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He Was My Brother: February Speaker Bob Dolan



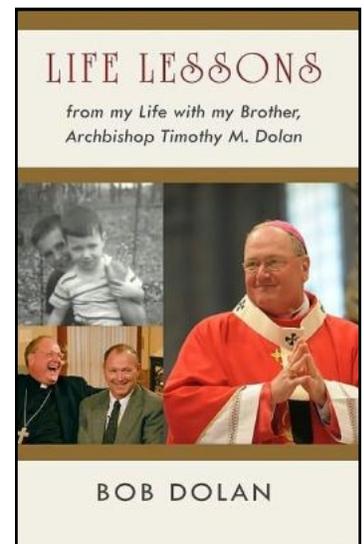
Our CP&BC Fresno February speaker, Bob Dolan, has been called a “thoughtful and entertaining voice of the common Catholic.” He has appeared on dozens of national and local TV and radio programs, including Fox and Friends, to discuss his popular book Life Lessons From My Life With My Brother about Timothy Cardinal Dolan of New York.

The latest edition of Life Lessons, which will be available at the breakfast, is all-new and includes a chapter on the 2012 Consistory. Timothy Dolan was elevated to a Cardinal on February 18, 2012 in Rome. This new edition has over 60 new color photographs of the Consistory in Rome and also contains some very intimate details of conversations Bob Dolan had that week in Rome with other Cardinals from throughout the world, and

how many believe this could be the man that could very well be our next Pope.

Bob's second book, Waking Patrick, which will also be available at the breakfast, has recently been published. It tells the story of an ordinary man who asks many questions and admits to many doubts about faith, forgiveness, prayer and other important issues. The story is told with great wit and insight.

Bob Dolan has had a front row seat to the life of his brother Timothy M. Dolan for the past 50 years. The stories he tells are both heart warming and entertaining. CP&BC Fresno breakfast attendees will have a wonderful picture of the spirituality that is at the heart of this faithful servant of God. He speaks to us on a level that is rare in today's Catholic church and gives a refreshing and uplifting road map for following Christ.



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.

Business Person of the Month Kelly Lilles *Catholic Charities Diocese of Fresno*

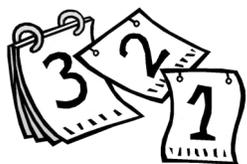


December's breakfast meeting welcomed Kelly Lilles, Executive Director of Catholic Charities, as the Business Person of the Month.

Ms. Lilles shared with the club that despite these tough economic times people are still giving generously. She also reported that both Right to Life and the Poverello House are going strong. The Toys for Tots program has seen 453 kids signed up and the Turkey Drive held last November generated 1,400 turkeys, up from 700 the year before.

She also pointed out that \$0.88 of every \$1 collected by Catholic Charities goes back to services they provide.

Want to be our next Business Person of the Month? Simply drop your business card in the fishbowl at the check-in table at the next breakfast meeting.



Mark Your Calendars!

The CP&BC has an exciting lineup of speakers set up for the rest of 2013. Mark your calendars for these upcoming meetings, held on the second Friday of every month at Pardini's: at Shaw and Van Ness in Fresno.

- ◇ **March 8, 2012**
- ◇ **April 12, 2013**
- ◇ **May 10, 2013**
- ◇ **June 14, 2013**

Book Review by John Kasaian

Unbridled Grace

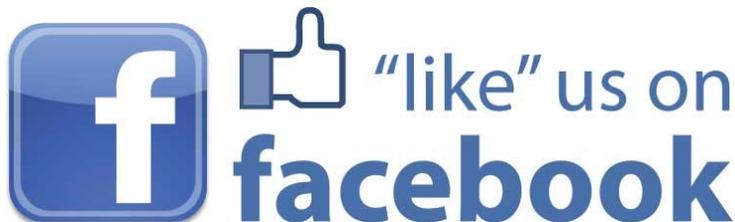
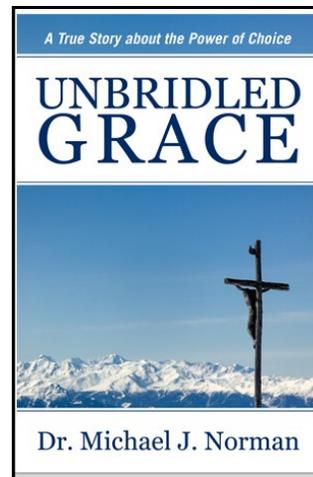
By Dr. Michael J. Norman

A young Chiropractor, Dr. Norman, fresh out of school answers an advertisement and unwittingly becomes a pawn for a Russian Mafia operated fraudulent medical scheme. This reads more like a thriller than a true story, and that's what makes it an intriguing book.

