

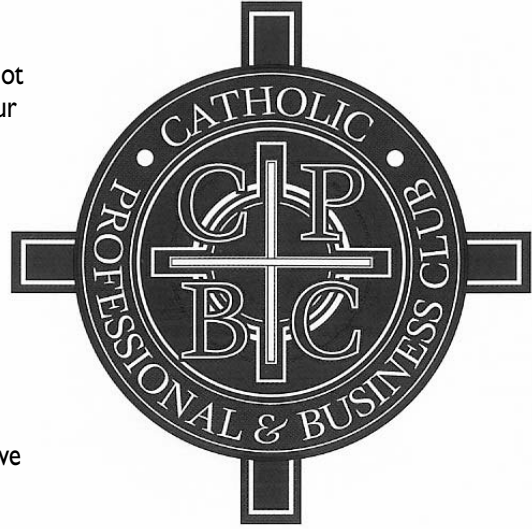


## Mission Statement

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 2009

## OCTOBER SPEAKER – FATHER DAVID GRESKOWIAK

Newly ordained priest for the diocese of Fresno Father David Greskowiak will be the guest speaker for our October 15<sup>th</sup> Catholic Professional and Business Club luncheon meeting. It will be held at St. Patrick's Parish Hall, 671 E. Yosemite Avenue, Merced. Tickets for the buffet luncheon, catered by Fernando's Bistro, are \$15.00 each. Reservations should be made no later than October 11<sup>th</sup> by calling Raylene Smith at 723-4929. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be served at 12:00 noon. Our CP&BC board recommends that each member bring a guest to the luncheon so they can experience firsthand what a terrific Catholic organization we have in the Merced-Mariposa Deanery.

The first assignment for Father David, a Wisconsin native, as a priest in our diocese, is to St. Patrick's Parish in Merced. as parochial vicar. In this role, he has been appointed by pastor Monsignor Patrick J. McCormick to also be the parochial vicar for Sacred Heart Parish, Planada. Father David also celebrates Mass at St. Patrick's and Our Lady of Mercy, as well as helping with monthly Masses at Our Lady of Mercy School. Come and join us on October 15<sup>th</sup> to hear about Father David's faith journey.

## CENTENNIAL CONGRATULATIONS!

We take this opportunity to congratulate Immaculate Conception Church, which is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary this month. It has played a significant role in the faith story of so many in our area over the past 100 years.

The first place of worship for Catholics in the Atwater region was at Buhach, founded in 1901, where the mission Church of the Immaculate Conception is still active. The CP&BC of the Merced- Mariposa deanery joins all Catholics in our diocese in recognizing the blessing that Immaculate Conception Church has been and continues to be in serving the people of God.

## 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.  
Annual Membership Dues: \$135

Dues can be paid at any monthly meeting or by sending a check to the following:

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## NEW PROGRAMMING FOR KNXT

KNXT –Channel 49, your local Catholic TV station, has added several new shows to the monthly programming: **Real Food, Divine Intervention, Realfaith TV, and En Clave de Dios.**

Airing Mondays at 7:00 p.m. and Saturdays at 2:00 p.m., **Real Food** with Msgr. Jim Vlaun is a wonderful cooking program designed to help families recognize the value of gathering 'round the table with loved ones, nurturing their bodies with food and their souls with prayer.

On Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m. and Fridays at 10:00 p.m., Fr. Joe DeGrocco hosts the exciting game show **Divine Intervention.** Viewers of all ages and backgrounds will enjoy this unique mix of Catholic life and pop culture as contestants use their knowledge of trivia and memory skills to win prizes.

**Realfaith TV**, a two-time Gabriel Award winning program for teenagers, is airing on Thursdays at 10:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 6:00 p.m. The show features teenagers speaking on issues or topics they face daily through discussion and interviews.

For our Spanish-speaking viewers, we have added a new program, **En Clave de Dios**, on Sundays at 2:00 p.m. This is a wonderful live concert series airing just before the Sunday Pueblo de Dios.

## DAILY PRAYER FOR OUR PRIESTS

Dear Lord,

We pray that the Blessed Mother  
Wrap her mantle around your priests  
And through her intercession  
Strengthen them for their ministry.

We pray that Mary will guide your priests  
To follow her own words,  
“Do whatever He tells you” (Jn 2:5).

May your priests have the heart of St. Joseph,  
Mary’s most chaste spouse.

May the Blessed Mother’s own pierced heart  
Inspire them to embrace  
All who suffer at the foot of the cross.

May your priests be holy,  
Filled with the fire of your love  
Seeking nothing but your greater glory  
And the salvation of souls.

Amen.

Saint John Vianney, pray for us.

# BOARD MEETING

Your CP&BC board meets monthly in the Priests' Dining Room at St. Patrick's Parish Hall in Merced. The meetings are held at 7:30 a.m. on the first Thursday of each month. If you have any suggestions for future speakers or have other ideas to make our local organization more effective as a tool for faith sharing and Christian fellowship, please give your suggestions to any board member. You may also send them to us in writing at the following address: CP&BC of Merced, PMB 183, 731 E. Yosemite Avenue, Suite B, Merced, CA 95340

## COMING ATTRACTIONS

**October 10 Diocese of Fresno Congress, Visalia Convention Center**

**October 15 CP&BC Luncheon Meeting, St. Patrick's Parish Hall,**

**Merced, 12:00 noon**

Guest Speaker: Rev. David Greskowiak

## SPIRITUAL READING SUGGESTIONS

**Book:** **Reactivating Our Catholic Faith, Reflections to Get Real About Faith**

**Author:** **Frank P. DeSiano, CSP**

**Publisher:** **Paulist Press**

**Website:** [www.paulistpress.com](http://www.paulistpress.com)

**Price:** **\$7.95**

Distracted as we are by many messages and obligations, faith can lose its priority in a person's life, especially when we find ourselves over extended and often without a center. If this sounds like a description of your life right now, you might be interested in this book. The short meditations, along with discussion questions, and follow-up suggestions from the Scriptures, can help a Catholic re-prioritize his/her faith. Some topics discussed include: our human meaning, our need for salvation, the personal place Jesus has in our lives, and how we can connect with Jesus authentically.

**Book:** **Ewe**

**Author:** **R. W. Metlen**

**Publisher:** **Paulist Press**

**Website:** [www.paulistpress.com](http://www.paulistpress.com)

**Price:** **\$16.95**

Ewe (clever name, don't you think?) is a sheep with a tendency to get lost. But that doesn't stop the good shepherd from finding Ewe. Here is a fun retelling of an age-old parable that will warm your heart and the hearts of those you love most. It is a delightful picture of God's unconditional love for YOU.

Expressing a serious message through quirky humor, this cartoon-illustrated book will charm readers with its humorous and pointed drawings and its penetrating meaning that is sure to instantly connect with readers of all ages. It would make a great gift!

## 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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Dos Palos  
Sacred Heart

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Le Grand  
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Livingston  
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Mariposa  
St. Joseph

Planada  
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