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A Look Back:
Christmas Celebration 2011

St. Helen’s School Choir, under the direction of Mr. Bill Thornbury, performed Christmas Carols

Surprise guest Jack Hannah, from Sons of the San Joaquin, joined the choir as well

CP&BC Welcomes Bishop Armando X. Ochoa

Bishop Armando X. Ochoa of El Paso, Texas was recently appointed by Pope Benedict XVI as the new Bishop of the Fresno Diocese. The 68-year old Ochoa succeeds Bishop John Steinbock, who passed away December 5, 2010. The appointment was publicized by Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò, apostolic nuncio to the United States in Washington, D.C. on December 1.

Bishop Ochoa was born April 9, 1943, in Oxnard, California. He studied at St. John’s Seminary in Camarillo, California, and was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles in 1970. Bishop Ochoa served in several Los Angeles parishes and was associate director of the Spanish-speaking permanent diaconate for the archdiocese. He was named an auxiliary bishop of Los Angeles in 1986, and named bishop of El Paso in 1996. At the national level, he has served on bishops’ committees on vocations, laity, permanent diaconate, Hispanic affairs and migration.

Mission Statement

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

Our goal in the Catholic Professional and Business Club shall be to incorporate and uphold our beliefs in every aspect of our daily lives, and to gather to share with others who seek a more ethical business environment.

Each of us shall strive to achieve a commingling of our ethical and professional obligations, in demonstration of the fact that ethics and business need not be mutually exclusive terms.
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⇒ Make reservations on-line for breakfast meetings
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CP&BC thanks Rod Silver and ARTCO for the design and maintaining our website

15th Anniversary Celebration
February 10, 2012
7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
@ Pardini's Banquet Room
(Van Ness & Shaw Avenue, Fresno)

Attendance will be limited to prepaid reservations only

$15 Members / $20 Non-Members

Special steak and champagne breakfast

Great Raffle Prizes

◊ $500 Cash ◊ Restaurant Gift Cards
◊ 2 night stay in Cambria ◊ And More!

Reservations for Tables of 10 are available

For More Information visit www.CPBCFresno.org
For questions or reservations call (559) 434-2722 or email at reservations@cpbcfresno.org
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Sharing a Prayer

Remembering our Brothers and Sisters in faith and prayer, and in need of comfort and healing.

A Prayer for the Sick

Dear Jesus,
Divine Physician and Healer of the Sick,
we turn to You in this time of illness.
O dearest Comforter of the Troubled,
alleviate our worry and sorrow with Your gentle love,
and grant us the grace and strength to accept this burden.
Dear God,
we place our worries in Your hands.
We ask that You restore Your servant to health again.
Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge Your holy will
and know that whatsoever You do, You do for the love of us.
Amen.

For special requests of healing, our prayers are offered as a group of fellow brothers and sisters.

In Memory of William S. Whitehurst
by Don Cardell

William “Bill” Whitehurst was one of original founders and board members for the Catholic Professional and Business Club. He passed away on January 3, 2012 at the age of 89.

Bill was born in Sacramento, CA in 1922. He grew up and attended school in Los Banos. He later attended St. Mary’s College of California on a football scholarship. At the age of 17, Bill and his brother Joel assumed ownership of his family’s funeral business due to the death of his parents. Bill was a veteran serving his county with the U.S. Army in the Pacific.

In 1958, Bill expanded his business into Fresno, purchasing Sullivan, Burns & Blair Funeral Home and subsequently built Fresno’s Whitehurst Chapel in 1965. Bill eventually owned 33 funeral chapels throughout California. Mr. Whitehurst maintained an active role in Whitehurst, Sullivan, Burns & Blair Funeral Home up to his recent death.

Bill understood and embraced the idea that business, politics and charity are of equal importance to the quality of life in his community, nation and the world. His passion for the betterment of his world and his devotion to his church was most profoundly recognized when Pope John Paul II awarded Bill the prestigious Bedemerenti Medal, an award created to recognize the work of outstanding Catholics in service to the Church and commitment to their community. These values and ideas are what he believed in and why the Catholic Professional and Business Club was important to him because the club shared these same ideals.

He was an eloquent letter-writer and counted among his correspondents heads of state both foreign and national. He faithfully wrote articles in the CP&BC newsletter. We looked forward to his articles that were always timely and encouraging.

Mr. Whitehurst was a great leader in our club, church and community. His continued support and dedication to serving others and his strong Catholic faith will be greatly missed.
CP&BC Membership: CP&BC’s annual dues are $45.00 per person and the cost of each breakfast is $12.00 for members. A membership form is available on our website. For more information call Jeff Lauritzen at 559.288.7280.

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. Doors open at 7 a.m. for coffee and networking. The program concludes at 8:30 a.m. The cost is $12 for members and $15 for guests (except for Feb. 10).

Membership Directory: Don’t forget to pick up your copy of the 2011-12 Membership Directory at the next breakfast. If you’re interested in advertising in next year’s directory, ads starts at only $50. Contact Nick Strait at 559.304.8905 or 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 or 559.439.8378) to become part of the network or to submit a prayer request.

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