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## REVEREND MONSIGNOR MYRON J. COTTA By JoEllen Strait

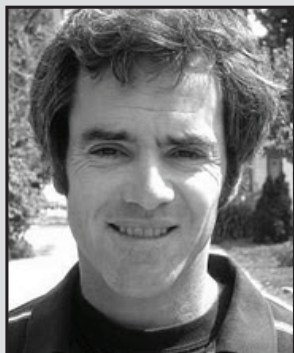
At our March breakfast, Our Diocesan Administrator, Reverend Monsignor Myron J. Cotta, spoke about his new assignment and duties following the death of Bishop John Steinbock while still in office, and gave us an update on the diocese. He can feel our prayers and thanked us for them, and also for “holding down the fort”. In addition, the

support from the diocesan staff is tremendous. Msgr. Cotta has been the Diocesan Administrator for three months now. Before Bishop John’s death he was the Vicar General, however, once a Bishop is gone, all his appointments cease to exist. It was then that he was asked (and agreed) to be the Diocesan Administrator. His duties are very similar to those of a Bishop. He is responsible for the administration of the diocese, personnel concerns, confirmations, attending various social functions (such as our breakfast), and automatically absorbs other roles the Bishop had (i.e. with various organizations). He has also delegated a lot to the pastors. However there are certain duties he cannot perform; he cannot ordain priests; he cannot consecrate oil; and he cannot appoint pastors (under normal situations).

Msgr. also explained the process that occurs to choose a new Bishop. As soon as a Bishop is gone the first thing you have to do is notify the Papal Nuncio in Washington, D.C., and the Cardinal needs to be informed. The Bishops in our province put together a list of names of potential candidates for a new Bishop. This list goes to the Papal Nuncio who reviews it and sends it on to the Congregation of Bishops in the Vatican. The list can include priests who would be new to the position or those who already are Bishops. The Congregation of Bishops evaluates each recommendation and ultimately forwards three names to the Pope, who makes the final decision. The Papal Nuncio calls the candidate who has been chosen to ask if he will accept or decline the position. The entire process can take 8 months to a year, and is also dependent on where its position is in the order of Vatican issues. Our situation is somewhat unique in that it is unusual for a Bishop to die in office.

The diocese is in good shape – nothing has stopped, we have several building projects going on, and we are good financially (our diocese is very generous).

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## APRIL 8 – THOMAS O'TOOLE

Plan on joining us at our April breakfast to hear Thomas O'Toole, author of the book "Champions of Faith: Catholic Sports Heroes Tell Their Stories." Using examples from both his book and life in sports, Tom will explain the unique connection between the life of a dedicated athlete and that of a devout Christian. Please see the

insert for more information. Be sure to make your reservations early for our April 8th breakfast!

## ONE STEP TO HAPPINESS: SHOW MERCY

By Whit Criswell

Matthew 5:7 reads, "Blessed (happy) are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy." Jesus is saying, you get what you give. If you criticize other people, you will get criticized. If you are friendly to other people, they will be friendly to you. The point is this: If you want to be happy, treat people right. What is MERCY? Mercy is love in action. It is more than feeling sorry for people. It is doing something for people.

### MARKS OF MERCY

- **I WILL BE PATIENT WITH THOSE WHO ARE PECULIAR.** There are some people whose elevator doesn't go all the way to the top. The lights are on - but no one is at home. They are a good egg, but a little bit cracked. So how do you handle those people? ...encourage the timid, help the weak, and be patient with everyone" (I Thessalonians 5:14, NIV). Are you patient with everyone? I am not. How do you do this? Learn their backgrounds. Stop saying, "Look how far they have to go," and start saying, "Look how far they have come."

