

# CATHOLIC PROFESSIONAL and BUSINESS CLUB OF MODESTO

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Summer 2013

## **Catholic Professional & Business Club, Modesto, California A word from our Past President Summer 2013**

We hope everyone is having a blessed summer.

I want to take a moment and thank each and every one of you for the support you've given over the past 2 years. Yes these 2 years have gone by very quickly. It is important that the Catholic Professional & Business Club, (CPBC) continues to flourish as we live our faith within our society. Now more than ever we need to let our light of faith shine through our actions of living in our community.

Hopefully everyone will welcome Cathy Pietanza as our new incoming president. Your continued support is more important now than ever. Cathy has some excellent ideas. Remember everything great in life comes with change. I believe we'll see a new venue for our meetings. Cathy and the board want your feedback for speakers and direction.

Consider volunteering to serve on the CPBC board. It's only 9 meetings a year and we can use your support.

Please renew your 2013/2014 membership now so we can have a speaker budget for this upcoming season. Also invite a neighbor, friend, relative, or past member to our September 10<sup>th</sup> season kick off breakfast. It is through the growth of our membership that great things can be accomplished.

*God Bless  
George Erbele*



## From our spiritual director, Father Sam

I would like to take this month's article to briefly review and comment on the mission statement of our Club. At present, the mission statement reads:

*"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."

As stated, the mission of club is to assist its members in better living out the Christian ethics in our daily and professional lives. Ethics is commonly defined as "a system of moral principles" or "rules of conduct." As members of the Body of Christ, our moral principles are not defined, or made-up, by each of us as he or she sees fit. We have received the way we are to live from God through the means He has chosen to reveal them to us – natural law as discerned through human reason and Divine Revelation as manifest in the Deposit of Faith, which includes Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition. We are then bound by justice to God and others to conduct our lives in accord with the teachings we have received.

With that said, it is important to note Jesus did not come to merely establish a new ethical system or a code of conduct. For us, our Christian ethics goes beyond how we behave toward each other and conduct our professional lives. Our Lord Jesus became Incarnate, taking on our human nature, suffered, died, and rose to give us so much more. He offers us a share in the Divine life and shows us how we can live "life abundantly" (Jn 10:10). Christianity, our conformity to Christ, should not be reduced to a set of rules. Being followers of Christ means we live a whole NEW LIFE, a life which is beyond the limits of earthly existence, a life that truly fulfills our potential. The new life we have received is the "life of the Spirit" (Gal 5:25) and should permeate our entire being – our mind, heart, and body. Behaving justly and ethically then becomes a natural part of who we are, a virtue in the truest sense, reflecting the presence of Christ in us and bring Christ's love into the world. In all we think, say, and do shows we have been

changed, transformed, into a new creature, a true child of God.

As the chaplain of the CP&BC Club, I ask how can the Club help its members grow in their Catholic Faith? First, we pray earnestly every-day and attend Mass every Sunday. We go to Confession, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, frequently. We also give the gifts of our time, talent, and financial resources to help build up the Kingdom of God on earth. We defend the rights of all human persons, including unborn children and their mothers, the elderly, the disabled, and the poor. We proclaim the Good News of Jesus as the "the Way, the Truth, and the Life" (Jn 14:6) in all our words and actions.

I sincerely believe the more we live the truth of the Faith in our daily lives, the more we will attract others to Christ. I am open to any suggestions you may have to help our membership grow in both number and, more importantly, in the Faith. I am thinking about offering days of recollection, spiritual conferences, and retreats. Perhaps, we can schedule a special time (in the evening for example) to meet to learn more and discuss the beauty of the Catholic faith. Also, our Club could take an active role in some defined work of mercy, doing some charitable work or social justice in our community. If you have any suggestions, you can email me at [swest@ststanscc.org](mailto:swest@ststanscc.org) or call me at (209) 524-4381 ext. 103. With the help of the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary, let us continual be open to the grace of the Holy Spirit to grow more in love of Christ and others, fully living out the new life we have received.

