

# Catholic Professional & Business Club of the Fresno Diocese

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## LAUREL BOYLAN By JoEllen Strait



Laurel Boylan, the mother of five adopted children (ages 6 to 10 years), shared her fascinating and touching story with us at our April breakfast. Laurel and her husband, John, are members of OLPH Parish.

The Boylans first adopted in this country, but their next four children were born in Ukraine. After encountering problems with their first adoption, they realized there was a need for an honest, Christian adoption agency. They visited Ukraine and when they returned decided that they just couldn't continue on with their lives and jobs as they had done before the trip. Instead, 4.5 years ago, they founded the organization "God's Waiting Children".

"God's Waiting Children" facilitates adoptions from Ukraine and Kazakhstan. To date they have done 34 adoptions and each of the families has a unique story. In Ukraine there are over 75,000 orphans and even more in Kazakhstan, the result of poverty, drugs, alcohol, abuse, and single parents. Their primary goal is to work with children over 6 years old, at 17 or 18 years old they leave the orphanage. They also do "orphan hosting" where a child 7 to 13 years old is brought to the U.S. to be exposed to a "normal" life. The host family takes them to church and other various activities. They are not allowed to stay, but have to return home.

Many people want to adopt babies, which can involve years of waiting. An alternative is to go through their organization that already has children waiting to be adopted. Adoption is expensive, though, usually \$25,000 to \$50,000 per child depending on the country, so money is usually a concern. However, their organization allows families to fund raise through them. Laurel feels it is more important to have the desire to adopt than the money. Many people believe, but don't have faith. We need to let go and trust in God. He will connect people who need each other.

To read more about the Boylans and "God's Waiting Children", please visit their website at [www.godswaitingchildren.com](http://www.godswaitingchildren.com).

## MAY 14 – JASON JONES, MOVIE PRODUCER



Plan on joining us at our May breakfast to hear Jason Jones, movie producer and humanitarian. Jones is the producer of the movie "Bella" and the founder of HERO (Human-Rights Education and Relief Organization), a non-profit that promotes human dignity in all stages of life through international education and relief programs. See the insert for more information and be sure to make your reservations for our May 14th breakfast!



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## KNXT Highlights

*Our Vision for the Future*

### May Programming!

KNXT, Catholic Television for the Central Valley, would love to thank all of it's viewers and volunteers who made our **Annual Telethon** a success! Without your support KNXT would not be the quality Catholic programming provider it is today.

KNXT-TV is bringing you a baseball game you will not want to miss! Watch as San Joaquin Memorial and Madera South High School baseball teams go head-to-head LIVE, May 11th at 3:30 pm from San Joaquin Memorial.

Tune-in to another month of **Vision for the Future**, a new program we are proud to air, hosted and produced by Jim Grant. It brings to light the priorities of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan *Our Vision for the Future*: Vocations, Catechetics, Youth Ministry, School of Ministries and Parish Life Coordinators. Airs Sundays at 6:00 pm, Wednesdays at 8:30 pm & Thursdays at 11:30 am

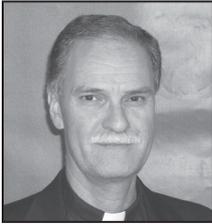
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## PASTOR PROFILE – REV. CARLOS ESQUIVEL, O.S.J.

By James Kludjian



**Pastor – St. Joachim Catholic Church**  
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**Weekend Masses:** Saturday: 5:00 pm, 6:30 pm (Spanish)  
Sunday: 6:45 am, 8:00 am (Spanish), 9:30 am,  
12:30 pm (Spanish), 5:00 pm, 6:30 pm (Spanish)  
Third Sunday: 11:00 am (Latin Novus Ordo)

**Weekday Masses:** Monday-Friday: 7:00 am  
Wednesday: 7:00 pm (Spanish)  
Saturday: 8:00 am

The son of Carlos and Matilda Esquivel, Father Carlos was born in Madera, on December 10, 1954. He was baptized by Fr. Joseph Crea and received his First Communion on May 19, 1963 from Fr. Mario Buttini. On February 15, 1967, Bishop Williger administered the Sacrament of Confirmation. In the eighth grade, while he was attending St. Joachim Catholic School, Fr. Arnold Ortiz, O.S.J. (at that time Brother Arnold) came to invite young men from his class to visit the seminary. After spending a weekend visiting the seminary, the void that he had felt up to that time was replaced with the realization of the need to enter the seminary so as to better discern his vocation. He was also very impressed and attracted by the family spirit and unity that he saw and experienced between the Oblate Brothers, Priests and Seminarians. At that moment he knew he needed to be in that environment. He was accepted into the Seminary of the Oblates of St. Joseph in 1970. He professed Perpetual Vows as an Oblate of St. Joseph in 1979 and was ordained a priest in 1983.

