

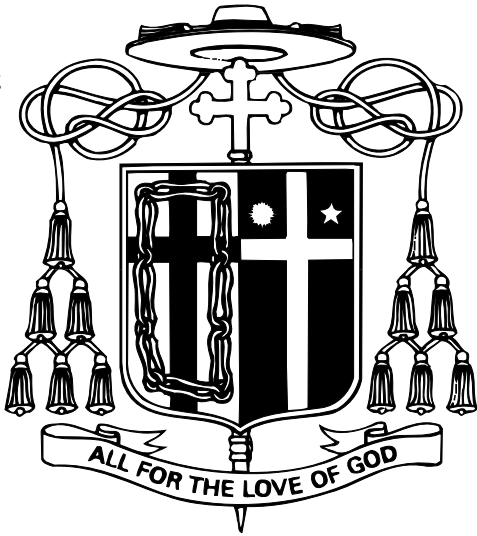


Mission Statement

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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NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2007

MICHAEL FORD – OCTOBER SPEAKER

“Giving in America” is the topic chosen by our October 18th speaker, Mike Ford. This will be a luncheon meeting held at St. Patrick’s Parish Hall in Merced. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. and a delicious buffet lunch catered by Fernando’s Bistro will be served at 12:00 noon. Tickets are \$15.00 each and reservations may be made by calling Raylene Smith at 723-4929.

Our speaker comes with a wide background of experience in the non-profit sector. He has provided guidance and direction for capital campaigns and development programs for hospitals, academic institutions and for parishes. Mike was Vice-President for Planning and Development for Southeast Missouri State University from 1978-1982, Acting Vice-President and Vice-President for Fiscal and Administrative Affairs for Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine from 1983-1985, Director of Development for the Diocese of Fresno from December, 1985-July, 1988, and Director of Development for Community Hospitals of Central California Foundation from December, 1985-January, 1994. Mike served as Director of the Rogue Valley Medical Center Foundation in Medford, Oregon from February, 1994-September, 1995 before returning to Fresno as Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for the Community Medical Foundation and Community Medical Center. In October, 2001, Mike became President of the Osprey Group and presently is a certified fundraising executive.

Over the years, Mike has been recognized for his valuable contributions. Among these awards are: Outstanding Alumnus, Bemidji State University, Minnesota in 1999, Leadership Award from the Fresno Leadership Foundation in 2000, and Outstanding Community Builder Award from United Way of Fresno County in 2001.

The Merced Catholic Professional and Business Club is indeed fortunate to have someone of Mike Ford’s stature as a speaker for our luncheon meeting on Thursday, October 18th. A dynamic speaker, Mike will share his personal faith commitment and the way his choice of profession helps him live out that faith commitment on a daily basis.

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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BOARD MEETINGS

Merced CP&BC board meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month in the Priests' Dining Room at St. Patrick's Parish Hall, 671 E. Yosemite Avenue, Merced. All CP&BC members are always welcome and our board members are encouraged to attend. We count on your input and contribution to our organization as we work hard to make this 10th anniversary year a real standout. If you have suggestions, ideas, or concerns that you would like to share with our group, please e-mail them to Brenda@olmstpatrick.org. You may also send them to the following address:

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COMING ATTRACTIONS

Remember to mark your calendars for:

November 15, 2007 Speaker: Deacon Kelly Canelo, St. Anthony's Parish
7:30 a.m. Breakfast Meeting held at
St. Anthony's Parish Hall, Atwater

January 17, 2008 Speaker: Molly Fagundes, Ag. Business Leader
12:00 noon Luncheon Meeting at
St. Patrick's Parish Hall, Merced

February 21, 2008 Speaker: Pat Ogle, Fresno Bulldogs Foundation
12:00 noon Luncheon Meeting at New Bethany
Retirement Home, Los Banos

March 13, 2008 Speaker: John Pedrozo, Chairman, Merced County
Board of Supervisors/OLM Graduate
Recognition of Our Lady of Mercy School's
80th Anniversary
12:00 noon Luncheon Meeting at
St. Patrick's Parish Hall, Merced

April 17, 2008 Speaker: Kathleen Stefani, Hinds Hospice
7:30 a.m. Breakfast Meeting held at
St. Patrick's Parish Hall, Merced

May 15, 2008 Clergy Appreciation Luncheon and CPBC 10th
Anniversary Celebration
12:00 noon Luncheon Meeting at
St. Patrick's Parish Hall, Merced

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- If your parish is celebrating a special event or anniversary, we'd be delighted to highlight the event in our monthly newsletter. Just provide the information at least six weeks in advance, along with the name, phone number and e-mail address of the contact person and we'll take care of the rest.
- If you, your company, or your organization would like to be a sponsor for one of our monthly newsletters, we'll be sure to give you credit for your generosity in the newsletter. Stop by the table when you check in at one of our monthly meetings and talk to Virginia, Brenda, or any of our board members for more details. As always, we are grateful for your support.
- Countdown to our 10th anniversary celebrationAll Saints Day, Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter,before you know it, the big finale for our 10th anniversary year will take place on May 15th. If you are a charter member, a past member, a present member, or a future member, we hope to see you there!

SPIRITUAL READING SUGGESTION FOR OCTOBER

Book: **Make Room for God: Clearing Out the Clutter**
Author: **Susan K. Rowland**
Publisher: **St. Anthony Messenger Press**
Price: **\$10.95**
Reviewed by: **David Werthmann**

Have you started your fall cleaning? Consider reading this author's experience as she cleaned out the house in which she raised her children as she prepared to move to another state. Rowland's main message is that freedom is found in letting go of things we no longer need, even though we may grieve over surrendering things we've owned and cherished for a long time. The author is not simply talking about physical clutter. One chapter deals with self care and encourages us to be satisfied with who we are, accepting our limitations. Another section focuses on forgiving those who have hurt us deeply as we unclutter our lives from the past. The book also addresses the need to have patience and trust as we wait for God to act in God's own time, not on our time schedule. Provocative reading!

Book: **The Best American Catholic Short Stories: A Sheed and Ward Collection**
Edited by: **Daniel McVeigh and Patricia Schnapp**
Publishers: **Rowman and Littlefield**

This collection features 20 short stories by American Catholic writers, which have been written over the past 75 years. There are thirteen contributors to this collection, including Mary Gordon, Flannery O'Connor, Tobias Wolff, and T. Coraghessan Boyle. Topics span most of the 20th century and deal with many of the issues brought into the spotlight with Vatican II.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

"When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left, and could say, 'I used everything you gave me.'" Erma Bombeck, American Columnist and Humorist, 20th century.

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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