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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**

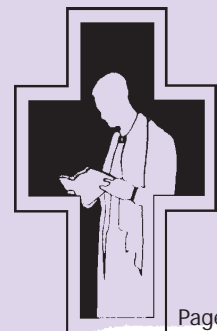
"Always to go forward

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 labor-
ers 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



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VOCATIONS
TO
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AND
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CALENDAR

March 2008

Sunday March 9	Bus Trip to Seminary in Camarillo	
Saturday March 15	Day of Recollection at CCJ,	
March 17	Board meeting	St. Edward
March 17	Regular meeting	St. Edward

Future Events

April	Leadership Training	
May 12	Officer's Installation	SJC
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.

April 21	Regular meeting	St. Edward
May 12	Officer's Installation	SJC
June 16	Regular meeting	St. Edward
July 21	Regular meeting	St. Edward
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

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AMERICA OUR PRIDE



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - MARCH 2008

The Glory of Easter

What a Glorious Feast Day! The celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord! It is such a wonderful celebration as Our Lord proves his Divinity to the world by rising from the dead. It is a time of renewal of our Faith that we acquired as "Cradle Catholics" or by "Conversion."

Enjoy the Easter Day with Family and Friends as we Thank Our Lord for all His Blessings, especially for giving us the Eucharist and the Priests that bring Him to us.

The Members of our Board are nearing the end of their term as the "Charter Board" of our Club. The formation of our club started back in mid January of 2005 and the momentum grew as we saw all of the pieces fit together during those next seven months concluding on September 7th in the Serra Chapel and the Celebration that followed. Our sincere thanks go to the pioneers that labored to get us up and running – Fr. Art Holquin, Joe DeRitis, Chris Mino, Bob Taylor, and Greg Weiler. Our Thanks to all the Charter Board Members for their devotion to the development of the club. They have done such a wonderful job handling all of the responsibilities they shouldered as they experienced the joy of Serra. To all of you who have banded together to bring this club to fruition, Thank You for being faithful to Serra. You are an awesome group, and we must relentsly continue our SERRA club mission.

Mark down May 12 on your calendar. On that date we shall have our new Board Members installed with their counterparts in the other three clubs at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse in Orange. Everyone from our club is encouraged to attend. We shall have Mass at 6:30 PM in the chapel followed by dinner. There will not be a regular General Meeting in May!! More about it in our May Newsletter.

Spring Leadership Training - **In April the members nominated for our new board will meet with their counterparts from the other three clubs for a session designed to bring them up to speed with their new responsibilities. Former Board Members from the four clubs conduct a seminar where they pass on their experience to the newly elected. You have an opportunity for question and answers and feel better equipped to handle your new position.** Remember, that the person you are replacing on the board is also available during your tenure to assist you. This event will also take place at the SSJ Motherhouse. Date to be announced.

I will be preparing dinner for our General Meeting on Monday, March 17. Mass at 5:30 PM in St. Edward's Hall followed by dinner and our meeting. Bring a guest and treat them to a Serra Experience.

Chris Mino
President

**Words from the District Governor
District 127 Doings**

I spent last weekend in Kansas City MO., hopefully learning more about how to better serve our Serra District. The USAC (USA Council) chose as their vision and mission statements for this year as follows:

Our vision is:

To have all people respond to God's call to their religious vocation

Our mission is:

To foster and promote vocations to ministry in the Catholic Church

I will be serving another year as District Governor, and ask your support and God's grace to do the work God wants me to do. I hope to guide us in this vision and mission.

Your clubs are in the process of choosing officers for the coming year. Please be generous with your time and talent. Christ is depending on us to grow the Church. One good way is through work as Serrans.

We look forward to our visit to St John's seminary. Maria Montoya, who has worked in the Vocations Office for 8 years, will be joining us. Please make her acquaintance; she does a lot of wonderful work supporting our Diocesan Vocation Directors in their very important work.

Wally Drazba
District Governor

DAY OF RECOLLECTION

CSJ Motherhouse,
Mother Louis Room
Saturday, March 15, 2008

**SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR:
Fr. Christopher Heath**

**"How YOU can help
purify and sanctify
your priests!"**

PROGRAM

8:30 a.m.	Registration Continental
Breakfast	
9:00 a.m.	First Presentation
10:00 a.m.	Break
10:15 a.m.	Second Presentation
11:30 a.m.	Mass
12:15 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m.	Closing

Prayer Corner

**Please Pray for All Our Serrans,
especially –**

**Jessica Michel
Trinidad Ortega
Carl Kacher, R.I.P.
Msgr. John F. Sammon, R.I.P.**

Serra officer's duties

President – Will conduct all meetings, board and general, write and present a monthly message, arrange plans with other officers and attend quarterly district meetings.

Vice President of programs – Will arrange for speakers and introduce them at meetings and act as president in case of need.

