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## NOVEMBER SPEAKER - Tom Carroll



Our November speaker is back by popular demand to present Part Two of his talk: Turkey and the Prospects for Religious Freedom in the Middle East.

The 20th century was a grim time for the freedom and safety of religious minorities in the Middle East, particularly Christians and Jews. And things have only become worse in many places over the past few years. It's easy to look at the daily outrages

and simply give up. Indeed, pessimism may be the most realistic attitude when it comes to the future of Christians in the Middle East – but it is not the only attitude. There are glimmers of hope scattered across the region, and nowhere do they shine with more promise than in the Republic of Turkey. Join Tom Carroll, a former CIA officer with extensive experience in Islamic affairs, as we explore these possibilities.

Tom Carroll is a former officer in the Clandestine Service of the Central Intelligence Agency. He spent years undercover in the Middle East, and is a specialist in Islam and Middle Eastern affairs. Tom and his wife converted to Catholicism while living in Istanbul, Turkey.

Tom speaks, writes, and consults on Islam, the Middle East, and associated topics, including espionage and national security. His specialty is Islam and Catholicism. He is a Contributing Fellow at the Public Policy Institute of William Jessup University.

All of Tom's offerings explore Islam from a Catholic perspective. He prides himself on accuracy, fairness, and objectivity.

## What's Inside?

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## Speaker Recap - Katherine Andes

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A good turnout of about 175 people came to our October 11th breakfast. EWTN's Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers was our guest speaker and he did not disappoint the audience.

Deacon Harold practically leapt to the podium exuberant and full of enthusiasm, surprising us, staid Catholics, who are not used to that kind of energy from our speakers.

He reminded me of the lively Protestant televangelist, Bishop T.D. Jakes. Like Jakes, Deacon Harold specializes in family and relationship issues, especially young people who want to get married.

He told us the unique program his home parish has for young couples wanting to get married. He lowered his voice, ominously, "They can't see the priest until they've gone through me."

When the hapless couple comes before him, he grills them. "Why do you want to get married?"

Of course the usual answers follow. "She's beautiful." "I love to be around him." "We like the same things."

Good as they are, Deacon Harold doesn't buy any of those reasons. All those things are passing. She won't be so beautiful years from now. He will annoy her. Their tastes will change.

Of course the right answer should be, "We both want to get to heaven and help one another to do that."

With that goal in mind, a young couple is off to a solid start for their married life together.

If you missed the meeting, several of Deacon Harold's EWTN homilies and talks are available on YouTube. Just type in "Burke-Sivers."

And don't miss the November meeting with Tom Carroll who will speak on the Middle East. He was one of our speakers last year and he was so good, we invited him back. Call (559) 434-2722 and RSVP today.

## Business Person of the Month



### Debbie Tapia'

During the 40 Days for Life prayer vigil in 2011, a small office became available for rent across the street from Planned Parenthood. Our founding president Barbara Gray saw the sign and started discussions to rent the suite for a sidewalk counseling support center.

St. Gianna's Center was formed by a group of eight like-minded women and actively sought to be under the umbrella of the local Right to Life organization. We are called the Team of Twelve in remembrance of our Lord's followers. By our presence, prayers, and sidewalk counseling, we offer hope to persons who feel they have no alternative and grace to those whose lives have been shattered by previous abortions.

While not without trials and tribulations, the effects of educating people about the value of life is rewarding by a peace Christ promises to us all and cannot be explained. My husband and I have both been previously married and enjoy a blended family of four children and ten grandchildren. We have been members of the CP&BC since 2008 and enjoy the encouragement and participation fellow CP&BC members offer the prolife movement.

## Upcoming Events

### Breakfast Meetings

Save the Dates!

- November 8th
- December 13th
- February 14th

Contact us for more info!  
(559) 434-2722  
Reservations@cpbfresno.org

## Book Review By John Kasaian

**Come Lord Jesus – Meditations on the Art of Waiting**  
By Mother Mary Francis P.C.C.  
222 pages paperbound  
Ignatius Press, San Francisco 2010

Advent is a time for waiting – waiting for the Nativity of Christ. This is a notion completely at odds with our secular culture which emphasizes instant gratification, where Christmas decorations appear in the stores in early September followed by the first seasonal catalogs in the mail.

Moderns do not tolerate waiting, and that, friends, is what makes this delightful little book so attractive.

Don't think this is a book just for Advent however, because these meditations are worth your while anytime and in any season – even after tax season when waiting for your refund. Yeah right, like that's going to happen!

