



SERRA CLUB OF CANBERRA

Newsletter November 2020

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.

Reminders

REMEMBER to say the Serran Prayer DAILY and 31 Club commitment.

Trustees Meeting

No meeting in December, next meeting 4th February, 2021.

Rosary 6.10 p.m., Monthly Mass 6.30 p.m. Thursday 12th November, 2020.

Rosary 6.10 p.m., Monthly Mass 6.30 p.m. Thursday, 10th December, 2020. Holy Trinity, Curtin followed by **Christmas Party dinner** 7.30 p.m. in the Private Dining Room Southern Cross Club, Woden.

First Dinner Meeting for 2021

Rosary 6.10 p.m., Monthly Mass 6.30 p.m. Thursday, 11th February, 2021 at 6.10 p.m. Holy Trinity, Curtin followed by dinner 7.30 p.m. in the Private Dining Room Southern Cross Club, Woden.

Forthcoming Events (for the remainder of 2020)

Adoration:

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

2nd December (First Wednesday): Adoration St. Brigid's Dickson, **Serra commitment** - 12.00 noon-1.00 p.m.

4th December (First Friday): Adoration at St. Christopher's

Cathedral following 12.15 p.m. Mass.

Adoration: 2021

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

3rd February 2021 (First Wednesday): Adoration St. Brigid's Dickson, **Serra commitment** - 12.00 noon-1.00 p.m.

5th February 2021 (First Friday): Adoration at St. Christopher's Cathedral following 12.15 p.m. Mass.

Sunday Mass Online Canberra

Mass each Sunday at 11.00 a.m., see the Catholic Voice Canberra Website: <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/>

Always to go forward, never to turn back

Plenary Council Prayer: Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost. Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land. O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council. Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road. Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth. Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying. Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age. Amen. Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us. St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.

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FacilitatorFocus. ...

"Take fresh courage" a good Plenary Council exhortation by Marion Gambin RSJ

Greetings to all of you in these days of finding our way into the light from the dark COVID months of uncertainty as together we face the challenge to hold on to the God of hope.

In an October CathNews item, I was delighted to read of Pope Francis' foreword to a recent publication in which he encourages laity to "take a step forward" in carrying out the Church's mission. He goes on to say that "The time is now. The mission of the laity is not a privilege of a few, and it involves total dedication." Further on, he calls us, as he has so many times, to be "a more synodal and outgoing Church."

These words of Pope Francis resonated with me because in the past two months the Facilitation Team has met several times with the Plenary Council Local Coordinators Network from across Australia. It has been such a privilege to engage in conversation with them about how the Plenary Council journey continues to unfold in their local diocese. These 65 coordinators have been working away at the "grassroots" to encourage the participation of all in our discernment journey towards the first Council assembly and beyond. In this edition of the Plenary Post you will be able to read of many "good news stories" that the local coordinators have shared with us.

Meanwhile, the Facilitation Team has also been connecting with the instrumentum laboris (working paper) writing team as a draft of this document continues to take shape and we move towards another milestone in the Plenary Council journey. As well as this, the Facilitation Team has recently been engaged in generating a list of possible facilitators who will have a significant role at the two assemblies as they use their skills to work with the delegates in the discernment process.

With that in mind, if you haven't yet taken up the opportunity to use the [guide for reflecting on the six Thematic Discernment papers](#), I encourage you to do so.

On October 17 we celebrated the 10th anniversary of Mary MacKillop's canonisation. The theme of the anniversary was "Take Fresh Courage", which is so fitting for our Church, our country and our world at this time. So, let us do just that -- "Take fresh courage" -- as we continue to trust that the Spirit will lead us to be open to what God is asking of us.

Blessings of peace,
Marion

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