



Going Deep Spiritually

With Bulldog Coach Tim DeRuyter by Pat Ogle



The CP&BC Breakfast “stadium” was filled on May 10th to learn more about Fresno State football coach Tim DeRuyter and got a bonus when wife Kara DeRuyter and retiring University President Dr. John Welty were called “into the game.” CP&BC Past-President Pat Ogle interviewed DeRuyter, who guided the Bulldogs to a conference championship and bowl game in his first year.

The coach was one of eight DeRuyter siblings who attended parochial schools from first grade through high school, 96 years of Catholic education and tuitions. After starring academically and athletically at St. John Bosco High School in Los Angeles, DeRuyter was recruited to play football at the Air Force Academy where he helped beat Notre Dame four straight years. He thanks his

Air Force coach Fisher DeBerry for helping him keep on a strong spiritual track while away from home for the first time. DeBerry valued and encouraged his players to include a Christian walk while at the academy and continued to be a mentor in life and religion when DeRuyter returned to coach with him after finishing his military time.

The Bulldog coach is also using spiritual connections from former Texas A&M head coach Mike Sherman as DeRuyter promotes two core values with his football teams: truth and love. Tim told the CP&BC audience that everyone has to be truthful in all aspects in life and it should be no different playing football. “Love” is something you share with teammates, family, coaches, school, friends and community. When asked how he supervises profanity in practice and games among the coaching staff and players, DeRuyter said his message is one of trying to control profanity and a best habit is to remember anyone’s mother could be listening at practice or during games.

Kara and Tim have been married for 26 years and parent son Jake, a sophomore at the Air Force Academy and daughter Christina, a senior valedictorian at San Joaquin Memorial. Kara shared that she knew she was going to marry Tim when they were in the 7th grade. She says coaches’ wives can’t have successful marriages without having a spiritual foundation because of the family leadership they have to give in the absence of their husbands because of their career demands. Tim echoed that sentiment when he said that in coaching families there are either “great” wives or “ex-wives”, and shared that Kara is a great wife and mother. Kara mentioned that last month her husband’s high school alma mater raised \$250,000 for the St. John Bosco campus when Tim was the honored alum at a gala fundraiser.

Coach DeRuyter’s boss, University President Dr. John Welty, revealed that he personally had never suggested running a particular football play but that wife Sharon had. Dr. Welty laughed when asked if he decided that he could now retire after 22 years as President because he was leaving a fellow Catholic in charge of the football program.

In closing both the President and the Football Coach said how much they liked Fresno and the friendliness of the valley people.

June 14th Breakfast Updates & Networking



For our June 14th meeting, Fr. Tim Cardoza will be installing our new incoming CP&BC officers as well as new and continuing members of our board of directors. We'll also hear from Fr. Craig Plunkett about his exciting progress on a new Clovis parish for our diocese.

Msgr. Cotta will make a few closing remarks as our Bishop Armando Ochoa works to conclude his work in the Diocese of El Paso, Texas, his former diocese, where Pope Francis just appointed Bishop Mark J. Seitz, an auxiliary bishop for the Diocese of Dallas, as new bishop.

This special breakfast will have plenty of time for socializing and networking with new and old CP&BC members and we hope you and your guests will join us for a morning of uplifting news and fellowship!

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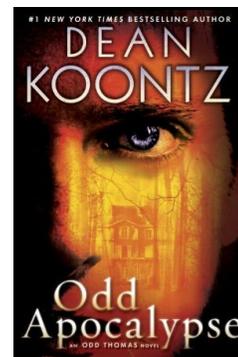
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Book Review by John Kasaian

Odd Apocalypse By Dean Koontz

Nothing quite says summer like Dr. Pepper, barbecue potato chips, macaroni salad, the smell of coconut suntan lotion, chlorinated pool water, sun glasses, and a good paperback novel. Dean Koontz' Odd Thomas series has the added value of being what I'd call Catholic novels along the lines of works by Flannery O'Connor, George Bernanos, Graham Greene and JRR Tolkien. What makes a novel "Catholic?" You could get Ph.D. writing on that subject, but the quick definition is that it deals both with Providence and the virtues, as well as the manifestation of sin and evil. These stories aren't labeled as being "Catholic" nor even mention God and Church, but you Catholics will recognize the difference.



Meet Odd Thomas, a 22 year old fry cook from the southern California desert suburb of Pico Mundo, who's fiancé was murdered in a shopping mall and ever since has had the ability to see the ghosts of the dead and solve their murders. In this story, he meets a homeless 17 year old girl who is six months pregnant and they both are invited to stay at Roseland, the walled vintage 1920s estate of an eccentric millionaire, Noah Wolflaw. While walking the grounds of the estate, Odd is confronted by the ghost of a beautiful murdered woman riding a ghost stallion who communicates through gestures that her child is in grave danger and needs his help. Roseland isn't what it would seem to be and the opulence and luxury cannot disguise the impending evil Odd Thomas senses. He doesn't run and hide, but stands his ground to defend the pregnant teenager, as well as the child of the murdered ghost rider---but from what? And from Whom?

I won't spoil it.

This is classic Odd Thomas, so pour that icy cold Dr.Pepper, put on those prescription Ray Bans, tear into that bag of Granny Goose barbecue chips and enjoy!



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St. Genevieve's Catholic Church - A Historical Brief

By Don Cardell



The tiny parish of St. Genevieve's Catholic Church in Fresno will mark the 75th Anniversary of its founding on Sunday, July 7, 2013.

