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September 11th Speaker – Bear Woznick

Profiled by Tom Lang

CP&BC is kicking off another great year on Friday, September 11th, with a thrilling speaker you won't want to miss!

Bear Woznick, a world-class surfer, cannot be categorized as just an athlete and an adventurer. His creed is "The most radical thing that you can do in life is abandon yourself to the wild adventure of God's will." He is a novitiate oblate at the Benedictine Monastery on O'ahu, he has a certificate in Catechesis, and his bishop gave his book, *Deep in the Wave, A Surfing Guide to the Soul, the Nihil Obstat*. Bear is faithful to the magisterium of the Church.



He splits his time between his home in Waikiki and his getaway in Cocoa Beach, Florida to be more available for ministry opportunities.

Bear is a private pilot and holds the very rare Ninja black belt. He has run with the bulls in Pamplona. He has pedaled his bicycle across the United States from San Diego to Jacksonville. He has rappelled out of his twenty-fifth floor condo in Waikiki. He has paddled his surfboard across the treacherous twenty-eight mile channel between the islands of Molokai and Oahu. He has surfed the twenty-four foot faces of big surf at Waimea Bay and other big wave spots. He has surfed the tidal bore twenty miles up a river in Bordeaux France. He skydives, spear fishes, paddles an outrigger canoe, sails, and rides his Harley with the "Sons of Hawaii Motor Cycle Club."

Please make your reservations early for this exciting breakfast!

What's Inside?

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Speaker Recap

By Pauline Smoke

“Like any good Baptist,” quipped Dale Ahlquist, “I began reading Chesterton on my honeymoon.” G.K. Chesterton’s works impacted Ahlquist profoundly, and led

him to convert to Catholicism. He felt “scandalized” that he hadn’t been introduced to the great 20th Century writer and thinker in college, and eventually became one of the world’s most respected Chesterton scholars, president of the American Chesterton Society, and co-founder of the Chesterton Academy, a nationally-acclaimed Catholic high school in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Ahlquist explained that Chesterton’s writings—100 books (including *Orthodoxy*, *The Everlasting Man*, and the Fr. Brown mysteries), more than 5000 literary essays, plus plays and poems—fell through the cracks of college curricula because no one knew how to categorize works that seamlessly integrated fields as disparate as art, theology, philosophy, history, and economics. Fortunately, courses about those he influenced—such as Ghandi, C.S. Lewis, and Bishop Fulton J. Sheen—abound.

“Chesterton was a prophet,” says Ahlquist. “He seems to have written about our times ... he predicted the rise and fall of Marxism,” as well as the negative impacts on society of divorce—“The obvious effect of frivolous divorce will be frivolous marriage.”—contraception, and Freudian psychoanalysis. Chesterton declared that the Catholic Church, to which he converted in 1922, was the “only fighting form of Christianity” and must fight to preserve the family. Investigations into the cause for canonizing Chesterton began in 2013; Ahlquist is an active supporter. Watch for KNXT’s exclusive interview with Ahlquist in the near future.

Business Person of the Month

John Mulligan



I lived my first fourteen years in Rochester, New York and subsequently in Palo Alto, Sacramento, and in Fresno since 1979. I was blessed with a parochial education in grades K-12 and received a BS Degree from San Jose State in Accounting and Finance. I began my professional career in the Aerospace Industry. After nine years I moved into the business functions of public education, first with the Sacramento County Office of Education and later with the Fresno and Central Unified Districts.

I retired in 2007. In spite of my upbringing, I fell away from my Faith for thirty plus years, finding my way back after retirement. Since, I have become involved in the Homebound Ministry, along with enjoying memberships in Serra Club and other organizations. I’m also on the Boards of the Terraces at San Joaquin Gardens and the Foundation at the Fresno County Office of Education.

I am widowed with three children, five grandchildren, and one great grandson.

Prayer Research & Submission

By Mary Borges, Co-Founder CP&BC



Assumption of Our Lady

Father, you prepared the Virgin Mary to be the worthy mother of Your Son.

You let her share beforehand in the salvation Christ would bring by His Death, and kept her sinless from the first moment of her conception.

Help us by her prayers to live in Your Presence without sin.

We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.

