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## June Speaker – Father Dan Avila



Profiled by Tom Lang

Our June 13 speaker will be Father Dan Avila, Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Fresno. He assists those men who are seeking to serve as priests and also helps to develop vocations awareness, promotion programs, and activities in the diocese.

Fr. Dan will talk about his continuing discernment groups for young men who feel they may be called by God to do something more with their lives — beyond just looking out for their own interests — by considering a priestly vocation. These groups meet on a regular basis in the major regions of the diocese — Merced, Fresno, Visalia/Tulare, and Bakersfield.

During the discernment process, everyone moves along at their own pace, responding to the movement of the Holy Spirit. Some will decide to continue in the process, hearing God's voice not from the clouds, but from within their own hearts.

The men who have decided to move toward a priestly vocation will then begin the application process, much like filling out an application for any college, but with a deeper look at the person's mental and emotional state, family background, and spiritual life — all to understand how they came to their spiritual calling.

It's an involved process with many interesting aspects, and Fr. Dan will describe the solemn as well as the humorous steps along the journey in his light-hearted and approachable way. The whole Church needs to foster vocations — Fr. Avila will let us know how we can help within our own families and parishes.

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## Speaker Recap

By Katherine Andes

Our May speaker, Noel Irwin Hentschel, is an amazing woman by any standards. She is the co-founder and CEO of a billion dollar tourism company; she's been an advisor to federal agencies; serves in various capacities to strengthen international relations; is an avid student of her Catholic faith, as well

as world religions; has worked side-by-side with Mother Teresa; and, is happily married with seven children. Whew! I'm exhausted just writing that.

Noel has Fresno connections, too. She was born at St. Agnes hospital, and her grandmother was the founder of Storyland. Although she didn't tell us much about her transition to Hollywood, I gleaned that her mother took her to Hollywood to pursue a performing career. They always stopped by Father Patrick Peyton's Family Theater studios to pray a rosary with Father.

She loves showing off America to foreigners. And she particularly loves opening up previously "off-limits" countries to Americans. Her company was the first to get permission to take travelers to Cuba. Her company, AmericanTours International, has Mary for their patroness and a large picture of Mary can be seen in their headquarters. Noel's current passion for her company is opening up China to American travelers. She claims a rich devotion to Mary exists in China and hopes to get permission to take pilgrims to visit ancient Marian shrines, as well as sites of more recent visitations.

Bishop Armando was in the audience when she asked if anyone wanted to go to China. Bishop raised his hand, and Noel was on it. She all but had a Fresno delegation signed up for a tour with the Bishop before she finished speaking. I hope I get to go.

## Business Person of the Month



**Katherine Andes**

Twenty years ago, Katherine Andes' husband passed away. Their children were four and six. Thankfully, Katherine had enough money to raise them, but later she had to work. Katherine became a writer of grants, proposals, and advertising. Eventually, she specialized in writing content for websites and search engine optimization. Today, she helps companies improve their websites to

attract more visitors, and she writes their pages, in a warm and friendly style, to get more sales. One of her clients gets jobs all over California. His customers bypass companies in San Francisco and Los Angeles to hire her client in Hanford. Katherine's clients are as far away as Canada, Australia, and South Africa. As a Catholic, Katherine strives to live up to the trust her clients place in her. She adds, "I pray for my clients every day." Katherine co-wrote the Friendly Defenders Flash Cards that teach kids how to answer challenges like, "Why do you worship Mary?" They've sold more than 60,000 sets. Learn more at [www.andesandassociates.com](http://www.andesandassociates.com)



Remembering our brothers and sisters in faith and prayer, and in need of comfort and healing.

### A Prayer for the Sick

Jesus, Divine Physician and Healer of the Sick, we turn to you in this time of illness. Comforter of the troubled, alleviate our worry and sorry with your gentle love, and grant us the grace and strength to accept this burden.

