

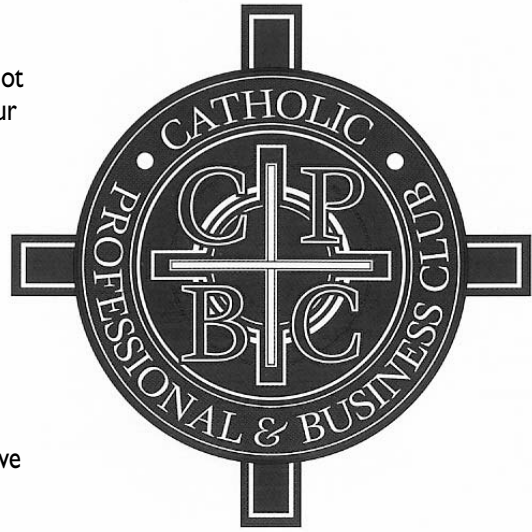


## Mission Statement

As Catholic professional and business men and women, we are called to live our Christian ethics not only on Sundays, but throughout our daily lives at home and at work.

Our Goal in the Catholic Professional Business Club shall be to incorporate and uphold our beliefs in every aspect of our daily lives, and to gather to share with others who seek a more ethical business environment.

Each of us shall strive to achieve a commingling of our ethical obligations and our professional obligations, in demonstration of fact that ethics and business need not be mutually exclusive terms.



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# Catholic Professional Business Club of Merced

## NEWSLETTER

MAY 2009

## CLERGY/RELIGIOUS APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

The Merced CPBC will hold its annual clergy and religious appreciation luncheon on Thursday, May 21, 2009 at noon in Merced at St. Patrick's Parish Hall, 671 E. Yosemite Avenue. For the past several years we have had a wonderful turnout. Hopefully, we will continue that trend this year. We are truly blessed to have such dedicated priests, deacons, and religious serving the people of God in the parishes of the Merced-Mariposa deanery. The clergy and religious will be our guests that day. Plan to reserve a table for your parish organization or bring a couple of parishioners and celebrate with us. Luncheon tickets are \$15.00 each. Call Raylene Smith at (209) 723-4929 by May 18<sup>th</sup> to make reservations.

## MERCED-MARIPOSA DEANERY CLERGY

### **St. Anthony's Atwater**

Rev. Tom Timmings,  
Rev. Mr. Kelly Canelo, Deacon  
Rev. Mr. Anthony Mendez, Deacon

### **Holy Rosary, Hilmar**

Rev. Hilary Silva

### **St. Patrick's, Merced**

Rev. Msgr. Patrick J. McCormick  
Rev. John Okeke Agwu  
Rev. Mr. Joseph Smith, Deacon  
Rev. Mr. Jose Morales, Deacon  
Rev. Mr. Charles Reburn, Deacon

### **St. Joseph, Firebaugh**

Rev. Efrain Martinez  
Rev. Mr. Albert Montejano, Deacon

### **St. Columba, Chowchilla**

Rev. Angel Sotelo  
Rev. Mr. Anthony DiMaggio, Deacon

### **Sacred Heart, Merced**

Rev. Jose de Jesus Reynaga  
Rev. Mr. Trinidad Guadarrama, Deacon  
Rev. Mr. Chong Moua, Deacon

### **Sacred Heart, Planada**

Rev. Msgr. Patrick J. McCormick, Admin.  
Rev. Stanislaus Manikya Raju  
Rev. Mr. Javier Higareda, Deacon  
Rev. Mr. Higinio Yanez, Deacon

### **St. Jude Thaddeus, Livingston**

Rev. Msgr. Harvey Fonseca, V.F.

## Membership Note

Membership in the Catholic Professional Business Club of Merced is open to all Christians. This organization offers its members and guests the opportunity each month to enjoy a meal and listen to a business professional share how their faith has been a part of their life and accomplishments. CPBC Annual memberships run from January through December of each year, with no monthly meetings in July, August and December.

Regular membership dues are just \$35.  
Annual Membership Dues: \$135

Dues can be paid at any monthly meeting or by sending a check to the following:

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731 E. Yosemite Avenue

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## MERCED-MARIPOSA DEANERY RELIGIOUS

In addition to the priests and deacons who serve the parishes in our deanery, religious sisters play a significant role in the faith life of the Catholics in the Merced-Mariposa deanery. They participate in a wide variety of ministries, including religious education, pastoral care, health care, nursing homes, Bible studies, sacramental preparation, and grief counseling. We sincerely appreciate the many ways they, along with our priests and deacons, touch the hearts of the faithful. We ask God to continue to bless them and their work as they serve Him.