- **I WILL FORGIVE THOSE WHO HAVE FALLEN.** People make mistakes. The interesting thing about forgiveness is that when you receive forgiveness, it feels so right, but when you are called to give it, it feels so wrong. We tend to say, "I want justice." It's like the lady who

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## **BOOK REVIEW - By John Kasaian**

*"The Fathers Know Best"*

*Your Essential Guide to the Teachings of the Early Church*

*By Jimmy Akin*

*Published by Catholic Answers, El Cajon, CA*

*Paper (\$24.95), 452 pages*



If one were to make a list of essential books for Catholics, the Bible comes to mind, followed by The Catechism of The Catholic Church, Jerome's Commentaries, perhaps something by one of the Saints, Some GK Chesterton (of course!), Ronald Knox and Hilaire Belloc to be sure, but there is a brand new book to add to this list: "The Fathers Know Best" by Catholic Answers apologist and National Catholic Register contributor Jimmy Akin. In one handy book I found easy to understand histories of the people, the Councils, the Canon, the Sacraments, the Saints, the heresies and the morality concerning the earliest days of the Church. This is a great book. It reads like dream, in part to Jimmy Akin's down to earth style of writing, and everything is well cited so if you were to engage someone on some matter of one of the Church Councils you won't be left hanging out to dry (so to speak). This is an entertaining book as well, filled with anecdotes about the lives of the Church Fathers and the challenges they faced. Some of the stories are downright humorous and considering these happened during times when throwing Christians to the lions was a national pastime, it sheds a whole different light on the early history of the Church Jesus started and the joy which the ancient world discovered within. Do yourself a favor and get a copy.

### **PRAYER FOR THE SELECTION OF NEW BISHOP**

**A**lmighty God, Send your Holy Spirit to guide those who will advise the Holy Father in the selection of the next Bishop of the Diocese of Fresno.

**M**ay he have the zeal of Saint Paul, the priestly gifts of Saint John Vianney, the wisdom of a loving father and brother, and most of all, the heart of your Son, Jesus.

**W**e ask that the Blessed Virgin Mary intercede for us, and that Saint Therese, our patroness, join us in this prayer, which we make through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

## NEW MEMBER SOCIAL



Several of our newest members attended our New Member Social, held at the Elbow Room on March 1st. Many thanks to our Event Coordinators, Catherine Manfredo (seated left) and Kathryn Weakland (seated right).

### **COTTA** - Continued from page 2

We have had six ordinations in the last year. Cardinal Mahony, archbishop emeritus of Los Angeles, has been very supportive. He will be here for the Chrism Mass at Holy Spirit on April 14th, and will be back for ordination in June.

Msgr. Cotta also mentioned some of the changes that will be taking place in the Liturgy. Starting the first Sunday of Advent, we will be using a new missal. Some responses will be different as they are trying to get the wording closer to the original Latin. Beginning the weekend of March 12/13 we will be using the Apostles Creed instead of the Nicene Creed at Sunday masses. Other changes include the addition of more periods of silence throughout the Mass, and no music at the end of Mass.

In conclusion, Msgr. Cotta reminded us that there are many great things occurring in our diocese. It may get a little awkward and unnerving at times, but things go on.

### **Editor's note:**

The Diocese of Fresno website (<http://www.dioceseoffresno.org>) has many helpful and interesting links. For more information please visit the following webpages:

In honor of Most Rev. John T. Steinbock (<http://www.dioceseoffresno.org/johnsteinbock/index.html>);

How the Pope Selects a Diocesan Bishop ([http://www.dioceseoffresno.org/chancellor/bishop\\_selection.pdf](http://www.dioceseoffresno.org/chancellor/bishop_selection.pdf));

The Diocesan Administrator (<http://www.dioceseoffresno.org/chancellor/dioc%20adm%20coll%20constl%20010311.pdf>)

## **MERCY** - *Continued*

brought her portrait back to the photographer. The photographer asked why? "It doesn't do me justice." He said, "Lady, you don't need justice, you need mercy!" God has forgiven us, and we will need forgiveness in our future. So to be truly happy, forgive other people.

• **I WILL HELP THOSE WHO ARE HURTING.** Mercy is practical assistance. Take action. Don't just say you love people - show them. Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as you can! Mercy is action and the byproduct is happiness. Just Do It!

• **I WILL DO GOOD TO MY ENEMIES.** Oh no, let's skip this one. Luke 6:33, 35-36 says, "And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great...be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." This is hard to do! Do you work with any fools? If he or she gets on you, compliment them. Anytime they put you down, build them up! Return good for evil.

