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“Has anyone ever come away from Mary, troubled or saddened? Who has not returned to everyday life gladdened and joyful because a request has been granted by the Mother of God?”

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Healing the world is an opportunity to build something better.



*“Starting from this love anchored in hope and founded in faith, a healthier world will be possible”
.....Pope Francis*

At a recent General Audience, Pope Francis invites us to cure the “virus” of social injustice, inequality of opportunity, marginalization, and the lack of protection for the weakest. The ongoing coronavirus pandemic has not only “exposed the plight of the poor and the serious inequality that reigns in the world,” but even exacerbated them. On his catechesis on “Healing the World,” the Holy Father said our response to the pandemic must be twofold: “finding a cure for this small but terrible virus,” but also curing the larger virus, that of social injustice, inequality of opportunity, marginalisation, and lack of protection for the weakest.” In meeting that challenge, we must always keep in mind the “preferential option for the poor.” This is not a political, ideological, or partisan option, rather, “the preferential option for the poor is at the centre of the Gospel.”

The example of Jesus, “Christians are recognised by their closeness to the poor, the least, the sick and the imprisoned, the excluded and the forgotten, those without food and clothing.” This, is a key criterion of Christian authenticity.” He emphasised that it is not the duty only of a few, but of every Christian: “It is the mission of the Church as a whole.” The preference for the poor is rooted in the virtues of faith, hope and love. Going beyond the bare necessities, “it implies walking together, allowing ourselves be evangelized by the poor who know the suffering Christ well, letting ourselves be ‘infected’ by their experience of salvation, their wisdom, and creativity.”

Closeness to the poor, also implies working to overcome the “unhealthy social structures,” as we strive to return normality in the aftermath of the pandemic. This “normality,” however, should not include returning to “social injustices and the degradation of the environment” that marks contemporary society. He lamented an economy focused on profits over people, arguing that “the preferential option for the poor, this ethical-social need that comes from God’s love, inspires us to conceive of and design an economy where people, and especially the poorest, are at the centre.”

Pointing to the example of Jesus, “the doctor of integrated divine love, we must act now, to heal the epidemics caused by the small, invisible viruses, and to heal those caused by the serious and visible social injustices.” Pope Francis proposed to accomplish this “by starting from the love of God, placing the peripheries at the centre and those who are least in place.”

My thoughts October/November

I recall in my very young days (6 or 7 year old perhaps) being taken by my aunt to see Walt Disney’s ‘Fantasia’ which was my introduction to classical music. I owe much of my appreciation of classical music to that movie.

One particular piece was Mussorgsky’s ‘Night on Bald Mountain’ occurring on the ‘Witches Sabbath’ on the eve of the feast of St. John the Baptist, which although not particularly Christian and rather scary for a young person was explained, allegorically by my aunt as the troubled spirits and souls rising in flight for one night from their graves, to the summit of this 12,000ft Utah mountain, amidst this thundering and scary music and returning the following dawn to the tranquil sound of the church bells and once again at peace. The composition on screen was closely followed by Schubert’s “Ave Maria” sung by Joan Sutherland which seemed to bring the troubled souls back into the caring hands of Our Lady. I often remember my aunt’s story particularly at the beginning of November and All Saints and All Souls days.

Many other classical pieces like JSB’s “Ode to joy” (Jesu Joy of man’s desiring) or Sibelius’ “Be still my soul” from Finlandia” which is so comforting when remembering our past love ones in the lyrics of the hymn:

*Be still, my soul, The Lord is on thy side
Bear patiently, the cross of grief or pain
Leave to thy God, to order and provide
In every change, He faithful will remain
Be still, my soul, thy best thy heavenly friend
Through thorny ways, leads to a joyful end.*

Indeed many other classical pieces are used in our liturgies. The “Ave Maria” the Hail Mary today is still one of the most popular classical pieces dedicated to Our Lady.

In these months of October and November pray the Rosary for release from this Covid virus and the departed souls of all our loved ones.