Vice-President of vocations – Will keep up to date list of all Diocese of Orange seminarians and other religious in discernment. Write and send birthday cards monthly and keep the club informed of any correspondence received from them.

Vice- President of Membership – Will constantly pursue new members by following the suggestions of the club board or the International and Regional offices. He or she will perform the installation ceremony for new members and arrange for the proper documents, certificates and pins to be presented.

Treasurer - Will monitor all monies in the account of the club and give a monthly report for review and approval.

Secretary - Will attend all meeting and take notes for finalizing the Minutes report for review and approval at the monthly board meeting. He or

she will mail and record all correspondence sent and received by the club.

Communications Chairman – Will arrange to produce, edit and mail the Newsletter to all members and other club presidents. He or she will make special arrangements for meetings held away from St Anne's Church.

Trustees – Three, The past president is one and two others appointed by new president.



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Proposed Board Members 2008 - 2009

President **John DiMare**

President Elect

V.P. Programs **Chris Mino**

V.P. Vocations **Teri Harkins**

V.P. Membership **Rob Wagner**

V.P. Communications

Ted Wilson

Treasurer **Joe DeDitis**

Secretary **Johanna DeRitis**

Trustees

Paulette Greenwald
Conrad Esser
Bob Taylor
Greg Weiler

Chaplain **Fr. Phil Hart**

I AM COMING FORTH!

I stand before this moment
with silent, rising sun
and page-full of Scripture
and I proclaim: I am coming Forth!

This is the season of my Savior.
the One whom God has raised from the
dead.

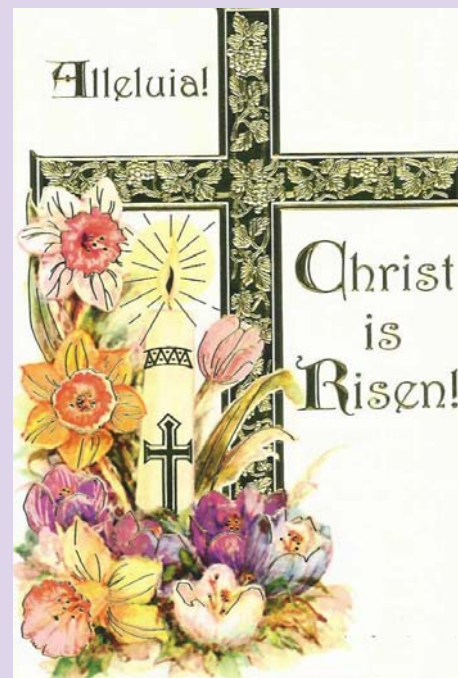
This is the moment of resurrection
and I know it is the right time.

For I am coming forth,
coming forth from the tomb—
and just like my God risen,
I feel bonded with the world,
I feel all brokenness brought unto one.

I am on my way to bless bread
with each of my dear friends;
I'm on my way to offer presence
to all those I meet on the road;
I'm on my way to bring resurrection
to all who need God's healing Life.

It is Easter
and I proclaim:

I've been raised from the dead!
I am coming forth from the tomb!



Easter

The Meaning and Saving Significance of the Resurrection!

"If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain."

The Resurrection above all constitutes the confirmation of all Christ's works and teaching. All truths, even those most inaccessible to human reason, find their justification in Christ by his resurrection has given the definitive proof of his divine authority, which he had promised.

Christ's Resurrection is the fulfillment of the promises both of the Old Testament and of Jesus himself during his earthly life. The phrase, 'in accordance with the Scriptures,' indicates that Christ's Resurrection fulfilled these predictions.

The truth of Jesus' divinity is confirmed by his resurrection. He had said, "When you have lifted up the Son of man, then you will know that I am he." The Resurrection of the crucified one shows that he was truly "I Am," the Son of God and God himself.

The Paschal mystery has two aspects: by his death, Christ liberates us from sin: by his Resurrection, he

opens for us the way to a new life. This new life is above all justification that reinstates us in God's grace, "so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too may walk in newness of life.".....It brings about filial adoption so that men become Christ's brethren.

Finally, Christ's Resurrection – and the risen Christ himself – is the principle and source of our future resurrection: "Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.... The risen Christ lives in the hearts of the faithful while they await that fulfillment. In Christ, Christians "has tasted ...the powers of the age to come."

May the Glory of the Risen Christ, Shine in our Hearts and our Faces as we come together to share in the Eucharist on this Holiest of Holy Feast Days, and throughout Our Lives.

Joe DeRitis

Note: Text taken from the "Catechism of the Catholic Church" pages 170-171.



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- 1) Our speaker for this month is Chaplain Fr. Phil Hart
- 2) Regular meeting at Saint Edward.

"HAPPY SAINT PATRICKS DAY"

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

(Luke 11: 28)



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