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November 14th Douglas A. DuRivage

Our Friday, November 14th breakfast speaker, Douglas A. DuRivage, was born in 1958 in Toledo, Ohio, and moved to La Mirada, California, in 1968 before settling in Fresno in 1992. He married his high school sweetheart, Tammy Beard, in 1982, and together they raised three daughters and now enjoy four grandchildren.

A devoted member of St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Fresno, Doug has served as Past Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus Council 6092, Great Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 223, and currently teaches sixth grade catechism.

He earned his Bachelor of Architecture from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo in 1982 and became a California-licensed architect in 1985. His professional experience includes founding DuRivage Architects and ARCON Development Partners, serving as Vice President of ABID Group Inc. and TYCO General Inc., and since 2005, leading property and construction management for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Fresno.

Let's continue to grow our Club

Bring a guest to the November breakfast! Reservations - CP&BC Catholic Breakfast Club of Fresno - Fresno, CA <https://www.cpbcfresno.org/reservations>

If you haven't renewed your membership for our Club year 2025-2026, it's not too late. Membership - CP&BC Catholic Breakfast Club of Fresno - Fresno, CA <https://www.cpbcfresno.org/membership>. We welcome you!

It's not too late to place an ad in the directory Directory - CP&BC Catholic Breakfast Club of Fresno - Fresno, CA. Directory <https://www.cpbcfresno.org/directory> This helps us do business with fellow club members and fellow Catholics. The deadline is December 31.

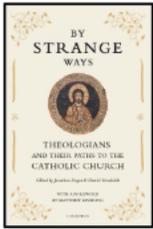
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By Strange Ways:
Theologians and their Paths to the Catholic Church
Edited by Jonathan Fuqua & Daniel Strudwick

Ignatius, San Francisco 2022
262 pages paperbound

By John Kasaian

Conversion stories are always gratifying, and here is a collection of ten conversions with a unique twist. The stories are told by theologians from diverse backgrounds and beliefs

including New Agers and punk rockers, who have encountered Catholicism.

Each of these essays speaks of a very human journey, uniquely different but somehow similar—theology students and scholars dealing with their own intellectual presuppositions and more importantly, their journey to grace and conversion. I think that gift of grace being ever present is what really captured my attention.

An interesting little book well worth your time. Pick up a copy at Cotters Religious Goods

October Member of the Month – Cheryl Sarkisian



Cheryl Sarkisian has been retired from the Diocese of Fresno since July 2024, where she held several positions after graduating from the New Wine Program in 2007. Her professional journey began as the Director of Religious Education at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in 2007, then a transfer to the Pastoral Center Offices as the Victim Assistance Coordinator and Safe Environment Coordinator in 2012. She continued to serve as the Victim Assistance Coordinator and retired as the Chancellor for the Diocese under Bishop Joseph V. Brennan from 2020-2024.

Cheryl has lived in Fresno since 1972 and has five adult children.

In 2023, Cheryl was invested as a Dame in the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem and shared information with the CP&BC about the Order and the hopes to grow its presence throughout the Diocese of Fresno. The Order is honored to have as members Bishop Brennan, Bishop Emeritus Ochoa, and Msgr. Patrick McCormick. For more information about the Order contact Cheryl Sarkisian at CSARKISIAN@outlook.com or EOHSJNWUSA - Home Page <https://eohsjnwusa.org/>



Diocesan Events

Sign up for the Diocese of Fresno weekly newsletter, published every Monday morning. <https://dioceseoffresno.org/newsletter>.

Friday, October 24, 2025, | 12:15 PM

Annual Blue Mass

Location: St. John's Cathedral, Fresno

Thursday, October 30, 2025

Visit the Pilgrim Image of Our Lady of San Juan de Los Lagos

Location: St. John's Cathedral, Fresno

Wednesday, November 12, 2025, | 7:00 PM

An Evening of Music with Chris Brunelle

Location: St. Paul Catholic Newman Center, Fresno

If your parish or Catholic organization is hosting an event open to all the Diocese of Fresno, we ask for you to notify us no less than six weeks before the event. We will gladly post this in our newsletter mailed to all CP&BC members. Contact Tim Dodd for more information (559) 860-9198.



PRAYER NETWORK

We pray to God daily in thanksgiving. Often our prayers are one of supplication for our loved ones or for ourselves. Jesus tells us:

“For where two or three are gathered together in my NAME, there am I in the midst of them.”

