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SERRA CLUB OF SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY

SERRAN PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

**Board Meetings
Third Monday
of the Month
Regular Meeting
3rd Monday
of the Month**

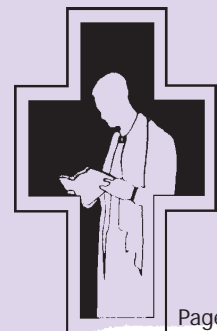
**"Always to go forward

Never to turn back"**

O God, Who wills not the death of a sinner * but rather that he be converted and live * grant we beseech you * through the intercession of the Blessed Mary, ever Virgin * Saint Joseph, her spouse * Blessed Junipero Serra * and all the saints * an increase of laborers for Your Church * fellow laborers with Christ to spend and consume themselves for souls * through the same Jesus Christ * Your Son * who lives and reigns with You * In the unity of the Holy Spirit * God forever * and ever. Amen



FOSTERING VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND THE RELIGIOUS LIFE



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CALENDAR

June 2008

June 7	Priests Ordination	Holy Family
June 16	Board meeting	St. Edward
June 16	Regular meeting	St. Edward

Future Events

July 21	Regular meeting	St. Edward
August	Ordinati Dinner	Date TBA
October 2009	Regional Convention hosted by Orange County	

Meeting Schedule

The following is the suggested future meeting schedule.
Our Mass will be at 6:30 pm when at Serra Chapel followed by a program
Otherwise will be at St. Edward for 5:30 PM Mass followed by a program at St. Edward Knight Hall main room.

August 18	Regular meeting	St. Edward
September 17	Regular meeting	St. Edward
October 20	Regular meeting	St. Edward
November 17	Regular meeting	St. Edward
December 15	Christmas Party	TBA
January 19	Regular meeting	St. Edward
February 20	Regular meeting	St. Edward

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AMERICA OUR PRIDE



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - JUNE 2008

"BEST KEPT SECRET"

At our April general meeting our newest member of Serra South, Paul Sampson, turned to President Chris Mino and said, "You know this club is the best kept secret in South County". Chris replied "You know that is what our late Chaplain Monsignor John Sammon always said about Serra." This meeting was especially meaningful. Besides the great conversation with friends, we had an excellent lecture by Fr. Chris Heath. He gave a concise, yet in depth report on Pope Benedict XVI encyclical "Spes Salvi". The food prepared by Chris Mino and Joe DeRitis was as usual outstanding. A great night!

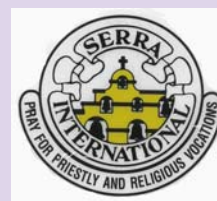
Coming up this month, June 16th, Fr. Steve Correz, who we all know well, is giving a talk after a summer barbecue. I am sure we will have a good contingent of Serra members and parishioners from St. Edward's and the Mission. In July, Fr. Brendan Manson will be visiting us. We will be eager to hear what this recently ordained priest has to say.

Serra was also busy on June 7th as a group of Serrans from South County helped the City Club with a reception following the ordination of Fr. Joseph Nguyen and Fr. Loc Tran at Holy Family Cathedral. Fr. Loc Tran will be joining us at St. Edward The Confessor Catholic Church in July.

So let's help make our South County Club grow in members. If each of our present members brought one new guest to our meeting as a prospective Serran, I am sure we will no longer be "the best kept secret".

God bless our new priests,

John J. DiMare, Jr., MD



TWO NEW PRIESTS FOR THE DIOCESE OF ORANGE

Adversity and privation shape their dedication to Christ's mission



Orange, Calif., (May 30, 2008) - The Most Rev. Tod D. Brown, Bishop of Orange, will ordain two men as Catholic priests on Saturday, June 7, 10:00 a.m., at Holy Family Cathedral in Orange. These new priests will follow in the apostolic tradition of the Roman Catholic Church and help serve Orange County's more than one-million Catholics. The new priests to be ordained in Saturday's ceremony developed a deep commitment to service and social justice through personal hardships faced under an oppressive communist regime in South Vietnam. They also exhibit an inimitable sense of hope and trust in God, cultivated by difficult experiences faced as refugees bound for the United States.

"These new priests are a blessing from God and a gift to our Diocese. Their ministry will be vital to our Church because of the gifts and talents they bring to the ministry, as well as their ability to assist in serving the ever increasing number of Catholics in Orange County," said Bishop Brown.

The ordination class is comprised of Joseph D. Nguyen, Tr ın Quang L ıc, and William Hubbard, who will be ordained later this year. Joseph Nguyen is from St. Callistus Church in Garden Grove; most recently he has been studying at St. John Seminary in Camarillo. Tr ın Quang L ıc is from St. Joseph Church in Placentia; most recently he has been serving as a pastoral intern at Holy Family Cathedral Parish in Orange. William Hubbard is from St. Vincent De Paul in Huntington Beach; most recently he has been studying at St. John Seminary in Camarillo.

The two Vietnamese-American seminarians

who will be ordained reflect the changing face of the priesthood in the United States. Within the United States, more Asian-Americans are attending seminary schools at a time when fewer Anglo-American Catholics are expressing interest in the priesthood. Asian-American priests continue to fill the ranks of the priesthood at a higher rate than that of any other ethnic groups within the Diocese of Orange and the nation. Orange County has the highest concentration of Vietnamese outside of Vietnam, as well as the first and only Vietnamese-American Bishop, the Most Rev. Dominic Luong, Auxiliary Bishop of Orange. Many within Orange County's dynamic Vietnamese immigrant community fled their homeland because of violence and religious persecution to find sanctuary in the United States.

