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**Reservations:** Reservations are required for all breakfast meetings, held at Pardini's, and can be made by calling Denise Correia at 559.434.2722 or by visiting [www.cpbcfresno.org](http://www.cpbcfresno.org). Doors open at 7 a.m. for coffee and networking. The program concludes at 8:30 a.m. New for the 2012-13 year, the cost for each breakfast is \$15 for members and \$20 for guests .

**Membership Directory:** Interested in advertising in next year's directory? Ad space starts at only \$50. Contact Nick Strait at 559.304.8905 or [directory@cpbcfresno.org](mailto:directory@cpbcfresno.org) for more information.

**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](mailto:salauritz@att.net) or 559.439.8378) to become part of the network or to submit a prayer request.

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## That's My Boy: September Speaker Chris Lewis



For many, the notion of being a good Catholic and coming from Hollywood doesn't seem possible. How could anyone possess such values in an industry/town that doesn't even seem to have their own?

Meet Chris Lewis.

The son of famed comedian Jerry Lewis, Chris was born in 1957 into the bright lights of Hollywood. The lifestyle exposed him to a lot. Legends like Frank Sinatra and Sammy Davis, Jr. were practically part of his family. Despite being surrounded by all of what Hollywood had to offer, Chris was still a Catholic at heart. He began as an altar server at seven years old, a position he enjoyed for he learned a lot from the gospels.

While his father is well-known for his charitable contributions, most notably through the annual MDA Telethons, Chris talked about how generous other celebrities were. In particular was Old Blue Eyes himself, Frank Sinatra. Chris talked about how Sinatra would use his talents and notoriety to help people without telling anyone about what he was doing.

By 2000, Chris founded an organization to help deliver wheelchairs around the world. He felt that he had been training his whole life for what he was about to begin. It's easy to take for granted the ability of mobility or at the very least the access to mobility. Most people don't think about what it would be like to live in an underdeveloped country without the ability to get themselves around. Currently, there are 100 million people in the world who need a wheelchair but don't have the means to afford one.

That's where American Wheelchair Mission (AWM) steps in, delivering wheelchairs to those around the world who can't afford them. With the help of the Knights of Columbus, AWM is changing lives one chair at a time. One wheelchair changes the lives of 10 people. When he helps deliver wheelchairs to those in need, Chris is often told that he is the answer to their prayers.

What would normally cost \$1,200; Drive Medical sells Chris wheelchairs for only \$1 over cost, enabling him to provide wheelchairs to places like Mexico, Haiti, Vietnam and the Philippines. In the Philippines, the Compassionate Franciscan Sisters of the Poor helped with the distribution. Anyone is welcome to join AWM on a wheelchair distribution throughout the world.

Chris closed his time with a poem by Mattie Stepanek. Mattie suffered from a rare form of muscular dystrophy, dysautonomic mitochondrial myopathy, which claimed his life before his 14<sup>th</sup> birthday. The poem Chris shared was written by Mattie when he was only nine years old (he had six bestselling books of poetry). He is currently being investigated for sainthood.

For more information on American Wheelchair Mission visit [amwheelchair.org](http://amwheelchair.org)

### KNXT Special Presentation

Chris Lewis and American Wheelchair Mission will be featured on KNXT Ch. 49/38:

Thursday Oct 11 @ 8:30 PM  
Friday Oct 12 @ 8:00 PM



## October 12th Speaker - Barbara Nicolosi Harrington

Originally from Portsmouth, Rhode Island, Barbara Nicolosi Harrington is the Founder and Chair Emeritus of Act One, Inc., a nonprofit program to train and mentor Christians for careers as Hollywood writers and executives. She currently serves as the Executive Director of the new Galileo Studio at Azusa Pacific University, an on-line think tank that utilizes 3D video technology.



Barbara is a member of the Writers Guild of America-West and has written screenplays for several Hollywood production companies. Her most recent credit is as a co-writer with Benedict Fitzgerald on the 2013 Lionsgate release, *Mary, Mother of the Christ*.

