



**CATHOLIC PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS CLUB
DIOCESE OF 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 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 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 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 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.

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September Speaker – Joseph I. Castro, Ph.D., M.P.P.



Profiled by Tom Lang

CP&BC Fresno is kicking off our 2014-2015 season with our Friday, September 12th breakfast with an intimate interview with Fresno State president Dr. Joseph Castro. Past CP&BC president, Pat Ogle, will talk one-on-one with Dr. Castro about his family upbringing, including where "church" was or wasn't a part. We will hear how Joseph and Mary Castro first met and enjoy a little background on their three children. Dr. Castro will share details about how his personal Catholic faith has been, and remains, integral to raising his family and fostering professional relationships. We will also hear how the impact of a near-miss serious car collision was a wake-up call for him spiritually.

As the head of a state university, we will learn about the ways Dr. Castro can, and has, shared the importance of spirituality with students, faculty and staff, and what organizations like CP&BC may exist in the academic/education sector for one to participate and share their faith with others. Pat will also delve into how the Castros are involved with others away from campus in sharing their love for the Lord.

It will be exciting to hear what Dr. Castro believes are his impacts of his first year as president, especially considering he is the first California native and first Latino to lead Fresno State — just a few miles from his family home in Hanford. Dr. Castro will conclude with what he would like to see Fresno State accomplish under his leadership during the current academic year and perhaps take a question or two from the audience, time permitting.

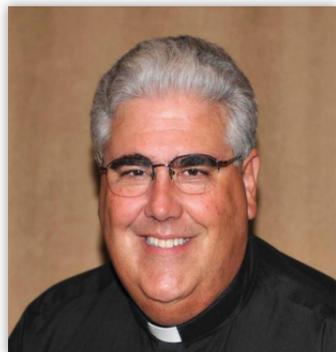
The September 12th breakfast is surely one you, your family, and business associates will not want to miss.

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Speaker Recap

By Katherine Andes

Our season wrapped up June 13 with a joyful talk from Father Dan Avila, who has been in our diocese 27 years. He is often a guest on KMJ radio, answering questions. I have a non-believing friend who loves it when Father Dan is on the air.

For the past four years, Father Dan has been the vocations director for the diocese. He loves working with young people who want to give their lives to God. They are the “cream of the crop,” he says. Father Dan works primarily with men who wish to become priests, but he also works with men and women who seek the religious life. Currently, there are 16 men in formation. This year, one man was ordained to the diaconate, and in the next year he will be ordained to the priesthood. The following year four men are scheduled for ordination.

But we are a long way from replacement level for priests who retire each year. Father requested prayers. He quoted Pope Francis, “Behind every vocation there is someone praying.” When asked during the Q&A why there were so few vocations, Father Dan pointed to smaller families and the contraceptive mentality even in our Catholic faithful. “When you only have one or two children, you tend not to encourage vocations. You want grandchildren,” he said.

Bishop Ochoa has recently assigned Father Dan to be administrator for Our Lady of Victory in addition to his vocations duties. Thank you, Father Dan, for helping our young men and women find their calling.

PRAYER TO ST HILDEGARD OF BINGEN

Feast Day, September 17



Father, Source of Life, you have bestowed on St Hildegard of Bingen many excellent graces. Help us to follow her example of meditating on your ineffable Majesty and to follow you so that we, amidst the darkness of this world, recognize the Light of your clarity to cling to you without fail. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Pastor/Parish Profile