The Rosary

Also called the Psalter of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Rosary is one of the most excellent prayers to the Mother of God. Thus, “the Roman Pontiffs have repeatedly exhorted the faithful to the frequent recitation of this biblically inspired prayer which is centered on contemplation of the salvific events of Christ’s life, and their close association with the Virgin Mother.”

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October month of the Holy Rosary



"Since the prayers of the Rosary come from such excellent sources, from Our Lord Himself, from inspired Scripture, and from the Church, it is not surprising that the Rosary is so dear to Our Lady and so powerful with heaven.

"If we consider the power of the Rosary as seen in its effects, we find a great abundance of proofs of its wonderful value. Many are the favours granted to private individuals through its devout recitation: there are few devoted users of the Rosary who cannot testify to experiencing its power in their own lives. If we turn to history, we see many great triumphs of the Rosary. Early tradition attributes the defeat of the Albigensians at the Battle of Muret in 1213 to the Rosary. But even those who do not accept this tradition will admit that St. Pius V attributed the great defeat of the Turkish fleet on the first Sunday of October, 1571, to the fact that at the same time the Rosary confraternities at Rome and elsewhere were holding their processions. Accordingly, he ordered a commemoration of the Rosary to be made on that day. Two years later, Gregory XIII allowed the celebration of a feast of the Rosary in churches having an altar dedicated to the Rosary. In 1671, Clement X extended the feast to all Spain. A second great victory over the Turks, who once, like the Russians, threatened the ruin of Christianity, occurred on August 5, 1716, when Prince Eugene defeated them at Peterwarde in Hungary. Thereupon Clement XI extended the feast of the Rosary to the whole Church.

"Today, when dangers far greater than those of the ancient Turks threaten not only Christianity but all civilization, we are urged by our Blessed Mother to turn again to the Rosary for help. If men in sufficient numbers do this, and at the same time carry out the other conditions that she has laid down, we have the greater reason for confidence that we will be delivered from our dangers."

.....*Mary in our Life by Fr. William G. Most*

November 1st The Solemnity of All Saints



On this solemnity we celebrate those holy men, women, children, martyrs, confessors and unknown others who lived lives of such holiness that upon death they either entered directly into God's presence in heaven or duly purified their soul of every imperfection in purgatory before advancing into His presence. All-Star saints such as Saint Augustine and Saint Francis of Assisi stand shoulder to shoulder in heaven with forgotten grandmas, quiet uncles, and unknown martyrs. These unrecognized but holy souls did not convert entire peoples, found religious communities, or slaughtered by the jaws of lions in the arena. **Magnanimity**, maybe they just kept their mouth shut when they had just the right words to humiliate a family member. **Humility**, perhaps they cooked dinner night after night for their family out of a sense of duty, while they gazed out the kitchen window, dreaming of another life far away doing greater deeds. Or **Fortitude**, maybe they refused to cooperate with an immoral boss and lost their job, never to recover financially, their dreams ruined for a principled stance.

The dense population of heaven is unknown to us on earth, but not to God, the audience of One we should most desire to please. There are as many pathways to God as there are people, since God wants to make a project of each and every one of us. All the saints lived heroic lives in their own unique ways. Some were the steeple to the village, seen by all and inspiring others to greatness. But most saints had lower profiles. They were more like the builder's blocks forming the church's foundation, silently holding up the entire structure. They received little notice or credit despite buttressing the entire building. Without their support the church, and all of its flash, would collapse. Today we commemorate those silent and sturdy ones who, unceasingly and without complaint, supported the family, the marriage, the parish, the Church, the community, the faith. Among the communion of saints are some few illustrious citizens whose virtues sparkle on their special days. But today we honour, remember, and seek to imitate that broader population of heaven never raised to the public altars but who offered their lives in quiet ways to God. They received the Body of Christ and lived His teachings in an exemplary manner in season and out of season and God called them back to Himself.

