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June 10 – John Abbate

Profiled by Tom Lang

Our Friday, June 10, speaker is John Abbate, a Catholic Pro-Life real estate developer and franchisee of twenty-three McDonalds restaurants in the Central Valley. He is a much sought-after speaker on numerous topics usually focused on his three passions: Faith, Family, and Business.

For our final breakfast of the season, John will speak to us about how hope, happiness, and legacy are all connected to the theology of self-gift.

Since men and women are created in the image and likeness of God, Vatican II taught us "... that man, who is the only creature on earth which God willed for itself, cannot fully find himself except through a sincere gift of himself" (Gaudium et Spes 24).

Flipping the "I want to be first" attitude of many in the business world on its head, John will discuss how Christian anthropology shows us that God has invited us to participate in His Divine Life and how love for the purpose of self-gift is the true path to achieving our own highest purpose as human beings.

John resides in the San Joaquin Valley along with his wife Kaaren and their three children: Matthew, Kathryn, and Andrew.

He holds a BBA in Economics from the University of San Diego, an MBA with a concentration in finance from the University of Notre Dame Mendoza School of Business, and a Master of Arts in Catholic Theology from the Augustine Institute.



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Speaker Recap

Dr. Robert Stackpole
By Norma Williams

May speaker Dr. Robert Stackpole addressed indissolubility of marriage within the larger context of Pope Francis' March 2016 document *Amoris Laetitia* (Joy of Love).



Club members lined up after the breakfast to speak to Dr. Stackpole

Stackpole noted, no one can override Jesus' words, and nowhere in scripture does Jesus counsel divorce and remarriage, rather expressly forbids it (Matthew 19:3-9). Not a single Greek-speaking early church father granted exceptions to the law of indissolubility. Marriage is a whole life commitment, the highest form of human relationship, Stackpole states, and "holiness, not happiness" is primary.

A former Anglican priest, Stackpole is director of John Paul II Institute of Divine Mercy in Massachusetts, and author of many religious articles and six books, the latest *Divine Mercy: A Guide from Genesis to Benedict XVI* (Marian Press). Stackpole earned a Master of Theology degree from England's Oxford University and a doctorate from Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome.

Stackpole notes it is no coincidence that *Amoris Laetitia's* release was during the Year of Mercy. The sweeping document grew out of two fall 2015 episcopal synods and seeks to affirm not the ideal but rich and complex family reality. Though accused by some as confusing, ambiguous and "watering down" several aspects of family life, Pope Francis emphasizes how pastors must become closer to their parishioners, especially those who have suffered effects of wounded love, insisting "The confessional must not be a torture chamber!" Stackpole notes difficulty will be in fair interpretation, but to the Pope's skeptics he recommends "Let's give him a fair shot."

Website: www.TheDivineMercy.org



Prayer Research & Submission By Mary Borges

St. Anthony of Padua
Feast Day is June 13



O holy St. Anthony,
 gentest of saints,
 your love for God and charity for
 his creatures
 made you worthy while on earth
 to possess miraculous powers.

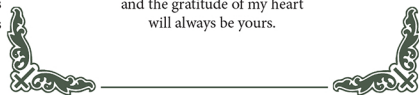
Miracles waited your word,
 which you were ever ready to speak
 for those in trouble or anxiety.

Encouraged by this thought,
 I implore you to obtain for me
 the favor I seek in this novena
 (State your intention).

The answer to my prayer
 may require a miracle;
 even so,

you are the saint of miracles.

O gentle and loving Saint Anthony,
 whose heart was ever
 full of human sympathy,
 whisper my petition into
 the ears of the Infant Jesus,
 who loved to be folded in your arms,
 and the gratitude of my heart
 will always be yours.



Business Person of the Month:

Riki Donaghy



Although, I wasn't raised in a Catholic home, I fell in love with the Faith and the young man, Paul, who asked me to accompany him to Mass on one of our first dates. I married Paul in 1979 and chose to become Catholic in 1984. Together, Paul and I have raised two sons and a daughter in the faith. We are also proud grandparents of four beautiful children. Currently, we are members of Holy Spirit parish and enjoy volunteering in several of the ministries at Holy Spirit.

Additionally, my sisters and I are participating in our 5th annual "Komen 3-Day 60 Miles for the Cure" event in honor of both my mother and mother-in-law.

