

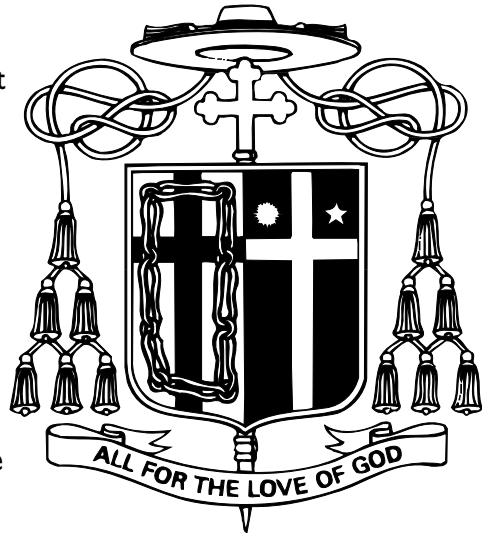


Mission Statement

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.



Catholic Professional Business Club of Merced

NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2009

REV. SAL GONZALEZ – MARCH SPEAKER

We're back at St. Patrick's Parish Hall in Merced for the March 19th breakfast meeting of the Merced Catholic Professional and Business Club. We've invited an outstanding speaker to come and share his faith story with us. So mark your calendar; call in your reservation to Raylene Smith at 723-4929 by March 15, and prepare to enjoy both a delicious breakfast and an inspiring talk. Tickets are \$12.00 each.

Father Salvador Gonzalez was born in Los Angeles in 1970 and moved to Mexico with his entire family when he was 10 years old, remaining there through high school. In 1988, he returned to the United States and in 1991 began his studies for the priesthood in the Diocese of Fresno at the St. John Vianney House of Formation.

In 1996, he graduated with a B.A. degree in Theology with a Minor in Psychology from St. John's Seminary College and in 2001 he received a M. Div. from Mt. Angel Seminary. Later that summer he was ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Fresno.

Father Sal is currently serving the people of God in the Diocese of Fresno as both the Diocesan Director of Vocations and as Pastor of St. Helen's Parish in Fresno. Prior to these assignments, Father Sal served as Parochial Vicar of St. John's Cathedral, Administrator of Kingsburg's Holy Family Parish, and Pastor of Firebaugh's St. Joseph's Parish.

Let's make a special effort to have a great turnout as we welcome Father Sal to share his journey of faith with our members and guests on Thursday, March 19th.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Our ranks are growing! As of February 16th, we have a total of 54 members for the 2009 membership year. That includes 36 members at the \$35.00 regular member rate and 18 at the \$135.00 annual member rate. Do you know someone that would enjoy being a CPBC member? Sometimes all it takes is for the right person to ask them. Maybe you're that person! Regular members receive the monthly newsletter and membership directory. Annual members receive the newsletters, the membership directory, and 10 breakfast or luncheon tickets for our meetings. Membership forms are available at all meetings. Ask someone today!

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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COMING ATTRACTIONS

- March 19 Breakfast Meeting, 7:30 a.m. St. Patrick's Parish Hall, Merced
Speaker: Rev. Sal Gonzalez, Diocesan Director of Vocations and
Pastor of St. Helen's, Fresno
- April 16 General meeting, St. Patrick's Parish Hall
Speaker: TBA
- May 21 Annual Clergy/Religious Appreciation Luncheon; 12:00 noon
St. Patrick's Parish Hall, Merced
- June 18 General Meeting, St. Patrick's Parish Hall, Merced
Speaker: TBA

SPIRITUAL READING SUGGESTION FOR LENT

- Title:** **The Way of the Cross, A Pilgrimage for Every Time and Place**
- Author:** **Donagh O'Shea, O.P.**
- Publisher:** **Paraclete Press**
- Price:** **Reg. Price - \$16.95; Sale Price - \$11.02**

From earliest times Christians have observed the Way of the Cross to identify themselves spiritually with Jesus. This meditation includes the Resurrection of Jesus, along with Scripture texts and reflections. If you are looking for meaningful meditation material for the Lenten season this year, this could be just right for you.

- Title:** **Essentials for Christian Living**
- Publisher:** **United States Conference of Catholic Bishops**
- Price:** **\$6.95**

What do Catholics believe? How are we supposed to act? In this pocket-sized volume, *Essentials for Christian Living* summarizes the core of what Catholics must know and put into practice. Reflect more deeply using the blank space found on each page. Write down a thought, draw a picture, formulate a resolution, or highlight a key word.

A LENTEN PRAYER

Adapted from a Lenten prayer by William Arthur Ward

- Fast from judging others; feast on finding Christ in them.
Fast from wanting more; feast on being thankful.
Fast from anger; feast on patience.
Fast from worry; feast on trust.
Fast from complaining; feast on enjoyment.
Fast from negatives; feast on positives.
Fast from stress; feast on prayer.
Fast from anger; feast on forgiveness.

Fast from self-concern; feast on compassion for others.
Fast from fear; feast on truth.
Fast from discouragement; feast on hope.
Fast from gossip; feast on silence.
Fast from fighting; feast on peace.
Amen.

NEWS FROM KNXT – CHANNEL 49

This month we are proud to introduce a new feature to our monthly newsletter. KNXT-Channel 49, our diocesan Catholic TV station, will provide information on a monthly basis to us about upcoming programming and behind the scenes background on some of the shows that you enjoy on a regular basis. We offer special thanks to Laurie Patterson from KNXT-Channel 49 for her efforts.

GET TO KNOW...LISA HENDEY OUR "CATHOLIC MOM"

We know you enjoy our local programs, but here is a little more about the characters behind your favorite shows. For some months now, we've been airing "Catholic Mom" with Lisa Hendey. These short, two-minute pieces cover topics related to Catholic motherhood. Lisa discusses everything from finances to entertainment on her website www.catholicmom.com, as well as three times a week, Mondays at 8:30 a.m. and Wednesdays and Fridays at 5:00 p.m. on KNXT-TV.

Lisa and her husband live locally in Fresno, CA with their two sons. Lisa is a very accomplished woman, both inside and outside the home. She completed her undergraduate work at Notre Dame, and earned a Master's Degree in Human Resource Development from Vanderbilt University. Currently, Lisa heads a home based web design business.

Lisa Hendey is a cherished member of the KNXT family and line-up. For a program guide or more information, contact KNXT-TV at (559) 488-7440, or check our website at www.knxt.tv.

JUST WHEN YOU THOUGHT YOU KNEW EVERYTHING ABOUT LENT....

A first grade religious education teacher asked her students if any one of them knew what Lent was. One of the little girls holding her hand high and proud stated that she knew what Lent was. The little girl explained that "Lent" was the little things that her mom picked off the clothes when they came out of the dryer!

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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St. Joseph

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St. Joseph

Planada
Sacred Heart

Yosemite
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