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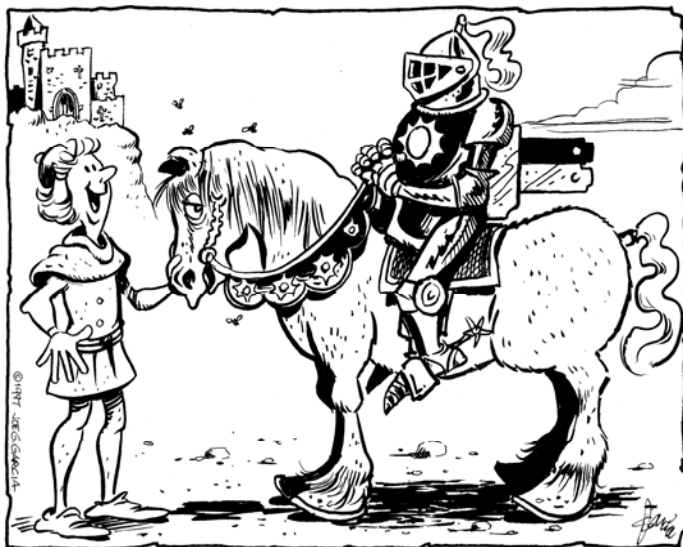
1ST LADY OF VICTORY GOLF TOURNAMENT: March 20 at Fig Garden is date and site for first Rebel Golf Tournament in support of Our Lady of Victory School. Individual sign-up is \$100 for golf, cart, lunch, dinner and awards. Sponsorships are also available. Contact Jeff Cardinale, 274-6104, for more information and to sign-up.

EASIER YET TO BREAKFAST RSVP: If CPBC has an email address for you, you should be now receiving an electronic reminder about the next month's breakfast in a format that makes it very fast to respond. All you have to do is click on the link reservations@cpbcfresno.org. You can also choose to now use "PayPal" to take care of your breakfast cost on-line or download a reservation form. All pre-paid members are reminded that it is appreciated and requested that you also call or email your monthly plans to attend. Since CP&BC is charged for each reservation made, it is helpful and fiscally prudent to have an accurate count of those planning to attend. Those making reservations and not attending will be held responsible for the cost of the breakfast. See the insert for more information.

THANKS TO SPONSORS: The CP&BC thanks our sponsors for the year: Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Mgt. Services; Big De Farms & Cattle/Dan Souza; DiBuduo & DeFendis Insurance; Dowling, Aaron & Keeler, Inc., Attorneys at Law; Electric Motor Shop; Frank A. Borges & Associates; Gary McKeighan Insurance; Jay Chapel/Wayne Gomes; Me-N-Ed's Pizzerias; Mike & Marybeth Hogan; Pardini's Catering & Banquets; QUALI-T-RUCK Services, Inc; Sheridan & Dorothy Loyd; Sierra West Warehouse, Inc; Tom McGowan/ Automated Office Systems; and, Whitehurst Sullivan Burns & Blair Funeral Home/Don Cardell. **Please consider becoming a sponsor now** to help pay the cost of printing and mailing nine issues to nearly 400 Catholics. If your interest and budget will allow we would appreciate a donation of up to \$200 since this helps defray the cost of one issue. Please contact Pat Ogle at 278-6134 to become a sponsor.

CARTOON CREATIVITY:

By Joseph Garcia



"AND YOU MY LORD, MUST BE THE KNIGHT LIGHT!"

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February Speaker Encourages Catholic Evangelism

By JoEllen Strait



“Catholic Evangelization” was the topic of February’s breakfast speaker, Hector Molina. A husband and father of two, Hector has devoted the last 20 years of his life proclaiming the good news. Hector started out as an alter server, and at the age of 15 went on a retreat in Brooklyn that changed his life. At the time he knew about Jesus, but didn’t **know** Jesus, which he thinks is the way that most of us are. Therefore, we must take the step to know him. The retreat that changed his life was led by young people, about 16 or 17 years old, who preached the Gospel, gave witness, and really knew Jesus. He said at that point the seed was planted in him.