For the last sixteen years, I have spent my days helping clients with their tax issues. In 2011, I became an Enrolled Agent and started my own practice, Donaghy Tax Consulting. My company specializes in Tax Resolution and Tax Preparation. Whether I am preparing a sample tax return or dealing with the tax agencies, my faith is ever present and helps me assist clients with grace and understanding.

Upcoming Events

Breakfast Meetings

- No meetings in July and August
- September 9
- October 14

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Parish Profile -- Monsignor E. James Petersen

November 8, 1933 – May 3, 2106



Our dear friend, spiritual guide, and priest passed gently into the hands of our Father on the morning of May 3 hearing these words, "Well done, my good and faithful servant."

He was a well-traveled man of the world, eloquent writer, speaker, teacher, leader, and priest. His kind and gentle spirit captivated those around him. He was fluent in English, Spanish, Latin, Italian, Greek, German, French, and a bit

of Dutch, which helped him connect with the communities he faithfully served through his long priesthood of more than fifty-five years.

He was born in Los Angeles, California. While in sixth grade, he realized his calling to be a priest. In September of 1947 (at the age of 13) he boarded a train to Columbus, Ohio. There he attended the Josephinum Seminary. Msgr. Petersen was ordained a priest in 1959 with his first parish assignment at St. Mary in Cutler. His next church appointments in order: the Shrine of St. Therese in Fresno; St. Patrick in Arroyo Grande; Our Lady of Sorrows in Parlier; St. Patrick; Our Lady of Mercy; and, Sacred Heart, all in Merced. In 1979, he was assigned to St. Anthony of Padua, Fresno where he served as pastor for twelve years; and, in 2000 he returned to the Shrine of St. Therese until his retirement. Other highlights of his career included a sabbatical where he spent one year in Louvain, Belgium attending university there. He often stated it was one of the most memorable and wonderful years of his life. In 1991, he took the assignment of Executive Director of the California Catholic Conference in Sacramento; then he returned to Fresno as the rector of San Joaquin Memorial High School. Monsignor continued to serve well into retirement, saying mass at the Nazareth House in Fresno on a weekly basis.

Excerpted from Legacy.com

Summer Event with the Bishop – Friday, August 12



Our local baseball team, The Grizzlies, is having a Christian Fellowship Night on Friday, August 12 at 7:05 p.m. at Chuckchansi Park. Bishop Ochoa will be tossing out the ceremonial first pitch for the Grizzlies. Please join other club members for this special event.



Administrative Help Needed

Our beloved CP&BC club administrator, Denise Correia is stepping down from her role as Administrator. We thank Denise greatly for her outstanding contributions to the success of our club for so many years.

Therefore our Fresno Catholic Professional and Business Club is now looking for a new administrator to coordinate our nine breakfast meetings every year, register new members, and help us communicate with and manage our membership. Duties of this part-time position will include attending nine breakfast meetings, nine monthly board meetings, and maintaining the Club's (Excel file) membership data. The Club can provide compensation of \$300 per month, complimentary membership and breakfasts, and will reimburse all expenses. For more information and a full job description, please contact President Jeff Lauritzen at 559-288-7280 or jeff@lauritzenco.com



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CP&BC Membership Dues: Annual dues are \$45 per person. A membership application form is available on our website at www.cpbcfresno.org. The deadline is December 31, 2016 to be included in the directory. For more information contact John Kanaley at [315-243-6597](tel:315-243-6597).

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 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 breakfast cost is \$17 for members and \$22 for non-members. An annual discounted cost of \$120 is available to members that prepay for the year; this is a savings of \$33. Reservations are still required for prepaids. Effective September 2016, prepaid annual breakfasts will be \$120 which is a savings of \$33 on the increased cost of breakfast effective September 2016 (\$17 members, \$22 non-members).

Membership Directory: Ad space starts at \$50. Contact Al Aguila at directory@cpbcfresno.org for more information. December 15, 2016 is the deadline to reserve ad space. December 31, 2016 is the deadline for ad artwork. It is too late for the 2016 directory, but it is not too early to think about the 2017 directory.

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](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 for all the latest information about our club. CP&BC thanks J. Colin Petersen of J - I.T. Outsource 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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