

# ***Catholic Professional & Business Club of the Fresno Diocese***

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## **Bishop John Shares State of Diocese**

By Pat Ogle



Bishop John T. Steinbock shared his vision and current update in his annual “State of the Diocese” at the June CP&BC breakfast. Now in his 18<sup>th</sup> year as Shepherd of the 8-county wide Fresno Diocese, Bishop John administers one-million Catholics. He shared that his single most focus as a Priest and Bishop has always been “to proclaim the good news of Jesus that he loves you.” The diocese saw 18,500 children baptized in the past 12 months, 890 adults baptized for the first time, and 2,000 adults already baptized join the Catholic Church.

Currently there are 159 Priests in the diocese...90 from the diocese, 34 from other religious orders and 35 retired who still serve in various capacities. Bishop John shared that Pope Benedict has announced next year as a “Year of Priesthood” in which there will be focused recognition and sanctification of Priests and the opportunity for the lay community to support Priests. A community of seven retired Jesuit priests has been formed and they are sharing on-going ministry in various areas.

The Bishop reflected that he truly can proclaim that all the meetings of religious in the diocese over the last 17-plus years have been wonderful because of the quality of the men and women serving. This includes a current 113 women religious and 18 seminarians. Two more Priests are scheduled for ordination in July, joining the three men ordained in May. There are currently 45 Deacons with 17 more candidates scheduled for ordination in 2011.

Five new churches are in planning stages in Fresno, Bakersfield, Visalia, Lemoore and Hilmar. Land purchase is being researched or acquired for future churches in Avenal, Tulare and eastern Clovis. There have been 18 other churches enlarged or built since Bishop John arrived. His personal retirement would come in three more years at age 75, but Bishop John said the Pope is considering extending the mandatory retirement age to 78.

The diocesan “Faith-Family-Future” campaign is now in its fifth year with over \$34.5-million collected. Fourteen million dollars has been returned to individual parishes. The separate Bishop Annual Appeal has not reached the goal of \$800,000 given the harder economic times. Parishes have been assigned individual goals and can reduce their monthly assessments by reaching and surpassing those Annual Appeal goals.

Bishop John is excited about the program of video conferencing that has started that will allow Priests and lay leadership to not have to travel for required meetings throughout the year. He also pointed out the increased demand for Catholic Charities to serve the less fortunate in the diocese. In the first quarter of this year 16,300 people were assisted compared to 4,700 just two years ago. Only 14% of contributions are used for administration of Catholic Charities in the diocese, compared to the average of 25% for other non-profit service agencies. Catholic Charities is now the largest service agency in the United States.

The Fresno diocese hosts the second largest lay person Congress in California with over 1,000 attendees. This year the Congress in October will offer for the first time a youth day for those interested in assisting as leaders of continuing education.

In closing, Bishop John said his philosophy in facing the issues of the Church and Diocese is to take one day at a time and rely on the great support from dedicated Catholics and religious who continually uplift him. He joked that he might still want his tombstone to read, “I’d rather be golfing”.

### **September 11 - Fr. Leo Patalinghug**



Join the CP&BC in Fresno on Friday, Sept. 11, when Father Leo Patalinghug will be the featured guest speaker. Fr. Leo has appeared on television and other media promoting Grace Before Meals, a movement that stresses the importance of family members working together to prepare dinner. Father Leo uses his natural flair for performing to entertain and engage audiences with common sense spiritual lessons for life. Be sure to make your reservations now for our September 11th breakfast!

## June Breakfast Photos



Ambassadors installed by Bishop John



Mary and Frank Borges accepting thank-you gifts



Board Members Installed



Installation of Officers – Sister Beverly Ann Nelson, CSC, Secretary; Msgr. Byrne, Spiritual Director; Pat Ogle, President; John Houlihan, Treasurer; Jeff Lauritzen, Vice-President



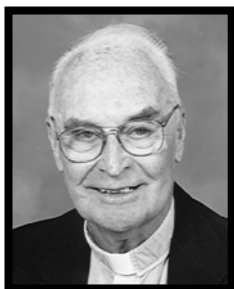
Frank Borges being installed as CP&BC's first Emeritus Board Member



Pat Ogle presents Rick Davis with outgoing President Gift

## Personal Perspective by William Whitehurst

Remembering Monsignor Patrick V. Flood



1919-2009

One of Ireland's greatest gifts to America. The quiet, humble, unassuming man of the cloth who preferred to stay quietly in the background, unnoticed and fearful of notice and acclaim or praise. Whose quiet Celtic accent soothed many a troubled situation. Whose quiet presence settled many a tense problem.

