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May 13 Fr. Alex Chavez

Our May 13, 2022 speaker is Fr. Alex Chavez, pastor of Visalia's Good Shepherd Parish and called by Bishop Joseph V. Brennan to lead the parish in the completion of construction of the parish's new, 3,100 seat St. Charles Borromeo Church. The massive church is being built in a mission style architecture with the familiar cross-shaped floor plan, but utilizing modern design and building techniques necessary to build at a significantly larger scale.



Fortunately, before being ordained a priest, Fr. Alex studied Civil Engineering at Fresno State and worked nearly eight years as a Civil Engineer for the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). During his career at Caltrans, he worked in three of their units: Construction, Project Management, and Design. Providentially, the last project he worked on before becoming a priest was the preliminary design work of the 6-mile stretch of Highway 101 in the City of Prunedale, where Highways 156 and 101 merge. This highway, as many of you know, roughly follows the same route as the El Camino Real, the original road traveled by Fr. Junipero Serra over 250 years ago between the original nine, then ultimately all twenty-one California missions.

We look forward to seeing a great turn-out at our breakfast on May 13th when we will hear so much more from this inspiring priest in our own diocese and all about the exciting progress toward opening the largest parish Catholic church in the United States. Bring a friend to hear about this new mission church where, as the architect states, "the power of over three thousand Catholics coming together can give testimony to Christ's love for us and emotionally move us as we share our Catholic faith."

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Pope Francis and his Synod of the Whole Church

By Jim Flanagan

I am told that no other Pope has attempted such a project as this Synod that we are in the midst of. Pope Francis is a Jesuit, which is unusual because the popes usually come from the secular priesthood, not from an order. But look at who Pope Francis took for his name. Certainly not a Jesuit, but the founder of the Franciscan order, Saint Francis, who saw the wooden Christ on the crucifix in the San Damiano Chapel tell him to “repair my church.”

Since the chapel was falling apart, St. Francis thought that Christ was telling him to repair the chapel. Later, of course, St. Francis realized that Christ meant the whole Church. And that makes sense because Pope Francis announced from the beginning of his papal reign that he was going to bring the Church back to following Jesus.

That made me realize that is why Pope Francis would take on a Synod of the whole Catholic Church to learn the facts of how the members of every parish in the whole Church were dealing with their journey to salvation.

This is a remarkable process. Every Pastor will be sending the input from his parishioners to his Bishop, who in turn will review that input answering the questions posed by Pope Francis, and forward it to Pope Francis. No wonder then that the project will take us into 2023.



Consecration Prayer-Russia & Ukraine

United with our Holy Father, Pope Francis, along with Bishops, Priests, and faithful all over the world, we lift up this act, this prayer of consecration:

O Blessed Mother, this very day, we deliver and consecrate Russia and Ukraine to your Immaculate Heart. We pray that you will take the people of these nations under your maternal protection. May you reign over these nations as their Queen that they may be transformed from lands of turmoil and conflict into lands of blessing and peace. May Russia turn away from aggression and threats of violence. May Ukraine turn to you for comfort and consolation. May both these nations, and we along with them, enter anew

in the unity of the One Sheepfold, guided by the One Shepherd, your Son, and our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,

O Queen of Peace, with your Son, the Prince of Peace, bring to the world that peace which the world cannot give. Most of all, dear Mother, bring peace to Russia and Ukraine through the reign of your most Immaculate Heart. We make this prayer through Christ, Our Lord. Amen

Diocesan Event Corner

If your parish or Catholic organization is hosting an event open to all the Diocese of Fresno, we ask for you to notify us no less than five weeks before the event. We will gladly post this in our newsletter mailed to all CP&BC members. Contact Tim Dodd for more information (559) 860-9198

Knights of Columbus Golf Tourney

Saturday, May 14th @ Riverside Golf Course

Call John Escalante at (559) 346-7168 for Info.



Stay Connected with Prayers!

Prayers when you and your loved ones need them the most! It's amazing, simply join the CP&BC Prayer Network, call or email your requests, and our network will pray for you.