Unaware of the crimes being attributed to him until being busted by insurance investigators, he decides to leave the practice and avoid his former employers, which of course tips the mob off that he is complying with the insurance and federal agents investigating the fraud. With his young family threatened, Dr. Norman and his wife live in such fear that Dr. Norman, realizing his helplessness turns to Christ and experiences a conversion. Then the federal agents demand Dr. Norman lie about the involvement of others named by the investigation—people he doesn't know, nor has even met—to be prosecuted in court. This propels Dr. Norman into an even "darker" dark night. Fearful of the Russian mob taking vengeance on his family and fearful of being sent to prison on trumped up evidence (if the federal prosecutors expected Dr. Norman to lie, it would be likely that they could get witnesses to lie about Dr. Norman's complicity in the scheme) Add to this Dr. Norman's new found faith he wants to be true to, and the prospect of losing that faith by bearing false witness against people he didn't know.

Without spoiling the ending, I'll leave the description at that and recommend Unbridled Grace for your winter reading pleasure.

I bought my copy at The Holy Child on the northwest corner of Palm and Bullard, and I'll bet they've got a copy for you.



Prayer to St. Blaise

O glorious Saint Blaise,
 who by thy martyrdom
 didst leave to the Church
 a precious witness to the faith,
 obtain for us the grace to preserve
 within ourselves this divine gift,
 and to defend, without human respect,
 both by word and example,
 the truth of that same faith,
 which is so wickedly attacked
 and slandered in these our times.
 Thou who didst miraculously
 restore a little child when it was
 at the point of death
 by reason of an affliction of the throat,
 grant us thy mighty protection
 in like misfortunes; and, above all,
 obtain for us the grace
 of Christian mortification
 together with a faithful observance
 of the precepts of the Church,
 which may keep us
 from offending Almighty God.
 Amen.



Meet the CP&BC Board

Bryan Tellalian

Born and raised in Fresno, Bryan Tellalian is one of the CP&BC's newest Board members. A 2001 graduate of the University of California, Davis with a double-major in political science and communications, as well as a minor, in comparative literature, Bryan began his career in Sacramento where he had the opportunity to work with different political campaigns and political consulting firms. In 2005, he moved back to the Central Valley and attended law school at the San Joaquin College of Law, where he earned his Juris Doctor. However, he decided to enter academia and is currently teaching political science at the Madera Community College.



Bryan took the time to answer a few questions to help the CP&BC membership learn a little bit more about him.

How do you incorporate your faith into your daily life?

I try to conform my conduct to the example of Jesus Christ and the Gospel in the various aspects of my life. This means that I have to treat others the way I want to be treated. Moreover, when the opportunity presents itself, I try to share my faith with others. "Always be prepared to make a defense to any one who calls you to account for the hope that is in you, yet do it with gentleness and reverence." 1 Pet. 3:15 (RSV-CE Trans.).

What's important about being a Catholic in today's society?

As we all know, the Church and its members are being tried in various ways. As such, we have a unique opportunity, through the grace of God, to bear witness to our Faith and give glory to God. This is important as a number of erroneous worldviews strive to distract souls from placing their trust in God and obtaining their ultimate end.

Why did you agree to be a member of the CP&BC Board?

I agreed to become a member of the board because I wanted to participate in the mission of the CP&BC. In other words, this organization encourages its members to live the Gospel in their personal and professional lives. The speakers that the club presents to its members are individuals who overcame obstacles and achieved success by being faithful to God and His Church, rather than compartmentalizing their faith or giving up.

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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. 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: The deadline for advertising in the 2012-12 Directory has passed but it's never too late to start thinking about next year. Ad space starts at only \$50. Contact Nick Strait at 559.304.8905 or directory@cpbcfresno.org for more information. The 2012-13 edition will be coming soon!

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.

Website: Please be sure to visit www.cpbcfresno.org for all the latest information about the club. CP&BC thanks Rod Silver and ARTCO for the design and maintenance of the website.

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