



**CP&BC Membership Renewals Due:** It's time to renew your CPP&BC membership. Annual dues are \$45.00 per person. A membership form is available on our website. For more information call Jeff Lauritzen at 559.288.7280.

**Reservations:** Reservations are required for all breakfast meetings, held at Pardini's, and can be made by calling Denise Correia at 559.434.2722 or by visiting [www.cpbcfresno.org](http://www.cpbcfresno.org). Doors open at 7 a.m. for coffee and networking. The program concludes at 8:30 a.m. The cost is \$12 for members and \$15 for guests .

**Membership Directory:** Interested in advertising in next year's directory? Ad space starts at only \$50. Contact Nick Strait at 559.304.8905 or [directory@cpbcfresno.org](mailto:directory@cpbcfresno.org) for more information.

**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) to become part of the network or to submit a prayer request.

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## Don't You (Forget About Me): May Speaker Luke Burgis



So what does a "breakfast club" look like? To many, their first thought is probably a collection of teenagers spending a Saturday in detention, as in the 1985 John Hughes teenage classic "The Breakfast Club." For Luke Burgis, when he was first approached to be speak to the Catholic Professional & Business Club, that was his first thought. But alas, this club is much different; there's coffee and no Judd Nelson.

Mr. Burgis is currently a seminarian for the Diocese of Las Vegas at St. John's Seminary. Before entering the seminary, Luke led a very interesting life, taking him from the highs of a venture capitalist with some of the world's largest banks, to the lows of watching his own company fall into bankruptcy.

During his time in the financial world he found it difficult to lead a Christian life. Since his days at New York University all he wanted to be want an investment banker, his "dream job." But after a couple of years of working for companies like Citigroup and Morgan Stanley he felt unfulfilled. So he quit his job to start his own company distributing healthy vending machines. It wasn't easy at first; he moved to California and lived off PB&Js. His own bed was used as storage. But the hard work paid off, and soon his company was in high demand. At its peak, Luke had built a \$15 million company, which he had moved to Las Vegas.

But even as he grew more successful he still didn't feel fulfilled. He was getting burned out, he didn't feel as though he had anything to "nourish" him. Then one night he stopped into a 24-hour chapel. Sitting in front of the tabernacle, he told the Lord he was tired. It was then that he noticed a guy named Steve, who "moved him." Steve, he later found out, was coming to adoration at the chapel every morning between 4-6 a.m.

Not long after that, the economy went south. His company once valued at \$15 million and on the verge of a buyout, when bankrupt. While many would be destroyed by such an event, Luke saw it as a gift from God, that his prayers had been answered. The Lord had eliminated that which had caused him so much stress and unhappiness. Following the bankruptcy, Luke met a lawyer who introduced to a Christian way of doing business. This led him to create ActivPrayer, a popular faith-based fitness movement. The focus of ActivPrayer wasn't only to heal the body, but also the soul. He described it as a "Christian form of yoga." Their motto: "Don't be healthy, be holy."

He left ActivePrayer to join the seminary in Las Vegas, where he continues to study. He left the club with a quote by C.S. Lewis that has had a profound impact on him and his relationships with people in the business world.

*"It is a serious thing to live in a society of possible gods and goddesses, to remember that the dullest and most uninteresting person you talk to may one day be a creature which, if you saw it now, you would be strongly tempted to worship, or else a horror and a corruption such as you now meet, if at all, only in a nightmare. All day long we are, in some degree, helping each other to one or other of these destinations. It is in the light of these overwhelming possibilities, it is with the awe and the circumspection proper to them, that we should conduct all our dealings with one another, all friendships, all loves, all play, all politics. There are no 'ordinary' people. You have never talked to a mere mortal. Nations, cultures, arts, civilizations -- these are mortal, and their life is to ours as the life of a gnat. But it is immortals whom we joke with, work with, marry, snub and exploit -- immortal horrors or everlasting splendors. This does not mean that we are to be perpetually solemn. We must play. But our merriment must be of that kind (and it is, in fact, the merriest kind) which exists between people who have, from the outset, taken each other seriously" --C. S. Lewis, From *The Weight of Glory*.*



### Daily Renewal of Our Pledge of Love and Loyalty to Christ Our King

To be said at table immediately before dinner.

Dear Sacred Heart of Jesus, we renew our pledge of love and loyalty to Thee.

Keep us always close to Thy loving Heart, and to the most pure Heart of Thy Mother.

May we love one another more and more each day, forgiving each other's faults as Thou forgivest us our sins.

Teach us to see Thee in the members of our family and those we meet outside our home.

Please help us keep our love for Thee always strong by frequent Mass and Communion.

Thank Thee, dear Jesus, King and Friend of our family, for all the blessings of today.