An ungifted public speaker, hampered by the loss of one lung, often gasping for enough breath to finish a sentence. His sermons were disjointed, often missing a meaningful closure, but sincerely earnest – without a needed conclusion. Unlike his brothers, the silver tongue orators from Ireland, he lacked the gift. But he was sincere, completely sincere.

I remember on one occasion at an elderly parishioner's funeral service, the monsignor delivered what had to be the poorest sermon I'd ever heard. I was almost embarrassed. The deceased's highly educated, very sophisticated daughters from San Francisco were seated after the ceremony in the family car. I dreaded their remarks when one sister said passionately to the other: "Wasn't he wonderful!" They both sighed. That was the finest epitaph for our Dear Monsignor. It says it all – **"Wasn't he wonderful!"**

Addendum: I know that on Judgment Day, going before the Lord, I'll wish that I was Patrick V. Flood.

### 2008 – 2009 CP&BC FINANCIAL STATEMENT

July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009

<b>Cash Beginning 7/1/08:</b>	<b>\$15,265</b>
2008-2009 Receipts:	\$38,864
Breakfasts, Dues, Newsletter Ads,	
Membership Directory Ads,	
Interest	
2008-2009 Disbursements:	\$46,347
Breakfasts, Speakers, Hospitality,	
Newsletter, Membership Directory,	
Spiritual Renewal	
Cash Ending 6/30/09	\$7,782

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## Book Review

By John Kasaian

Good News, Bad News  
By Fr. C John McCloskey, III and Russell Shaw  
Ignatius Press, San Francisco  
127 pages, paperbound

Here is something a little different. As Catholics, Pope John Paul II called us all to participate in the New Evangelization, but exactly how to go about evangelizing makes a post Vatican II ignoramus such as me a wee bit uncomfortable. If Dan Brown, Ron Howard and Tom Hanks ever decide to make a movie about how Vatican II was used to alienate teenage Catholics in the 1970s, I might actually go see it. However bad it might be probably wouldn't be all that far from the truth (quite unlike the Howard/Brown/Hanks films of late!).

If I am to follow the lead of my CCD instructor from back in the 70's, "evangelization" should include repetitiously playing Simon and Arundel albums while adding whatever makes whomever you're evangelizing feel warm and fuzzy. Above all, nothing conflicting should be discussed---you certainly don't want to scare anyone off with dogma or anything so old fashioned. I mean if it makes you feel better to go to Confession then by all means do so---just don't think your parish priest actually expects you to show up every other Saturday acting like you're a sinner or any such nonsense. Jesus is your buddy and buddies don't need to forgive buddies, do they? And going to Mass is great entertainment after all (can't you just feel the "love" in those OCP "show" tunes? But if you'd prefer to skip the show this week, that's OK too. You're OK, I'm OK, we're all OK. Feeling OK is what it's all about, right?

Such is the problem. Well, I guess it is *my* problem anyway. OR we can take a lead from our Evangelical brothers and Sisters in Christ. Like the preacher in the old Western flick *Cat Ballot*, we could start every conversation with: "Halleluiah Brother...!" And cite Biblical quotes with all the earnestness of a Highway Patrolman citing the Vehicle Code while writing you up for a ticket. Maybe that's a better way to Evangelize---that is the way real Evangelicals do it after all. Nope!

Get a copy of *Good, News Bad News*. Fr. McCloskey and Russell Shaw are real Catholic evangelists and what they have to say *is* the real deal. It is news from the front lines as told by the soldiers who were in the battle and not mere gossip from a supply corporal who never left the warehouse at HQ. This book is packed with stories from converts to the Catholic Faith. Fr. McCloskey and Mr. Shaw wisely let these people explain both what it is they sought, what challenges they had to surmount, and what rewards they obtained from "swimming the Tiber." This makes *Good News, Bad News* a rare and insightful masterpiece when it comes to helping Catholics understand what it is about our faith that attracts our separated brothers and sisters and gives us all a glimpse of how incredible God's gift to His people, the Holy Church, really is.

Like Christ, people who are curious about the Catholic Church are likely to have carried their crosses on a torturous route. For many of the converts in *Good*

News, Bad News the love and prayers and efforts made by influential Catholics (and this means people like *you*) enabled them to at long last come “home” to the Catholic Church. We are all called to Evangelize. John Paul II has made that very clear. How do we accomplish that? Pick up a copy of Good News Bad News at The Holy Child Bookstore on the Northwest Corner of Palm and Bullard and you’ll be on your way.

## **49er Highlights – NEW September Programming!**

By Margarethe Herold



KNXT-TV, your local Catholic TV station, is airing “**Holy Bowl**” LIVE for the first time on television. Tune in September 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm to catch the live coverage between the San Joaquin Memorial Panthers and the Garces Rams, the long-term prep school rivals of the San Joaquin Valley. Game will be held at San Joaquin Memorial High School.