All holy men and women, gather our prayers to yourselves and intercede in heaven on our behalf. May our holy desires be accomplished through that chorus of prayers you constantly present to the Father surrounded by all His angels in heaven..... Amen

November 2nd We commemorate all souls



We commemorate all souls. Few die with their souls so perfectly purified from sin and imperfection that they proceed directly to the Beatific Vision. No one is prepared for the direct light of the sun in their eyes the moment they awake. Nor at the moment of death would most be prepared for the intense light of God Himself to gaze into our imperfect souls. We would simply not be ready for such a holy searchlight examining our every dark corner. The soul first needs to be purified. Its sins must first be burned away in the fire of God's merciful love. This is purgatory. It is the ante-chamber of heaven, the place of waiting and preparation where the soul is readied to enter and absorb the whitest of God's light. But souls in purgatory have no free will or ability to atone *by themselves for themselves*. They depend on us. They advance in purification due to our prayers and offerings for them. This is why we pray for the dead and offer Masses for their advancement into heaven.

The Feast of All Souls, then, is much more than a spiritual family reunion where we visit the graves of our deceased and recall with a tear all the good times. All Souls Day longs for a deeper bond, for an ultimate reunion with God at the head of the family in heaven with all His saints and angels. The dark arts of pagandom understand well the role the dead play in the imagination of the living. They manifest a frustrated, non-christian longing for the afterlife. These characters are the living dead who inhabit the middle ground between earthly life and ultimate death. The undead, the forever young, the "after life but before judgment" souls lust after the flesh and blood of the living to preserve their immortality. In this imaginary world, death feeds on the sacrifice of life, especially young and beautiful life, so that dark powers can slake their thirst. Today we put such fiction to the side and mobilize Christian prayer and sacrifice for Christian souls on a Christian Feast. Through the Sacraments, grace, redemptive suffering, alms giving, good deeds and fasting we move through the shadowlands of occult fiction, horror movies, and vampire legends. The hidden land of the dead is not just beyond the edge of the woods, or in the dark of night after the last ember of the campfire goes black and cold. The Church offers mystery enough for everyone. The deathly battle of good and evil, of devils against angels, of sin against grace, of the cross against temptation, is not fiction. It's as serious as cancer. In this supernatural arena, souls hang in the balance, with heaven or hell, eternal life or eternal death, resting on the scales. Today we put our fingers on that scale and tip the balance in favor of those we love who have gone before us.

All Holy Souls, our prayers are directed to you this day, in the hope that what we do on earth may benefit your advancement toward a fully divine life in heaven where you may, in turn, pray that we may one day join you there.....Amen.



Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist

were founded in 1997 to spread the witness of religious life across the country in response to St. John Paul II's vision for a New Evangelization.

Today the order is expanding throughout the world. On August 22nd, 2020 the feast of Queenship of Mary, we welcomed our new radiant Postulants! As we recall our Lady's "fiat" to God's call to her, we praise God for each of these young lady's "yes" to the Father's invitation.



I always had the desire to be a mother, so I assumed that meant I was called to marriage though I never truly saw my future self in that beautiful vocation. I began to think of Religious Life in my second year of high school after meeting a Religious Sister for the first time. While I greatly admired her life, I did not think it was something I could seriously be called to live.

During my first year of college at St. Mary's, Notre Dame, I went to the February retreat with some of the Dominican Sisters at their Motherhouse and immediately felt at home. I was also so suddenly surprised to realize it had been Sister Joseph Andrew that I had met in high school and who had ignited the spark of my desire for this life! The retreat brought me such clarity, joy, and peace that I knew that this is where God was calling me to be His! And in this Vocation, I can be a spiritual mother which fills up all the big spaces inside my heart!

After my retreat, I increased my attendance to Adoration and Mass as God continued to confirm this truth. I am overjoyed and honoured to be entering August 22nd, the feast of the Queenship of Mary. I receive a beautiful new family while keeping my own also and enough Sisters (and future spiritual children!) to last me a lifetime!

.....*Sr. Grace; pictured bottom row 1st left, is one of the testimonies of this fast expanding order of sisters.*

Discernment



Being older and now settled into my particular vocation namely marriage and parenthood, I can look back to my earlier life and the concerns and considerations I made regarding my future prospects, personal, and livelihood. I did consider religious life but only with a fleeting glimpse. From experience I can understand the need to succeed in which ever route you decide to take.