Two annual events are the Chinese New Year celebration (usually on a Sunday in February) and the Autumn Moon Festival Dinner (usually the first Saturday on November).

For further information about St. Genevieve's Catholic Church, you may contact Father Victor Dinh at 559.486.2988 or Linda Hamilton of the Musical Performance Foundation at 559.243.0303

St. Genevieve's Catholic Church, as mission for the Chinese community in Fresno, was established in the winter of 1933-1934 in the form of a request by Mrs. Allen Mar, Sr. to Reverend James C. Dowling to feed the hungry among the Fresno Chinese community. Due to the hard work and dedication of Mrs. Mar and Sister M. Stephanie Gerrie of the Sisters of the Holy Family, the concept of a Chinese Catholic Church in Fresno took flight. Bishop Phillip G. Scher of the Monterey-Fresno Diocese purchased four lots at the corner of Tulare and C Streets. Construction of the church began in the winter of 1937 and was finally completed in the spring of 1938 at a final cost of \$12,500. The church was dedicated by Bishop Scher before a group of 400 people on Palm Sunday, April 10, 1938. At this point it was a mission of St. Alphonsus' Church. In 1941, St. Genevieve's Church officially became a parish under the direction of Reverend Jose De Galaretta, making it the smallest parish in the diocese, if not the nation (or the world!). Since then, many distinguished and loyal pastors have served this small, but faithful community, including the Most Reverend Cardinal Roger Mahony.

Today, St. Genevieve's parish continues to serve not only the Chinese community on Fresno, but a vibrant and diverse flock of many races and cultures. The parish administrator is Reverend Victor Tuan Dinh (Vietnamese-American). Small in numbers but strong on unity, St. Genevieve's Church is one of Fresno's best kept secrets and proud to be one of Fresno's historical landmarks. It was featured on the cover of the May 1940 issue of Extension Magazine. As recently as August 2011 the church appeared in a segment on KSEE 24's "We Are Fresno" broadcast. The billing was: "The World's Smallest Parish: A Fresno Treasure."

The church has been a subject of local artists as well. It appears in Doug Hansen's Fresno Sketchbook of pen and ink drawings. Watercolorist Pat Hunter and her business partner, writer Javier Stevens, included the church in Fresno's Architectural Past, Vol. II. Parish graphic artist Francis Fung produced a beautiful one-page publication, St. Genevieve's Catholic Church, A Historical Brief.

The community invites visitors to attend the 10:30 am Sunday mass and its extended social hour. The interior of the church includes Chinese lanterns, red paint and red carpeting. Statues of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph, along with the figures depicted on the Stations of the Cross are portrayed with Chinese features.

Pastor Profile by Don Cardell

Rev. Victor T. Dinh – Pastor St. Genevieve Parish



Father Victor was born in Kien Giang, Vietnam in September 1960. He was encouraged by his pastor and parents to consider becoming a priest. His parents have passed away, but he has one sister who lives in Vietnam and two brothers and a sister who live in Orange County, California.

He received Bachelor degrees in Political Science and Philosophy from California State University, Fullerton and a Masters of Divinity from St. Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park, California. He was ordained to the priesthood July 19, 2003 at St. John's Cathedral in Fresno by Bishop John T. Steinbock.

He was the associate pastor of St. Frances of Assisi, Bakersfield and St. Anthony of Padua in Fresno (residing at St. Agnes Mission Church in Pinedale). He was on call for all of the hospitals in the Fresno area. From January through August 2008, he was the associate pastor at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, in Clovis, and from September 2008 to December 2008 he was working on his Masters Degree at St. Patrick's Seminary. Since January 2009, he has been the administrator of St. Genevieve's Parish. Prior to becoming a priest, Fr. Victor was a realtor. Recently, Fr. Victor T. Dinh was appointed as an administrator of Our Lady of La Vang Church effective May 1, 2013 by Most Reverend Bishop Armando X. Ochoa, D.D.

Father likes to travel, read books, watch movies, play golf and Chinese Chess and relaxes by playing the guitar. Every month and half or so he visits his brothers and their families down in Orange County. His favorite scripture passage is Luke 8:16-18 "For there is nothing hidden that will not become visible and nothing secret that will not become known and come to light"



CP&BC Membership Renewals Due: It's time to renew your CPP&BC membership for the 2013-14 year. Annual dues are \$45.00 per person. A membership form is available on our website. For more information contact Kathy Andes at membership@cpbcfresno.org

Reservations: Reservations are required for all breakfast meetings, held at Pardini's, and can be made by calling Denise Correia at 559.434.2722 or by visiting www.cpbcfresno.org. Doors open at 7 a.m. for coffee and networking. The program concludes at 8:30 a.m. New for the 2012-13 year, the cost for each breakfast is \$15 for members and \$20 for guests.

Membership Directory: It's time to start planning for the 2013-14 Membership Directory! Ad space starts at only \$50. Contact Andrea Visintainer at directory@cpbcfresno.org for more information. The 2012-13 edition will be hitting mailboxes soon.

Prayer Network: CP&BC has a "prayer network" to be used for member prayer needs for themselves or loved ones. We have members already signed-up to pray for special needs submitted; however, anyone else is invited to also become part of the prayer network. Sally Lauritzen is the point person to whom requests can be made, and once they are received she will email or phone the network. Contact Sally (salauritz@att.net or 559.439.8378) to become part of the network or to submit a prayer request.

Website: Please be sure to visit www.cpbcfresno.org for all the latest information about the club. CP&BC thanks Rod Silver and ARTCO for the design and maintenance of the website.

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