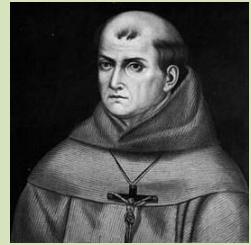




SERRA CLUB OF ORANGE COUNTY



December 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

Jan. 22 – 25 – Serra Rally – St. Louis, Mo.
Feb. 2 – World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life
Feb. 5 – Club Meeting, Speaker: TBD
Feb. 28 – Lenten Morning Reflection
8am -12:30pm – St Cecilia
March 5 – Club Meeting, Speaker: TBD
March 8 – 14 – Catholic Sisters Week
March 15 – St. John’s Seminary Trip

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



We are in the holy season of Advent and preparing our hearts and homes for the joy of Christmas. December invites us to pause, reflect, and give thanks. This is a time to remember the true gift of Christ's presence among us and to renew our commitment to serving Him through our mission of fostering vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

I am deeply grateful for each of you and for the dedication you have shown throughout the year through prayer, participation, generosity and encouragement of our seminarians, priests and religious. Your faithfulness makes a real difference



in the life of the Church and in the lives of those discerning God's call.

Some of our Serra Club members were honored to attend the ordination ceremony of Francis, the son of our member, Margot, as he was ordained a deacon. Sharing in this sacred celebration was a meaningful experience for our club, filling us with gratitude and pride as we witnessed Francis take this important step in his vocation. We continue to keep Deacon Francis in our prayers as he begins his ministry in service to the Church.

Our Serra Christmas Party was a warm and joyful gathering held at the beautiful home of Virginia Mort. The day began with a reverent and meaningful Communion service led by Deacon Bill

Weeks, setting a prayerful tone for the celebration. We then enjoyed a delicious potluck meal, generously prepared and shared by members, which added to the sense of fellowship and gratitude. The day concluded on a festive note with Christmas Caroling led by Sr. Nadine, filling the home with song, and the true spirit of the season.

May God continue to bless our Serra Club and guide us in the coming year. Jim and I wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

May God bless us all,

Lourdes Papac,
President

SPEAKER



Father Cheeyoon Timothy Chun is thirty-nine years old, only five years a priest, the Diocese of Orange Director of Vocations, and our November speaker. He gave us his vocation story through “flash bulb” moments of recollection followed by Current News of the state of vocations in the Diocese of Orange.

Father Cheeyoon was born into a large extended Korean family living in the Portland, Oregon area. His immediate family lived in Beaverton, Oregon, until he was six years old when his Father took a job in Orange County, California, and moved his immediate family away from their extended Korean family. Father noted that his large extended family ultimately spread out all over the United States.

First flash bulb moment “*I can do that, it looks easy.*” He was thirteen years old. Very much aware of Irish priests who spoke impeccable Korean and instilled kindness, love, and humor into their flocks, especially Father Hogan. While attending Mass at St Columban, a seed was planted. A slow growing seed

germinating very deep within him. Become a priest. “*Easy? No, a sacrifice.*” At that same time, a rapidly growing passion for art, specifically sculpture, bore the early fruit of an undergraduate degree in art and a master’s degree in architecture from Washington State University. Rapidly that passion grew into an obsession with money and clients.

Second flash bulb moment “*The seed planted deep inside blossoms.*” As the early fruit of passion spoiled into obsession, Cheeyoon remained a faithful practicing Catholic. The deeply planted seed begins to blossom. His artistic talents were requested and joyously given to various church ministries. He designed stages and stage props for various parish functions. Little by little he attended Mass and Adoration more frequently. He engaged in more pious study. He talked with his Pastor, Father Eugene Lee, and the then Director of Vocations, Father John Moneypenny. He made the very difficult decision to break up with his “great catholic girlfriend” because continuing their relationship was unfair to her as his heart was consumed by our Lord.

Fr Cheeyoon described what happened within a few short months was as if he went to sleep and woke up at Mount Angel Seminary. His seminary formation, designed to undo the unhealthy traits learned through years of living, required as he said, to “break myself down and work to conform myself into the image of Christ.” Hard work.

Third flash bulb moment “*Gratefully, God has a plan...*” Father’s talents in art and architecture are being employed today as a committee member of the Diocesan Board of Architecture. Father exhorts us to live in gratitude.

VOCATION NEWS: The Diocese of Orange has thirty-six Seminarians in formation. Twelve of those are new this year. Our Church deserves the best men to be priests. In an effort to find and form the best men, an additional year of priestly formation was added by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) three years ago. This Introductory or Propaedeutic Year asks our young men to find their path to sainthood. In the search they will see their true calling. During this year they focus on the pillars of spiritual and human life,

pastoral life, and life in community. The young men live in community and identify and develop stunted areas of their social maturity and aspects of their lives that need healing. Currently there are 10 young men in their Propaedeutic year. From that introductory year they move to Discipleship where they listen and learn focused on philosophy. Currently there are nine disciples. From Discipleship they move to Configuration. During the years of configuration, they listen and learn theology and configure themselves to Christ. They aim to become more and more like Christ. Currently there are 17 young men in Configuration.

It is our Bishop's desire that the whole Diocese pray continually for increased vocations and for increased awareness of vocations in our families and our culture. He has launched a program titled Traveling Monstrance for Vocations. This program invites all parishes to bring the Monstrance to their church for a designated period, typically one week, to increase awareness and prayer for vocations. Father explained that our Bishop has intentionally appointed young recently ordained priests as Directors of Vocation because it is the Bishop's intention to foster "creative out-of-the-box" thinking. Father Ben Tran was recently appointed as assistant to Father Cheeyoon. Father Ben will focus on the discernment side of vocation work.

Father Cheeyoon set up an information table for us with seminarian cards and flyers on the Traveling Monstrance for Vocations program and renovation plans for a "Discernment House." He handed out the flyers and discussed the purpose of the Discernment House. It is planned to be a place where men can live in community with a spiritual director. It is to be a residence for communion, community, service, and prayer. The Discernment House Project is at the stage of gathering a committee to manage the project and to develop the house rules. They need to raise two million dollars for this project.

Virginia Mort expressed our gratitude for the time and information Father Cheeyoon gave us. She closed with "Advice from a Penguin": Dive into life. Find warmth among friends. Go the extra mile. Keep your cool.

Jeanne Bullington
Secretary

**SERRAN BIRTHDAYS IN DECEMBER
MOLLY THOMAS
AND IN JANUARY
JERRY STAUBER, CATHY WALTON,
SILVIA URIARTE AND PAT MANZO
AND IN FEBRUARY
SOPHIA WICKSON**

VOCATIONS REPORT



Phyllis is recuperating from her surgery after her fall. She appreciates all the calls, cards and visits from Serrans.

Phyllis was determined to attend Francis Ang's transitional deacon ordination rather than just watch the livestream. She made it there in a wheelchair with an assistant. She was so happy to be able to attend and see other Serrans there.

She hopes to return with her Vocations Report in the next newsletter.

Any questions concerning discernment, contact our Vocations Director Fr. Cheeyoon Chun or his assistant Elizabeth Sandoval at (714) 282-3036.

VOCATIONS PRAYER: Oh 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.

NOVEMBER MEETING









CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

























TRANSITIONAL DEACON ORDINATION



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ORANGE AND THE ANG FAMILY
JOYFULLY ANNOUNCE THE ORDINATION OF

*Mr. Francis Raymund
Macapagal Ang*
to the Sacred Order of Deacons

through the Imposition of Hands
and the Invocation of the Holy Spirit by
The Most Reverend Kevin W. Vann D.D., J.C.D., D.Min.
Bishop of Orange

SATURDAY
2025

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2025

10 O'CLOCK AM

Christ Cathedral
Garden Grove, CA



Mass of Thanksgiving
Sunday, December 7
10 AM
St. Boniface, Anaheim
Reception to follow













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