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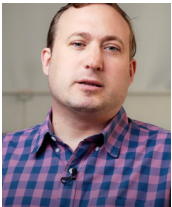
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A Message From The Presidents

Dear Partners,

We are honored to present to you the 2023-2024 Catholic Professionals annual report! Currently in our 22nd year of existence, The Catholic Professionals Club of the Diocese of San Jose exists to encourage men and women of all vocations to apply their Christian ethical beliefs in their everyday personal and working lives. We do this by conducting events with speakers who exemplify and enact ethical principles, practicing our faith by celebrating Mass together, and encouraging members to network. All are welcome to our monthly breakfasts, held the second Thursday of the month at 7:15 am until 9 am from September through June. We look forward to meeting you! Sincerely,



*Chris Miller & Susan Skorey
Co-Presidents*



Our Mission

The Mission of Catholic Professionals is to encourage Catholic men and women to apply their Christian ethical beliefs in their everyday personal and working lives.

Year by the Numbers



During the year, we had 27 paid memberships and 53 non-duplicative attendees, with an average attendance of 35 per breakfast.



Our annual budget is sustained by membership dues, breakfast fees, and breakfast sponsorships. Primary expenses include payment for administrative costs as well as fees. Our current bank balance is approximately \$19,000.



The club donated \$1,000 to the Msgr. Sandersfeld Fund for Parish Mission Development through the Catholic Community Foundation, in memory of Catholic Professional's former Chaplain Msgr. John Sandersfeld. The donation will help fund annual workshops for parish staff on a parish vision within the Diocese of San Jose.

10 monthly breakfast meetings



“Thank you and the Committee for all the time and hard work you put into this ministry. Much appreciated, I enjoyed Matt & the breakfast/talk very much.” Richard Pfaff

Meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of the month,
September-June

7:15-9:00 am

Personal, Participatory Mass

Full Breakfast (Three Flames Restaurant) \$20

Witness Volunteer sharing

Dynamic, Inspiring, Topical Speakers/Discussions

Networking, Camaraderie

Speakers and Topics

Deacon Richard Noack, “With the heart of a Servant: What Deacons do.”

Bishop Cantu, “What is Spiritual Renewal? How do we prepare ourselves to be truly open to the Holy Spirit?”

Fr. Angelbert Chikere, “From the Altar to our world: A Diocesan perspective—why we must engage and how.”

Emily Gamboa, “Military Life: What it meant to me? How being a military nurse allowed personal growth, developed confidence, leadership, and motivation.”

Steve Milligan, “Spiritual Renewal as the overarching goal of the Pastoral Plan.”

Matt Komar, “Our Catholic schools and their role in the local Pastoral plan—how do we support each other?”

Ivonn Rivera and Anna Eng, “Parish action leads to community change: Synodal plan in process.”

Greg Kepferle, “Catholic Charities Role in the Diocesan Pastoral Plan.”

Darlene Sanchez Tenes, “Faith in Action.”

Rose Lue & Barbara Zahner, Mental Health: What’s Faith Got To Do With It?



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Board News



The board meets on a monthly basis to plan and support monthly breakfast gatherings. Once a year the board holds a strategic planning retreat session.



New for the 2023-24 year—we began spotlighting parishes at our monthly meetings as a way to highlight the many successful programs and activities at the 54 parishes in the Diocese

The Valley Catholic

The Valley Catholic featured Catholic Professionals and our co-president, Susan Skorey, in a recent issue. That story can be found here: <https://thevalleycatholic.org/san-jose-catholic-professionals-susan-skorey>