



# SERRA CLUB OF CANBERRA

Newsletter October 2018

## The Five Elements of Serra

- ✠ Spiritual growth in Christ
- ✠ Religious education of the laity
- ✠ Encouragement of church vocations
- ✠ Responsive lay leaders
- ✠ Association in Christian fellowship

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## Serran Prayer for Vocations

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, Saint Junípero Serra and all the saints, an increase of labourers for your Church, fellow labourers 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 for ever and ever. Amen.

## Prayer for the Perseverance in Vocations

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. We ask this through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

**WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS THIS EVENING  
MEMBERS OF THE "COMMUNITY OF THE RISEN LORD"**

### Reminders

**REMEMBER to say the Serran Prayer DAILY.**

**31 CLUB: remember to keep up your commitment.**

#### Trustees Meeting

Thursday November 1st, 2018 6.00 p.m.

#### Rosary, Monthly Mass & Dinner:

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2018 at 6.10 p.m. Holy Trinity, Curtin. Dinner 7.30 p.m. at the **Private Dining Room Southern Cross Club**, Woden.

#### Forthcoming Events

**Every Friday:** Evening Prayer and Adoration, Mary Help of Christians, Pearce 5.30 p.m.-6.00 p.m.

**Every Friday:** Prayer Group, "Community of the Risen Lord", St. Brigid's, Dickson 7.00 pm. - 9.30 p.m.

#### 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> October (Friday-Saturday):

National SERRA Convention Melbourne at the Catholic Leadership Centre East Melbourne. Cost \$300 per person. Accommodation at the Centre for an additional cost.

**2<sup>nd</sup> November (Friday):** Adoration at St. Christopher's Cathedral following 12.15 p.m. Mass.

**8<sup>th</sup> November (Thursday):** Guest Speakers, Fr. Simon Falk and several other priests for a group presentation.

**13<sup>th</sup> December (Thursday):** Serra Christmas Party.

### Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Batemans Bay 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2018

Frs Aloja Martins and Dominic Byrne of the Batemans Bay Parish would welcome a visit from us. Club members are urged to participate, this includes the Parish Adoration for the First Friday. We plan to stay overnight and take the priests out to dinner. Please indicate your interest. Members pay their own expenses. We can only confirm this arrangement if we have sufficient members to make the trip.

### SCANZSPAC CONVENTION MELBOURNE 19-20 October 2018

So far we have: Mary Malycha, Michael Allam, Max Spencer and John Smith planning to attend the SCANZSPAC Convention. Can you boost this number?

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## **POPE FRANCIS ON THE CALL TO HOLINESS IN TODAY'S WORLD**

Extract:

### **IN COMMUNITY**

144. Let us not forget that Jesus asked his disciples to pay attention to details.

The little detail that wine was running out at a party.

The little detail that one sheep was missing.

The little detail of noticing the widow who offered her two small coins.

The little detail of having spare oil for the lamps, should the bridegroom delay.

The little detail of asking the disciples how many loaves of bread they had.

The little detail of having a fire burning and a fish cooking as he waited for the disciples at daybreak.

145. A community that cherishes the little details of love, **[I think especially of the three key words “please”, “thank you” and “sorry”]** whose members care for one another and create an open and evangelizing environment, is a place where the risen Lord is present, sanctifying it in accordance with the Father's plan. There are times when, by a gift of the Lord's love, we are granted, amid these little details, consoling experiences of God. “One winter night I was carrying out my little duty as usual... Suddenly, I heard off in the distance the harmonious sound of a musical instrument. I then pictured a well-lighted drawing room, brilliantly gilded, filled with elegantly dressed young ladies conversing together and conferring upon each other all sorts of compliments and other worldly remarks. Then my glance fell upon the poor invalid whom I was supporting. Instead of the beautiful strains of music I heard only her occasional complaints... I cannot express in words what happened in my soul; what I know is that the Lord illumined it with rays of truth which so surpassed the dark brilliance of earthly feasts that I could not believe my happiness”. **[THÉRÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS]**

146. Contrary to the growing consumerist individualism that tends to isolate us in a quest for well-being apart from others, our path to holiness can only make us identify all the more with Jesus' prayer “that all may be one; even as you, Father, are in me, and I in you” (Jn 17:21).

*[Gaudete et Exsultate]*

## **Pope Francis invites the faithful to pray the Rosary in October**

The Holy Father met with Fr. Frédéric Fornos, S.J., international director of the World Network of Prayer for the Pope, and asked him to spread this appeal to all the faithful throughout the world, inviting them to conclude the recitation of the Rosary with the ancient invocation “Sub Tuum Praesidium”, and with the prayer to Saint Michael Archangel that he protect us and help us in the struggle against evil (cf. Revelation 12, 7-12) *We fly to thy patronage, O holy Mother of God; despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen*

**Father Patrick Peyton (January 9, 1909 – June 3, 1992), Founder of Family Rosary Crusade** Declared Venerable by Pope Francis on 18 December, 2017.

He utilized film, radio, outdoor advertising, television, with the help of celebrities, artists, and advertisers to spread his message. Father Peyton was one of the first pioneers of using mass media to evangelize.

Father Peyton organized Rosary Crusades which were rallies where hundreds, and sometimes thousands, of people would gather to pray the Rosary together. These rallies were duplicated around the world.

**Pope Benedict XVI** - Today, together we confirm that the Holy Rosary is not a pious practice banished to the past, like prayers of other times thought of with nostalgia. Instead, the Rosary is experiencing a new Springtime. Without a doubt, this is one of the most eloquent signs of love that the young generation nourish for Jesus and his Mother, Mary. In the current world, so dispersive, this prayer helps to put Christ at the centre, as the Virgin did, who meditated within all that was said about her Son, and also what he did and said. When reciting the Rosary, the important and meaningful moments of salvation history are relived. The various steps of Christ's mission are traced.

No form of extra-liturgical devotion to Mary is more widely practiced among the faithful or found by them to be more satisfyingly complete than the Rosary, which has come to be regarded as the very badge of Catholic piety. No form of extra-liturgical devotion to Mary has been recommended more warmly or frequently by the Popes. With perhaps two exceptions, all the Sovereign Pontiffs from Sixtus IV in 1478 down to John XXIII, especially Leo XIII (in 23 documents, ten of them encyclicals entirely on the Rosary) and his successors, have extolled this form of prayer, which has been the favourite, moreover, of such saints as Teresa of Avila, Francis de Sales, Louis de Montfort, Alphonsus Liguori, Don Bosco, Bernadette, and many more.

The authentic Rosary is a happy combination of vocal and mental prayer, each of which is essential to the devotion.

### **The Mysteries of the Rosary**

Until about the 15th century hundreds of mysteries were part of the Rosary devotion then the 15 mysteries that we know today were definitively fixed as "the Mysteries of the Rosary." Pope John Paul II, in his encyclical, *Rosarium Virginis Mariae*, in 2002 added the five Luminous Mysteries.

Through the meditations of the complete Rosary one recalls and has impressed on his mind, the Popes tell us, "the chief mysteries of the Christian religion," "the mysteries of our Redemption," "the great mysteries of Jesus and His Mother united in joys, sorrows, and triumphs."

[<http://www.vaticannews.va> <https://en.wikipedia.org/> <https://www.catholicculture.org>]

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