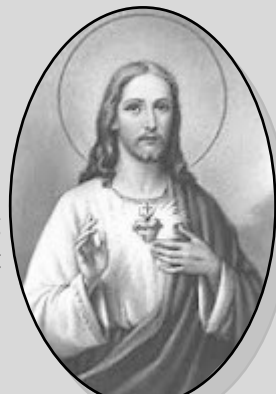
Protect us during this night. Help us all to get to Heaven!

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Thy Kingdom come!

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for our family!

St. Joseph, friend of the Sacred Heart, pray for us!

Our patron Saints and guardian Angels, Pray for us! Amen.



### June Speaker – Bishop Armando Xavier Ochoa

Bishop Armando Xavier Ochoa will speak to the club at our June 8, 2012 breakfast on the state of the Diocese of Fresno and install our club officers and board for the 2012 - 2013 fiscal year.

Bishop Ochoa was born in Oxnard, California, in 1943, the second child to Angel and Mary Ochoa. He received his education at Santa Clara Elementary and Santa Clara High School, also in Oxnard, and graduated in 1961. In 1962 he entered St. John's Seminary College and having graduated, continued his studies at St. John's Seminary School of Theology. Bishop Ochoa was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles on May 23, 1970, by Cardinal Timothy Manning. He served as Associate Pastor at St. Alphonsus Church in East Los Angeles; St. John the Baptist Church in Baldwin Park; and St. Teresa of Avila Church, Los Angeles. Bishop Ochoa was appointed Pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Los Angeles, in December, 1984. While an Associate Pastor at St. Teresa of Avila, he was named a Monsignor, Chaplain to His Holiness, in 1982.

Prior to his Ordination to the Episcopacy, in February, 1987, as Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and Regional Bishop of the San Fernando Pastoral Region, he served as a board member and later as co-director of the Permanent Diaconate Program for the Archdiocese. He also headed the Secretariat for Ethnic Ministry Services. Bishop Ochoa also served as a board member for both Don Bosco Technical High School and St. John's Seminary. On June 26, 1996, Bishop Ochoa was installed as fifth Bishop of the Diocese of El Paso in Texas.

Bishop Ochoa was installed as the fifth Bishop of the Diocese of Fresno on February 1, 2012.



### Business Person of the Month: John Boylan *San Joaquin Figs & God's Waiting Children*

The Central Valley is well known for its agriculture. Products like raisins, oranges and dairy are well known to be produced locally. But did you know that 98% of the dried figs in the United States come from the Fresno-Madera area? That little factoid came courtesy of our Business Person of the Month, John Boylan.



John serves as the Plant Manager for San Joaquin Figs in Fresno, which packs six different varieties of figs under the Nutra Fig label. Their products are shipped internationally (so the whole world gets to enjoy a little taste of Fresno). John also shared with the club a little history about the fig itself. Figs are one of the oldest crops grown, with its origins dating back to the pyramids of Egypt. The Spanish brought the figs to North America. In fact, the Mission figs were so named because they were grown in the Spanish missions.

A "cradle Catholic," John and his wife, Laurel, founded God's Waiting Children. The organization coordinates orphan ministries, hosting programs, and international adoption facilitation services in Ukraine and Kazakhstan. The Boylans themselves have adopted five kids, four from the Ukraine and one from the United States. They are currently working with 12 families on international adoptions.

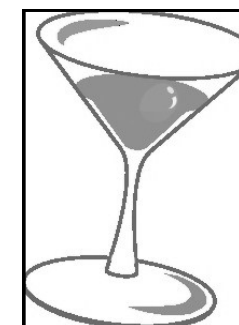
For more information on God's Waiting Children visit <http://godswaitingchildren.com>

For more information on San Joaquin Figs visit <http://www.nutrafig.com>

Want to be our next Business Person of the Month? Simply drop your business card in the fishbowl at the check-in table at the next breakfast meeting.

### New Member Mixer a Great Success

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, April 20<sup>th</sup>.



Co-chaired by Donna Measell, Karen McCaffrey and Tom Ferdinandi, and hosted by Tom at his restaurant, the event was a grand success. With over 30 new and current members in attendance, the evening rekindled old friendships and forged new ones. The evening featured hand-passed appetizers along with wine and cocktails, all served by the friendly Pané team, with favorites including the hand-tossed Artisan Pizzas as well as the short-stack Ahi Towers.

Some of our new members and their guests included Father Tim Cardoza, Amanda Bishop, David Boldt, James Bingham, John Karnaley, Karen McCaffrey, Laura Ferdinandi Mahoney, Katherine Andes, Myron Hatcher, Pat DiCicco, Patricia Valdez, and Tom Ferdinandi.

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