Fr. Carlos has a BA in Philosophy and a Master of Divinity in Theology. Since his ordination he has been assigned to various Oblates houses of formation and parishes. His last assignment was as Pastor at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Bakersfield, CA. In January, 2010, he was moved to St. Joachim Church in Madera as Pastor. The boyhood hobbies of fishing and hunting that he shared with his father still remain as a frequent occurrence on a day off.

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## BOOK REVIEW

By John Kasaian

Forgotten Catholic Heroes

By Michael Genin

Our Sunday Visitor, Huntington, Indiana, 2001

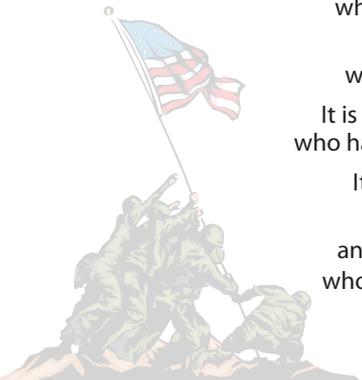
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There are a variety of excellent books for Lenten reading. This Lent I choose something different. I did not choose a collection of devotions by some notable Saint, nor did I choose the scholarly revelations of some revered Doctor of the Church. This Lent I chose an adventure! The lives of martyrs are an imitation of the life of Christ and that is an excellent thing to remember. We have the Sacraments to defend and the crux of our Catholic identity boils down to

the very basic question of how serious, how committed, we are to the Church founded by Jesus Christ over 2,000 years ago. This little book explores that question with short histories of virtually unknown men and women who were faithful to the end. It is an adventure story like no other I've read. It is contrary to the political correctness of today, and that is always a delicious treat isn't it?

From 1503 in North Africa to 1588 Elizabethan England to the Ottoman Empire of the 1615 to the US Civil War ravaged Fredericksburg of 1863, Author Michael Genin recounts factual stories of the plight of Catholics in dangerous territory. Besides being an interesting little history lesson, *Forgotten Catholic Heroes* has a much greater value in view of the anti-Catholic agenda we currently face. It is a confirmation that Catholics are not called merely to be sunshine Christians, but members of a mystical body which, like Jesus, is eventually called to carry a very heavy cross. To purchase your own copy, you can visit the Holy Child Bookstore on the northwest corner of Palm and Bullard and then you can settle down in a comfortable chair and feast on a historical epoch of which you, by your faith, share.



It is the soldier, not the reporter,  
who has given us freedom of the press.

It is the soldier, not the poet,  
who has given us freedom of speech.

It is the soldier, not the campus organizer,  
who has given us the freedom to demonstrate.

It is the soldier who salutes the flag,  
who serves beneath the flag,

and whose coffin is draped by the flag,  
who allows the protester to burn the flag.

—Father Denis Edward O'Brien, USMC  
(Submitted by William Whitehurst)

## TOO MANY WORDS TO DIE BY PERSONAL PERSPECTIVE

By Lanny Larson

I went to a really nice memorial service for a former work colleague. It was remarkable for one thing in particular – the lack of eulogies. I know, I know. You can't say too many good words about the deceased. Except you can. Tell me you haven't been to a Mass of Christian Burial/memorial service at least once in your life and quietly said during or after: "Dear God, deliver me." I have to admit to bias, here. My wife is the organist at St. Paul's Newman Center – has been for more than a quarter-century. Being the good perceiving hubby I've become, after she's played a funeral, I can usually tell when the eulogies were especially effusive, which is my word for long, repetitious and/or more about the eulogist than the deceased. In that case, musicians, celebrant, funeral home workers and mourners are "held hostage" by eulogists.

Don't get me wrong, I want the dead to have their due. God knows I want mine when it comes time, but sincere people sincerely lose their way. Maybe we should do what my friend Tom did before he died: take time to plan things the way we want. Tom wasn't much for church, except for the odd wedding or funeral, but he certainly knew how to throw a memorial. Tom was a baseball fan, so the principal eulogist, whom he selected, put in about every baseball cliché possible in a charming way that so perfectly fit. The closing "hymn" was John Fogarty's "Centerfield," which Tom had chosen. And the other Tom-chosen eulogist fit his baseballisms around scripture, so we weren't missing that comfort, either. Following the lead of those two gents, there were three or four from the "bleachers," who weighed in with a few (yes, few) words. Then we were all invited to stay for cookies and punch – Tom's choices – and share our memories.

What disturbs me about eulogies at a Mass is that they disrupt the spiritual intent of the liturgy: to commend the deceased to the next great step in every soul's journey and to help those grieving understand and rejoice because the deceased is in that better place we strive to attain. Eulogies look back, which is great, but the Mass looks mostly forward. And eulogies are too often extemporaneous: someone feels moved – whether by guilt or closeness – to answer the celebrant's invitation to "share some memories," walks up, struggles with the mike and most sincerely – often tearfully – really has nothing to say. Some celebrants control things and limit eulogies in the first place. But too often, sincere people sincerely want to talk, and their thoughts – organized or not – start stacking up until you're thinking about the time, not the deceased. The first time I saw this happen, I thought, "Why not save all that for the reception?" In the years since – as seemingly more folks eulogize and I get closer to wanting myself remembered – I still ask that question.