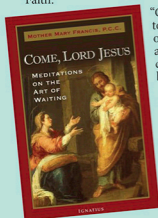
During the first four weeks of Advent, Mother Mary Francis shares with us her daily talks given to the nuns in her community of Poor Clares at the Monastery of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Roswell, New Mexico. The Sunday talks correspond with all the readings covered in the Church Calendar for cycles A, B, and C, and each talk runs between three to five pages in length – perfect for quiet reflection in the mornings or evenings, or for reading to your family 'round the Advent Wreath, if that's how you swing.

Waiting isn't an inconvenience but an Art, just as the Advent Season, like Christmas, is an Art. Not the kind of Art you hang on a wall, but rather the Art of living out our Faith.

"Come, Lord Jesus" cuts right to the quick without being dry or heavy handed with theology as the talks were written for cloistered nuns of varied backgrounds and education.

In my estimation, it's a beautiful little book and a fine four week long spiritual devotion especially during the Advent season.

Cotter/San Joaquin Religious Goods can fix you up with your own personal copy.



## Pastor/Parish Profile



**Rev. Msgr. Patrick McCormick, V.F.**

Profiled by Don Cardell

From 1986-2013 we have seen Msgr. Pat McCormick, celebrating weekly Mass at St. Ann's Chapel on the Campus of San Joaquin Memorial. We also see him as the Master of Ceremonies

for special Masses during the year i.e., the Chrism Mass, Ordination of Priests and Deacons and clergy funerals.

In the fourth grade, Msgr. began to think about becoming a priest, by the eighth grade he was still feeling that the religious life was possibly his calling. While attending California State University Fresno he was working part-time at a 7-11 Store, he was held up at gun point and this near death experience had a real impact on his future life. After receiving his Bachelor's Degree from CSUF in music, he thought he would apply for a teaching job in elementary school. At this time he talked with Fr. Sergio P. Negro from St. Paul Newman Center to discuss his interest in the priesthood. After a year in the Seminary, Msgr. Pat knew he had made the right choice. Msgr. was also greatly influenced by Fr. Patrick McHugh in Taft.

In 1972 he studied Gregorian Chant at Abbe de Solesmes in France. In 1974 Cardinal Timothy Manning ordained Deacon Patrick McCormick and was assigned to St. Joseph's in Los Banos. He was ordained a priest at the Vatican in Rome on June 29, 1975 by Pope Paul VI. In 1978 he was asked to further his education at the Catholic University in Washington D.C. in Liturgy and Music. In 1984 he became the first Director of the Office of Worship and was in residence at St. John's Cathedral in Fresno. He became the Rector of St. John's in 1986. In 1991 he was asked to become the director of St. John's Vianney House and assigned to San Joaquin Memorial High School. Later he was assigned to St. Mary Queen of the Apostles in 1994 and in 2004 he was assigned to St. Patrick's in Merced, and Pastor Administrator of Parishes in LeGrande and Planada.

He has been the Dean of the Merced/Mariposa Deanery for the past five years. He is also on the Priests' Council and the Personal Board for the Diocese.

## Prayer of St. Gianna Beretta Molla

Jesus, I promise You to submit myself to all that You permit to befall me, make me only know Your will. My most sweet Jesus, infinitely merciful God, most tender Father of souls, and in a particular way of the most weak, most miserably, most infirm which You carry with special tenderness between Your divine arms, I come to You to ask You, through the love and merits of Your Sacred Heart, the grace to comprehend and to do always Your Holy will, the grace to confide in You, the grace to rest securely through time and eternity in Your loving divine arms. Amen.

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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](tel:559.434.2722) or by visiting [www.cpbcfresno.org](http://www.cpbcfresno.org) then click on the reservation link. Doors open at 7 a.m. for coffee and networking. The program concludes at 8:30 a.m. The cost for each breakfast is \$15 for members and \$20 for guests.

**Membership Directory:** It's time to start planning for the 2014 Membership Directory! Ad space starts at only \$50. Contact Denise Correia at [directory@cpbcfresno.org](mailto:directory@cpbcfresno.org) for more information. Deadline for ads in the January 2014 publication is December 1, 2013.

**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](tel:559.439.8378)) to become part of the network or to submit a prayer request.

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

## Misson 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 & 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 obligations and our professional obligations in demonstration of the fact that ethics and business need not be mutually exclusive terms.