



## Diocese of Reno

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Dear fellow Catholics:

I would like to recommend to you the Catholic Professional and Business Group (CPBG). This lay apostolate has been working with the Bishop's office in the Diocese of Reno since its founding in May of 2003. The group is committed to furthering the work of the Church in a grass-roots effort. Now in its fourth year, the group has brought in speakers monthly who have discussed how they have applied the teachings of the Catholic Church in their personal and professional lives. Past speakers include Fr. Tadeusz Pacholczyk, Jerry Usher, Patrick Madrid, Patricia Lebreton and Marcus Grodi. More biographies of past speakers are available on the CPBG website at [www.catholicprofessionals.org](http://www.catholicprofessionals.org).

Since its beginnings in 1987 in Santa Rosa, this apostolate has operated very successfully in California, namely in Marin, Fresno, San Jose, Merced, Modesto and Sacramento. Each of these organizations has achieved regular monthly attendance in excess of 50 and as many as 325 members. The current average monthly attendance for the Reno group is over 70.

I have had the pleasure of meeting with CPBG President Doug Pearson and the current Board of Directors and am edified that people from parishes in the Diocese are interested and willing to give of their time, talent and treasure. The group sets aside the June talk for the Bishop of the Diocese of Reno and I addressed the group on June 8 of this year.

The CPBG welcomes clergy, providing free breakfast to clergy and religious at the meetings. I encourage your assistance in helping to grow and develop this lay apostolate.

Please visit the website, [www.catholicprofessionals.org](http://www.catholicprofessionals.org) for further information.

With prayers and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Randolph R. Calvo  
Bishop of Reno