Hector told us that everyone has an obligation to spread the faith, this mission does not belong to just the clergy. The world needs a spiritual and moral bailout. The image of a disciple, which is each and every person, is like the moon radiating and reflecting the sun’s light. This is what we are called to do – reflect God’s light.

Jesus calls us to evangelize, but many Catholics still think this is a “protestant” thing. Catholics are not known for evangelizing, or for our zeal, and we tend to privatize our faith. But, as Hector pointed out, we cannot evangelize by keeping our faith hidden. In closing, he reminded us that evangelization is thoroughly Catholic and to be Catholic is to be a missionary. Each of us is what is “new” in the new evangelization, and we must have joy and enthusiasm about our faith.

BUSINESS PROFILE:



Our first Business Person-of-the-Month for 2009 is Jonathan Keller, Executive Director of the Central California Right to Life. Jonathan has been with Right to Life since January 2003 and took on his current job about a year ago. In this position he has to deal with some politically unpopular issues, but feels we are called to stand up and make our voices heard. His goal is to reach out to those who are hurting and suffering, whether they are babies, parents, or people dealing with past abortions.

More information on Right to Life can be found at www.rtlcc.org.

Editor’s Note: You could be our Business Profile for a future edition by placing your business card in the fishbowl at the check-in table.

He met his wife, Luci at the Newman Center. They have been married since August of 1965 and have three children and four grandchildren. Deacon John is a San Francisco Giant fan and loves to attend games at the AT&T Park in San Francisco, attending about six games a year.

His favorite scripture passage is Matthew 5:15 “Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lamp stand, and it gives light to all who are in the house.”

Board Bio – Jeff Cardinale

By JoEllen Strait



Our newest CP&BC Board Member is Jeff Cardinale. Born in Pittsburg, California, he attended St. Peter Martyr School, and De La Salle High School. He graduated Magna Cum Laude from San Francisco State University with a Bachelor of Arts in Broadcast and Electronic Communications and is a member of Golden Key National Honor Society.

Since 2005 Jeff has been the Public Information Officer for the Fresno Police Department. Before that he spent about 12 years in television, including four years at ABC 30 (KFSN) as the Executive Producer and 4 years in television in the Bay Area. Jeff and his wife, Clemencia, have been married for 10 years. They have three children, two who attend Our Lady of Victory School and a two-year-old at home.

Jeff is very active in Our Lady of Victory Parish where he is a Mass Lead, Eucharist Minister, and Lector. He is also School Board President. In his free time, Jeff likes staying in touch with family and friends on Facebook.com, playing golf, listening to Contemporary Christian music and spending time with his family.

God is the center of Jeff’s life and everything he does is for Him. He spends many hours a day working for Our Lady of Victory Church and School and along with his wife they do their best to show their children how to live a life pleasing to God. Jeff feels that Catholicism is under attack more and more each day in our society and that the way to counterbalance this, and at the same time spread the good news of God, is to lead a life of service to others, especially to those in need.

Jeff agreed to serve on the CP&BC Board for two reasons: first to create relationships with fellow Catholics; and second to serve the Church and Diocese through his membership. He is especially interested in Catholic Schools, as he believes they are key to ensuring a good future for our children. For Jeff, the most important thing he can do in his life is to honor God in everything and help raise his children to lead a life of service. His personal goal is to combine his talents in broadcasting, public relations, and Catholicism into an occupation that serves the Church/Diocese and Catholic Schools. He would love to volunteer as much time as possible to help causes that support the Church, Diocese, and those who need its help. He would also love to start a Catholic Men’s Bible study group. One thing that most people don’t know about Jeff is that, in spite of the fact he’s a great public speaker, he’s actually pretty shy!

