

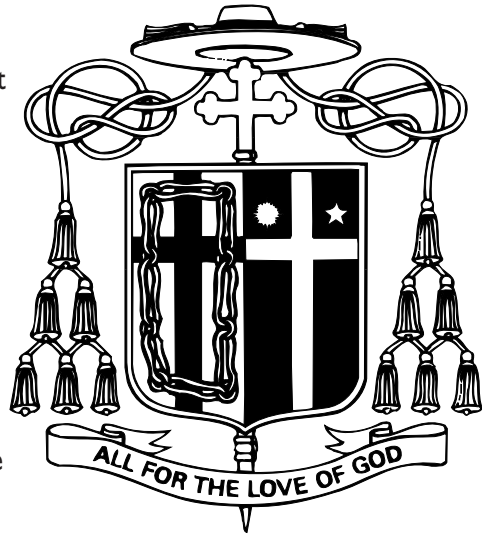


Mission Statement

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

JUNE 2007

JUNE SPEAKER

RICHARD SEXTON, DIOCESAN SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Catholic School principals, teachers, parents, and students in the Diocese of Fresno already know our June speaker, Richard Sexton, through his role as Superintendent since 1989. We invite you to come to our luncheon meeting on June 21st at noon at St. Patrick's Parish Hall, 671 E. Yosemite Avenue in Merced. You will have the opportunity to meet him or renew your friendship with Rick and listen as he shares his personal faith journey and the impact it has had on his life. Tickets for the luncheon, catered by Fernando's Bistro, are \$15.00 each. Reservations should be made no later than June 18th by calling Raylene Smith at 723-4929. Tickets are available at your parish office or from any CPBC board member.



As Superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Fresno, Richard Sexton serves 24 Catholic schools. He is the Chief Administrative Officer for the Catholic Schools in Merced, Madera, Fresno, Tulare, Kings, and Kern Counties. He supports 22 elementary schools, 16 licensed preschools, and two high schools with a total enrollment of 7,000+ students. Both the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and the Western Catholic Educational Association (WCEA) accredit these schools. Rick is presently the President of the Board of Directors for WCEA as well as the Secondary School WCEA Commissioner for the Diocese of Fresno and the CEO for the Diocese of Fresno Board of Education. He is also Past President of the California Catholic School Superintendents Association.

A dedicated advocate of Catholic education, Rick leads schools which provide parents with an alternative form of education that stresses academic excellence within a safe environment, effective discipline, religious formation within the Catholic tradition, the development of moral values, a sense of community, recognition of the student's individual needs and talents, site-based management, and parental involvement in the school's governance and leadership.

Mark your calendars for Thursday, June 21st. This is our last CPBC meeting before we break for the summer. You'll enjoy listening to Rick's wit, wisdom, and faith-filled experiences. The Diocese of Fresno is truly blessed to have him serve in this leadership role for so many years.

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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CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE

Want to learn more about the CPBC both locally and nationally? Enter the words Catholic Professional & Business Club, Merced and our informative website will appear. Several members expressed interest in receiving our newsletter on-line rather than having it mailed to them. If you prefer this option, simply let us know at our meeting and provide your e-mail address. With our September newsletter, we'll begin using this exciting new option. Thanks again to our webmaster Eduardo Alvear for the amazing job he has done with our website.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

We are grateful to the 78 members who have joined our organization for the 2007 year. There's still time to join if you want to be part of a dedicated, growing organization where Catholics can share their faith, enjoy Christian fellowship and hear inspiring Catholic speakers, in addition to enjoying consistently delicious food catered by Fernando's Bistro. Our regular membership price is \$35.00 and entitles you to receive a copy of our monthly newsletter. For those bargain conscious folks out there, you'll want to join at the \$135.00 annual membership rate. This entitles you to the monthly newsletter and 10 breakfasts or lunches. These can be used all at one time or a few at a time. So, even in June, it's a great deal! Stop by the membership table at our June luncheon for more information.