Discerning your vocation, that call, is considering the state of life to which Christ calls people. There are four basic states of life within our church: marriage, religious life, priesthood and the single state as a lay person. Each of these is demanding and people particularly young people at this time of great frustration regarding future prospects need help to discern that call.

Being Catholic we can raise the question; “which of these is Christ calling them to?” This help and particularly as Serrans falls on our older generation and parents who have experienced similar concerns in their lives to encourage and not dissuade the possibility of that call by our Lord to the priesthood or religious life. There is a need to enter consciously into a process of discovery; to make a conscious choice to seek out the Lord’s will for your state of life. It is itself an important stage on the vocational journey.

Once that choice is made, then the community of the Church offers you various ways forward. You can ask us about the possibility of having a vocation guide, and through our contact with priests and religious we can find a guide to accompany you over a number of months. You can join the growing numbers of people who meet together in groups to help each other discern their vocation. It is always worth remembering that the call comes from Our Lord, we can assist with encouragement, the option for religious life by just presenting that as a possibility.

Lord we pray that our young people able, mentally or physically disabled gain joy and happiness in the vocation You choose for them. Amen

Our Young people are the Church of today.



During the month of November the Serra clubs of Great Britain and throughout the world will recognize and pray for their deceased members. Each club would have a mass dedicated to those members who have passed into the loving care of Our Lord. This year when Mass may not be possible each club will have some form of remembrance be it by Zoom or other electronic communication. The plaques inscribed with the names of the ones who have gone before us may be placed in camera on our computer or mobile screens or the names distributed by e mail. Some time may be devoted to their memories. We pray for them. for their surviving relatives, that the Lord may comfort them in their sorrow.

If you are interested in participating please contact your nearest Serra club.

[A suggested prayer service](#) may include a Rosary for our deceased or using Matthew’s Gospel, 5:1-12a

With prayers of intercession:

**God our Father,
Your power brings us to birth,
Your providence guides our lives,
and by Your command we return to dust.**

**Lord, those who die still live in Your presence,
their lives change but do not end.
I pray in hope for my family,
relatives and friends,
and for all the dead known to You alone.**

**In company with Christ,
Who died and now lives,
may they rejoice in Your kingdom,
where all our tears are wiped away.
Unite us together again in one family,
to sing Your praise forever and ever. Amen.**

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

**O Lord, your sorrowing Mother stood by your cross;
help us in our sorrows to share your sufferings.....
Hail Mary.....**

Mission San Gabriel Arcángel



In July we received the shocking and tragic news of the fire at Mission San Gabriel often referred to as “Godmother of the Pueblo of Los Angeles”.

Not only was this mission founded by our patron, St. Junipero Serra, in 1771, just a few years before the founding of Los Angeles. It is the iconic mission bell tower which is featured in logo.



Following the news of this devastating fire, The Serra International Foundation established the **Mission San Gabriel Restoration Fund**. This fund will allow Serrans to support the restoration of the mission. 100% of all funds donated would go directly to the mission.

While Serrans could support this restoration individually, the Foundation Board would like us to pool our resources and provide one large contribution in the name of Serra International to show our support.

Following the request from the Serra International Foundation the trustees of THE SERRA (UK) FOUNDATION agreed to donate \$1,000 to this fund to preserve the legacy of our patron saint, noting: - *This donation is sent from the Serra (UK) Foundation on behalf of all the Serrans in the United Kingdom as a gesture of solidarity with the many pilgrims, parishioners and Serrans who revere this mission of San Gabriel. We pray for everyone in the USA that all will turn to truth, reconciliation and peace in these troubled times.* *Saint Junipero Serra. Pray for us.*

*At the time of writing some \$25,000 has been raised.
.....Ricky Jackson President Serra (UK) Foundation*

Serra is still alive during this Covid 19 period

What do our members do during this restricted period when we cannot meet to celebrate our club mass or even our chit chat and banter, our events planning or listening to our speakers?

