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Mary Kay Hoal – Founder of Yoursphere

By JoEllen Strait



The mother of five and founder of Yoursphere, Mary Kay Hoal was our October breakfast speaker. Yoursphere is a non-denominational internet social networking site for children and teens. The idea started 3½ years ago when her daughter wanted a “My Space Page”. She and her husband decided against it, but despite their best efforts, her daughter was continuously successful in setting up her page.

Because of the tension this created at home, May Kay realized she needed to come up with a solution. Driven by what she referred to as the “mom fear factor”, she immersed herself into the social networking communities such as My Space, Facebook, etc. using information based on her children. She came to realize it was not just sex offenders that she needed to worry about, but the culture. At one site, within two clicks she came to pornography, and she was also asked to send pictures of herself. She discovered that children are putting themselves “up for sale” and adults are buying. 1 in 25 children are aggressively solicited on line. If you take the computer out of the picture, this is illegal, unethical, and immoral.



None of the safeguards that exist in real life are found on the computer. Having been told that “God doesn’t give you the opportunity to pray for peace, he gives you the opportunity to make peace”, Mary Kay decided that God had given her the opportunity to make a change. With 22 years of media experience, she gave up her job, mortgaged their home, cashed out their retirement, and set up the Yoursphere

website. Yoursphere is not a faith-based site. She believes that every child needs a safe place online and wanted to see all the positive things that interest children being shared online within a sphere of safety. Yoursphere has everything technically and humanly possible to protect children including: knowing who everyone is that is on the site; age-appropriate friending procedures; and prohibition of adult material. In addition, Yoursphere is backed by the Federal Trade Commission’s Safe Haven Program.

Besides providing a safe networking site for children, some of the proceeds from fees go to scholarship and philanthropy programs, and there are also fund raising programs for youth groups. Yoursphere has gotten much media coverage and Mary Kay has done many interviews. Her objective in speaking is not to scare people, but to show how we can change things.

November 13 – Enrico Hernandez

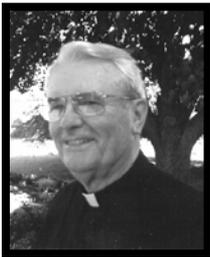


for our November 13th breakfast!

You will be inspired to "hire" *Jesus of Nazareth, Leadership Consultant, Inc.* after listening to this reflection by Enrico (Rico) Hernandez at the CP&BC breakfast in Fresno on Friday, November 13th. Mr. Hernandez is the Chief Financial Officer at the Mathematical Sciences Research Institute in Berkeley and is also an adjunct faculty member in the Catholic Educational Leadership program at the University of San Francisco where he teaches Catholic school finance. See the insert for more information on this entertaining speaker. Be sure to make your reservations now

“Food for Thought”

By CP&BC Spiritual Advisor – Msgr. Las Byrne



This time of the year, most of our churches remind us of our calling to be Ministers of God’s Word to others. This calling came through our Baptism into Christ. We are reminded that we are to be witnesses of our FAITH at home and abroad. In asking for our help, the Society for the Propagation of the Faith supports the missionary efforts at home and abroad. If you have ever encountered a Priest, Sister or lay person who left home, family, brothers and sisters to go to far off places in order to bring God’s message of love and salvation, you will have no trouble in supporting them in their efforts. As I write these words, I am transported back to October 1968 when I made this same sacrifice and commitment. It was a ‘wake’ I will never forget. I might also emphasize that there are missionary territories in our own country that we help in supporting through the efforts of the Propagation of the Faith.

In our own organization, we strive to be missionaries in our own areas, by building up good moral and ethical principles in our professions and businesses. We strive for honesty and fairness and always with an eye for helping the less fortunate. We have provided speakers who have been an inspiration to all of us. Our hope and prayer is that we have made a change or two in our daily living as a result of the example of these speakers whose lives were drastically changed for the better by their coming to a deeper appreciation and knowledge of God’s ways. The importance of quality time with family and family prayer - giving some time to help the poor - the knowledge that God loves ALL individuals, are lessons to be absorbed by all. Let us be doers as well as listeners. May we all know God’s love for us as we cope with the difficulties of our time. God bless!

