

# Bowl and Towel



*Diaconate Community*



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## COMING EVENTS

- **Potluck July 25**  
San Francisco Solano Parish
- **Annual Retreat Sept. 25-27**  
Temecula Creek
- **Ordination Oct. 17, 11 a.m.**  
St. Columban
- **Convocation Jan. 16, 2016**  
St. Joseph Center
- **God's Servants Feb. 13, 2016**  
Pastoral Center

## Annual retreat Sept. 25-27, 2015

**E**arthen Vessels, *Renewing the Presence of Jesus in Life and Ministry*, will be the theme of our annual deacon retreat Sept. 25-27 at Temecula Creek Inn.

A team from Mount Angel Abbey in Oregon will direct the retreat guiding us through the Paschal Mystery from Palm Sunday through Pentecost.

"Our own spirituality and our own Paschal Journey are patterned after the Paschal Mystery," explain the retreat directors.



The team will use what they call "the pray, write, share process" for the retreat which is designed for deacon communities.

Detailed information and registration forms will be sent via Email and the post office soon. It is important to send in your registration as soon as you receive it because the hotel can only guarantee rooms for those who have registered.

The Diocese of Orange retreat is one of the best attended deacon retreats in the United States with more than 90 percent of the deacon community present. "We are the envy of other dioceses."

## Hands of Christ approach ordination Oct. 17, 11 a.m.



As part of their practicum class Candidate Tuan Nguyen practices a baptism with the assistance of his wife Tamminh. Playing the part of parents are Dan and Allison Diesel and Pete Lauder takes the role of the Godfather.

**F**ifteen men (all married), under the title of *Hands of Christ*, are awaiting the final call from Bishop Vann for their ordination to the diaconate on Saturday, Oct. 17, at 11 a.m. at St. Columban Parish.

All 15 couples experienced their five-day ordination retreat June 10 through 14 at Viña de Lestonnac Retreat Center in Temecula. The silent directed retreat was lead by Sister Barbra Ostheimer, SND, and a team from the Loyola Institute.

During the retreat in a time of prayer, the men signed an Oath of Fidelity, Profession of Faith, and Declaration of Freedom, while their wives gave their consent (verbally and in writing) for their husbands to be ordained.

Ordination will be the conclusion of five years of formation in academic and spiritual growth.

# 'Day of Kindness' marks Oliver's birthday



Aspirants Tri Kim Do, Russ Millsbaugh, and Salvador del Real join Oliver outside of Home Depot

**'Our final event was providing a meal for 20 families at Ronald McDonald House.'**



Oliver and his parents greet motorists at the corner of Main and Chapman in Orange.

Diaconate office program manager Lucy Dominguez recently planned a "National Day of Kindness" to celebrate the 32nd birthday of her fiancé, Oliver Lopez.

Since his 29th birthday, Oliver has attempted to make his birthday more meaningful, so Lucy planned five activities for this year's June 17 celebration.

### **Here is Oliver's report on the day:**

The first activity began at 6 a.m. breaking bread with the men seeking work outside a Santa Ana Home Depot and conversing with the men over coffee and *pan dulce*.

Next, we distributed food to families at the Doris Cantlay Center. We were able to converse with many people and, for me personally, see actual faces and hear personal accounts of people that even through their struggle have a sense of hope.

The next activity was the most impactful to me, and in the language of the diaconate, it was my *border crossing*. At 2 p.m. we held a Jell-O social for the women living at the Saint Francis home. I cannot begin to put together the words that can capture my experience with the women.

At 4 p.m., we stood at the corner of Main and Chapman

in Orange holding positive signs for those walking and driving by. Our signs read "you are beautiful," "you are strong," "peace and love," just to name a few.

Our final event was providing a meal for 20 families staying at the Ronald McDonald House. Lucy and I ordered food from our favorite restaurant, *Pepitos*.



Oliver serves a Jell-O treat at St. Francis Home in Santa Ana.



Lucy is joined by her friend Raisa and Oliver's sister-in-law Ana to serve dinner at Ronald McDonald House in Orange.

Our family and friends prepared side dishes and a salad, and Lucy put the finishing touch by decorating the tables with center pieces and different colored place mats.

Embarrassingly, I must admit that I spent more money on my birthday dinner last year (just on the dinner!) than Lucy and I spent this year and just like the ending of a VISA commercial, the experience and reward was *priceless*. Lucy

and I were joined by members of our family, friends, and, a warm surprise, by Tri, Salvador, and Russ, members of the aspirant class of 2017.

This day was inspired by the words of Father Greg Boyle who challenges us to "form kinship with people we would otherwise never have the opportunity to meet and learn from."

Imagine if every day was a National Day of Kindness?

## Class of 1995 gifts CSJ chapel

As part of commemorating the 20th anniversary of their ordination, members of the Class of 1995 have made a monetary gift to the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange for the development of the “Chapel of Unity and Reconciliation” located in the Cultural Center at Christ Cathedral.

The gift is in memory of deceased class members Manuel and Maria Alvarado, Jay Antunez, Margarita Garza, Tom Klos and Gracie Navarro.

## Greco on radio Sunday mornings

Deacon Steve Greco is now on Immaculate Heart Radio on Sunday mornings from 8 to 9 a.m..

You may tune in on 1000 AM throughout Orange and San Diego Counties.

Deacon Steve’s show debuted on June 14 with “Mary, Our Mother” as his topic. He hopes to be picked up by KHJ radio (930) in Los Angeles.



Deacon wives do some stretching during health presentation by Julie Ford at May God’s Beloved meeting. Along with exercise, Julie emphasized the importance of eating slowly and drinking plenty of water.



Class of 2015 (Hands of Christ) at Viña de Lestonnac Retreat Center for their five –day ordination retreat.

## Autumn Rain by Joanna Lee

He comes to me  
 The one who was hesitating around  
 Somewhere a distance away  
  
 But today, he insists on coming without my invitation  
 Comes straight at me  
 No hesitation, not even a look away

As if saying it’s not only the bushes that dried up with the scorching sun  
 While enduring midsummer’s heat  
  
 The old stain, drier than dry bushes that are buried deep  
 In my heart that I don’t dare to show  
  
 He comes to me  
 And caresses me softly



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## Pot luck July 25

**D**eacons and wives will join those in formation Saturday, July 25, for their annual pot luck at San Francisco Solano Parish in Rancho Santa Margarita beginning at 6 p.m.

San Francisco Solano is located at 22082 Antonio Parkway, Rancho Santa Margarita, next to Santa Margarita High School.

(FYI: The parish has a 5 p.m. vigil mass on Saturdays.)

**Food assignments are included with this mailing.**



*Aspirants and wives gather with Jack Jezreel (center right), president and founder of JustFaith Ministries during one of their Monday night JustFaith classes. The aspirants have petitioned their formation board and Bishop Vann for acceptance into candidacy.*