

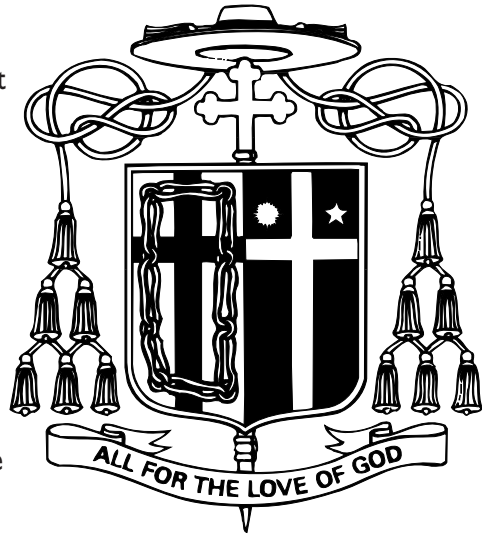


Mission Statement

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

MAY 2007

CLERGY/RELIGIOUS APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

The second annual CP&BC Clergy/Religious Appreciation Luncheon will be held on Thursday, May 17th at 12:00 noon at St. Patrick's Parish Hall, 671 E. Yosemite Avenue, Merced. This is a wonderful opportunity for Catholics throughout the Merced Deanery to come together to recognize the gift of service by the clergy and religious in their parishes. We are truly blessed to have the dedicated priests, deacons and religious sisters who faithfully serve the people of God in the Diocese of Fresno. They will be our guests that day. It would be terrific to see a large turnout from each of the 13 parishes in the Merced deanery. Please call in your reservations to Raylene Smith at 723-4929 no later than Monday, May 14th so that we can adequately plan for this event. Fernando's Bistro will provide the delicious buffet and tickets at \$15.00 each are available from any CP&BC board member or through your parish office.

Listed below are the priests and deacons who presently serve in our area:

St. Anthony, Atwater

Rev. Thomas Timmings
Rev. Mr. Kelly Canelo
Rev. Mr. Anthony Mendez

St. Columba, Chowchilla

Rev. Angel Sotelo
Rev. Mr. Anthony Di Maggio, S.F. O.

Sacred Heart, Dos Palos

Rev. Robert Vanoncini
Rev. Mr. David Mumby

St. Joseph, Firebaugh

Rev. Efrain Martinez

Our Lady of Miracles, Gustine

Rev. Leonard Trinidad

Holy Rosary, Hilmar

Rev. Hilary Silva

St. Jude Thaddeus, Livingston

Rev. Harvey Fonseca, V. F.

St. Patrick's, Kerman; St. Paul, Tranquility –

Rev. Mr. Albert Montejano
U. S. Federal Prison, Atwater – Rev. Frank Roof
Mercy Hospital Chaplain – Rev. Santos Udoh

St. Joseph, Los Banos

Rev. Daniel Avila

St. Joseph, Mariposa

Rev. Steve Bulfer

OLM/St. Patrick's, Merced

Rev. Msgr. Patrick J. McCormick
Rev. Anthony Iromenu
Rev. Frank Piro (retired)
Rev. Mr. Charles Reyburn
Rev. Mr. Jose Morales
Rev. Mr. Joseph Smith

Sacred Heart, Merced

Rev. Jesus Reynaga
Rev. Mr. Trinidad Guadarrama

Sacred Heart, Planada

Rev. Msgr. Anthony Janelli
Rev. Mr. Javier Higareda
Mr. Higinio Yanez

Our Lady of the Snows, Yosemite

Rev. Ray Duffy

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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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thanks so much to those of you who took the time to respond to our recent survey. Your input is valuable and will help us to better serve our members. We received positive feedback to last month's newsletter where we listed the dates and speakers for the next three general meetings. We know you like to plan ahead and enter these dates on your calendars. In the future we will try to continue listing the next three months' meeting dates, locations, times, and speakers in our newsletters. As you know, we break for the summer and look forward to beginning anew in September. We are glad that you have chosen to join the Merced CP&BC where you can gather monthly for fellowship and the opportunity to hear an outstanding Catholic speaker share highlights of their faith journey.

