

CATHOLIC PROFESSIONAL and BUSINESS CLUB OF MODESTO

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A word from our President

October 2012



- Are you planning on voting in November?
- Bewildered on the issues?

Then be sure to attend our October 9th meeting. Ned Dolejsi will be our speaker, and he is the first lay Executive Director of the California Catholic Conference, this is the public policy arm of the Catholic Bishops of California. Ned will speak on the issues of our day, so you can become better informed on how this year's election will affect all of us.

Please remember to register and pay your dues for this 2012-2013 season. Our speakers this year are dynamic, enlightening, and entertaining, and your paid dues help to pay for them.

We need your help.

- Please attend and **invite guests** for every meeting. Let's share the example of healthy Catholic ethics with those business people and professionals that we work and talk to on a weekly and monthly basis. Check out our website for upcoming speakers and invite accordingly.
- **We need 1 volunteer from each parish to be an ambassador.** What does an ambassador have to do you ask? Simple & Easy. Please contact our board member John Pesta for details JohnPesta@gmail.com *phone (209) 398-9393*
 - Take the parish Pastor out to lunch on his birthday
 - Make sure our meeting announcements get in the bulletin
 - Once a year host a membership drive after each Mass. We board members will help with that.

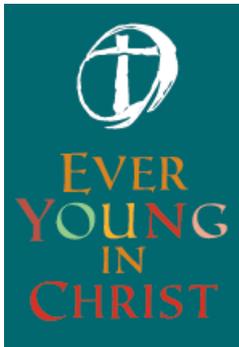
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- **Please support your directory with advertising** for your business, services, or announcements. You now get dynamic ads on our website as well as printed in our new format directory coming later this year. The deadline is rapidly approaching, so please send your ad copy now.



We want to thank Dave Casper, Oakland Raider and Hall of Fame football player for coming to Modesto to speak to our group. Dave had lots of positive affirmation nuggets that he shared with us.

See you Tuesday October 9th 7:00 am at the Doubletree Hotel downtown Modesto.



God Bless

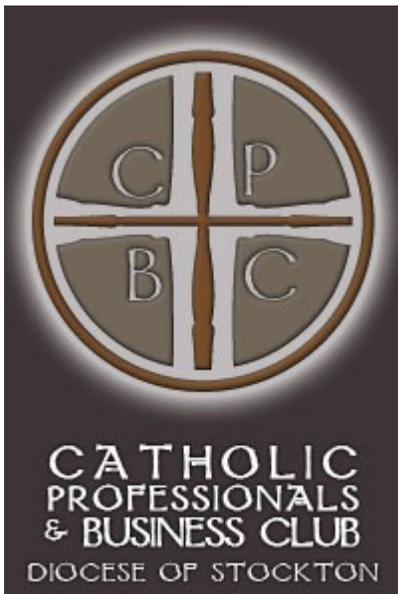
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Mission Statement

“As Catholic professional business men and women, we are called to live our Christian ethics not only on Sunday, but throughout our daily lives at home and at work.”

Our goal in the Catholic Professional and Business Club, an unincorporated association (CP&BC), shall be to gather to share with others who seek a more ethical business environment.

Each of us shall strive to achieve a co-mingling of our ethical and professional obligations, in demonstration of the fact that ethics and business need not be mutually exclusive terms.



Mass 6:30 at St Stanislaus Church, 7th & J St.
 Networking 7:00 at the Doubletree. Breakfast and speaker 7:15. Reservations: online at cpbc-Modesto.org, cheartst@pacbell.net, gerbele2@yahoo.com, Cathy Hearst (209) 968-8086

A word from our spiritual director, Father Sam

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I would like to take this opportunity to remind all of you about the upcoming the Year of Faith, declared by Pope Benedict XVI, which starts on October 11, 2012 and ends on the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King, on November 24, 2013. The Holy Father has asked us as members of the faithful to take the time this year to prayerfully and thoughtfully consider this inestimable gift of our Faith. We are asked to allow this gift to lovingly grow in our hearts and genuinely renew our desire to make Christ the center of our life. The Pope's letter announcing the Year of Faith begins with the words "Porta Fidei" ("Door of Faith") recalling the image that faith is the door through which we enter into a true intimacy, a communion, with our Lord Jesus Christ. In our relationship with Him, we then share in the eternal life and unlimited love of the Most Holy Trinity. In paragraph 5 of this letter, the Holy Father writes, "The Year of Faith, from this perspective, is a summons to an authentic and renewed conversion to the Lord, the one Saviour of the world. In the mystery of his death and resurrection, God has revealed in its fullness the Love that saves and calls us to conversion of life through the forgiveness of sins (cf. *Acts* 5:31). For Saint Paul, this Love ushers us into a new life: "We were buried ... with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life" (*Rom* 6:4). Through faith, this new life shapes the whole of human existence according to the radical new reality of the resurrection. To the extent that he freely cooperates, man's thoughts and affections, mentality and conduct are slowly purified and transformed, on a journey that is never completely finished in this life. 'Faith working through love' (*Gal* 5:6) becomes a new criterion of understanding and action that changes the whole of man's life (cf. *Rom* 12:2; *Col* 3:9-10; *Eph* 4:20-29; *2 Cor* 5:17)."

We need always remember that our faith is a precious gift purchased for each one of us by the suffering, death, and resurrection of Christ. This divine gift has its origins in God and is offered through immaculate hands of the Blessed Virgin. We undeservedly are given this gift by Christ's holy bride, the Church, in the celebration of baptism in which we die and rise again with Jesus. The gift is strengthened, repaired, and continually renewed in all the Sacraments of the Church. The Church, in conformity to Her divine mission, freely and joyfully offers the gift to all who are open to receiving it. Because the faith is a gift given to the Church as a whole, any reference to "my faith" in discussing this gift is not accurate. Of course, I have the right to freely choice whether to accept or reject the offer of THE Faith. But, at the same time, the gift of Faith is not "mine" to do with it as I please. Therefore, I cannot change or modify its teachings, which are divinely revealed, to conform to my preferences or opinions. Rather, I have to humbly and obediently allow the seeds of faith to grow in me, changing me from the inside out. In time, if we remain steadfast to the truth received in THE faith, we will bear the good fruit of our new life - the life of the Spirit.

In this Year of faith, let us resolve with help of our Blessed Mother and the saints to spend time learning more about the beauty of the gift of faith and share this gift with others. We can especially take time to read the documents of the Second Vatican Council (this year is the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the Council). One way to share the faith is invite someone to Mass, to an event in your parish, or, even, to a Catholic Professional Business Club breakfast meeting. God bless you and your families.

In Christ

Rev. Sam West

Chaplain

**Parish
and
School
News from
around
the city
and
county**

Central Catholic High School will host our **Open House** on October 30, from 5:30-8:30. This is a great opportunity to preview the curriculum, visits with teachers and coaches, tour the campus with students and enjoy a free family BBQ and root beer floats. There will be special prizes for little ones in costume who would like to trick-or-treat through the hallways. Please call Cathi Padula if you have any questions at 524-9611.

Parish Festivals:
Our Lady of Fatima Oct. 5,6,7

Annual Respect Life Representative Meeting—Oct. 6, 8 am—4:30 pm St. Joseph, Modesto. Call Kim in the Respect Life Office at 209/465-5433 for more information.

Bishop's Awards Dinner – October 20th – celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Diocese

Diocesan Ministry Day, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Diocese, - October 27, at the Doubletree

ACCLAIMED PIANIST ERIC GENUIS!



Sunday, October 7, 3 pm

Gallo Center for The Arts

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