

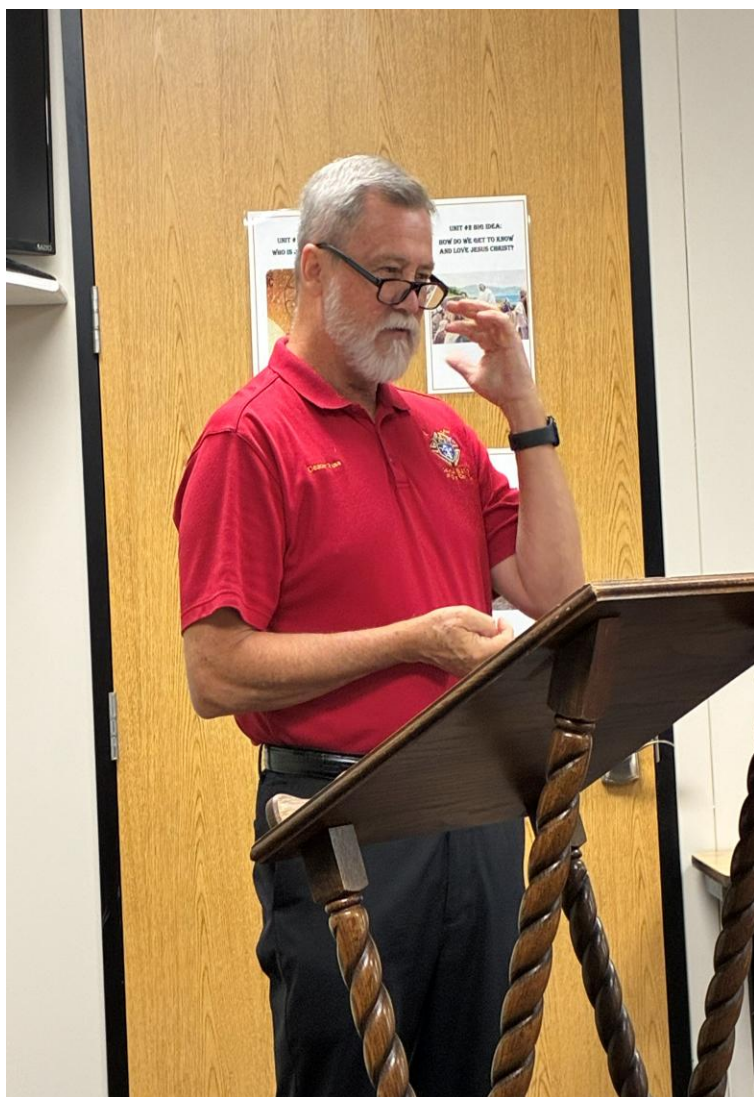


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Newsletter of Serra Club of Bay Area
September 2026

August Program Meeting

August 28 – Deacon Russ and Di Carroll attended the Program Meeting. Deacon Russ gave a powerful presentation on how God lead his Personal and Spiritual Life ultimately in the Deaconate



DEACON RUSS PRESENTING
his Journey to The Deaconate



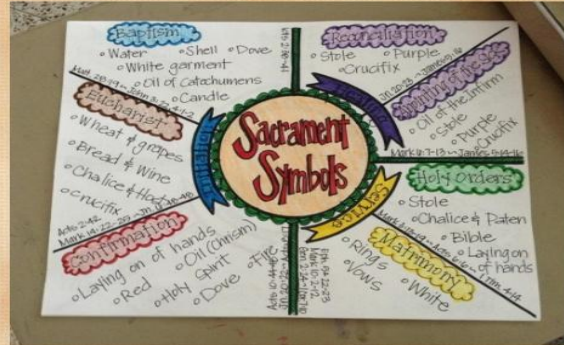
Attending Serra Club Members



Additional attending
Serra Club Members

Closing Thoughts

- Universal Call to Holiness
- Faith Journey Challenges
- “Peace be With You!”



"You have been told, O mortal, what is good and what the LORD requires of you: Only to do justice and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God."

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Deacon Russ Carroll ended his presentation with the above Slide. He stated that WE ALL are given the “UNIVERSAL CALL TO HOLINESS”! GOD has given us the “HOLY SACRAMENTS” to provide the needed Graces and Spiritual HELP needed to over come the “FAITH JOURNEY CHALLENGES” in Life’s Journey from this life to the NEXT ONE (Heaven). Lastly and Appropriately Deacon Russ noted the important Word from Jesus to the Apostles and Mother Mary -- “Peace be with You”!

Why Serra?

We continue to remind ourselves about the basics of Serra in our newsletters.

Five Biblical Steps on How to Grow in Being One with JESUS!

Our ultimate Goal is to grow in Holiness so that we shall be One with Jesus in knowing and living His Holy Will here in this life and gain eternal life to come. Jesus has prescribed these five (5) steps as recorded in the Gospel of John:

1. “Remain in My Word”

Jesus said, *“If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.”* John 8:31-32

2. Sharing in the Sufferings of Christ

“He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.” John 12:25

“Remember the word that I said to you, ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will persecute you...” John 15:20

3. Love for one another

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” John: 13:34-35

4. Service

When he had washed their feet, and taken his garments, and resumed his place, he said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord; and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.” John 13:12-17

5. Mission

Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you. And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained,” John 20:21-23

Responding to God's Call to Holiness

Vocation prayer

Decade A Day for Vocations

Pray this prayer daily with a Decade of the Rosary for an increase in Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate, and Religious Life

Loving and gracious God, Father of all, You bless your people in every time and season and provide for their needs through your providential care.

Your Church is continually in need of Priests, Sisters and Brothers to offer themselves in the service of the Gospel by lives of dedicated love.

Open the hearts of your sons and daughters to listen to your call in their lives. Give them the gift of understanding to discern your invitation to serve you and your Church. Give them the gift of courage to follow your call.

May they have the spirit of young Samuel who found fulfillment in his life when he said: "Speak Lord, for your servant is listening." We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

(Archbishop Joseph A. Fiorenza)

September Feast days!

I have decided to educate all BASC members on the monthly feast days. The Highlighted one is September 15th –

The month of September is dedicated to **Our Lady of Sorrows**, whose memorial the Church celebrates on September 15. September falls during the liturgical season known as **Ordinary Time**, which is represented by the liturgical color green. This symbol of hope is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection. It is used in the offices and Masses of Ordinary Time.

Below are the Saint feast days for the month of September:

September 1: St. Giles

September 3: St. Gregory the Great

September 5: St. Teresa of Calcutta

September 8: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

September 9: St. Peter Claver

September 10: St. Nicholas of Tolentino

September 12: Bl. Gertrude Prosperi and The Most Holy Name of Mary

September 13: St. John Chrysostom

September 14: Exaltation of the Holy Cross

September 15: Our Lady of Sorrows

September 16: Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian

September 17: St. Hildegard of Bingen and St. Robert Bellarmine

September Feast days (continued)!

September 18: St. Joseph of Cupertino

September 19: St. Januarius

September 20: Sts. Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang and Companions

September 21: St. Matthew the Apostle

September 22: St. Thomas of Villanova

September 23: St. Adomnán and St. Padre Pio

September 26: Sts. Cosmas and Damian

September 27: St. Vincent de Paul

September 28: St. Wenceslaus and St. Lorenzo Ruiz

September 29: Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael

September 30: St. Jerome and St. Francis Borgia