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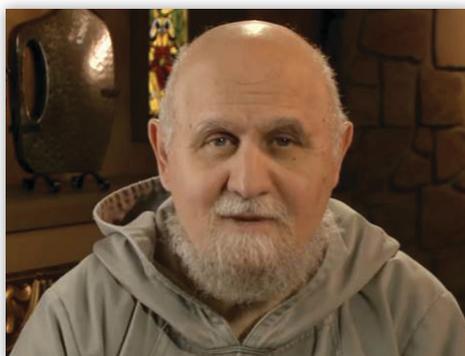
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## November Speaker – Father Andrew Apostoli, CFR



Profiled by Tom Lang

Father Andrew Apostoli, CFR, comes to Fresno all the way from St. Felix Friary in Yonkers, New York. He was ordained a priest by Bishop Fulton J. Sheen in 1967.

He is a member and co-founder of the Community of the Franciscan

Friars of the Renewal, which was begun in 1987 by eight Capuchin friars desiring to work more definitively for personal and communal reform within the Catholic Church. Today, the Community has friaries located in New York, New Jersey, Texas, New Mexico, the United Kingdom, Nicaragua, and Honduras. By living in poor neighborhoods, running homeless shelters, soup kitchens, and youth programs, the friars strive to fulfill the command of the gospel and our Holy Father Pope Francis to live among the poor and provide for their physical and spiritual needs.

In his community, Fr. Andrew has served as Community Servant and Novice Director and has been active over the years producing and appearing in various TV series for EWTN. He has also been giving talks on various spiritual topics, many of which are available as videos, DVDs, CDs and tapes, and he has written numerous books and pamphlets.

At our breakfast, Fr. Andrew will talk about ways we may practice our faith in our professions by understanding the role lay men and women, who have been attracted to the holiness of St. Francis of Assisi for centuries, can play in serving the materially poor, most especially immigrants, the destitute, and the homeless.

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## Speaker Recap

By Pauline Smoke

What is truth? Watering a plant led Michele Fleming to an epiphany. She was a 20-something who had bought into the moral relativism of modern culture. For example, she was reluctant to force her belief that abortion is wrong onto other women with “other truths.”

The thirsty plant made her realize that living things, especially unborn babies, need to be nurtured. Absolute, universal truth exists. But it’s not a fact, it’s a person: Jesus Christ.

Michele has a master’s degree in clinical psychology with an emphasis in integrating theology. She walked the CP&BC audience through St. John’s account of Jesus’ trial before Pilate. The evangelist’s focus alternates between the interior and exterior of Pilate’s palace. The former, in which the one-on-one discussions between Jesus and Pilate take place, represents “living inside Christ’s life.” The latter, where Pilate interacts with the crowds, stands for “worldly chaos.” The Jews’ references to Jesus’ claim to be the Son of God arouses Pilate’s fear that he is not the most powerful person in the room. His struggle against the reality represented by Christ leads him to have Jesus flogged, rather than immediately giving in to the crowd’s demand for crucifixion. But in the end, Pilate sentences an innocent man to death in order to protect his own status.

As Catholics, we encounter the truth of Christ in the Eucharist. Michele challenges us to risk our personal status quo, and transform our lives and relationships by being present to others in Christ’s light and truth.”



## Prayer for Vocations

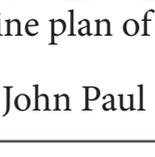
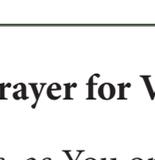
Lord Jesus, as You once called the first disciples to make them fishers of men, let your sweet invitation continue to resound: Come, follow Me!

Give young men and women the grace of responding quickly to Your voice. Support your bishops, priests and consecrated people in their apostolic labor.

Grant perseverance to our seminarians and to all those who are carrying out the ideal of a life totally consecrated to Your service.

Awaken in our community a missionary eagerness. Lord, send workers to your harvest and do not allow humanity to be lost for the lack of pastors, missionaries and people dedicated to the cause of the Gospel. Mary, Mother of the Church, the model of every vocation, help us to say “yes” to the Lord Who calls us to cooperate in the divine plan of salvation.

