



SERRA CLUB OF CANBERRA

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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.

JOHN STEPHENS MEMORIAL LUNCHEON

WELCOME TO PARENTS OF PRIESTS, SEMINARIANS AND RELIGIOUS



Missionaries Daniel and Stephen Drum made history on Saturday 29th May, 2021, as they became the first brothers to be ordained for the priesthood together at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney. (Source: 7News)

Reminders

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

Trustees Meeting

Thursday 1st July, 2021 6.00 p.m.

Rosary 6.10 p.m., Monthly Mass 6.30 p.m. Thursday 8th July, 2021 at Holy Trinity, Curtin followed by **Dinner 7.30 p.m.** at the Private Dining Room Southern Cross Club, Woden.

Note: no Thursday dinner meeting in June.

Forthcoming Events

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

1st July (Thursday): Feast Day St. Junípero Serra. The Trustees encourage all members to attend Mass in their own Parish to celebrate this feast day.

2nd July (First Friday): Adoration at St. Christopher's Cathedral following 12.15 p.m. Mass.

7th July (First Wednesday): Adoration St. Brigid's Dickson, **Serra commitment - 12.00 noon-1.00 p.m.**

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/>

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Pope to conclude Marathon of Prayer with Rosary in Vatican Gardens - [Extracts only]

... For the final night of prayer, Pope Francis asked that an image of **Our Lady Untier of Knots** be set up in the Vatican Gardens, which will serve as an open-air shrine for the occasion.

The Holy Father has always had a strong devotion toward the image, which comes originally from Augsburg, Germany. The 18th century painting shows the Blessed Virgin Mary untying knots in a white ribbon held by two angels, surrounded by biblical scenes expressive of hope, mercy, and victory over evil...



Knots to be untied -

Pope Francis has chosen five special prayer intentions for the concluding ceremony, **five “knots” to be untied: The first is** “wounded relationality, loneliness, and indifference,” which have grown worse during the pandemic.

The second knot is unemployment, especially the challenges for young people, women, and fathers of families, as well as those facing businessmen working to defend and protect their employees.

The “drama of violence” — especially violence that originates in the home, violence against women, and violence that comes as a result of social tensions exacerbated by the current crisis — **is the third knot...**

A group of Marian shrines from around the world will be connected to Rome for the Rosary, ensuring a worldwide representation...

The Pope’s fourth intention relates to “human progress,” which should be supported by scientific research in such a way that discoveries might be accessible to all, “especially the weakest and the poorest.”

Finally, the Pope will pray for pastoral care, that Catholic communities might regain their enthusiasm and feel a new impetus in all areas of pastoral life; and that young people might be able to marry and build a family and a future. [*Vatican News*]

Official prayer for the X World Meeting of Families

22-26 June 2022

<http://www.laityfamilylife.va>

Family Love: Vocation and Path to Holiness

Heavenly Father,

We come before You to praise You and to thank You for the great gift of the family.

We pray to You for all families consecrated by the Sacrament of Matrimony.

May they rediscover each day the grace they have received, and as small domestic Churches,

may they know how to witness to Your presence and to the love with which Christ loves the Church.

We pray to You for all families faced with difficulty and suffering caused by illness or circumstances of which only You know.

Sustain them and make them aware of the path to holiness upon which You call them, so that they might experience Your infinite mercy and find new ways to grow in love.

We pray to You for children and young people: may they encounter You and respond joyfully to the vocation You have in mind for them;

We pray for parents and grandparents: may they be aware that they are signs of the fatherhood and motherhood of God in caring for the children who, in body and spirit, You entrust to them; and for the experience of fraternity that the family can give to the world.

Lord, grant that each family might live their specific vocation to holiness in the Church as a call to become missionary disciples, in the service of life and peace, in communion with our priests, religious, and all vocations in the Church.

Bless the World Meeting of Families. Amen.

16 May, Pope Francis presided over a Mass for peace and reconciliation in Myanmar with Rome’s Burmese Catholic community, at the Altar of the Chair in Saint Peter’s Basilica. ...

In praying to the Father, the Lord uses the word “keep,” the Pope noted. As Myanmar experiences “violence, conflict and repression,” he said, we need to ask what are we being called to keep?

Keep the Faith

In response, he described three challenges: **to keep the faith, to keep unity, and to keep the truth.** Regarding the first, he said, we need faith to avoid giving in to despair that sees no way out. The Gospel reading tells us how Jesus lifts His eyes to God, despite being weighed down by anguish. Jesus does not resign Himself to evil or being overwhelmed by grief, the Pope noted, and He encouraged his disciples to have the same attitude. “To keep the faith,” the Pope continued, “is to keep our gaze lifted up to heaven” and “to refuse to yield to the logic of hatred and vengeance, but to keep our gaze fixed on the God of love, who calls us to be brothers and sisters to one another.” Prayer is the key, he said. It is not a retreat or escape from

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problems, but essential “for keeping love and hope alive.” ...
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