

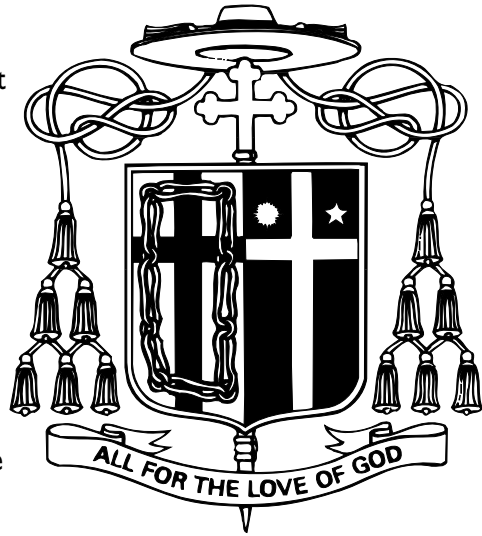


## Mission Statement

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

MARCH 2008

## OUR LADY OF MERCY SCHOOL'S 80<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY/GUEST SPEAKER JOHN PEDROZO

You're in for a double treat this month! Plan to attend our Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> (please note the date change) luncheon at St. Patrick's Parish Hall in Merced. The Merced CP&BC will honor Our Lady of Mercy School as it celebrates its 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of providing quality Catholic education. In addition to sharing some highlights about one of the oldest and largest Catholic elementary schools in our diocese, we will have a guest speaker who graduated from OLM School. John Pedrozo, member of the Merced County Board of Supervisors, will share his personal faith journey with our members and guests.



Tickets for the luncheon, catered by Fernando's Bistro, are \$15.00 each. Reservations should be made no later than March 10<sup>th</sup> by calling Raylene Smith at 723-4929. Remember to call in your reservation so that we can be well prepared. In January, we had 20 RSVPs and 58 who came for lunch. We were delighted to have such a great turnout, but please take one minute to call in your reservation at 723-4929. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. and lunch will be served at 12:00 noon.

Founded in 1927 by the Ursuline Sisters, Our Lady of Mercy School has continued to prepare students to become active faith-filled people, responsible citizens, effective communicators, and successful learners. At the present site since 1956, the entire lay faculty and staff share the message of the Gospel with the 415 students from preschool through eighth grade that are entrusted to their care. Are you an OLM graduate, parent or grandparent of an OLM student or graduate, or a present or past OLM teacher? Please join us as we celebrate Our Lady of Mercy School's 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and recognize the outstanding contribution this Catholic School has made to the Merced community.

Our speaker, John Pedrozo, was elected to the Merced County Board of Supervisors in 2004, representing the communities of El Nido, LeGrand, Livingston, Planada, Tuttle, and South Merced. As a lifelong farmer, Supervisor Pedrozo is well known as a strong advocate for agriculture. Supervisor Pedrozo formerly served on the Merced Union High School District Board of Trustees, where he brought a common-sense approach and stood up for students, parents, and educators.

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## 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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As a proud graduate of Our Lady of Mercy School, Supervisor Pedrozo fully understands the value of a Catholic education. He served on OLM's school board for 9 years and his entire family remains ardent supporters of this outstanding faith-based educational institution.

Supervisor Pedrozo has long been an active member in our community and serves on many boards and committees benefiting our region. He is a distinguished public servant who has long demonstrated his full commitment to the County of Merced.

## CELEBRATE OUR 10TH ANNIVERSARY WITH US IN JULY

The Merced Catholic Professional and Business Club celebrates its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, a wonderful landmark for our diocese. As noted in previous newsletters, we will recognize this achievement at our May 15<sup>th</sup> luncheon. We hope that each parish in our deanery will have created a poster to highlight their parish to display at the luncheon. Our primary focus that day will be to show our appreciation to the clergy and religious who have served and continue to serve in our deanery.

The Merced CP&BC is offering an evening celebration in July at the Joseph Gallo Farms in Atwater, as we continue to highlight this achievement for our deanery. The date will be included in the April newsletter so that you can mark your calendars and plan to join us. It promises to be a terrific evening. There will be a barbecue dinner, perfect for a July evening. Hopefully, members from other CP&BC's will be able to come and celebrate with us. Plan to come for a relaxing evening, make new friends, and renew your friendships with the CP&BC members and guests from our Merced CP&BC. Many more details will be available in next month's newsletter.

## COMING ATTRACTIONS

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| March 12, 2008  | Speaker: John Pedrozo, Member of the Merced County Board of Supervisors/OLM Graduate Recognition of Our Lady of Mercy School's 80 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary<br>12:00 noon Luncheon Meeting<br>St. Patrick's Parish Hall, Merced |
| April 17, 2008  | Speaker: Kathleen Stefani, Hinds Hospice Community Relations Coordinator/Fund Development<br>7:30 a.m. Breakfast Meeting<br>St. Patrick's Parish Hall, Merced   |
| May 15, 2008    | Clergy/Religious Appreciation Luncheon and Recognition of Merced CP&BC's 10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary<br>12:00 noon Luncheon<br>St. Patrick's Parish Hall, Merced   |
| June 19, 2008   | Speaker: John Abbate, Mary's Mantle<br>7:30 a.m. Breakfast Meeting<br>St. Patrick's Parish Hall, Merced   |
| July (date TBA) | Merced CP&BC's 10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration<br>Barbeque Dinner<br>Joseph Gallo Farms, Atwater   |

## MEMBERSHIP

Would you like to be part of making this a record setting membership year for our local CP&BC? If you have not already joined or renewed your membership for 2008, it's not too late. You can join at any of our meetings and board members are always available to answer questions. Forms are available at the sign-in desk. We offer two types of membership:

**\$35.00** membership entitles you to receive the monthly newsletter and helps offset the expenses of providing speakers and mailing the newsletters.

**\$135.00** membership entitles you to 10 CP&BC breakfasts or lunches during the 2008 calendar year. These can be used at one meeting or spread out over the year. This membership also entitles you to receive the monthly newsletter.

Thank you to all of our members. You are the reason this group has remained strong and viable for the past 10 years. You will be a major influence in the direction your organization takes in the future. We appreciate your membership.

## SPIRITUAL READING SUGGESTIONS FOR FEBRUARY

**Book:** **The Fisherman's Net, the Influence of Popes on History**  
**Author:** **Michael Collins**  
**Publisher:** **Paulist Press**  
**Price:** **\$16.00**

Pope Benedict XVI makes his first papal visit to the United States as pontiff April 15-20, 2008. This fascinating book examines how the papacy, over its two thousand years' history, has influenced billions of people, especially in the areas of religion, politics, history, and the arts. *The Fisherman's Net* also includes a chapter on Pope Benedict XVI.

**Book:** **Reel Parables, Life Lessons from Popular Films**  
**Author:** **James Hogan**  
**Publisher:** **Paulist Press**  
**Price:** **\$19.95**

We go to movies to be entertained, but also to be inspired; to see our common humanity in a new light. Some popular movies stand the test of time because they reveal timeless truths. In *Reel Parables*, James Hogan articulates the spiritual message inside stories that touch our hearts and capture our imaginations.

*Reel Parables* examines 20 popular films that have withstood the test of time, including Star Wars, Shawshank Redemption, Rain Man, Forrest Gump, The Truman Show, and others. Hogan discussed each one with a view towards drawing parallels with the life of Jesus (where appropriate) and extracting the moral lessons inherent in each. Each film ends with a set of reflection/discussion questions to make the book suitable for group use. Looking for a new idea for your prayer group? This just might be it.

## 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  
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