Book Review

By John Kasaian

The Inconvenient Adventures of Uncle Chestnut

By Paul Nowak

Eternal Revolution

55 pages paperbound

Here is something different from the usual fare. This is a delightful book written for children I'd guess in the 8-12 age group (my 8 year old son and 10 year old daughter "road tested" this one for me and each gave it two thumbs up.) It is worthy of your consideration for two outstanding reasons:

1. There is precious little interesting Catholic literature available for children---especially if you refuse to count the goopy sweet offerings that don't challenge young minds (is Harry Potter goopy sweet? is the Wimpy Kid goopy sweet? NO!)
2. This particular book serves as an introduction to Gilbert Keith Chesterton for children. Chesterton incidentally is one of the best Catholic writers of the last century.

Written from a child's point of view concerning his uncle (hence the title Uncle Chestnut), the reader is treated to a simple retelling of a handful of classic Chesterton tales which explain modern life from a healthy Catholic perspective. You may well ask "Why not just hand the kid a book of Chesterton?" but that signifies the beauty of this particular little volume: Chesterton wrote in a strong turn of the century English style. The average child growing up in the U.S. would be hopelessly lost in a web of unfamiliar words and terms. Author Paul Novak does an excellent job of bringing Chesterton into modern parlance which is a great service because Chesterton matters.

The younger a child is exposed to Chesterton the better, because he delights in all the things children want---fairness, common sense, and especially the wonder and beauty of Creation. He also pokes fun at many things which do not make sense (or nonsense) which are held in high regard by secular people who should know better.

If you have a youngster in your house, or know of one, this is a fine book to add to the library. If your child is younger than 8 or 9 it still makes a good bedtime reader so you and your child can discover the amazing Uncle Chestnut together. The Holy Child bookstore on the corner of Bullard and Palm Ave. in Fresno can rustle you up a copy, or search Google for Uncle Chestnut's website.

BUZZARDS, BATS, BUMBLEBEES, & PEOPLE

BUZZARDS: If you put a buzzard in a pen that is 6 feet by 8 feet and is entirely open at the top, the bird, in spite of its ability to fly, will be an absolute prisoner. The reason is that a buzzard always begins a flight from the ground with a run of 10 to 12 feet. Without space to run, as is its habit, it will not even attempt to fly, but will remain a prisoner for life in a small jail with no top.

BATS: The ordinary bat that flies around at night, a remarkably nimble creature in the air, cannot take off from a level place. If it is placed on the floor or flat ground, all it can do is shuffle about helplessly and, no doubt, painfully, until it reaches some slight elevation from which it can throw itself into the air. Then, at once, it takes off like a flash.

BUMBLEBEES: A bumblebee, if dropped into an open tumbler, will be there until it dies, unless it is taken out. It never sees the means of escape at the top, but persists in trying to find some way out through the sides near the bottom. It will seek a way where none exists, until it completely destroys itself.

PEOPLE: In many ways, we are like the buzzard, the bat, and the bumblebee. We struggle about with all our problems and frustrations never realizing that **all we have to do is LOOK UP.**

Jesus said, *“I am the way, the truth, and the life and no one comes to God except through me!”* John 14:6

“All who confess with their mouth that Jesus is Lord, and believe in their heart that God raised Him from the dead shall be saved... For all who call on the name of the Lord will be saved” (Romans 10:9 & 13)

Please do not be one of the ones Jesus referred to when He said, *“Some refuse to come to me and receive life.”* (John 5:40)

LOOK UP NOW! *“Jesus stands at the door and knocks. Open the door and receive Him and become God’s child, as you were meant to be.”* (Rev. 3:20 & John 1:12)

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Pastor Profile - *Rev. Dominic Savio Rajappa*

By Don Cardell

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Weekend Masses: Sunday: 7:30 am (Spanish), 9:30 am, 12:00 noon (Spanish)
Weekday Masses: Wednesday - Friday 7:30 am



Fr. Dominic Rajappa was born in Tamilnadu, India as one of seven brothers and was baptized in June 1964 at Pudur, India. Fr. Dominic attended Don Bosco High School in Pannur, Sunkuvarchatram Via, Thiruvallur DT, Tamilnadu, India. He then went to St. Thomas Junior Seminary, St. Gabriel's Higher Secondary School, and St. Thomas Junior Seminary. He studied philosophy at Sacred Heart Seminary and received his Bachelor of Arts Degree at the University of Madras. He completed his education with a Master of Arts at Annamalai University.

