

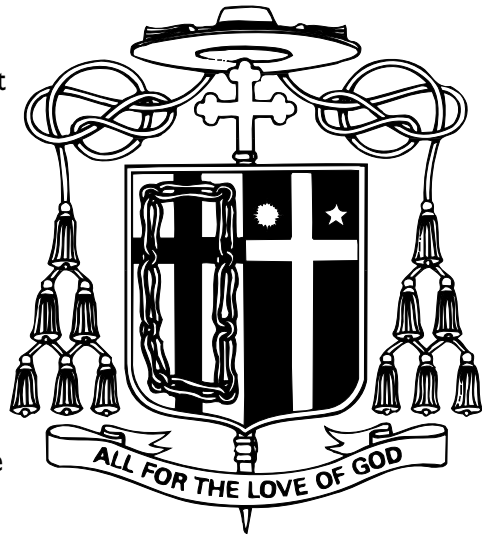


## Mission Statement

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

SEPTEMBER 2007

## DISTRICT ATTORNEY LARRY MORSE II- SEPTEMBER SPEAKER

Merced County District Attorney Larry Morse II will be the featured speaker for the September 20<sup>th</sup> breakfast meeting to kick off the 10<sup>th</sup> year for the Merced Catholic Professional and Business Club. You've seen him on the nightly news. You've read about him in the newspapers and the challenges he faces in his new position. Come and hear how his faith plays an integral part in the situations he meets on a daily basis.



Mr. Morse has worked in the Merced District Attorney's Office since 1993 and has served as Merced County District Attorney since 2006. Some recent notable cases include: Cuitlahuac Rivera, convicted of the murder of Officer Stephan Gray while in the line of duty; and Jack Victor, sentenced to life in prison without parole for the 2002 slaying of David Marquez. Mr. Morse was named Prosecutor of the Year by A Woman's Place of Merced County in 2002 and the Central Valley Arson Investigators' Association in 1995. Prior to his work in the Merced County District Attorney's office, Mr. Morse was a legislative director in the California Senate, a Congressional Press Secretary in Washington, D.C., and a reporter for the Arkansas Democrat in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Despite his demanding work schedule, Mr. Morse has made community service one of his priorities, serving on several local boards and committees. He was a member of the original UC Merced committee, founding board member of the Merced Boys and Girls Club, board member of the Greater Merced Chamber of Commerce, the Merced Community Action Network, and the Merced County Chamber of Commerce.

He has been married for more than 20 years to Merced attorney Cindy R. Morse and they have three children; Dylan, Ethan, and Ryan.

We hope you'll be able to join us for our first breakfast meeting of the new season. The meeting will be held at St. Patrick's Parish Hall, 671 E. Yosemite Avenue, Merced. Doors open at 7:00 a.m. Tickets are \$12.00 each for the delicious buffet breakfast catered by Fernando's Bistro. It will be served promptly at 7:30 a.m. and followed by our speaker's presentation. Please phone in your reservations to Raylene Smith at 723-4929 no later than September 18<sup>th</sup> so that we can have an accurate count.

## 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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## SPEAKER SCHEDULE

If you like to plan ahead, you'll be happy to know that board members Helen Amarant and Maria Giampaoli have worked hard to provide a preliminary schedule for CP&BC meetings and speakers through May 2008. Great job, ladies! We will have our meetings on the third Thursday of the month. We will offer some breakfast meetings and some luncheon meetings in an effort to accommodate the wishes and needs of our members. You may already know some of the speakers, but may have not heard them speak about the impact their faith makes daily in their lives. We will have a meeting in Atwater and a meeting in Los Banos in addition to the meetings held in Merced. If your parish is interested in hosting a meeting in the future, just let us know.

Sept. 20, 2007 Breakfast Meeting, St. Patrick's Parish Hall, Merced, 7:30 a.m.  
Speaker – Larry Morse II, Merced County District Attorney

Oct. 18, 2007 Luncheon Meeting, St. Patrick's Parish Hall, Merced, 12:00 noon  
Speaker – Mike Ford; Topic: "Giving in America"

Nov. 15, 2007 Breakfast Meeting, St. Anthony's Parish Hall, Atwater, 7:30 a.m.  
Speaker – Rev. Mr. Kelly Canelo, newly ordained deacon from St. Anthony's Parish

Dec. 2007 No general meeting

Jan. 17, 2008 Luncheon Meeting, St. Patrick's Parish Hall, Merced, 12:00 noon  
Speaker – Molly Fagundes, Atwater native presently working in Agriculture Business in California, Oregon, and Washington

Feb. 21, 2008 Luncheon Meeting, New Bethany Retirement Home, Los Banos, 12:00 noon  
Speaker – Pat Ogle, Executive Director of the Fresno Bulldog Foundation

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

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

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

## MERCED CP&BC'S 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Can you believe it? Our deanery organization will begin its 10<sup>th</sup> year of service this year. The board is planning many special activities to recognize this significant event. On May 15, 2008 we will have a joint celebration honoring the clergy and religious who serve in the parishes in the Merced Deanery and recognizing the achievements of our CP&BC as it reaches its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of service in our deanery. We anticipate a great turnout for the May 15<sup>th</sup> luncheon

and want to make it truly a momentous occasion. Mark your calendars now so you will be with us on that day. Keep reading future CP&BC newsletters for further information as the date draws closer.

## TOPICS FOR FUTURE NEWSLETTERS

Is your parish celebrating a special anniversary or is there a unique event that you would like to highlight in our monthly newsletter? We'd be delighted to include your parish events and news in our newsletter. All you need to do is provide the write-up at least 6 weeks in advance of the event. Pictures may also be included. Keep it brief and e-mail it to the following address: [Brenda@olmstpatrick.org](mailto:Brenda@olmstpatrick.org).

### CATHOLIC TEACHING SERIES

St. Patrick's Parish in Merced is proud to host a series exploring the major teachings of the Catholic Church. The series covers 15 topics in three modules or "semesters". This series is recommended for anyone who needs certification as a Basic Catechist in the diocese, or for your own spiritual growth. The first module covering 4 topics will begin on September 20, 2007, and will meet weekly through November 8<sup>th</sup>. All classes will be held on Thursday evenings in the classroom at St. Patrick's Hall. The topics in each module are:

Module 1 Brenda Feehan, Instructor	Module 2 Deacon Kelly Canelo, Instructor	Module 3 Deacon Chuck Reyburn, Instructor
Hebrew Scriptures	Authority, Obedience & Freedom	Christology
Christian Scriptures	Sin and Grace	Mary
The Sacraments	Social Justice	The Saints
Eucharist	Life Commitments/Love & Sexuality	Ministry
	Morality	Ecumenism

Each topic provides a study guide to assist participants in understanding the main issues from a current and historical perspective, reflection questions, and cross-references to the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Each class covers two evening sessions, approximately two hours each.

If you are interested, you may register NOW for the first module (which begins on September 20<sup>th</sup>). Registration cost for the series is \$50.00 (non-refundable), and each module has an additional cost of \$20 to cover the cost of the study guides. If you would like to register for all 14 classes in advance, the total cost is \$105. Module 2&3 classes will not be held during Thanksgiving week, week of the clergy convocation, week of the LA Religious Education Congress, or Holy Week. For more information, or a registration form, contact St. Patrick's Parish office at 383-3924, or call Deacon Chuck Reyburn at 723-1471.

### 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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