Please send your prayer requests to:
Lucina Myers, lucinamyers1@gmail.com or call 559-824-9160.

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Contact Karen Bosch Cobb
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November Prayer

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini
(missionary of the Sacred Heart of Jesus)

Seeking Saint Cabrini's Courage

Our Father, We humbly seek the courage of Saint Cabrini, who faced challenges with unwavering faith.

Grant us the strength to overcome our fears and to serve others with love and compassion.

May her spirit inspire us to act boldly in our mission, trusting in Your divine guidance.

Help us to embody her resilience in our daily lives.

Amen.

Her Feast day is November 13. She was the first United States Citizen to be canonized.



October Speaker Recap



SHANNON MCGRAW CARR

By Norma Williams

Shannon McGraw Carr first became aware of God's protection as an 8-year-old abduction victim in her home state of Texas. Though rescued, she later learned she was targeted by a 15-year-old young man for a gang initiation killing.

As a youth, she attended both Baptist and Catholic churches, but as a teen she faltered in her faith, acting out in hurt and anger, after incest, emotional and physical abuse, a boyfriend's untimely death, and eventually rape. As an adult, she lived through chaos and a bad marriage, and felt that God hated her.

At age 27 she told herself, "I should know the Lord," sought out a Bible study, rekindled her faith, eventually taught high school religious education classes, and became the youth minister of a 9000 member Texas parish. She has spoken across the United States and at Sydney and Madrid World Youth Days about the graces faith provides in one's healing journey. She hosts Hopeful Hearts Podcast, and is the author of "Exposed, Redeemed, and Reclaimed."

Shannon founded Hopeful Hearts Ministry, a nonprofit aiding in long-term healing of survivors of abuse and trauma. She reminds us of Ephesians 5:14, how the Lord leads from darkness to light.

It is easy to lose God in one's daily challenges, Shannon states. We must be intentional in all our choices and look for each day's blessings, whatever our pathway. A favorite Psalm is No. 121 on how the Lord guards our coming and going, both now and forever.

Shannon resides in Houston with her husband Russell. She has five children.

CP&BC Speaker Sponsorships

Many of our speakers require a stipend and/or travel expenses (auto, flight, and hotel). Sponsorships are available for \$250, \$500, or \$1,000 and more!

If you are able make a contribution please contact Tom Lang, tlang@aquariusaquarium.org. Your name and/or your firm's name will be listed in the newsletter as part of the of the speaker announcement and mentioned at our breakfast meeting at which the speaker speaks.

Upcoming Events

- November 14, Pardini's
- December 12, Pardini's
- January no meeting – winter break

The Pope's Monthly Intentions November 2025 - For the prevention of suicide

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

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Reservations: Reservations are required for all breakfast meetings held at Pardini's and can be made by sending an email to reservations@cpbcfresno.org or by visiting the website <https://www.cpbcfresno.org/reservations>. Doors open at 7:00 a.m. for coffee and networking. The program starts at 7:15 a.m. and concludes at 8:30 a.m. The breakfast cost is \$30 for members and guests of members. We accept cash or check at the door. From our website <https://www.cpbcfresno.org/reservations> you may use a credit card. There will be a convenience fee of 3.1% added to credit card purchases. An option to attend via ZOOM is available with a requested link and password for members only. An annual discounted cost of \$240 (\$30 savings) is available to members that prepay annual breakfast. Prepaid members are also requested to make reservations.

Membership Directory: Ad space in the annual 2026 Membership Directory starts at \$75. The deadline for advertising reservations and artwork is December 31, 2025. For more directory information, email Cheryl Sarkisian at directory@cpbcfresno.org. To place for ad in the Directory <https://www.cpbcfresno.org/membership> and scroll to I would like the following AD in the Directory.

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. Lucina Myers is the point person to whom requests can be made, and once they are received she will email or phone the network. Contact Lucina (lucinamyers1@gmail.com or 559-824-9160) to become part of the network or to submit a prayer request.

Website: Please be sure to visit <https://www.cpbcfresno.org> for all the latest information about our club. CP&BC thanks Samantha Mejia for the design and Rafael Rodarte for the maintenance of the website. CP&BC also thanks Rodarte Productions for their design and preparation of the newsletter.

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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