Fr. Dominic was ordained on May 6, 1992 at St. Joseph's Church, K.K. Pudur, Kancheepuram DT, Tamilnadu, India. He became a priest to proclaim the word of God through words and deeds and was influenced by his parents, God parents, relatives and his pastor. He felt the call of God as a child. Fr. Dominic has served in various parish assignments starting with St. Paul's Church, India. In November 2006 to January 2009 he served as Hospitals Chaplain in Fresno and currently is the pastor at St. Alphonsus. In his spare time he enjoys sports, swimming, reading, gardening, meditating, charity work, fishing and listening to music. Fr. Dominic's favorite scripture verse is Mark 10:45: "The son of man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Business Person-of-the-Month

Debbie Irwin-Tapia' Tapia' & Associates



Debbie is a Project Manager and Information Systems expert with 25 years of communications and electrical contracting management experience. She also has over 20 plus years of experience in federal contracting. Tapia' & Associates is from a former, successful, small, disadvantaged business, which participated in the 8(a) program and is currently a certified small disadvantaged Veteran-Owned business. They started out as an electrical contractor and eventually moved into federal government programs. Now they serve as business consultants to companies interested in federal contracting. Their goal is to educate and assist any small disadvantaged business to expand their marketing to the U. S. Federal Government, the world's largest consumer of goods and services. They feel there is a gap between processing information and actually obtaining contracts, which is where her company can help. Debbie's website can be found at <http://www.tapia-associates.com>.

49er Highlights – November Programming!

By Margarethe Herold



KNXT, your local Catholic TV station, is proud to announce two incredible shows back to back. On November 11th, tune into KNXT to watch **LIVE On The Air** at 7:30 PM followed by a **Special Edition of Yesterday, Today & Forever** at 8:00 PM.

Have those catechetical questions you couldn't ask or just forgot to? **LIVE On The Air** can answer those burning questions! Call in November 11th at 7:30 PM to ask Msgrs. Perry & Scott (can be anonymous) plus a panel of local priests on the air. Join Jim Grant as he hosts **Special Editions of Yesterday, Today & Forever** featuring retired priests from the Diocese of Fresno. His first interview is with Msgr. Laserian Byrne, Pastor Emeritus of St. Anthony of Padua in Fresno and Spiritual Director of the Fresno CP&BC.

LIVE On The Air
November 11th at 7:30 PM

Yesterday, Today & Forever, Retired Priests – Msgr. Laserian Byrne
November 11th at 8:00 PM

Both programs will be re-aired together November 17th at 1:30 and 2:00 PM, and November 26th at 8:30 and 9:00 AM.

FUTURE CP&BC PROGRAMS

Pardini's – Van Ness Blvd. & Shaw – 7:00 to 8:30 a.m.
(Before Breakfast Is Served Enjoy Coffee & Networking)

Friday, November 13 – Enrico Hernandez

Jesus of Nazareth is not only relevant on Sundays, but every day of the week, even at the office. You will be inspired to "hire" Jesus of Nazareth, Leadership Consultant, Inc. after listening to this reflection by Enrico (Rico) Hernandez. Rico is a native of San Francisco and was educated in Catholic schools through high school. He holds a BA in Economics from Stanford University; an MBA from the University of California, Berkeley; an MA in Theology and a Master of Divinity from St. Patrick's Seminary and University; and an MA in Catholic School Leadership from the University of San Francisco. Rico currently is the Chief Financial Officer at the Mathematical Sciences Research Institute in Berkeley and serves on three Catholic high school boards. He is also an adjunct faculty member in the Catholic Educational Leadership program at the School of Education of the University of San Francisco where he teaches Catholic school finance. Rico, in his spare time, is an avid Stanford fan and loves to travel.

Future Speakers

December 11 – Christmas Social
January – No breakfast
February 12, 2010 – Patrick McCaskey, Owner of Chicago Bears

Meetings Scheduled

2nd Friday of the month except January, July & August
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Reservations (434-2722) Deadline is Thursday Noon of Breakfast Week.

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