LIVE OAK FARM - JUNE NEWSLETTER SPONSOR

A special thank you goes to Maria Giampaoli and Sandy Del Real of Live Oak Farms for so generously sponsoring our newsletter this month. As you know, the costs to publish and mail our monthly newsletter continue to rise. If you are interested in helping to sponsor a monthly newsletter, please contact Brenda Feehan, President at: CPBC of Merced, PMB 450, 23 West Alexander Avenue, Merced, CA 95348-3404.

REPORT ON THE NATIONAL CPBC CONFERENCE

Archbishop George Niederauer welcomed Catholics from a wide variety of businesses on April 20, at the start of the sixth annual conference of the National Catholic Professional & Business Club held in San Francisco. This year's conference, themed *Leadership and Living the Faith*, drew most attendees from among the leadership and membership of the 13 Catholic Professional & Business Club and Catholics at Work chapters within the national umbrella organization.

"We must take the Good News of Gospel wherever we go," Archbishop Niederauer told attendees, noting what an utter betrayal of the Gospel it is whenever we take the values of the world and try to bring them into the Faith. Instead, he underscored that we must: "Make our own values of the Kingdom. Live them! Then take them to all we meet."

World-class Catholic business leaders dominated the speaker line-up and included: Ambassador Ray Flynn, former U.S. Ambassador to the Vatican (1993-97), three-term elected mayor of Boston, frequent media commentator and best-selling author of a book on John Paul II; Mark Brumley, president and CEO of Ignatius Press, the main English publisher of Pope Benedict XVI; Patrick Lencioni, founded and president of The Table Group, Inc., a specialized management-consulting firm focused on executive team development and organizational health, and best-selling author of six business books.

Other speakers included Noel Irwin Hentschel, chairman, CEO, and co-founded of American Tours International (ATI), which serves nearly one million visitors from more than 70 countries and is the largest in-bound tour operation in the nation; and Gaelyn Felix, a springboard and platform diving champion, and now an Olympic distance triathlon and adventure racer who spoke on behalf of Catholic Athletes for Christ (CAC). Bishop Stephen Blaire, spiritual director for the organization, celebrated the closing Mass and gave the blessing, exhorting attendees to bring the good news of the Gospel into the workplace.

“Living our faith in today’s world is a huge and daunting challenge,” explained national president William G. Applegate III. “The hope and aim of our national conference is to help us meet that challenge with a greater sense of awareness, innovation and renewed enthusiasm when we return to our places of work and our communities.”

SUMMER SPIRITUAL READING SUGGESTIONS

Title: **Three Saints: Women Who Changed History**
Author: **Joan Williams**
Publisher: **ACTA Publications**
Reviewed by: **Anthony Craig**
Price: **\$9.95**

The introduction to this book points out that usually women saints are extolled for their humility and holiness rather than for their accomplishments. In this delightful and easy-to-read book, author Joan Williams tells the stories of three women saints who were not only humble and holy, but also whose foresight and courage truly made a difference in the cities in which they lived and in the Church of their times.

St. Genevieve of Paris, probably the least familiar to most Catholics, saved the inhabitants of Paris in the fifth century from invasion by Attila the Hun. She also set up a system of trade and travel that fed the city’s population throughout the winter each year. St. Catherine of Siena was influential in getting the seat of the papacy moved from Avignon back to Rome in the fourteenth century. She also seemed to have been among the closest confidants of Pope Gregory XI. St. Teresa of Avila, who lived during the time of the Inquisition, set about a great reform of the Carmelite Order for both the nuns and the priests, whose own resistance to change caused much of Teresa’s struggle.

All three of these women shrewdly dealt with political forces, both in the Church and in society that would have caused most people to give up. During these early historical periods, it was unheard of for a woman to have the degree of influence over men that all three of these women exercised. If you’re looking for a compelling book for your summer spiritual reading, this should certainly fill the bill.

Title: **A Daring Promise, A Spirituality of Christian Marriage**
Author: **Richard R. Gaillardetz**
Publisher: **Liguori Publications**
Price: **\$14.95**

In this revised and expanded volume, Richard Gaillardetz creatively draws on the deep wisdom of our Christian tradition while reflecting on the lived experience of marriage. Written with a refreshing sense of candor and humor, this book is informative, lively, and personal, providing wonderful insight into the daring adventure of Christian marriage.

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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