Joseph D. Nguyen was born in Nhon Trach, Vietnam, where he lived with his devout Roman Catholic family until the age of 24. Deacon Nguyen experienced abject poverty, oppression, and religious persecution under the weight of the communist regime. This difficult experience fostered a commitment to social justice and service. In 1989, he escaped from Vietnam by boat to Singapore, then on to the Philippines, and

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Prayer Corner

Please Pray for All Our Serrans, especially –

**Fr. Phil Hart
Deacon jesse Michel
Jessica Michel
Trinidad Ortega
Carl Kacher, R.I.P.
Msgr. John F. Sammon, R.I.P.
Lloyd sallot, R.I.P.
Fr. harold Fumo, R.I.P.
Manuel Rodriguez, R.I.P.
(Fr. Avelino's grandfather)**

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eventually in May of 1990 settled as a refugee in the United States.

Before entering the seminary, Nguyen worked for an electronics company to make ends meet as a refugee with no family support in the US. Nguyen prayed a great deal to understand the gross inequities in the world and how he could best work to create a more just human experience. Nguyen considered becoming an attorney to fight inequity through the legal system, but eventually settled upon following in the pastoral mission of Christ – a commitment to morality and justice for humankind.

1996, Nguyen joined The Franciscan Community in San Pablo, Oakland and studied English as a Second Language (ESL) at Contra Costa College in San Pablo. In 1999, he left the Franciscan Community and came back to live in Orange County. Deacon Nguyen continued his higher education at Santa Ana College and California State University in Fullerton. Nguyen joined the Diocese of Orange program in 2001 and began his studies to become a Diocesan priest at St. John's Seminary College. In May 2003, he graduated from St. John's Seminary with a bachelor degree in philosophy and continued a five year program in theology. In May 2008, he concluded the program with a Masters of Divinity. Rev. Joseph D. Nguyen's first assignment of priestly ministry will be as parochial vicar at Our Lady Queen of Angels Church in Newport Beach.

Trần Quang Lê was born near Saigon and spent his formative years in South Vietnam. In the spring of 1975 Deacon Lê along with all members of his immediate family escaped Vietnam after the Communist army took over the capitol. Lê's family was among the first wave of "boat people" to arrive in the US as political refugees. The Lê family was welcomed to Fort Chaffee

military base in Arkansas, and eventually settled in Chicago.

Lê earned an undergraduate degree in social work from Loyola University. Following his undergraduate education Deacon Lê entered the seminary of two different religious communities, the Benedictines in Lacey, Washington and the Divine Word Missionaries in Chicago and completed his theological studies in May of 2000. Upon completion of his education Deacon Lê taught religion classes at an all-girls Catholic high school for six years.

In June of 2006, Lê left Chicago to join the Diocese of Orange. Msgr. Wilbur Davis, then the Vocation Director, assigned Deacon Lê as a pastoral intern at St. Joseph Church in Placentia and then at Holy Family Cathedral. Rev. Trần Quang Lê will be assigned as parochial vicar at St. Edward's the Confessor Church in Dana Point.

"This is a very positive and hopeful time for our Diocese. We celebrate the faith and commitment of these new priests as they begin their ministry to the people of Orange County. We are blessed to have such a diverse and dynamic group of dedicated seminarians in service to God's people," said Bishop Brown.



Serra Club of South Orange County

May 10, 2008

Dear David,

It is a pleasure to present you with a check for \$500 to help with you education at St. John's Seminary.

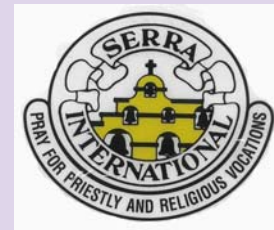
You have gone through a lot since you started your internship at St. Edward's, but you have come through that time frame with good health and spiritual resolve. We are just sorry that we didn't have you on the knoll for the whole year.

We are looking forward to your ordination as a Deacon this fall, and your ordination to the Priesthood in June of 2009.

You are in our thoughts and prayers.

With Much Love,

Your Serrans



P.S. We passed the money through the Knights so that it would be eligible for the vocation program with supreme.

Words from the District Governor District 127 Doings

The installation Mass and dinner was wonderful. Thank you to Clara and the team from the County Club for hosting the event in such grand fashion.

We also thank Fr. John Neneman, our Vocation Director, for concelebrating the Mass and installing the new officers. Thanks also to Bishop Tod Brown for showing your great support for Serra by being in attendance.

The District Council, the presidents and elects of all the clubs, will be meeting for an evening of Serra in July. Hopefully we will be able to arrange it so that both Fr. John, and Bishop Tod can attend. We Serrans need to get involved in many ways that we can help our clergy promote vocations. I just had a meeting with Bishop Tod, and he is behind us 100 %. There is much to do, let's ask Mary, the Mother of vocations to pray for us.

Wally Drazba
District Governor



Prayer for Priestly Vocations

Father, in every generation you provide ministers of Christ and the Church.

We come before you now, asking that you call forth more priests to serve our Church.

Give us priests who will lead and guide your holy people gathered by Word and Sacrament.

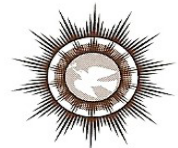
Bless us with priestly vocations so that we can continue to be a truly Eucharistic Church, strengthened in our discipleship of Jesus Christ, your only Son.

Raise up, we pray, priests who are generous in their service, willing to offer their lives and all their gifts for your greater glory and the good of your people.

We make our prayer in the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

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- 1) Our Speaker for this month is Fr. Steve Correz
- 2) Regular meeting at Saint Edward, after the 5:30 PM Mass

"HAPPY FLAG DAY"



Blessed are they who hear the Word of God
and keep it.

(Luke 11: 28)



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