To join, or update your email address contact Sally salauritz@att.net or 559-439-8378. If you have not received an email in the last month, Sally needs your new email address.

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April Speaker Recap – John Martignoni

By Norma Williams

Many Catholics are afraid to engage in religious discussions because they do not know the answers, reported April breakfast

speaker John Martignoni. One can be ignorant and still evangelize, he stated. A chapter in his book, “Blue Collar Apologetics,” is devoted to “ignorance strategy,” which is no excuse in today’s high-tech world, he says – look it up!

John grew up in Huntsville, Alabama where only 3-4% are Catholic. In his professional world of banking and finance, when co-workers brought up faith questions after discovering he was Catholic, he would ask, “Why me?”

John became compelled to respond to radio programs maligning the Church, and teaching that Catholics were going to hell, and were not considered Christian. He founded the Bible Christian Society which now reaches tens of thousands in all 50 states and 70 countries. He has given hundreds of talks at parishes and conferences in the U.S. and Canada.

John advises humility when speaking of religious matters but taking advantages of opportunities to open discussions and plant seeds. Simple things such as placing a Bible on one’s desk or making the sign of the cross before eating lunch can provide openings for discussion among one’s circle of influence.

John was disturbed by a recent survey which revealed that two-thirds of Catholics do not believe in the Real Presence in the Eucharist. Never skip over John 6:51, he exhorts, (Jesus the living bread). Ask, “was Jesus’ flesh on the cross real, or just symbolic?” Jesus, truth, values, knowledge, and salvation are all interrelated. No compromising inside the Church or within the family, he cautions. Know official Catholic teaching and don’t avoid “hot button” issues.

In faith matters, be offensive without offending, John says, “Remember, the Bible is ‘our book,’ -- we gave it to the world!”

“Blue Collar Apologetics” is available through EWTN.com

May Prayer Memorare

REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful, and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.



Business Person of the Month—Steve Hudeck

Steve grew up in Southern California and attended Catholic School through the 8th Grade. He then attended a public high school. He spent his youth at and around the church. He was an altar boy at St. Francis Xavier Cabrini Church in Yucaipa, California. He participated in the Boy Scouts at his parish. The school bus he rode left his parish parking lot for the 30-minute drive to the Catholic school.

It was this foundation that his parents created for him and a loving supportive wife, Marie, that kept him from straying too far from his faith.

As an adult, Steve got involved in the Knights of Columbus while living in Lubbock, Texas. He has been an active member for 25 years. He has worked for them for the past 12 years. It was working in an environment that is deeply rooted in faith that has fulfilled him.

He is a member at Holy Spirit Church in Fresno.

Upcoming Events

- May 13, 2022
- June 10, 2022
- July and August no meetings

Pope’s Worldwide Prayer May Intention

For faith-filled young people

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary’s life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

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CP&BC Membership Dues: Annual dues are \$48 per person and are due August 1, 2022. The deadline for the 2023 Membership Directory is December 31, 2022. For more information contact John Kanaley at 315-243-6597 or email membership@cpbcfresno.org.

Reservations: Reservations are required for all breakfast meetings held at Pardini's and can be made by sending an email to reservations@cpbcfresno.org or by calling Denise Correia at 559-434-2722 or by visiting the website www.cpbcfresno.org then click on reservation link. Doors open at 7:00 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 option to attend via ZOOM is available with a requested link and password for members only. An annual discounted cost of \$135 is available to members that prepay for the year. Prepaid members are also requested to make reservations.

Membership Directory: Ad space in the annual 2023 Membership Directory starts at \$50. The deadline for advertising reservations and artwork is December 31, 2022, for the 2023 publication. For more directory information, email directory@cpbcfresno.org or call Denise Correia at 559-434-2722.

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 our club. CP&BC thanks J. Colin Petersen of J - I.T. Outsource for the design and maintenance of the website. CP&BC also thanks Uhuru Network, LLC for their design and preparation of the newsletter.

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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