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Diocese of Fresno

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February 10 – 20th Anniversary Celebration

Come join us to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Catholic Professional & Business Club on February 10.

Take a walk down memory lane with us. Pardini's will provide a special steak and champagne breakfast. Cost for members is \$17 and non-members is \$22 (no cost for clergy). Attendance is limited to prepaid reservations only. A drawing will be held for fabulous prizes. Reservations for tables of ten are available now.



For questions or reservations call (559) 434-2722
or email reservations@cpbcfresno.org

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Speaker Recap

December Christmas Meeting

By Norma Williams



OLPH K-8th grade choir

At the final breakfast meeting of 2016, members brought toys and stuffed animals for distribution through Catholic Charities.

Fr. Robert Borges of Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish in Clovis encouraged doubling of efforts for Catholic education in order to offer good Christian formation and to keep tuition low. He noted that OLPH School has been in operation since 1962 and until last year was staffed by the Immaculate Conception sisters. The recession years 2008-09 were difficult with only about 150 students enrolled, but today enrollment is now at 300. Music and arts have been expanded along with a number of after-school interest classes.

The OLPH K-8th grade choir sang a number of Christmas songs under the direction of Melita Zubacz and Nick Washington.

Poinsettias were given out as expressions of thanks to Co-Founder Mary Borges and President Jeff Lauritzen. Board members and Pardini servers also were acknowledged.

Spiritual Advisor Fr. Craig Plunkett reminded us of the reason for the season of Advent, admonishing us to be alert and spiritually awake in anticipation of the coming of the Lord. He advised to slow down, to pray the rosary while waiting in lines, and to focus on Jesus and others before oneself. To those encountered during this holy season, remember to say “Merry Christmas” or “May the peace of Christ be with you.”



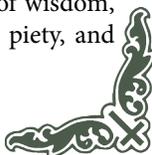
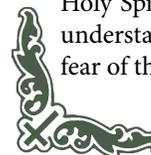
Prayer Research & Submission By Mary Borges



We are all familiar with the Prayer to the Holy Spirit we say at the beginning of each breakfast. Another reading which inspired Frank and Mary is The Letter of Paul to the Romans 5:1-5:

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

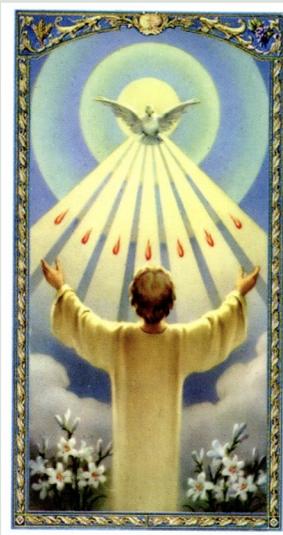
The Holy Spirit is the one who strengthens us when we stand against evil, injustice, or unchristian attitudes. The Holy Spirit is also the giver of the seven gifts of wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord.



How the Holy Spirit Became our Guide

After Frank and Mary moved to Fresno, Bishop John advised them that the Holy Spirit would direct them, so they prayed to the Holy Spirit for two to three months before they started to organize the Club. Mary remembered the Holy Spirit prayer card that a friend had given her decades earlier. When they asked Bishop John about having the Holy Spirit as Club guide, he said he was “delighted”.

Initially we only prayed the Holy Spirit Prayer. Later Mary added the Morning Offering and Allegiance Prayer. Over the years, many speakers and guests requested to take the Holy Spirit Prayer card home. The answer was and is always YES!



Upcoming Events

- March 10th
- April 14
- May 12
- June 9

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CP&BC Club History

In 1993 Frank and Mary Borges started the first CP&BC Club in Santa Rosa under the direction of Bishop John Steinbock. The Santa Rosa Club was originated on the Feast of the Sacred Heart, June 23, 1993.

The Fresno Club was founded Feb. 14, 1997. The Borges moved to Fresno right after Bishop John was transferred to Fresno. Under his guidance again, the Borges started to research the possibilities of the start-up of a club in Fresno. Bishop John Steinbock was our first speaker with 180 guests. It is one of the most successful of our national chapters because of the quality of our speakers, the camaraderie, the opportunity to network, and the dedicated leadership. Every speaker has helped us reflect on what it means to live our spiritual faith in our everyday lives.

Subsequently twelve clubs were founded and remain active. The CP&BC National Clubs have sponsored six National Club Seminars. The last one was held at the San Francisco Airport Hyatt with a keynote by Raymond Flynn, three-time mayor of Boston and former U.S. Ambassador to the Vatican.

Each Club member probably remembers one or two speakers whose words deeply touched them. One presentation that many Club members remember was the December 2001 presentation by the New York Firemen.



Club Leadership

Our Club has been blessed by the guidance of our Bishops and our Spiritual Advisors. Our founding Bishop was the Most Rev. Bishop John T. Steinbock — fourth Bishop of Fresno, who served the Fresno Diocese from 1991 – 2010 and our Club from its founding on February 14, 1997. Vicar General, Monsignor Cotta provided leadership until the Most Rev. Bishop Armando X Ochoa D.D., who was installed as the fifth Bishop of Fresno Diocese February 2, 2012.

Our first Spiritual Director was Rev. Msgr. Raymond C. Dreilling, V.G., who was followed by Rev Msgr. Laserian Byrne. Rev. Timothy Cardoza became our next Spiritual Advisor. Rev. Craig Plunket is our current advisor.

Our Founders were Frank and Mary Borges. The members who have generously served as our presidents for one or two Club years are Frank A Borges, Mike Dowling, Marty Oller, Bill Lucido, Lynn Bailey, Tim Jones, Larry Holody, Richard Machado, Tom Lang, Alfreda Sebasto, Gary Renner, Rick Davis, Pat Ogle, Scott Jura, Tom Ferdinandi, and currently Jeff Lauritzen. Emeritus Board members include Mary Borges, Don Cardell, John Houlihan, Deacon Bill Lucido and Pat Ogle. Current Board members are listed on the front page of this newsletter in the sidebar.

The Club is supported financially by its members and many very generous sponsors. Denise Correia and Lourdes Sanchez provide administrative support.

Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network: February Intention

Universal: Comfort for the Afflicted. That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees, and marginalized, may find welcome and comfort in our communities.

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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 was December 31, 2016 to be included in the upcoming 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 Lourdes Sanchez at 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 prepays.

Membership Directory: Ad space starts at \$50. Contact Al Aguila at directory@cpbcfresno.org for more information. December 15, 2016 was the deadline to reserve ad space. December 31, 2016 was the deadline for ad artwork. More directory advertising information is available at www.cpbcfresno.org.

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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