March 13th – Mike Koelzer



Join the CP&BC on March 13th when pharmacist, father and businessman Mike Koelzer delivers his powerful message that the use and sale of contraceptives is wrong. As featured several times on nationwide media, Koelzer tells how he has put his own financial future at risk in order to practice pharmacy fully in accordance with his ethical and religious ideals. Mike will share that he began living his respect and love for life the day he re-read the package insert on a box of birth control pills he'd been selling for years. Now, no matter what man-made law is on the books, he will never sell chemicals to destroy or hinder human life. This message has

not been well received in the secular world but, with the faith of Christ Koelzer perseveres on." See the insert for more background on our next CP&BC speaker and how his ministry has earned him the label of the "No Contraceptives Pharmacist". Be sure to make your reservations now for another "lucky" Friday the 13th breakfast!

Pastor Profile

By Don Cardell



Rev. Mr. John Supino
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Sunday 7:30, 9, 11:00, 8 p.m.
Weekday Masses: 7:00 a.m.

Deacon John Supino is a native New Yorker, who moved to Fresno in 1953. After graduating from San Joaquin Memorial High School in 1958, he attended Fresno State College and obtained a Bachelor's degree in History and a Master's degree in Counseling and Guidance. He taught and coached at St. Anthony of Padua elementary school for one year and at San Joaquin Memorial for 10 years and since 1977 has served as an insurance and investment professional. In 1996 he began studies toward ordination as a permanent deacon. He was ordained a deacon by Bishop John Steinbock on January 11, 2003. In November of 2008 Deacon John became Parish Life Coordinator, the first such appointment in this Diocese.

Deacon John has been a member of St. Paul Newman Center since its inception in 1964. In 1963-64 he served as the first president of the Newman Club student organization (now the Catholic Student Association).



(left to right) Toodie Wilson, Ranae Holody, John Teixeira, Don Cardell and Larry Holody prepare place settings

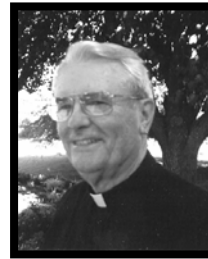
A great turnout of 18 CP&BC members and families organized by the CP&BC board of directors served lunch to individuals and families this past February 7th at the Poverello House in downtown Fresno. As part of the club's ongoing Catholics United in Corporal Works program, Tom Lang, John Teixeira, Larry & Ranae Holody, Jeff and Sally Lauritzen, Toodie Wilson, JoEllen and Steve

Strait, Don Cardell, Rick Davis, Jeff, Clemencia, Antonia, Francisco & Sofia Cardinale, Molly Fagundes and Josh Ottemoeller all preformed various important

jobs such as assembling place settings, serving food and busing tables. All reported that the experience was well worth the 2-hour Saturday commitment and that they would gladly repeat the effort again in the near future. Other CP&BC members interested in joining this volunteer program, please contact board member Tom Lang at tlang@AquariusAquarium.org or (559) 930-3474. We'll add, with thanks, your name to our interest list.

"Food for Thought"

By CPBC Spiritual Advisor Msgr. Las Byrne



The Lenten Season is here. It is a time when the Church reminds us that Fasting & Abstinence have always been seen in the *Scripture* as good discipline and a way of atoning for our sins, and it strongly encourages all Catholics to abstain from meat on the Fridays of Lent and also to fast (one full meal) on Ash Wednesday and Good

Friday. Fasting is for the 21 to 60 age bracket. Common sense tells us that individuals with special needs should not feel bound and will find other forms of spiritual discipline. Lent is a good time to focus more on ways to come closer to knowing God as we prepare for the great celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ at the Easter Season. We should look on these practices not as fulfilling obligations, but as a way to come to know the Lord who is *LOVE*.

Our speaker last month challenged us as to how we are coming to know the God who created us to know, *Love*, and serve Him here on earth, so that we could be happy with Him forever in Heaven. He asked us if our *Love* shows when we celebrate The Eucharist or does our celebration seem more like a funeral!

