



SERRA CLUB OF CANBERRA

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The Five Elements of Serra

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

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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 Meetings – restrictions apply. Next meeting Scheduled for 4th November: Trustees currently exchanging matters via e-mail.

NO DINNER MEETING
14TH OCTOBER, 2021.

Next Meeting Scheduled: Rosary 6.10 p.m., Monthly Mass 6.30 p.m. Thursday 11th November, 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.

Guest Speaker: Karen McKerrow, Catholic missions.

Forthcoming Events

Adoration events: currently suspended.

Plenary Council currently underway – please pray each day a decade of the rosary and:

The 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.

Always to go forward, never to turn back

Pope: Religions reaffirm mission of integral education

By Christopher Wells

Speaking at a meeting on “Religions and Education,” Pope Francis repeated the commitment of the various religious traditions of educating the “head, hands, heart, and soul” of each individual.

Pope Francis joined other leaders of world religions on Tuesday for a meeting on “Religions and Education: Towards a Global Compact on Education.” According to a press release from the Vatican’s Congregation for Catholic Education, participants engaged “in a fraternal dialogue on the major challenges for education today.”

Shaping the future

In his [address](#) at the meeting, Pope Francis recalled his appeal, in 2019, to all those engaged in education to dialogue on “how we are shaping the future of our planet,” noting that change requires “an educational process aimed at developing a new universal solidarity and a more welcoming society.”

This, he said, is the reason for his call for a “broad educational alliance” to restore relationships in order to build a more fraternal humanity.

“If we desire a more fraternal world,” he said, “we need to educate young people ‘to acknowledge, appreciate, and love each person,’ regardless of our differences. He explained that education must be established not only on the “fundamental principle ‘Know yourself,’ but also on other “essential principles”: knowing one’s brothers and sisters; knowing creation; and knowing the transcendent “in order to educate in the great mystery of life.”

The Pope added, “We cannot fail to speak to young people about the truths that give meaning to life.”

Religions and education

Emphasizing the close relationship between religions and education, Pope Francis said that, “as in the past, so also in our day, with the wisdom and humanity of our religious traditions, we want to be a stimulus for a renewed educational activity that can advance universal fraternity in our world.”

The Pope acknowledged harmful practices that, at times, may have disfigured religious education, including conflict between different religions; discrimination against minorities; disrespect for the rights of women, children and the most vulnerable; and tolerance of exploitation of creation.

In contrast, he said we are now committed to peaceful coexistence; defense of the dignity of all, and of the rights of all; and love and care for all of creation.

Reaffirming the mission

Today, Pope Francis said, “we want to state that our religious traditions, which have always played a leading role in schooling, from teaching literacy to higher education, reaffirm their mission of integrally educating each individual: head, hands, heart and soul.”

He explained, “Let one think what one feels and does; let one feel what one thinks and does; let one do what one feels and thinks: the harmony of human integrity, that is, all its beauty of this harmony.”

The Holy Father concluded his address by inviting participants to pray silently, “asking God to enlighten our minds so that our dialogue will bear fruit and help us courageously to pursue the paths of new educational horizons.”

Jonah 4:1-11; Psalm 86; Luke 11:1-4

[Marist Messenger]

The Lord’s Prayer

Jonah is unhappy that God forgives the Ninevites, even though he accepts that God is “tender and compassionate.” We are not unlike Jonah, with a preference for punishment rather than forgiveness for others. We need to be careful how we pray the prayer Jesus taught, especially the line, “forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.”