There are so many restrictions, but some members meet on Zoom, Whats app or Skype or even communicate by e mail and messenger or even frequent phone calls.

Recently, I received such a communication from my friend Gerard Humphries of our North Cheshire Serra club who communicates by e mail and Skype with members of his club.

“As I said in my first chatter: “These chatters I write for two reasons. First, because some of you are bored stiff. Secondly, because I am somewhat bored, I am self-indulgent as I love remembering some incidents or stories. I love telling stories”.

Chatter now in its 29th week is partly just a bit of fun for locked-out Serrans, but very often I remind them to pray for vocations. I want them to be ready to resume Club meetings as soon as we are permitted.

Chatter No29.....A True Story

A valid and clever sermon

Dear Serrans and friends.

A few years ago Elizabeth and I took our holiday in Scarborough with our Serran friends whom I’m sure most of you know: Gloria Rhodes and Dalia Lucas. It was great.

En route we went to mass at a church in Cumbria. The priest was not the local priest but an American Jesuit who was based in Rome, but looking after the parish as a sort of vacation. His sermon was such as this:

“I was glad to be offered the chance of coming to this parish in such beautiful surroundings. I am also glad to be in a parish where every parishioner is a saint. I sat in the confessional at the advertised times, but no-one came. I thought perhaps the time was unsuitable so I tried offering confession at different times. No-one came. I then told the parishioners that they could come at any time whatever suited them. Still no-one came. Then I realised that I was in a unique parish where no-one sinned, no-one needed forgiveness, no-one needed reconciliation, no-one needed sanctifying grace’ The only solution was that you were all already saints”

At home, we went to confession!

Pray for vocations. Pray for that priest. We pray for you.

*.....Gerard
“Rosary for Vocations”*

On the last Saturday of every month, you are invited to join the world in a recitation of the Rosary for vocation. The Serra International Rosary continues Saturdays, Oct 31st, Nov 29th Dec 26th. at 2.00pm. GMT thereafter the last Saturday of every month. Join us free, use Access Code: 314-315-91. at: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/314315981>



A Serran “Rosary for vocations” can be downloaded [here](#); or our [web site](#): resources page.

Consider, Praying the Rosary with the intercession after each decade. Mary, Mother of vocations. Pray for us. Finish with:

Our Serran prayers for vocations.

The Holy Father’s Message for Vocations Sunday 2020

On 4 August last year, the 160th anniversary of the death of the Curé of Ars, [I chose to write a letter to all those priests](#) who daily devote their lives to the service of God’s people in response to the Lord’s call. I chose four words – *pain, gratitude, encouragement* and *praise*. The Holy father’s letter [here](#)

It’s just a Joke

There was an elderly couple who in their old age noticed that they were getting a lot more forgetful, so they decided to go to the doctor.

The doctor told them that they should start writing things down so they don’t forget.

They went home and the old lady told her husband to get her a bowl of ice cream. "You might want to write it down,"

The husband said, "No, I can remember that you want a bowl of ice cream." She then told her husband she wanted a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream. "Write it down," she told him, and again he said,

"No, no, I can remember: that you want a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream."

Then the old lady said she wants a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream and a cherry on top. "Write it down," she told her husband and again he said,

"No, I can remember that you want a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream and a cherry on top

So, he goes to get the ice cream and spends an unusually long time in the kitchen, over 30 minutes.

He comes out to his wife and hands her a plate of eggs and bacon.

The old wife stares at the plate for a moment, then looks at her husband and asks, "Where’s the toast?"

“Grant me, O Lord, a sense of humor. Allow me the grace to be able to take a joke to discover in life a bit of joy, and to be able to share it with others



“I pray because I can’t help myself. I pray because I’m helpless. I pray because the need flows out of me all the time – waking and sleeping. It doesn’t change God- it changes me.”

There are a lot of reasons to pray. Sadly, most only pray to ask God for material things. The above quote clearly doesn’t carry that perspective. It’s a great quote that even states something that too many people miss.