Another thought – We must get away from the notion that we only encounter God in the Church. We have to be able to experience God's presence in our fellow human beings. We have to see Him when we enjoy the beauty of the mountains and in the roaring waves of the ocean, and the singing of the birds, and bursts of the first flower of spring! "*For God created them all- and saw that they were good.*" May the Good Lord help us all as we come to recognize Him in all of His creation. May our Lenten efforts bring us closer to this nearness of God to us at all times. *God bless!*

Personal Perspective – “Higher Taxes & Spiritual Beliefs”

By Lanny Larson

49er Highlights Catholic Television *Changing Lives*

By Laurie Patterson

Get to Know... Lisa Hendey Our “Catholic Mom”



We know you enjoy our local programs, but here is a little more about the characters behind your favorite shows. For some months now, we’ve been airing “Catholic Mom” with Lisa Hendey. These short, two-minute pieces cover topics related to Catholic motherhood. Lisa discusses everything from finances to entertainment on her website www.catholicmom.com, as well as three times a week, Mondays at 8:30am and Wednesdays and Fridays at 5:00pm on KNXT-TV.

Lisa and her husband live locally in Fresno with their two sons. Lisa is a very accomplished woman, both inside and outside the home. She completed her undergraduate work at Notre Dame, and earned a Master’s Degree in Human Resource development from Vanderbilt University. Currently, Lisa heads a home based web design business.

Lisa Hendey is a cherished member of the KNXT family and line-up. For a program guide or more information, contact KNXT-TV at (559) 488-7440, or check out our website at www.knxt.tv.

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To the “principle” of no new taxes, we’ve subrogated our foundational belief that California’s K-12 education should be top quality and available to every child, and that high school students who got decent grades and did well on College Boards could get into a high-quality, low-cost tax-supported college. We used to *know* that investing in education was generously repaid by productive, intelligent people able to contribute to our economy and communities, leading us to a better life.

Our parents wanted us to grow up as critical thinkers with a thirst for knowledge, prepared to examine situations from many sides and then make informed decisions. Parents helped us with homework, made daily time with us a priority, encouraged us and gave us increasing responsibility as we indicated, through educational achievement, we were ready.

My family couldn’t afford for me to go to private college to study journalism. But it turned out one of the best schools for that pursuit was Fresno State. Since we’d just moved to Fresno, it was a match: affordable, nearby, high-quality education made possible by the state to which my folks paid taxes. My public education has paid off in 46 straight years of employment in the field I love and allowed me to help repay that investment through taxes and outright donations, trusting the money will be well-used for others’ futures.

But we don’t trust much these days: Not politicians to be worthy of the public trust and not ourselves to hold them accountable by voting (hence term limits). To borrow from Ron Popeil’s infomercial mantra: “We set it and forget it.” Rather than support local schools through taxes and active involvement, we disregard educational challenges of a diverse, poor population. We demand questionable, one-size-fits-all, unproven testing that diverts teachers from educational solutions and personal help for students, and then we hold teachers accountable if kids fail tests or lose interest in school.

We say higher education is too devoted to athletics, but we hang up when colleges call seeking help for anything else. Since we paid \$50 or \$100 a semester to attend Fresno State back in the day, we figure the \$1,800 students pay now should cover everything, although costs are up and percentage of state support is down dramatically. We can’t run our households or businesses by just cutting costs in the face of lower or flat revenues, but that’s what politicians say we want them to do. We can’t throw a child out of our house to cut expenses nor perform heart surgery to escape health costs, but we seem comfortable asking our politicians to prevent others’ kids going to college or shutter medical clinics. All, so *we* don’t pay more taxes.

We must closely examine our motives when we ask our elected leaders to make their decisions. A flat “no new taxes” directive to our leaders smacks of personal greed and lack of consideration for others. In making that our message, we aren’t listening to our foundational teachings as Catholics nor following the example of Jesus, who was, after all, our master teacher.

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