### **MOTIVES FOR MERCY:**

Because God has shown me mercy. Because I am going to need more mercy in the future. Mercy makes me happy. As a Christ follower, it is no longer I who live; but Christ reliving His life in me. (Galatians 2:20) As His ambassador, His love compels me to permit Him to show Himself –MERCY- to ALL whom He brings across my path. (2 Cor. 5:20)

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**CP&BC thanks Rod Silver and ARTCO for maintaining our website!**



## Business Person-of-the-Month Diana MartinezBleth

Diana MartinezBleth, a member of Holy Spirit Parish, was our March Business Person of the Month. A registered nurse for 30 years, she has specialized in oncology and been a local hospice director. Diana is the founder and sole proprietor of "Older Adult Care Solutions" (OACS), an elder care management network. She has approximately thirty caregivers who are independent contractors. Per their mission statement, "OACS assists older adults, their families and caregivers in the selection of medical care and supportive services that maximize the older adult's comfort, health and happiness while promoting cost-effective outcomes". Diana can be reached at her office at (559) 435-1752.

# KNXT

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### KNXT March Programming Highlights

- **LIVE on the Air: Resurrection: Did it Have to Happen?**  
Wednesday, April 13, 7:30 pm  
Hosted by Msgr. Perry & Msgr. Scott
- **The Sunday Mass from St. Anne's Chapel**  
Sundays 7:30 am and 5:00 pm
- **The Sunday Mass in Spanish**  
Sundays 12:00 pm
- **The Sunday Mass in Portuguese**  
Sundays 7:30 pm
- **This is Our City with H. Spees**  
Thursdays 8:00 pm; Fridays 1:00 pm  
H. Spees hosts local guests and leaders from the Fresno County area on topics that affect our local community.

## **FINAL WORDS**

**CP&BC Membership:** CP&BC's annual dues are \$45.00 per person and the cost of each breakfast is \$12.00 for members. Anyone joining now gets an added bonus of having their membership paid through June 2012! A membership form is included in this month's insert. For more information call Jeff Lauritzen at 559.288.7280.

**Prayer Network:** CP&BC has a "prayer network" to be used for member prayer needs for themselves or loved ones. We have members already signed-up to pray for 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.

**Reminder:** You could be our Business Profile for a future edition by placing your business card in the fishbowl at the check-in table.

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FUTURE CP&BC PROGRAMS  
Pardini's – Van Ness Blvd. & Shaw – 7:00 to 8:30 a.m.  
(Before Breakfast Is Served Enjoy Coffee & Networking)

**Friday, April 8 – Thomas O'Toole**

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Our April breakfast speaker will be Thomas O'Toole, author of the book *Champions of Faith: Catholic Sports Heroes Tell Their Stories*. Tom was born in Chicago and grew up in a devout Catholic family with five brothers and two sisters. He majored in English at the University of Notre Dame and made the varsity tennis team as a walk-on. He later became the sports editor of Notre Dame's Scholastic magazine. Using examples from both his book and life in sports, Tom will explain the unique connection between the life of a dedicated athlete and that of a devout Christian. Tom's theory is that sports are perhaps the best way to get the youth interested and involved in the Church, making this session a great experience for the young and young at heart. Tom is a frequent contributor to the websites Spero News and Renew America.

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**Future Speaker**

May 13 – Lisa Hendey – Fresno Author of "The Handbook for Catholic Moms"

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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.  
**Reservations (434-2722)** Deadline is Thursday Noon of Breakfast Week.

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Please note that CP&BC also requests that Pre-Paid Members call each month to confirm their attendance.

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**Membership Renewal / Application  
2011/ 2012**

The Catholic Professional & Business Club of Fresno is a membership based organization that traditionally meets on the second Friday of each month excluding January, July & August. Annual membership dues include a monthly newsletter subscription and listing in the Club's Membership Directory of fellow professionals.

CP&BC strives to obtain outstanding speakers in their professional field with a message to encourage and motivate members to live an ethical and exemplary Catholic lifestyle in their business and in their environment.

- Renewal** (Name only unless there are corrections to last year's information)  
 **New Member**

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