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September Speaker Recap: George Radanovich

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In his new book, The New World Order is the Old World Order, George Radanovich takes his nearly 30 years of political experience and examines a way to develop a new American social contract based upon cultural reform. Mr. Radanovich brought his message as he opened the 2011-12 season as the Catholic Professional & Business Club's first speaker.

An eight-term member of Congress, Mr. Radanovich was first elected to represent California's 19th Congressional District out of Mariposa in 1994. A native of Mariposa, he served on the Mariposa County Planning Commission and the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors prior to his election. His endeavors also included wine making, as he opened the area's first winery in 1986. Upon his election, he became the first full-time winemaker to serve in Congress since Thomas Jefferson.

He used his Roman Catholic upbringing as a foundation for his time in Washington. He felt that if it was important to God, then it was important to policy makers. Among his key issues were a balanced budget, term limits and a strong defense. It was as the President of the House Republican freshman class that he began to sow the initial seeds of what would lead to his book; the need for cultural reform to accompany the reduction in the size of government.

Mr. Radanovich spoke of his time in Congress and his discovery of just how much "charity" was a part of the federal government's annual spending. In the United States, \$300 billion is given to charity each year, meaning that about 2% of an individual's gross income goes to charity. In an effort to increase the amount of money directed towards charity, which would in-turn act as a means to reduce government spending, Mr. Radanovich developed the 1% Plan. This non-binding House Resolution, co-signed by Joe Lieberman and Rick Santorum, would have encouraged Americans to raise money for charities therefore reducing the burden on government to fund such programs. The resolution eventually lost momentum when presented to President Bush who commented that nobody would give money just because a politician recommended.

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The driving force behind his book came after examining the \$800 billion that the federal government spends each year on "State-sponsored Charity," which represents nearly more than 20% of the federal budget. In his book, he stresses the need to reduce society's reliance on the government. He is convinced that even though socialism isn't working anymore, even he doesn't have the answer with what to replace it with. Also, the private sector needs to step up and play a bigger role in funding charity because we can't rely on politicians.



In the end, to quote John Lennon, he said that "all we need is love." Love not only leads to independent living, but also an understanding of our higher purpose and relationship with God.


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Senator Lieberman shows that a fuller observance of the whole Sabbath Day is like a one-day weekly retreat to recharge one's soul for the coming work week. The Jews observe the Sabbath for the 25 hours from sunset on Friday evening to nightfall (approximately one hour later than sunset) on Saturday night. On the other hand, Catholics, and the rest of Christianity with the exception of the Seventh Day Baptists and the Seventh Day Adventists, celebrate the Sabbath on Sunday. The early Christians began celebrating the Sabbath on Sunday in commemoration of the Lord's resurrection from the dead as well as the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost.

In his book, Senator Lieberman takes nine chapters to discuss in detail the Jewish observance of the Sabbath, interspersed with examples of its affect on his personal life. There are three concluding sections on the following Six Days of Labor, Making Your Own Sabbath (plus some simple beginning suggestions on the front inside flap of the book cover, e.g. take a nap; read; off with the watch, cell phone, TV, & computer; dress up, romance, candles; & discuss ideas, not work or gossip), and Further Reading and Resources. In that last section, he mentions as "an eloquent and moving letter calling for the revival of Sabbath observance" the thirty-one page (plus table of contents and footnotes) Papal Letter of Pope John Paul II dated 31 May 1998 entitled Dies Domini (The Lord's Day). You can access that Papal Letter on the website for Papal Encyclicals.

This book is a treasure and an easy read. You and your family will definitely benefit from reading both this book and Pope John Paul II's papal letter Dies Domini.






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Miraculous Prayer to the Little Flower

O Little Flower of Jesus, ever consoling troubled souls with heavenly graces; in your unfailing intercession I place my confident trust. From the heart of our divine Savior, petition the blessings of which I stand in greatest need, especially...*(insert your intention)*.

Shower upon me your promised roses of virtue and grace, Dear St. Therese, so that swiftly advancing in sanctity and perfect love of neighbor, I may someday receive the crown of life eternal. Amen.