Barbara has a Masters in Film and Television from Northwestern University, and a B.A. from the Great Books program at Magdalen College in Warner, NH. She has done further studies in documentary production and animation at UCLA. She has been a script analyst, production company executive, and consultant on scores of entertainment projects including the features *The Passion of the Christ* and *That Evening Sun*, and TV shows *Joan of Arcadia* (CBS) and *Saving Grace* (TNT).

### The Letter of Paul to the Romans

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.

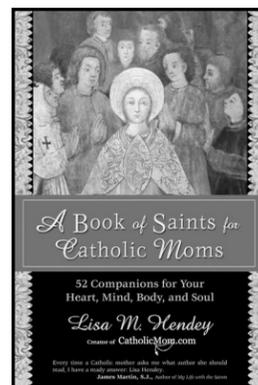


## Book Review by John Kasaian

### A Book of Saints For Catholic Moms

By Lisa M. Hendey

Studying the Lives of the Saints is always useful and newer collections are often easier to read than many classics. That alone is enough to take notice of Lisa Hendey's new offering but instead of thinking of *A Book of Saints For Catholic Moms* as another collection, it is really more of a companion piece to her previous book *A Handbook For Catholic Moms*.



Where *Handbook* offers insight into the Catholic faith as a source of strength and guidance for busy Catholic Moms, *A Book of Saints* takes it up a notch, introducing us to 52 real Saints, one for every week of the year with a story about a Saint's life. Each Saint's life is highlighted with:

- Lessons to be learned from the particular Saint being presented.
- The traditions surrounding the Saint and celebrated by the Church.
- Examples of Wisdom which the Saint gives to us.
- A week of Scripture meditations,
- Saint inspired activities for moms and their children,
- A family prayer, and
- Something to ponder about the Saint to help you on your own journey to sainthood.

It is a great concept! An entire year's worth of meditations and inspirations. This would make a terrific present for any Catholic Mom

You can order your copy from The Holy Child Bookstore on the Northwest corner of Palm and Barstow.



## Our Heritage: St. Mary Queen of Apostle's Catholic Church By Don Cardell

In the early 1950's in Highway City located where Herndon and Golden State intersect there was a small store that was rented out each week where Fr. Cooney from St. Alphonsus in Fresno offered Sunday Service. In 1955, the store had to be vacated to make room for Freeway 99.

On February 10, 1956, Julia Lucardo along with her daughter and son-in-law Mary and John Romagnoli generously deeded to the diocese five acres of land where St. Mary's Church currently stands. The job of building a new structure originally intended as a combination chapel and Catechetical Center was taken on by Fr. Patrick Weber. It was said that for two years Father Weber spent every day from early morning to late evening in his overalls working on building the church. Father Weber had help from Mr. John Ethridge, Mr. Ed Richardson, and the Deaile Family, Mel Sr. and Louise. Unfortunately, Fr. Weber could not finish building the church because he was transferred to Whittier, California. In 1960, construction started again under the leadership of Fr. Kaiser who was named pastor of St. Alphonsus. The construction was completed and ready for its first mass on February 19, 1962 and was celebrated by Fr. Jack Shaughnessy C.S.S.R.

After the completion there were still no living accommodations on the church property, Frank Diener from Five Points donated a two bedroom wood structure home to the church. The home, which now serves as the church office, still stands today.

On June 1, 1967, Bishop Aloysius J. Willinger officially raised St. Mary's status from a mission of St. Alphonsus Parish to an independent parish of its own. Rev. George Dawson was named Pastor and served from 1967-1972 along with his associate Rev. Leo Kulleck. Rev. Vincent Molthen served as pastor from 1972-1981, Rev. Francis Dowd, Associate served from 1972-1982, Rev. Michael Logan from 1981-1984, Rev. Bernard Van Hoomissen, Associate from 1983-1984, Rev. Stephen Bulfer from 1984-1994, Rev. Msgr. Patrick McCormick from 1994-2004, Rev. James Kirchner (Adm) from 2004-2006 and Pastor Timothy Cardoza from 2006 to current.

The new church is estimated to be completed by October 29, 2012. Dedication Mass has been planned for Saturday, December 8, 2012. Today, St. Mary's has 750 registered families.

St. Mary's—Current



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