In Christ,

Fr. Samuel West  
Chaplain Catholic Professional and Business Club  
Modesto

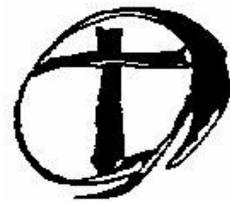
**Mark your calendars for our 2013-2014 season. Meeting dates are the second Tuesday of the month, September thru June.**

**September 10  
October 8  
November 12  
December 10  
January 14  
February 11  
March 11  
April 8  
May 13  
June 10**

Our May and June meetings were great, as I hope everyone who attended will agree. We were a little hard to find—May found us on the 11th floor hearing from Lisa Hendey and in June we were around a corner from our normal room listening to Sue Garcia. Both were inspiring speakers.



**Executive Board** *The CPBC Executive Board meets the fourth Tuesday of every month, at Catholic Charities, 12th & D. Plans are developed for future meetings. Guests are welcome at the 7 a.m. session. Contact George Erbele, [gerbele2@yahoo.com](mailto:gerbele2@yahoo.com) if interested in serving on the board.*





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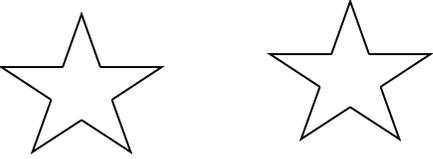
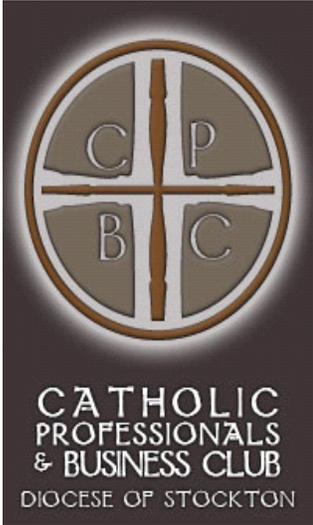
### Location Change

#### NEW BREAKFAST MENU, NEW LOCATION

Beginning with our September meeting, we are moving to a new meeting location! Old Mill Café, 400 N. 9<sup>th</sup> St. in downtown Modesto offers us a great menu that will allow members to select from eggs to pancakes to oatmeal for breakfast. Parking is readily available in the parking lot and on the street. Join us on September 10<sup>th</sup> at our new location!

### Our September Speaker - Michael Nader

Michael Nader is a California lawyer and expert in Employment Law. He earned his law degree from the Notre Dame Law School, where he also served as the Editor-in-Chief of the Notre Dame Journal of Law, Ethics & Public Policy. He also earned a Master of Laws degree at Notre Dame's Center for Civil and Human Rights, where he completed a thesis on the relationship of Catholic Social Teaching on the Spirituality of Work. After his graduate studies, Michael presented papers on Catholic Social Thought at international conferences in Regensburg, Germany, and in Rome, Italy. He also studied the thought of John Paul II in Krakow, Poland. Michael has clerked for federal trial and appellate court judges, and has worked in large corporate law firms, rising to the level of Shareholder before accepting his current in-house position. He has made presentations on the Spirituality of Work to Catholic Professional and Business Clubs in San Francisco, San Jose, Oakland, and Sacramento, as well as to students at St. Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park. Michael recently appeared on the Catholic Business Hour radio show on EWTN's nationwide radio network. Michael will speak on what he calls the "Catholic Work Ethic."



# Youth Concert

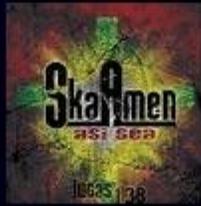
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2 Corinthians 5:7

### Venue

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1200 Maze Blvd, Modesto, Ca

With Special Guest



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Father Stan Fortuna

### Featuring

- Adoration-
- Confession-
- Praise Worship-

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September 7th ◦ 5pm ◦ 2013

For more information: Parish office 209-524-4381