Dear God, we place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servant to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge your holy will and know that whatsoever you do, you do for the love of us. Amen

## Upcoming Events

### Breakfast Meetings

- No Meetings in July & August
- September 12th
- October 10th

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## New Member Mixer

By A. Thomas Ferdinandi, Jr

The Patio at Piazza del Pané, located on the corner of Palm and Herndon, was the location of the CP&BC's latest event — our new member mixer! Great weather and great camaraderie lasted well into the evening on Friday, May 16th.

Co-chaired by Donna Measell, Karen McCaffrey, and Tom Ferdinandi, and hosted by Tom at his restaurant, the event was a grand success. With almost 30 new and current members in attendance, the evening rekindled old friendships and forged new ones. The evening featured beverage service and a pasta buffet dinner, all served by the friendly Pané team, with favorites including the penne pasta with sausage, and home made bread served with fresh whipped basil pesto spread.

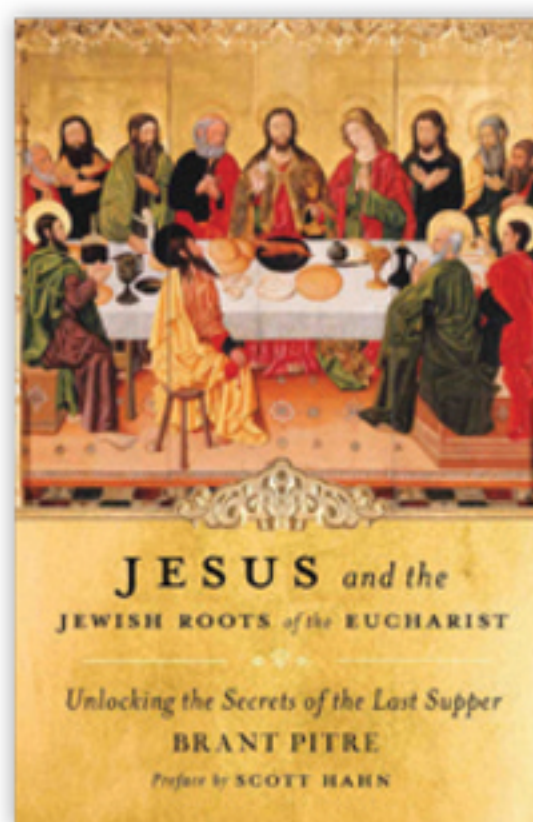
This year, all guests had the opportunity to introduce themselves and talk about their businesses as well as what they thought was special about the Club. And with the help of the Diocese's recently appointed Vicar General, Rev. Msgr. Raymond C. Dreiling, raffle prizes were won by most of our attendees, thanks to the generosity of our many club members.

A special welcome to all our new members, and we look forward to seeing you at all our upcoming breakfasts and other CP&BC events.



## Book Review

By John Kasaian



**Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist**  
By Brant Pitre  
Doubleday, New York  
2011  
228 pages hardbound,  
\$21.99

Catholics see the pre-figuring of the New Testament in the Old Testament, and coming to grips with the prose and imagery has kept theologians in line for centuries. Dr. Pitre

investigates The Last Supper and the Eucharist through the eyes of a first century Jew and takes his readers on an unforgettable voyage through the Bible. This isn't quite like Rabbi Misener's contribution to Pope Benedict's first volume of Jesus of Nazareth, which explained the Jewish sensibilities at the time of Christ, but rather as an exploration into the ties between the Old Testament prophecies and the graphic New Testament imagery surrounding the Eucharist.

Dr. Pitre has an engaging style of writing which is a delight to read. He takes the time to explain the meanings behind the Ancient Greek and Hebrew words and the thoughts of the Church Fathers as well as such resources as The Dead Sea Scrolls, The Works of Josephus (a 1st century Jewish Historian), The Mishnah (a collection of rabbinic oral Histories from 50 BC to 200 AD), The Targums (ancient Jewish translations of the Bible from Hebrew to Aramaic circa 587 BC), The Babylonian Talmud, and The Midrashim (ancient Jewish Biblical Commentaries). This book changed the way I thought about the Eucharist, the Passover, and the Last Supper by presenting the subject with far more vibrancy and imagery. You can get your own copy at Cotter's Religious Goods in Fresno.

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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 in the January 2015 publication is December 1, 2014.

**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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