

# Catholic Professional Business Club of Merced

## NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2007

### BILL LUCIDO – APRIL SPEAKER

April 19<sup>th</sup> is the date and St. Patrick's Parish Hall is the place to hear Diocese of Fresno Director of Development and Diocesan Newspaper Editor Bill Lucido speak at our breakfast meeting. Doors open at 7:00 a.m. and breakfast, catered by Fernando's Bistro, will be served at 7:30 a.m. Tickets are \$12.00 each and advance reservations are encouraged. Call Raylene Smith by April 15<sup>th</sup> at 723-4929 to reserve your seat for the breakfast and speaker.

Bill and Betsy Lucido have four daughters and eight grandchildren, soon to be nine.

Bill landed many times at Castle AFB during his 30 years in the California Air National Guard and United States Air Force.

For the last eleven years he has been the Development Director and editor of the Central California Catholic Life for the Diocese of Fresno. From 2001 to 2005 he also served as director of communications for the diocese,

Bill serves his parish St. Paul Newman Center as Eucharistic Minister and volunteers as a Eucharistic Minister at Saint Agnes Medical center in Fresno.

Bill has been on the board of the Catholic Professional and Business Breakfast Club of Fresno since its founding 10 years ago and is a past president of the club.

At our April meeting, Bill will share with us what the Lord has meant to him in his family, careers, community, parish and life.



### MEMBERSHIP

There's still time to join the Merced CP&BC for the 2007 year. If you are receiving this newsletter, you are probably already a member. Do you know anyone in your parish community who might be interested in joining our club? If so, consider inviting them to come with you to our next meeting. Once they see what we have to offer, we're confident they will be interested in joining the 75 paid members who have joined the Merced CP&BC for 2007. Annual membership costs \$135.00 and entitles you to ten breakfasts or lunches and to receive the monthly newsletter. The regular member rate of \$35.00 entitles you to receive the monthly newsletter. Membership dues allow us to invite outstanding speakers for our monthly meetings and to cover the cost of publishing the monthly newsletter. Membership forms are available at all monthly meetings.

### 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.

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

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PMB #450  
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## CP&BC SURVEY

This is your club and we value your input concerning ways the Merced CP&BC can better meet your needs. At our March meeting we distributed a survey asking members to comment in writing about the following areas: breakfast format, luncheon format, speakers, food, hospitality, reservations, newsletter, membership drive program, and parish ambassador program. We also asked if anyone was interested in being a newsletter sponsor for \$100.00 and if anyone was interested in volunteering for committee work.

We would sincerely appreciate your comments. You may mail them to

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## COMING ATTRACTIONS

Speakers for the next three meetings are listed below. Mark your calendars now so that you will be able to join us for all three meetings before we break for the summer. Phone in your reservations to Raylene Smith at 723-4929.

Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup>

Speaker: Bill Lucido, Diocesan Development  
Director and *Central California Catholic Life* Editor  
7:30 a.m. St. Patrick's Parish Hall,  
671 E. Yosemite Avenue, Merced  
Tickets: \$12.00

Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup>

Clergy/Religious Appreciation Luncheon honoring  
all priests, deacons, and religious sisters serving  
our Merced Deanery  
12:00 noon, St. Patrick's Parish Hall,  
671 E. Yosemite Avenue, Merced  
Tickets: \$15.00

Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup>

Richard Sexton, Superintendent of Schools,  
Diocese of Fresno  
12:00 noon, St. Patrick's Parish Hall,  
671 E. Yosemite Avenue, Merced  
Tickets: \$15.00

## CP&BC ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Leadership and Living the Faith is the theme chosen for the sixth Annual National Convention of the Catholic Professional & Business Clubs. This year's meeting will be held April 20 and 21 at the Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport Hotel in Burlingame. The inspiration for the theme comes from Pope Benedict

XVI's first Encyclical "Deus Caritas Est" (God Is Love), a solid guide for living our Catholic faith in our daily work, especially the relationship between justice and charity, as well as the call of every Catholic to serve others in love. At the conference, attendees will have the opportunity to hear outstanding Catholic speakers, experience fellowship and growth to return to their communities refreshed, encouraged and enthused to live out their faith more effectively.

Keynote speaker at the Saturday evening dinner will be the Honorable Raymond Flynn, U.S. Ambassador to the Vatican from 1993 to 1997. He accepted this appointment as Ambassador to the Vatican following three terms as the streetwise mayor of Boston. He also served as President of the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

Ambassador Flynn is the best-selling author of *The Accidental Pope* and *John Paul II, a Personal Portrait of the Pope and the Man*. When John Paul II died, he reported on the pope's funeral and conclave and the election of Pope Benedict XVI. Flynn has keen insights on the characters of both popes, as well as the political pressures affecting the Vatican, the United States and global issues.

Flynn is a leading lay Catholic voice in the United States and is notably outspoken on issues of social and economic justice for urban Americans and the sanctity of human life.

Online registration for the conference is available through our national website [www.cpbclubs.org](http://www.cpbclubs.org). Special limited room rates are available for the event at the Hyatt of \$119.99 plus taxes/fees. Reservation cut-off dates are April 17 online and April 13 by FAX or mail.

## BIOGRAPHY FAN? TRY THESE

**Book:** **Teresa of Calcutta, a Personal Memoir**  
**Author:** **Jose Luis Gonzalez-Balado**  
**Publisher:** **Liguori Publications**  
**Price:** **\$12.95**

September 2007 will mark the tenth anniversary of the death of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta. This revised and updated edition recalls the important events of her life: her call to join the Sisters of Loreto, her assignment to teach in Calcutta, her subsequent call to consecrate herself to the poor, her founding of the Missionaries of Charity, her receipt of the Nobel Prize for Peace, her strength of spirit in the face of illness, her death and beatification. The epitome of Christian charity, Blessed Teresa of Calcutta found God present among those who suffered the most.

**Book:** **Stories of Karol, the Unknown Life of John Paul II.**  
**Author:** **Gian Franco Svidercoschi**  
**Publisher:** **Liguori Publications**  
**Price:** **\$13.95**

Svidercoschi, a well-known Vatican insider, goes where no author has gone before. *Stories of Karol* details the life of the beloved pontiff before his election to the papal throne. Through stories about his family, his vocation, his intellectual training and everyday life, this biography paints a literary portrait of the man who guided the Catholic Church into the third millennium.

## 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

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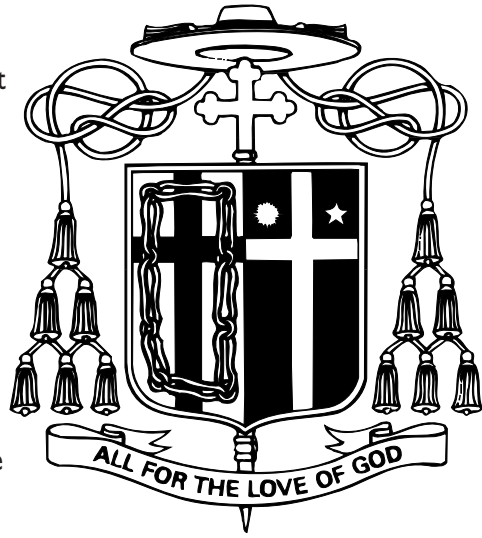


## Mission Statement

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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