



# 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 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2022 5.30 p.m.

**Rosary 6.10 p.m., Monthly Mass 6.30 p.m.** Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2022. Holy Trinity, Curtin followed by **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.

**22<sup>nd</sup> July, Diaconate Ordination of Gavin Keating at 5.00 p.m. Corpus Christi Parish, Gowrie.**

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

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

**11<sup>th</sup> August, 2022** Guest Speaker, Fr. Brian Lucas, Director, Catholic Missions.

### The fruits of faith

The faith of the leader of the synagogue is impressive, as is the faith of the

woman with the haemorrhage. It seems that the Lord is deeply touched when he finds such deep faith. How often in our lives have we had to dig deep into our reserves of faith to say "Yes Lord, I believe that you can do this, or guide me in this... or heal me..." Walking in faith in the dark inevitably brings rich blessings, though not always immediately and not always the ones we asked for! (*Marist Messenger*)



*Always to go forward, never to turn back*

## **Our Lady of Mount Carmel** *(Catholic News Agency)*

The feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, celebrated on July 16, was first instituted in the late 14th century in commemoration of the approval of the rule of the Carmelite Order a hundred years earlier. According to legend, a religious community was established even before the time of Christ on Mount Carmel. This is the mountain overlooking the Mediterranean Sea on which the prophet Elijah successfully challenged the priests of Baal and won the people to the true God. The feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel entered the Calendar of the universal Church in the early 18th century.

Although there is no historical evidence for the pre-Christian Carmelite community, references in the 12th century record a community of monks on the holy mountain. Despite continual difficulties, the community built a monastery and church dedicated to the Virgin Mary on Mount Carmel in 1263. Saint Louis, King of France, had visited Mount Carmel in 1254, and brought back six French hermits for whom he built a convent near Paris.

Mount Carmel was taken by the Muslims in 1291, and the brothers were killed and the convent burned. The spread of the Carmelites in Europe is largely attributable to the work of Saint Simon Stock (1247-1265). The Carmelite Order was formally approved in 1274 at the Council of Lyon...



**Our Lady of Mount Carmel and the Brown scapular:** According a popular legend, Mary appeared to St. Simon Stock on July 16, 1251, and gave him the Brown Scapular with the following words: "This will be for you and for all Carmelites the privilege, that he who dies in this will not suffer eternal fire." Mary promised her protection to all those who would wear the blessed habit and lead a life of prayer and sacrifice. Pope St. Pius X (1903 -1914) declared that the common people could have the same blessings if they would wear the metal scapular medal carrying the picture of Our Lady of the Scapular on one side and the Sacred Heart on the other. The feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel challenges us both to imitate the simple and ascetic life of the Blessed Virgin Mary with her trusting Faith in God and her humility, and to seek her guidance and maternal protection in our Christian lives. (Fr. Tony Kadavil)

### **The Members of the Board of Trustees for 2022-2023 are:**

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### **JOKE TIME (we are all just human!)**

The teacher heard one of her students, Johnny, use some off-colour language and was shocked. "Johnny Martin, don't you ever use language like that again, not near me, not in school, not anywhere! Where on earth did you learn that?" "I got it from my dad, Miss Rollins," replied Johnny. "Well, your father should be ashamed. I doubt you even know what all that means?" "Oh Miss Rollins, I do," said Johnny. "It means the car won't start."