Msgr. Patrick McCormick

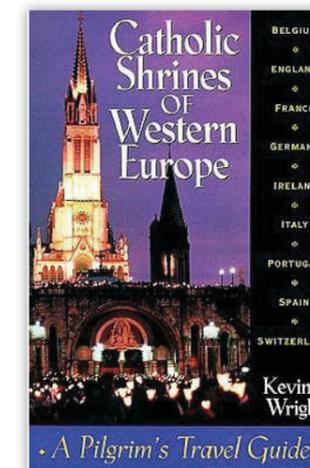


Profiled by Don Cardell

Msgr. Patrick McCormick, the new pastor at Holy Spirit states, “My idea of a parish in the twenty-first century deals with what we call ‘parish life.’ The parish needs to be a center for growth not just in the Spirit, but who we are as Catholics, and what we as a community and as individuals can offer to the wider community of Fresno.” “Fr. Pat” and his twin brother Michael Anthony were born in Taft to Phil McCormick and Mildred Arnold. His early education at Catholic and public schools in Santa Maria and Taft was followed by studies at Taft Junior College and Fresno State, he attended Ryan Preparatory Seminary during his final year. He completed his studies at St. John’s Seminary in Camarillo in 1975 and was ordained on June 29, 1975 by Pope Paul VI in the Piazza San Pietro. Father just completed ten years at St. Patrick’s in Merced. Before that his ministry was all in the city of Fresno including several other assignments in our diocese: the Shrine of St. Therese, and then liturgy and music at Catholic University of America, Washington D.C. Back in Fresno, he was assigned to St. Anthony of Padua. From 1984 to 2003 he was the first director of the Office of Worship, which he considers his greatest accomplishment. During the same time, Fr. Pat was assigned to the Cathedral of Sts. John the Baptist and John the Evangelist. In 1986 he was appointed the rector of the Cathedral and began restoration financed by the Festival of Lights and the Biretta Ball. In September of 1991, Father was assigned to the House of Formation for Seminarians, St. John Vianney House. In 1994 he became the pastor of St. Mary Queen of Apostles for ten years. Fr. Pat is a strong supporter of Catholic education, and feels it is the foundation of young people’s lives, bringing good morals, values, ministry, and service to young minds, and creating the leadership of city and country for the future.

Book Review

By John Kasaian



Catholic Shrines of Western Europe
A Pilgrim’s Travel Guide
By Kevin J. Wright
Liguori Publications,
Liguori, MO, 1997
236 pages, paperback.

Ideally, one makes a pilgrimage in a group with a well-planned itinerary and an expert guide. I don’t think anything can truly take the place of a dedicated, purpose filled, and prayerful real pilgrimage, but often travelers find themselves in places worthy of a pilgrimage but not on a formal pilgrimage. To not visit these spiritual places should you have the chance is, I think, a terrible poverty. Furthermore there are so many holy sites, especially in Western Europe that it would be well neigh impossible to have the time or funds to explore them all.

That’s where this little book comes in handy if you should find yourself in proximity to, say The Shrine of Our Lady of Altotting, which is within striking distance of both Salzburg and Munich, or any one of the several shrines in Paris, or Rome. The premise of this book is to provide information for a “plan your own” pilgrimage including shrine information; the contact info for the local tourist office; places to stay; how to reach the shrine by road, bus or train; tips and hints; and, interesting facts about the shrine of your choice.

This is a useful book for anyone heading to Western Europe for any reason. Make your vacation or business trip a mini-pilgrimage and seek to increase your faith by taking a few hours out of your itinerary. You can get a copy for your suitcase or carry-on at Cotter Religious Goods.

Business Person of the Month

Pauline Townsley Smoke



Pauline Townsley Smoke, a cradle Catholic and native Californian, has had an eclectic career. After two years of college in the Midwest, plans to become a translator at the European Common Market were happily traded for marriage in California to Art Smoke. She investigated several possible career paths, including nursing and accounting, as she tried to complete her bachelor’s degree

while raising two children and working part-time. Pauline earned a BS in Business Administration from the University of Phoenix in 2000, and a teaching credential through National University in 2003. Her life is currently a patchwork quilt of paid and volunteer jobs — substitute teaching, coordinating an annual youth conference for the 4-H Youth Development Program, coordinating the Discover California Japanese Exchange Program each summer, and being a “granny nanny” to her two grandsons, as needed. Pauline is also a freelance writer who focuses on youth and family issues. She is a member of Divine Mercy in Clovis.

Upcoming Events

Breakfast Meetings

- September 12th
- October 10th
- November 14th
- December 12th

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