- Pope John Paul II (1920-2005)



## Business Person of the Month



### Colin Dougherty

In October Colin Dougherty, KNXT General Manager since 2006, spoke about Channel 49 (39 in Bakersfield), the only US diocesan owned station. Twenty-eight years old, KNXT operates 24/7 extending faith through TV and worldwide on computers, phones, and tablets. Every day the Mass, Rosary, gospels, and teachings are shared. KNXT produces 18 weekly programs in four

languages and features specials like Priests’ ordinations, the Chrism Mass, and Holy Bowl football. Watching KNXT is like a having a companion in your home and a boon to those who cannot leave their home. Non-Catholics have a chance to “peek under the tent”. Colin Dougherty has been in broadcasting since 1968, serving as ED at Valley Public Television, for 27 years. A lifelong Catholic, Colin is proud to provide programs which provide insight and reinforce Catholic beliefs. He says it is a blessing to broadcast programs which give people a sense that they are accompanied on their life journey.

## Upcoming Events

### Breakfast Meetings

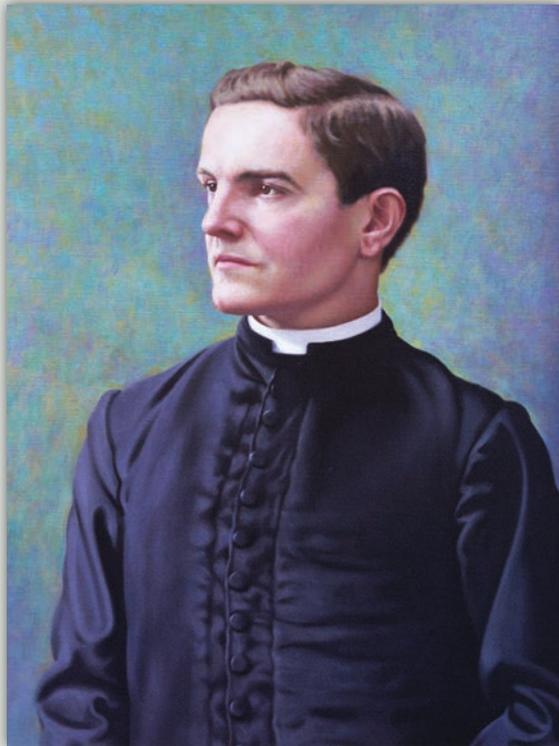
- November 14th
- December 12th
- January - No Meeting
- February 13th

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## Prayer Research & Submission

by Mary Borges, Co-Founder CP&PC



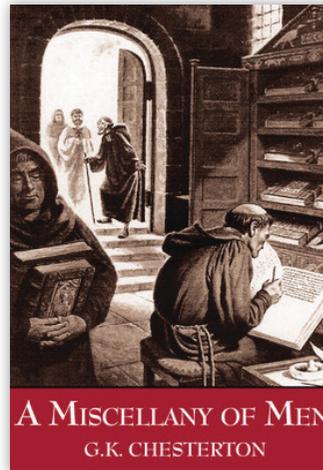
Venerable Michael McGivney encouraged priestly and religious vocations among his parishioners. Of the seven letters written by Father McGivney that have been preserved, three deal with candidates for the priesthood and religious life.

Father McGivney is the founder of the Knights of Columbus which nurtures new vocations and provides financial support.



## Book Review

By John Kasaian



*A Miscellany of Men*  
By G.K. Chesterton  
IHS Press, Norfolk, VA  
2004

182 pages, paperbound

G.K. Chesterton was many things, but he is, or should be, most remembered for being a defender of Truth. Truth is now, as it was in Chesterton's day, both controversial and uncommon, and always under attack.

In Chesterton's time, the common man, for the most part, knew what was true and what wasn't. Perhaps that is the same as it is today, but then, perhaps not. A hundred years ago, the common man wasn't constantly bombarded from birth with electronic media, and there was more time for contemplation.

The character types Chesterton introduces us to in *A Miscellany of Men*, are represented by a rich variety of rather common men, some less common than others but common none the less. It is a great delight to read each story not so much to learn what makes men different, but to learn the truth G.K. Chesterton reveals, which binds men together. First published in the UK in 1912, this manuscript is well over 100 years old, but as I read his observations on the corrupt politician, the gardener, the traveler, the homeowner, the military recruit, and dozens of others touched upon in this miscellany I found that Chesterton could identify both grandiose falsehoods and ignored truths. His skill is one sorely lacking in today's society. It's a delicious book to contemplate on a balmy evening with a pipe and a pint close at hand, while watching the shadows stretch across your lawn.

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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 starts at 7:20 a.m. and 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 2015 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 is December 1, 2014; publication will be in January 2015.

**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 our club. CP&BC thanks Rod Silver of ARTCO for the design and maintenance of the website.

## **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 & 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.

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