Starting in September, KNXT-TV will be adding several new shows to the monthly programming: **Real Food, Divine Intervention, Realfaith TV, and Una Clave de Dios.**

Airing Mondays at 7:00 am and Saturdays at 2:00 pm, **Real Food** with Msgr. Jim Vlaun is a wonderful cooking program designed to help families recognize the value of gathering ‘round the table with loved ones, nurturing their bodies with food and their souls with prayer.’

On Wednesdays at 11:30 am and Fridays at 10:00 pm, Fr. Joe DeGrocco hosts the exciting game show **Divine Intervention**. Viewers of all ages and backgrounds will enjoy this unique mix of Catholic life and pop culture as contestants use their knowledge of trivia and memory skills to win prizes.

**Realfaith TV**, a two-time Gabriel Award winning program for teenagers will now be airing on Thursdays at 10:30 pm and Saturdays at 6:00 pm. The show focuses on issues in today’s world through a Catholic faith perspective as teenagers have relative open discussions and interviews.

For our Spanish-speaking viewers, we have added a new program, **Una Clave de Dios**, on Sundays at 2:00 pm. This is a wonderful live concert series airing just before the Sunday Pueblo de Dios.

## FINAL WORDS

**MEMBERSHIPS NEW & RENEWAL:** September is the first breakfast of our new CP&BC year. If you haven't already renewed your membership, the September 11<sup>th</sup> breakfast is a great time. Annual dues are \$45.00 per person. For 9 breakfasts save \$2/breakfast and prepay your breakfasts for the entire year for just \$90.00. The total for membership and the pre-paid breakfasts is \$135.00.

**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.



"I NEED TWO MORE VOLUNTEERS...OK!, YOU AND YOU!"

## **FUTURE CP&BC PROGRAMS**

Pardini's – Van Ness Blvd. & Shaw – 7:00 to 8:30 a.m.  
(Before Breakfast Is Served Enjoy Coffee & Networking)

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### **Friday, September 11 – Fr. Leo Patalinghug**

An award-winning break dancer, a singer-songwriter, an inspirational speaker, and a practitioner of martial arts, Fr. Leo Patalinghug has appeared on television and other media promoting Grace Before Meals, a movement that stresses the importance of family members working together to prepare dinner. Father Leo uses his natural flair for performing to entertain and engage audiences with common sense spiritual lessons for life. Father Leo, a native of Baltimore, MD, was ordained in 1999 and served the St. John's parish in Westminster, MD, for five years. When invited to parishioners' homes for dinner, he would turn the table and cook for them, using these opportunities to build friendships and engage in relaxed conversations in the kitchen. Those memorable and unstructured times spent making a meal together provided the inspiration for Father Leo's book, Grace Before Meals. Currently, Father Leo is a member of the faculty at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD, where he directs the Pastoral Field Education Programs for future priests. Father Leo studied philosophy at Theological College at Catholic University in Washington D.C. He holds advanced theological degrees from the Pontifical Gregorian University and Pontifical Maranium Institute in Rome.

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### **Future Breakfast Dates**

September 11 – Fr. Leo Patalinghug – TV Personality & Chef “Grace Before Meals”  
October 9 – Mary Kay Hoal – Founder, President & COO of Yoursphere

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### **Meetings Scheduled**

2nd Friday of the month except January, July & August  
\$12 for Members / \$15 for Non-Members.

**Reservations (434-2722)** Deadline is Thursday Noon of Breakfast Week.

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**Phone** - 434-2722

**Email** – lorikrueger@att.net

**Reservations Online** – [www.cpbcfresno.org](http://www.cpbcfresno.org)  
Click on “Reservations”/Can Pay with PayPal

**Mail** with Payments to: Lori Kruger  
9505 N. Ashurst Drive, Fresno, 93720

Please note that CP&BC also requests that Pre-Paid members  
call each month to confirm their attendance.

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## Membership & Renewal Application

JULY 1, 2009 TO JUNE 30, 2010

Breakfast Meetings are held on the second Friday of the month at 7:15 a.m., at Pardini's, Shaw & Van Ness in Fresno. Membership dues: **\$45.00 Per Person**. For 9 breakfasts save \$2/breakfast and prepay for the Year: **\$90.00. Total \$135.00** for membership and pre-paid breakfast plan. On-site monthly breakfasts are **\$12.00 Members & Guests of Members - \$15.00 Nonmembers**.

**Mail Membership Dues To:**  
**LORI KRUEGER, CP&BC Administrator**  
**9505 N. ASHURST DRIVE, FRESNO CA 93720**  
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**Renewal** (We only need your name unless there are corrections to last year's information)

**New Member**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ PARISH: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF FIRM: \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX#: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

OCCUPATION: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

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