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Members for 2009 whose names were inadvertently omitted from the membership list in our April newsletter are: Joel Cozzi, Celine Persak, and Brenda Feehan. We apologize for the oversight. At our April meeting, Ric Kirby renewed his annual membership. We thank those who have joined for the first time, those who have renewed their memberships, and those who will consider joining at our May meeting. Those who attended our April meeting were treated to a heartfelt presentation by Bob Anderson from St. Patrick's Parish in Merced. The story of his personal faith journey served as an inspiration to all who attended. Each month we have a faith filled speaker in addition to a delicious meal catered by Fernando's Bistro, and the opportunity for Christian fellowship.

Regular Membership rate                      \$35.00

Regular members receive the monthly newsletter and the membership directory.

Annual Membership rate                      \$135.00

Annual members receive the monthly newsletter, the membership directory, and are entitled to 10 meals at our monthly membership meetings (breakfasts or lunches).

## PRESIDENT'S BIO

Robert was born in Chicago on July 15, 1961. He is unmarried and has no children. He joined the USAF in 1980 and served as an air traffic controller in Japan, before being stationed at Castle AFB in 1984. He retired from military service in 1986 and decided to stay in Merced.

He entered the insurance world in 1986 and started his career with Farmer Insurance, where he ran an agency for 5 years. He wanted to specialize in

Charitable Giving and Investments so he became a broker and currently works for AIG American General.

He is very active as a member of the Italo-American Lodge and was the President of that organization in 2008. He was also a member of the Knight of Columbus and the Greater Merced Chamber of Commerce.

## COMING ATTRACTIONS

May 21 Clergy/Religious Appreciation Luncheon, St. Patrick's Parish Hall,  
671 E. Yosemite Avenue, Merced, 12:00 noon.  
Doors open at 11:30 a.m.

## KNXT CHANNEL 49 HIGHLIGHTS THIS IS OUR CITY WITH H. SPEES

We know you enjoy our local programs, but here is a little more about the characters behind your favorite shows. H. Spees is the esteemed host of "This is Our City" on KNXT-TV, Thursdays at 8:00 p.m. and Friday at 1:00 pm. "This is Our City" features influential people in our community who work diligently to better the lives of themselves and their neighbors. H. has spent his life making a positive impact on his community and challenging others to do the same.

As well as a TV host, H. is a Pastor-at-Large with First Presbyterian Church, a community activist, newspaper columnist, and a youth worker....passions that allow him to connect with leaders from government, business, the non-profit sector and the faith-based community in cities across the country and around the world. He addresses issues such as poverty, literacy, gang violence, race relations, and spiritual development.

H. is above all else a communicator, working to engage people from all walks of life to join together to tackle the biggest problems in their cities. His goal is to communicate a compelling message of how every one of us can make a difference in the lives of young people, family, or neighborhood. H. Spees is a treasured member of the KNXT family and line-up. For more information, call (559) 7440 or visit [www.knxt.tv](http://www.knxt.tv).

## SPIRITUAL READING

### SUGGESTIONS

**Audiobook:** **The Last Secret of Fatima, My Conversation with Sister Lucia**  
**Author:** **Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone; read by Frank Montenegro, Paul Smith and Kim Wessendorf; foreward by Pope Benedict XVI**  
**Publisher:** **St. Anthony Messenger Press**  
**Price:** **\$39.95 for the 5 CD set**

The Vatican's Secretary of State, Cardinal Bertone, definitely reveals and explains the 1917 apparition of the Virgin Mary to three children of Fatima. The first parts of their visions were widely publicized, but not the so-called "Third Secret", which was kept hidden, creating speculation about its content. Bertone breaks the Vatican's silence and explains its contents and meaning. He met with Sister Lucia before her death on several occasions. Journalist DeCarli explores the meaning of the visions and puts them in historical context in his interview with Bertone.

## Deaneries of Fresno

The Diocese of Fresno is divided into five Deaneries or areas within which are comprised the various parishes. Each deanery has an elected dean who represents the bishop in the particular area, presides over deanery meetings and gives input to the bishop regarding the needs of the People of God in the deanery.

### MERCED/MARIPOSA DEANERY

Dean: Reverend  
Harvey Fonseca, V.F.

Atwater  
St. Anthony

Chowchilla  
St. Columba

Dos Palos  
Sacred Heart

Firebaugh  
St. Joseph

Gustine  
Our Lady of Miracles

Hilmar  
Holy Rosary

Le Grand  
Our Lady of Lourdes

Livingston  
St. Jude Thaddeus

Los Banos  
St. Joseph

Mariposa  
St. Joseph

Planada  
Sacred Heart

Yosemite  
Our Lady of the Snows

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