



# 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.

### Reminders

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

#### Trustees Meeting

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2022, 5.30 p.m.

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2022: John Stephens Memorial Luncheon for Parents of Priests and Religious, following 11.00 a.m. Mass at St. Christopher's Cathedral, Manuka. Lunch Venue: Private Dining Room Southern Cross Club, Woden.**

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

#### ORDINATIONS

**24<sup>th</sup> June, Deacon Eden Langlands to the Priesthood.**

**22<sup>nd</sup> July, Diaconate Ordination of Gavin Keating at Corpus Christi Parish, Gowrie.**

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

**1<sup>st</sup> June, 2022 (First Wednesday): Adoration St. Brigid's Dickson, Serra commitment - 12.00 noon-1.00 p.m.**

**3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2022 (First Friday): Adoration at St. Christopher's Cathedral following 12.15 p.m. Mass.**

**Pray the Rosary during the Month of May - dedicated to Mary Mother of God**

*We fly to your protection,  
O Holy Mother of God;  
Do not despise our petitions  
in our necessities,  
but deliver us always  
from every danger,  
O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.*



### Articles in the Easter Edition of *Voice*

See articles "Serra Club supports Cambodia Seminary" and "Five minutes with Catholic Mission Director Peter Hade".

### The Unfinished Painting

Leonardo da Vinci had started to work on a large canvas in his studio. For a while he worked at it – choosing the subject, planning the perspective, sketching the outline, applying the colors, with his own inimitable genius. Then suddenly he stopped working on it. Summoning one of his talented students, the master invited him to complete the work. The horrified student protested that he was both unworthy and unable to complete the great painting which his master had begun. But da Vinci silenced him. “Will not what I have done inspire you to do your best?” — Jesus our Master began to spread the Good News some two thousand years ago by what he said and did, and supremely by what he suffered. Jesus illustrated his message and left us to finish the picture. Will Jesus’ life not inspire us to finish the picture? This is the message of the Ascension (John Rose). (<https://frtonyshomilies.com/>)

### Pope at Regina Coeli: May we rediscover the impulse to do good

By Thaddeus Jones

At the Sunday Regina Coeli prayer, Pope Francis encourages us to look beyond the "empty nets" we can find in life and look always with courage to the Lord who can fill our nets with his overflowing love and consolation, renewing our desire to do good.

Speaking to pilgrims gathered in St. Peter's Square for the recitation of the Regina Coeli, [Pope Francis offered his customary reflections](#) on the day's Gospel reading, which recounts the third appearance of the Risen Lord to the Apostles, when He met them on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. When the Apostle Peter told the other disciples he was going fishing - a profession he had abandoned since he left his nets to follow Jesus - the others accepted and went along with him, but they caught nothing during the night. The Pope observed that Peter, perhaps a bit disheartened at the time, proposed to the others to return to this former life.

#### From empty nets

In a similar way, perhaps we too can find ourselves tired and disappointed and forget about the Lord and the important choices we have made in our lives, the Pope suggested. Perhaps, he said, we do not dialogue much in our families by pursuing our own interests, or we forget to pray or be charitable. When that happens, we can become disappointed, with "empty nets" like Peter.

#### To nets overflowing

Yet Jesus returns to the shore of the lake where He had originally chosen Peter, Andrew, James, and John, the Pope pointed out. Instead of scolding them, Jesus tenderly addresses them as "children," inviting them to cast their nets again, which this time are filled, overflowing with fish. The Pope suggested that when "our nets are empty in life," we should not stop and feel sorry for ourselves and try to forget things, but courageously set out to begin anew and seek Jesus to help us.

#### Love generates wonder

The Pope said Peter needed that stunning surprise when the Lord appeared to them, and the Apostle John's exclamation, "It is the Lord!" Peter immediately dove into the water to meet the Lord, "a gesture of love," the Pope explained, coming from wonder and the love that "inspires creative, freely-given zeal." Peter dives in to meet the Lord on the shore, reflecting his "new-found enthusiasm."

#### Dive into the good

We too are called to ride this wave of new enthusiasm and drive, the Pope added, "to dive into the good without fear of losing something," calculating too much, or waiting for others to begin. We need to "unburden ourselves" and be generous, without restraining the impulse of the heart and going back to things that we are safe with. And he added, for emphasis, "Jump in, dive in!"

#### “Do you love me?”

Jesus then asks Peter three times, “Do you love me?” The Pope explained that the Lord addresses the same question to us today, as faith is a question of love, overcoming our fears to start anew with the courage to "dive in", and to let go of our past, which can keep us from serving God and our brothers and sisters.

In conclusion, the Pope recalled that Peter stopped fishing forever after this event, and gave his life to God and neighbor, offering his life "right here in this place where he was martyred and buried." "May Our Lady," the Pope said, "help us to rediscover the impulse to do good."

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#### PRAYER FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE

*It is often forgotten that Our Lady of Fatima requested the First Saturday devotion to be widely observed to ensure Russia's conversion.*