

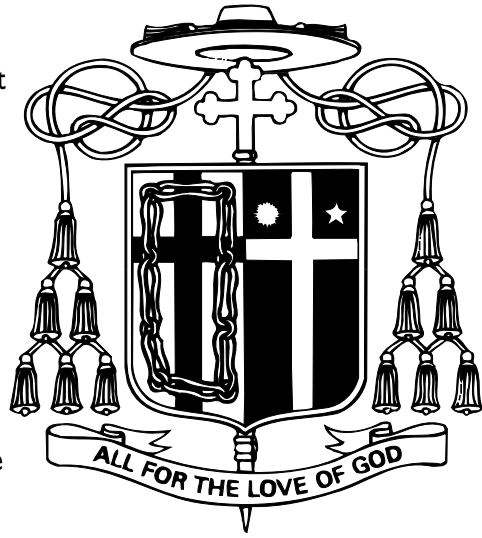


Mission Statement

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

OCTOBER 2008

REV. MSGR. MYRON COTTA, V.G. – OCTOBER SPEAKER

A very familiar face to many of you throughout the Merced deanery has been scheduled as our guest speaker for our October 16th luncheon meeting to be held at St. Patrick's Parish Hall, 671 E. Yosemite Avenue, in Merced. Rev. Msgr. Myron J. Cotta, V. G. will come to Merced and address our members and guests. It will be a treat for all of us to have him as our speaker.

Monsignor Cotta attended St. John's Seminary in Camarillo, California and was ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Fresno on September 12, 1987. Being of Portuguese descent, Msgr. Cotta has a special personal devotion to Our Lady and St. Anthony. He is often invited to celebrate Mass for the Portuguese *Festas* (festivals) in honor of the Holy Spirit, our Blessed Mother, and other patron saints of the Portuguese community. His parish assignments include: St. Anthony, Atwater; The Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, Laton; and Our Lady of Miracles, Gustine. He presently serves as the Vicar General/ Vicar for Priests, and Director of the Diocesan Office of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Msgr. Cotta sits on several Diocesan Boards and is in residence at St. Anthony of Padua, Fresno.

Mark your calendars so you can plan to be with us to hear this outstanding faith-filled speaker. The buffet luncheon will be catered by Fernando's Bistro and tickets for the event cost \$15.00 each. Reservations should be made by calling Raylene Smith at 723-4929 no later than October 13th.

VOTE ON NOVEMBER 4th

As American citizens it is our right and privilege to vote on Tuesday, November 4th and let our voices be heard in this hotly contested presidential election. In addition, Proposition 8 will be on the ballot in California. For more information about this initiative, go to www.cacatholic.org to read "Bishops Support Proposition 8 to Restore the Definition of Marriage in California". Proposition 8 will add language to the California Constitution stating that only marriage between one man and one woman will be valid or recognized in California.

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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PMB #183
731 E. Yosemite Avenue

Suite B
Merced, CA 95340

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COMING ATTRACTIONS

- October 16 Speaker: Rev. Msgr. Myron J. Cotta, V.G.
Luncheon Meeting, 12:00 noon, St. Patrick's Parish Hall, 671
E. Yosemite Avenue, Merced, Tickets: \$15.00 each
- November 6 CPBC Board Meeting, 7:30 a.m., Priests Dining Room, St.
Patrick's Parish Hall, 671 E. Yosemite Avenue, Merced, CA
- November 20 Speaker: Halfrid Nelson, Development Director, KNXT,
Channel 49
Breakfast Meeting, St. Patrick's Parish Hall, Merced,
7:30 a.m.
Tickets: \$12.00 each
- December No general meeting

CHANNEL 49 PLEDGE NIGHT

Support our diocesan television station, KNXT-Channel 49. Remember, it is the only Catholic TV station in the United States to broadcast programming 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. We are truly blessed in the diocese of Fresno to have such a station.

Pledge week is coming up again and you can demonstrate in a concrete way your support for Channel 49. Our very own Merced CP&BC Board will be manning the phone bank on Thursday evening, October 9th, from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Please tune in, give us a call, and make a pledge. Wouldn't it be great if we heard from every parish in the Merced deanery?! Thank you in advance for your support.

SPIRITUAL READING

SUGGESTIONS

- Book Title:** **Being Catholic: How We Believe, Practice and Think**
Author: Archbishop Daniel E. Pilarczyk
Publisher: St. Anthony Messenger Press and Servant Books
Price: \$17.95
Order: Online – <http://AmericanCatholic.org>
Or call toll free: 1-800-488-0488

In *Being Catholic* Archbishop Pilarczyk teaches in clear, concise language the basic beliefs and practices of Catholics and what shapes a Catholic's thinking. The book discusses Catholic belief (knowing, understanding, and responding to the true story of God's love for us); Catholic practice (reflecting on actions that express our faith); and Catholic thought (how our faith shapes all aspects of our understanding about our lives in the world).

- CD Title:** **The Seven Secrets of Successful Catholics**
Author: Paul Wilkes; Read by the author
Price: \$22.95 for 2 compact discs/approx. 2.5 hours
Order: Online – <http://AmericanCatholic.org>
Or call toll free: 1-800-488-0488

Have you ever met people whose Catholic faith brings them an inner peace and an outer vibrancy that sets them apart? Have you ever wanted to ask, "What's your secret?" Paul Wilkes also helps listeners discover ways – practical as well as possible – to make these secrets their own. He discusses the topics of Eucharist, community, conscience, justice, forgiveness, holiness and prayer and provides questions and reflections.

OUR LADY OF MERCY SCHOOL PRESENTS:

“FOLLIES DIVINE IN 2009”

This month we are highlighting an upcoming event that will benefit one of our deanery parish schools. If you have an event or milestone in your parish that you would like to have mentioned in our monthly newsletter, we would be happy to do so. Just provide the information in a timely fashion and we'll include you in one of our future newsletters. E-mail the information to Brenda@olmstpatrick.org.

For those of you in the Merced area, you'll probably remember the Follies that were held every two years from the 1950's until 1992. Our Lady of Mercy School in Merced hopes to reinvent the magic that was the Follies, but this time benefiting Our Lady of Mercy School. There will be three shows April 3rd, 4th and 5th, 2009 at the Merced College Theater. They plan to provide an entertaining show for their audience, with participants from OLM School, St. Patrick's Parish, and the community of Merced.

The committee is reaching out to the Catholic businesses in our community to purchase an ad for the “Follies Divine in 2009” program. The ad prices are as follows:

\$250.00 for a business card ad
\$350.00 for a 1/4 page ad
\$500.00 for a 1/2 page ad
\$1,000.00 for a full page ad

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jeannie Fluetsch Bliss by phone at 722-1541 or by e-mail at jeannie@fluetschandbusbyinsurance.com. You may also contact Jill Serpa by phone at 722-6657 or by e-mail at olmpreschool@yahoo.com

CATHOLIC HUMOR

One Sunday morning, the priest noticed little Randy standing in the foyer of the church staring up at a large plaque. It was covered with names and small flags mounted on either side of it. The six-year old had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the priest walked up, stood beside the little boy and said quietly,

“Good morning, Randy.”

“Good morning, Father;” he replied, still focused on the plaque.

“Father, what is this?”

The priest said, “Well Randy, it's a memorial to all the young men and women who died in the service.”

Soberly they just stood together, staring at the large plaque.

Finally little Randy's voice, barely audible and trembling with fear asked,

“Which service, the 9:00 or the 11:00?”

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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