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October Speaker Preview: Tom Carroll

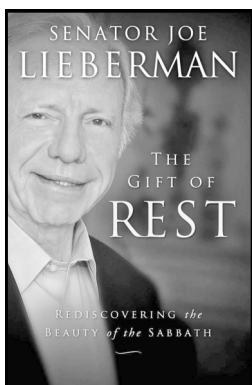


Tom Carroll is a former officer in the Clandestine Service of the Central Intelligence Agency. Tom spent years under cover in the Middle East, and is a specialist in Islam and Middle Eastern affairs. Tom and his wife converted to Catholicism while living in Istanbul, Turkey.

Today Islam is affecting our world like never before. For Catholics, this religion of 1.5 billion represents challenges — and opportunities — unlike anything else in the modern age. Catholics need to understand Islam as it actually is, beyond the clichés that dominate the popular media. Drawing on his personal and professional background in the Muslim world, Tom will introduce you to Islam in its most salient essentials, with clear and relevant connections to our own Catholic worldview.

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Book Review by Jim Flanagan The Gift of Rest: Rediscovering the Beauty of the Sabbath By Senator Joe Lieberman



Why should Catholics, much less Christians in general, bother to read this book about the Jewish traditions of observing the 4th Commandment to Keep Holy the Lord's Day? The answer to that question may be found in the following three statements of praise for the book:

"Senator Lieberman reminds us that the God-given day of rest – whether we call it Sabbath or Sunday – should be honored by all believers. As Pope Paul II taught: we cannot work with God all week, if we do not rest with God on His Sabbath!"

- Timothy M. Dolan, Archbishop of New York

"Joseph Lieberman does not just acknowledge the Sabbath as a break from the working week. As an observant Jew he relishes and bathes in the spirit of it. While most other faiths do not embrace the formal rituals of Judaism, there is much here that we can admire and that will remind Christians of what we have lost, as respect and love for the Sabbath has diminished. This is a book about faith that both informs and transforms the reader."

- Cecil O. Samuelson, President of Brigham Young University

"What a wonderful service Joe Lieberman has rendered his frazzled fellow Americans by reminding them of God's gift of the Sabbath. *The Gift of Rest* has certainly convinced this too-busy Baptist to mend his ways and once again embrace a weekly 'day of rest.'"

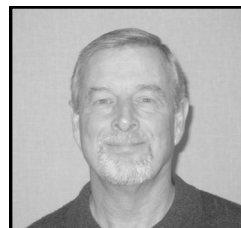
- Richard Land, President of the Southern Baptist Convention's Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission

We tend to celebrate the Lord's Day by going to Mass, but neglecting the spiritual rest of the remainder of the Lord's Day. My wife and I go to the Vigil Mass on Saturday evening, something only allowed in recent years after Vatican II. But then we often neglect to carry over that religious practice into the following Sunday. That reminds me of a statement made in a sermon by one of my favorite priest-mentors, Rev. Sergio P. Negro:

"I am absolutely convinced that we also need to seek God in the quiet stillness of our mind and heart in personal prayer. Communal worship is not enough for a healthy spiritual life, for a growing relationship with God in Jesus Christ."

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CP&BC Board Member Bio: Rod Silver



I grew up in a strong Catholic family in Hayward, California. My earliest realization of my Catholic faith was watching my Father ushering and doing the collections at Sunday morning mass. I received a degree in Chemistry from UC Davis. My first employment was with the Fresno Regional Crime Lab as a criminalist, analyzing physical evidence. I received a MBA from Fresno State and then went to work with PGE. I am now currently employed as the Director of E-Commerce for Guardian Safety and Supply.

My wife and I have five sons, the youngest in his second year at UC Irvine. Son 1 - software consultant in Boulder, CO; Son 2 - engineer for Intel in Folsom, CA; Son 3 - police officer with Fresno PD; Son 4 - recently graduated from UC San Diego with a degree in Neuroscience and Physiology and currently employed with Genewiz; and Son 5 - majoring in Business Administration at UC Irvine. Holly is a legal assistant with McCormick Barstow.

For most of the kid's early years we attended St Paul Newman Center parish and were involved in the Family Intergenerational Religious Education (FIRE) program. When the boys all left for school and work, we moved to our home parish of St Anthony.

I feel that it is important to bring a sense of moral value to my business practices. The CP&BC helps to reinforce that desire through its speaker program. I volunteered my services to upgrade the website in order to enhance the visibility and accessibility of this worthwhile program.

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