I invite you to take a few minutes to visit our new website. Eduardo Alvear, our webmaster, has created an outstanding website where you can learn about the history of our local organization, get more information about CPBC both locally and nationally, find out about upcoming speakers, and even view our monthly newsletter. Just enter the words Catholic Professional & Business Club, Merced and our website will come up. You may now receive our newsletter via e-mail rather than having it mailed to you. Let us know which you prefer.

I would also like to express my appreciation to this year's board members for their commitment and dedication. They have served well and have been willing to put forth the time and effort to secure quality Catholic speakers for our meetings, provide a welcoming spirit of hospitality to our members and guests at our general meetings, encourage a growing membership, and do the necessary behind-the-scenes work that makes our group strong and vital in the Catholic community.

REFLECTION FROM OUR SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

REV. MSGR. PATRICK J. MCCORMICK
Greetings in the Risen Lord,

The Easter season extends a full 50 days, but secular society has packed away its bunnies and eggs a long time ago. Our celebration continues. Easter decorations still adorn the outside and inside of the church. Easter vesture (white) and permanents remind people of the season.

Many families celebrate special events this time of year. They do so in joy of the good news of the Resurrection.

May 1st is Labor Day in Latin America, where unionization, farmers' rights, wages, hours and working conditions remain strong social and spiritual concerns. On this day in 1886, labor strikes throughout the United States strove to reform the workweek. Violence erupted at the McCormick Reaper Factory, and protests at Haymarket Square in Chicago turned explosive. People lost their lives to reform labor practices.

The month of May brings devotion to Mary, "Regina caeli", "Be Joyful, Mary", and "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones" all blend Mary's role with the celebration of resurrection. This is the month in which we can join in prayer asking Mary

to be our prayer partner in taking our needs before the Lord. The rosary is the traditional prayer of the month, and I would encourage you to try to say the rosary each day, especially for the changing of hearts from war to peace and for the respect of all people who work each day.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

We have 78 paid members for this year and it's still not too late for you or someone you know to join. The best deal for your membership money is to join at the annual membership rate of \$135.00, which entitles you to the monthly newsletter and 10 breakfasts or lunches. Since our breakfast ticket price is \$12.00 and our lunch ticket price is \$15.00, you can see that you will save if you use your tickets. You can use them all at once or a few at a time. Such a deal! Our regular membership price of \$35.00 entitles you to receive a copy of our monthly newsletter. Stop by our membership table at any meeting and we'll be happy to sign you up or answer any questions you might have about CP&BC.

SPIRITUAL READING SUGGESTION

Book: Finding Sanctuary: Monastic Steps for Everyday Life
Author: Abbot Christopher Jamison
Reviewed by: David Werthmann
Publisher: Liturgical Press
Price: \$19.95

The BBC recently filmed a reality-TV series in which several young men were invited to spend forty days and nights in a Benedictine monastery to see how they would handle living among the monks. Written by the abbot of that monastery, *Finding Sanctuary* is based on the author's observations during the televised experiment.

Abbot Jamison begins by analyzing how modern society has gotten so busy. As a result, people need places of sanctuary. But the type of sanctuary this book addresses is not a spa or vacation getaway. Rather, it is rooted in the sacred, where we can listen to God and our truest inner selves. The doors to this sanctuary are various virtues from the Rule of Saint Benedict, and part two of this book looks at these virtues.

Although many are uncomfortable with silence, Abbot Jamison actually makes it sound inviting. He shares experiences of prayer and meditation that show why monks pray the way and as often as they do. He also suggests ways in which laypersons can apply the same principles in their lives.

LAUGH FOR THE DAY

A little boy had just witnessed his first wedding ceremony. After the service, another child asked him, "How many men can a woman marry?"

"Sixteen," the little boy replied.

"How do you know?" his friend asked.

"Because the priest said, 'four better, four worse, four richer, four poorer,'" the boy replied.

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.

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Chowchilla
St. Columba

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Our Lady of Miracles

Hilmar
Holy Rosary

Le Grand
Our Lady of Lourdes

Livingston
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