was donated by Silvia Uriarte. Ivan is at St. John's Seminary and is a member of St. Polycarp's parish in Stanton.

I had an opportunity to attend Mass and visit with our own Fr. Oliver Coughlin this past week. We had breakfast and caught up on time. He is looking forward to saying Mass for us after the New Year.

Last month I mentioned that seminarian Alvin Huynh had taken a medical leave from the Seminary with the intention of returning in the near future. The surgery he required was to remove a tumor on his neck and now requires chemotherapy. He attends

6:30 Mass each day, while living at his parents' home.

I'm told he is on the Prayer List at his home parish of St. Bonaventure and on the Prayer List at many other Parishes.

As Serra members, let's bombard him with cards and little notes to let him know he is in our hearts, thoughts, and prayers for a speedy recovery, that he may soon return to his studies

All mail must go through St. John's Seminary at 5013 Seminary Road, Camarillo, CA 93012.

Any questions concerning discernment, contact Fr. Cheeyoon Chun or Elizabeth Sandoval in Vocations at Christ Cathedral at 714-282-3036.

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



SEPTEMBER MEETING







MSGR. SAMMON MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING













