

A Voice for Vocations

July 2010

Serra Club City of Orange

Region 11, District 127, Charter 643



OUR PREZ SEZ
Stan Espenship, President

SUMMER ASSIGNMENT:
PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Our Mission... to foster and affirm vocations to the ordained priesthood and vowed religious life in the United States and, through this ministry, our members' common Catholic faith.

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Upcoming Events

JUL 6 – MTG: Feast Day for Bl. Junipero Serra. Sister Bernice will speak on him.

JUL 10, SATURDAY: Reception for Ordination of 6 Transitional Deacons at HFCathedral (we host).

JUL 20 – MTG: Fr. Steve will lead Adoration for vocations.

AUG 3 – MTG: Bro. Charlie Jackson, SJ (Fr. Steve's friend) will speak on his vocation.

AUG 17 – MTG: Maureen Neglia and Fr. Steve: trip to Lourdes and Fatima.

AUG 23, MONDAY: Ordinatio Dinner (West Club hosts)

SEP 2-5–Serra International Convention, Anchorage, AK

SEP 13 – Serra Golf Outing

The summer brings with it new beginnings. As we return to Ordinary time in the church calendar, we focus back on the ordinary time in our Serran faith life. The installation mass and dinner is behind us and we start the new Serra year. We also start the new year in the Diocese of Orange with new priests, deacons and new priest assignments. We welcomed Fr. Kiet Ta into the priesthood with the ordination reception put on by Serrans last month. The City club will be hosting the reception for 6 transitional deacons as they are ordained and begin their year of service in our parishes. Next year they will be ordained as priests to fully serve us with their pastoral work.

Some of the present priests who have served us will move on to new parishes this month, and new men will take their places. The cycle of the church in the Diocese of Orange will move forward. We are blessed with a continual supply of priests for our diocese as we currently have 29 men in various seminaries in the US and Europe. We also have a number of men

in discernment. Our prayers as Serrans and the work that we do are helping to bring this about.

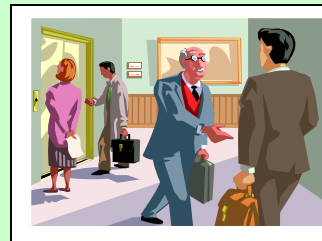
As a good friend reminds me, our monthly parish adorations for vocations have helped put this in motion and is one of the engines that keeps it going. This is a powerful way to pray for vocations. As a Serra Club we will follow this tradition by having adoration after mass at our meeting on July 20. Fr Steve will lead us as we devote this time before the Blessed Sacrament to praying for vocations to the priesthood, deaconate and religious life.

Let us start this Serra year by asking for God's guidance in bringing our ordinary lives to our Serra vocation and asking for strength to carry out our mission. Fr. Serra left his life and family and traveled to a far off land to do his work for the church. As we celebrate his feast day July 1, let us remember the dedication he exhibited in building up the church in America.

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Update on Parish Contact Program

Serra Club Outreach for new members will soon be taking place. Watch your parish bulletin for articles about Serra in general, what membership is all about and how to become involved. This will also be a good time for you, as a Serran, to think about potential new members and invite them to a meeting. The articles should appear over the next few months. Don't forget to ask the questions: "Have you thought about becoming a priest or religious?" "How about joining us in Serra?"



City Club Newz

On Saturday, June 12th Father Kiet Ta was ordained a priest at Holy Family Cathedral. The County Club hosted a beautiful reception afterward, and our club gave them lots of support, helping to make this a memorable event for all concerned. A dozen City Club members helped with set-up, serving and clean up. Although there was only one new priest, the mass and reception were well attended. The long line of well-wishers kept our freshly ordained priest busy for over an hour, waiting patiently for the very special first blessing he offered each one. Among those attending and participating in the ordination and reception were a host of fellow priests, there to support and encourage Father Kiet and to give him their blessing. Indeed, everyone present shared in the joy of the event.

Now, under the leadership of Bob De Feo, City Club must take our turn in planning and hosting a like reception for the ordination of six Transitional Deacons: Martin Bui, Duy Le, Daniel Reader, Troy Schneider and Quan Tran. In fact, you might call Bob and ask what you can do to help: 714/633-7497. This event will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 10th - also at Holy Family Cathedral. Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to assist Bob in making this reception as beautiful as these fine young men who are answering the call to vocations deserve from Serrans.

Summer is going to continue to be busy. On Monday, August 23rd West Club will host the Ordinati Dinner in the Mother Lewis room at the CSJ Motherhouse. Mass in

the Sacred Heart Chapel will be at 6:30 p.m. with dinner immediately afterward. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to honor the new priests of our diocese and for them to share their stories with us. The mission of Serra International is not only to encourage new vocations but to support our priests and religious once they are ordained or vowed. Be sure to attend.

Lest you mistakenly think there will be a lull in Serra activities, we remind you that a little over a month after the Ordinati Dinner will be the Serra USA Region 11 Convention in San Jose, that's October 1st through 3rd. We in District 127 set a pretty high standard for them when we hosted the 2009 convention; surely District 31 will do their best to make their convention as interesting and enjoyable as ours. This will be at the Wyndham Hotel of San Jose. The traveler's Mass, offered by Bishop McGrath, will be at St. Joseph Cathedral. There will be an afternoon at St. Patrick's Seminary, with a visit and tour led by seminarians and a Vigil Mass with the rector as presider. There will also be an optional tour of the Mission Church at Santa Clara University.

Let's get a good contingent of Orange County Serrans up there. It's a great time to socialize as well as to be informed and sanctified. This is close enough to home to drive up (think carpool) and maybe spend a couple of extra days enjoying the beauty of the area. Watch for more information.



CSJ Sisters at the Motherhouse will present a musical

Mother Bernardo's Bravado

Music from "Pirates of Penzance"
Featuring
Frs. John Urell & Chris Smith

Friday, July 16, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, July 17, 2:00 p.m.
Saturday, July 17, 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are free but limited.
To reserve your tickets contact
csjmusical2010@yahoo.com



***Bringing the Bread of Life -
True Manna in the Wilderness***



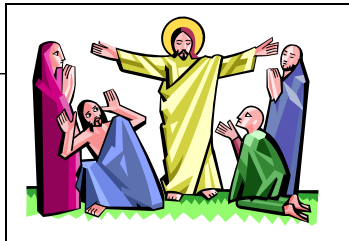
**Serra's 68th international convention
Save the Dates - 02-05 September 2010
Anchorage Alaska U.S.A.**

Convention Venue: Dena'ina Civic & Convention Center
Convention Hotels: Hotel Captain Cook and Hilton Anchorage
REGISTER NOW AT www.serra.org

Prez Sez (Continued from page 1)

We are not asked to go to the lengths he did, but we are asked to do what we can within the framework of our ordinary lives. Let us dedicate ourselves anew to the vocation work we have chosen to do. Mary, Mother of Vocations, pray for us.

Fr. Junipero Serra, pray for us.



Amos' Amblings

Truth Is What Truth Is

For the time will come when people will not tolerate sound doctrine but, following their own desires and insatiable curiosity, will accumulate teachers and will stop listening to the truth and will be diverted to myths. 2Tim. 4:3-4

Does this last quote not sound like the present time? Have we not arrived at a time when in self-centeredness and political correctness, we have set up our own versions of what is and is not truth? In many ways we have turned our Constitution, our history, our scriptures into myths, because they do not allow us to condone our selfishness. We have even accepted some myths as "science" to provide 'authority' for our ways of life. There are probably a few people who do not really *believe* that life begins at conception, but there are many who will never admit it. In politics, truth is painted as lies, and lies as truth. In courtrooms, perjury is almost expected. What is going on? Does it even matter what truth is anymore? Can there be different versions of the truth? What does Jesus say?

"You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." Pilate said to him, "What is truth?" John 18:37-38

I believe that TRUTH IS WHAT TRUTH IS, not what we want it to be! I think it is important that I, and each one of us contemplate what truth is to us and what it means in each of our lives. Just some of my thoughts on truth:

I exist, you exist, we do not exist by accident, we live, we die, but each one of us has a purpose for our existence, each of us is searching for happiness. Happiness does not require wealth, but it does require living a good life in service to others. Philosophy is not truth; truth does not change with the ages. I cannot outgrow truth or decide what truth is.

So who determines what truth is? If we think deeply about this question, we can only come up with ONE AUTHORITY on this subject. The ONE WHO IS, who made us and set up the universe with his own rules and sets of truth. Contemplating truth leads us directly back to God whether we wish it or not! The question I ask myself: "Am I truly faithful to these truths in my own heart? I will have to answer that question personally on the first day of my next life as I meet face to face with ABSOLUTE TRUTH!"

♥ **BE A SERRAN SERVANT** ♥
✓ **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

► On SAT, JULY 10 **OUR CLUB HOSTS** (Bob De Feo, chair) the Ordination Reception for Transitional Deacons **MARTIN BUI, DUY LE, DANIEL READER, TROY SCHNEIDER and QUAN TRAN** at HFC. **PLEASE HELP!**

Wally Drazba District 127 Interim Governor



District Doings

Pat Manzo, Director of Serra Region 11, passed on to me an email she received from Chris Mino. Mr. Mino advised Pat: "I am resigning from being District Governor. This is due to personal family situations. Thank you for your support." We wish Chris success in his future endeavors.

Pat has asked me to step in and finish this year, through next June. I've agreed only to be interim DG until we can come up with a permanent replacement. I am VP of Vocations in my club, which includes the Parish Contact Program, in addition to working with my parish Catholic Men's Fellowship. These responsibilities keep me busy enough.

During this past month, the County Club, under the direction of Maureen Kosinski, put on a very nice reception for newly ordained Fr. Kiet Ta. The ordination was at Holy Family Cathedral.

On July 10 at 10:00 a.m. six men will be ordained to the order of Deacon. This will be a Transitional Diaconate ordination. Keep praying for these men who next year will be ordained to the priesthood. The reception after the ordination, also at Holy Family Cathedral, will be run by the City Club under the direction of Bob DeFeo. This will be a larger reception than the one we held in June for our new priest, so please volunteer to help. Many hands will be needed to insure that this function is at least as successful as the earlier one.

The District Council will meet on July 7th at 7:00 p.m.

PRAY ALWAYS... (Sometimes that's a question.)

In the Temple, the young Jesus asked questions aimed at coming to a fuller understanding of the truths of God and his commandments. Afterward, not surprisingly, Jesus responded to his parents with questions: "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" Scripture doesn't tell us how Mary responded to Jesus' questions. We only know that she "kept all these things in her heart," turning them over prayerfully. Mary, too, used questions to deepen her understanding. Mary asked the boy Jesus who wandered off to the temple, "Why have you done this to us?" At the annunciation, she asked the angel Gabriel: "How can this be?" Throughout her life, she asked: **How can I best carry out God's intention?** Mary understands what it is to be full of questions. When we have questions, she listens patiently. Perhaps if you are quiet, you will hear her ask a question in return: **What are you seeking?** How will this choice affect the people around you? **How can you make more room for God's love in your life?** "Mary, fold me in your loving embrace. Help me to be honest with my questions, to be open to a fuller understanding of God's truth and a fuller experience of his love."

Have you asked THE questions: "Have you thought about becoming a priest/religious?" and "Won't you join us in the Serra Club?"
Serrans In Need of Prayer: Don Morris, Ed Ricci, Al Erhard, Sharon Curry and Polly Haynes (Let us know of any others.)

Ministers for Serra Masses

July 20, 2010

LECTORS
Loretta Callopy
Nancy Ivary



EMS
Theresa Morris, Host
Patty Baer, Cup
Jim Baer, Cup
Chic Ryan, Cup

August 3, 2010

Maureen Neglia
Nancy Schuba



Paul Smith, Host
Carol Cagle, Cup
Barbara Caraccio, Cup
Joe Neglia, Cup

"Always forward, never back!"
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