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## **FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

**By CP&BC Spiritual Advisor - Msgr. Las Byrne**



This period of the Liturgical Year, Easter to Pentecost, celebrates the core basis for our Faith and why we believe as we do. Easter is the time when we rejoice, as did the disciples, that Jesus is ALIVE, He has Risen, He has fulfilled His Promise—from the awful moments of confusion and despair the disciples are overjoyed in the realization that Jesus is alive and well, their despair turned to joy.

Many Catholics must refresh their souls and minds in these days of confusion and sometimes doubt. That is why it is so important to let the events of Easter and Pentecost come alive in our minds and hearts, and not let ourselves be turned back into an empty tomb. We know that Jesus is alive. He assured and strengthened the faith of the Apostles with His appearances after His Resurrection. Before He ascended back to Heaven, He assured them that He would send the Holy Spirit to guide them and help them remember all that He had taught them as He commissioned them to teach and spread the Good News. As we participate in the celebration of the Mass, we continue to be fed with God's words and teachings and fed with the Eucharistic Food – to help us be strong in good times and difficult times. It is imperative that when we celebrate these great moments of Easter and Pentecost that we let their memory become part of our everyday lives.

As we come close to concluding the 'Year of the Priests' let us resolve to keep appreciating the sacrifices and years of all of our good dedicated priests. Let us pray that those who have failed and betrayed Jesus may truly repent before they are judged by Our Lord. Let us also pray for the many victims - that they will be loved by us, as we know God loves them. Only our strong faith will resolve our feelings that Christ's Church will never fail to exist and to love as He taught us to. God Bless us all...

### **NEW CP&BC BOARD MEMBER - CATHERINE MANFREDO** **Executive Director of Catholic Charities - Diocese of Fresno**



Catherine Manfreda was appointed Executive Director of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Fresno on June 26, 2006. In her role as executive director she leads a staff of 60 that serves the diocese from each of six locations: Merced, Laton, Fresno, Visalia, Porterville and Bakersfield with two additional mobile units serving the rural areas of Fresno and Tulare Counties. Catherine also serves as

the Diocesan Director for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development and Diocesan Director for Catholic Relief Services.

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## **NEW BOARD MEMBER *Continued***

She has worked in both the private and non-profit sector; as Regional Manager and outside Sales Representative for a group health insurance marketing company and as the Executive Director of the Central California Children's Choir. Her professional experience includes widespread business management, public relations and development experience, community awareness, media relations, campaign design/development, event planning, grant writing, management and reporting, and print media design and development.

Catherine is a lifelong Fresno resident, and parishioner at St. Paul Newman Center for over three decades. She has served in a variety of voluntary ministries at both the parish and diocesan levels, including serving on the pastoral council, leading the Junior High Youth group, chairing parish fundraisers, as a lector, and with her husband as diocesan coordinators for Catholic Engaged Encounter. She and her husband, Steve, have three sons, Ian, Dominic, and Jason. All three boys attend Catholic School, the eldest at San Joaquin Memorial H.S. and the two younger ones at St. Anthony School in Fresno. In her spare time she enjoys cooking, camping with the family, and a variety of projects for her sons' school and extra-curricular activities.

## **FINAL WORDS**

**Prayer Network:** CP&BC has reinstated a "prayer network" that will be utilized for member prayer needs for themselves or loved ones. We have members already signed-up to pray for the special needs submitted, however, anyone else is invited to also become part of the prayer network. Sally Lauritzen is the point person to whom requests can be made, and once they are received she will email or phone the network. Contact Sally (salauritz@att.net or 439-8378) to become part of the network or to submit a prayer request.

**Membership Directories** are available to all current and new members at each breakfast. Be sure to pick your copy up at the May 14th breakfast. **Thank you** to everyone who took out advertisements for our 2010 Membership Directory!

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(Before Breakfast Is Served Enjoy Coffee & Networking)

**Friday, May 14 – Jason Jones  
Movie Producer, Humanitarian**

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Jason Jones began his film production career with documentaries promoting human rights around the world, and in 2006 the Toronto International Film Festival People's Choice Award winner, "Bella" was released. He has worked, since the age of 17, in various capacities and positions as an on-the-ground promoter of human rights. He began his activism by going door to door and since then has appeared on numerous radio and television talk shows; he has delivered hundreds of speeches from coffee shops to stadiums; and has worked on campaigns from the state house to the White House. Jones' extensive humanitarian work is directed to the human person as a whole regardless of race, creed, or ability. He is the founder of HERO (Human-Rights Education and Relief Organization), a non-profit that promotes human dignity in all stages of life through international education and relief programs.

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**Future Speakers**

June 11, 2010 – Bishop John  
No breakfast meetings in July and August

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**Meetings Scheduled**

2<sup>nd</sup> Fridays of the month except January, July & August - \$12 for Members / \$15 for Non-Members.  
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