



## WELCOME TO CAN

CAN provides a venue where job seekers can prayerfully receive free professional career counseling and take advantage of networking opportunities with other professionals. Sponsored by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington, services are open to everyone, regardless of religion. [Learn More](#)



## CAN is Back at St. Martin de Porres on Thursday Nights in Alexandria!

After a brief hiatus at Queen of Apostles due to a small fire at St. Martin de Porres, CAN is back at its old location on Taney Road in Alexandria. Thanks very much to the Parish, and especially Pastor, Father Vives, for hosting us while repairs were being made to our building. See below for details on address and times for this CAN location



## CAN Success Story From Job Seeker to Volunteer

Bill was taken by surprise when he heard at his workplace that there were going to be major cutbacks. Salaries were slashed and people were laid off. While Bill, an IT project manager, was not laid off, his salary was significantly reduced. With a family to support, Bill knew he really needed to find a new job.

Bill was under considerable stress and he struggled with feelings of worthlessness and inadequacy. He realized that he needed to look for a new job, but he wasn't really sure what to do or how to get started. He hadn't been in this situation for many years and so much about finding a job has changed in recent years. Bill's wife noticed an ad in the Parish Bulletin about a Jobs Ministry and urged Bill to check it out.

So, Bill went to a meeting of Christians are Networking (CAN) one evening at St. Martin de Porres Senior Center in Alexandria. CAN volunteers helped Bill transform his life by offering him encouragement, prayer and a plan. Bill was no longer alone and he had people rooting for him. Bill learned at CAN that he needed to improve his resume to order to get in the door. Each week, he practiced mock interviews and his



Plan on attending a Job Fair? Here are some useful tips to help to have a successful experience:

- Go to the job fair website ahead of time to get to know who will be there. Do your homework and become familiar with the companies, Federal agencies, contractors etc. who will be at the Job Fair.
- If possible, pre-register for the Job Fair. It will save you lots of time when you arrive.
- Bring enough resumes to hand out for all jobs which you would like to be considered for.
- Dress for success! Remember you should be prepared to make the best impression.
- Be prepared for the instant interview.
- And be confident!

## CAN Group Meeting Locations and Times

### Alexandria

Every Thursday, 7 - 9 p.m.  
St. Martin de Porres Senior Center  
4650 Taney Avenue  
Alexandria VA 22304

**Next Meetings: Feb. 26; Mar. 5, 12, 19, 26**

### Ashburn

1st & 3rd Tuesday, 7 - 9 p.m.  
St. Theresa School  
21370 St. Theresa Lane  
Ashburn VA 20147

**Next Meetings: Mar. 3, 17**

### Culpeper

2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
Epiphany Middle School  
309 N. East Street  
Culpeper VA 22701

**Next Meetings: Feb. 24; Mar. 10, 24**

### Falls Church

1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7 - 9 p.  
St. Philip Catholic Church  
7500 Saint Philip's Court  
Falls Church VA 22042

**Next Meetings: Mar. 4, 18**

## JOB SEARCH ARTICLES

- [How To Answer The Question "What's Your Greatest Weakness?"](#)
- [Smart Answers to Stupid Interview Questions](#)
- [How to Discover a New Career Path](#)

## JOB SEARCH RESOURCES

- [Job Opportunities at Catholic Charities USA](#)
- [How to Set Up Monster.com Job Searches](#)
- [LinkedIn Learning Webinar: LinkedIn 101](#)