At the end it speaks about prayer changing a person, not God. This even reminds me of the overlooked similar notion that prayer doesn’t change things, but people, and people change things.

However, even with all the nice things that this quote reminds me, it doesn’t take away from the fact that Lewis never said it. The fictional C.S. Lewis in the movie “Shadowlands” did say it, but that still doesn’t mean the real Lewis said it. It seems reasonable however to suggest he did say it although it is a line from the movie.

In his Narnia books, “The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe” there’s a strong sense of good and evil, as represented by the characters. The White Witch representing Satan, whether she is Satan or one of his servants, the White Witch symbolizes evil in the world. She claims false powers and takes lives by turning creatures into statues.

Aslan, the lion, on the other hand, symbolizes all that is good: Aslan portrays the character of Jesus through his combination of fierce power and love for Narnia, giving his life only to be resurrected on the third day.

“I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else. God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pains: it is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world. True humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less”.

.....C.S. Lewis

Lewis returned to the Christianity of his youth influenced by his close friend J R R Tolkien, becoming a strong apologist of Christianity. While Lewis himself never entered the Catholic Church, possibly due to his Belfast upbringing and religious bigotry at that time and much to the annoyance of Tolkien, his writings have led to a dizzying array of converts to the Catholic faith.

Ps Clive Staples Lewis and John F Kennedy died on the same day 22nd November, 1963 one hour apart.

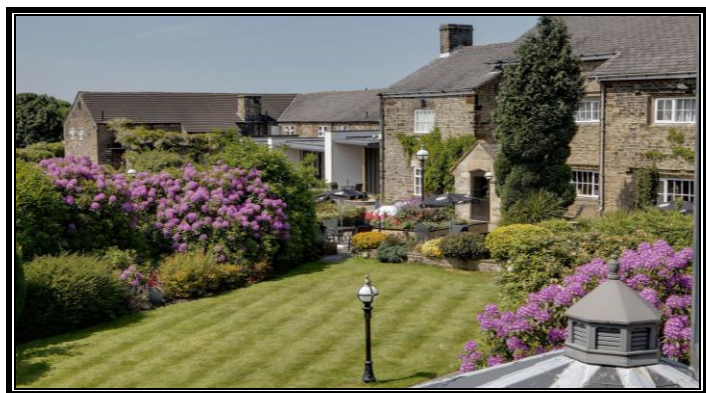
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**The Serra GB Conference 2020
at The Lancashire Manor Hotel, Wigan has
been rescheduled at the same venue for
October 2021**

**Our programme of planned speakers have agreed to be
with us October 2021 all being well.
Bishop Mark Davies of the Diocese of Shrewsbury
being our principal guest.**

The Lancashire Manor



Serra International Convention

**Our international convention 2020 was cancelled with the
expectation that next International Convention 2021 will
take place in Toronto, returning to New Orleans in 2022**



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Serra needs your help. Contact us!

**Do you have a friend who may be interested
in the work of Serra? Consider forwarding
our email, our newsletter or invite him or her
to visit our [website](#). Better still we extend an
invitation to join us as a guest at one of our
club meetings whenever they resume.**

**Due to the current Coronavirus crisis clubs of
Serra Great Britain are not meeting. You can still
contact us by e mail or telephone for information.**

District 60

Liverpool

We meet at 6.30pm 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at
the Cenacle Convent, Tithebarn Grove, Lance Lane,
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Manchester

We meet 1st Tuesdays of the month 2pm at Our Lady's
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North Cheshire

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South Lancs

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District 62

South Hertfordshire.

We meet 2nd Tuesday of every month (except August)
7.30pm at Our Lady and St. Michael's Church, Crown
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District 63

Dunkeld

We meet last Tuesday of the month at 6 pm with Mass at
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Glasgow

We meet 1st and 3rd Thursdays, August to June at 7.30pm
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(as programmed)

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Paisley

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**Mary. Mother of vocations. Pray for us.
St Junipero Serra. Pray for us.**