Upcoming Events

Breakfast Meetings

- October 9th
- November 13th
- December 11th

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Book Review

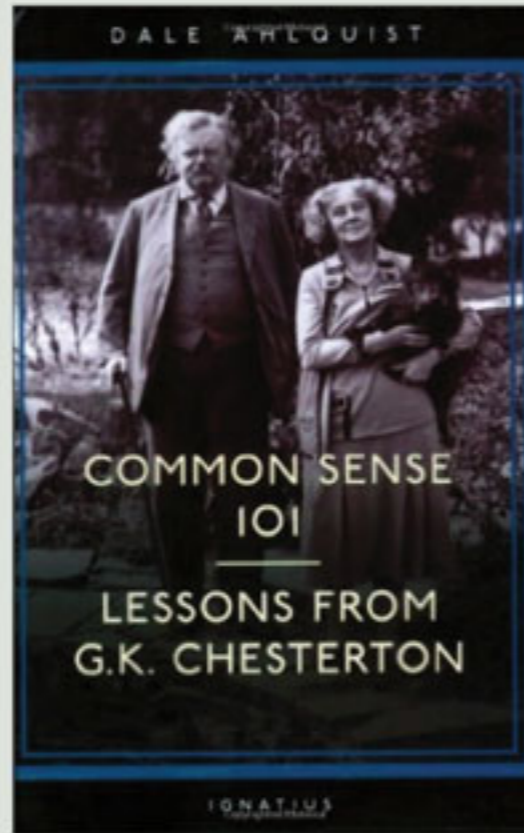
By John Kasaian

**Common Sense 101:
Lessons from G.K.
Chesterton**

by Dale Ahlquist

Ignatius Press,
San Francisco
2006

316 pages paper bound



Mr. Ahlquist is an excellent and entertaining speaker, so entertaining that my only criticism is that his June 12 talk seemed to end way too soon. Common Sense 101 is one of Mr. Ahlquist's talks in book form, and the subject is G.K. Chesterton who was an equally excellent and entertaining observer of his own age (1890's—1930's) and prophetically (and disturbingly so) of our own age as well.

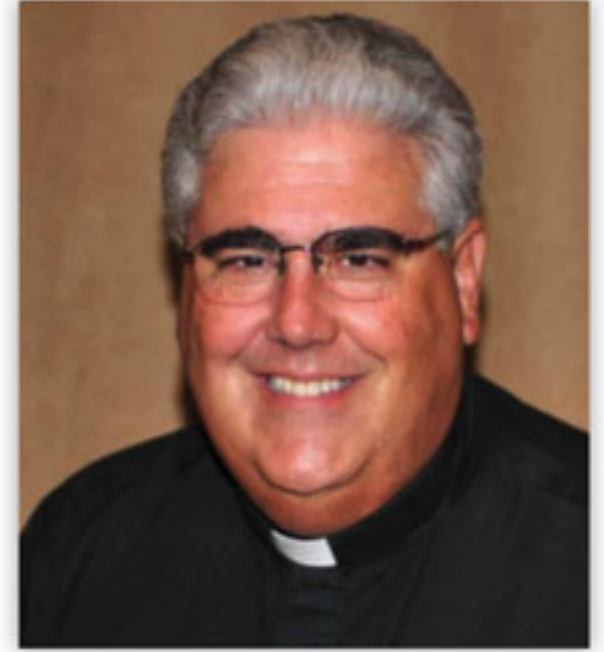
This book is a handy treasury of Chesterton's quips and quotes, ideas, and observations. As a repository for the many ideas forming the core of Chesterton's observations about the post-Christian world and its denial of universal truths, Common Sense 101 is a splendid asset: an arsenal of words to battle (with love) the oppressive and senseless dictates of the fleeting fads and fashions of modernity.

Cotter Religious Supply can fix you up with your own copy.

Pastor/Parish Profile

By Alex Flores, Parish Ambassador

Father Dan Avila, the new pastor at Our Lady of Victory, states he cannot remember a time when he didn't want to be a priest. Daniel C. Avila was born in Modesto, California to Manuel and Madelene Avila. His father was an immigrant from the Azores Islands, his mother a native Californian. Dan was



raised in Gustine where he was baptized, received First Holy Communion, and was confirmed at the Holy Ghost Parish, since renamed the Shrine of Our Lady of Miracles, due to the devotion of the Portuguese people who celebrate "festas" and which in September draws tens of thousands of people.

At eighteen, he was accepted for the seminary by Bishop Donahoe and enrolled at St. John's College Seminary in Camarillo, where in 1983 he completed his BA in philosophy. He completed his studies at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio, and in May 1987 he was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Fresno by Bishop Joseph J. Madera M.Sp.S. Father Dan has served as parish priest/pastor in the following parishes: St Brigid and Immaculate Heart of Mary, Hanford; Holy Rosary, Hilmar; Immaculate Conception, Buhach; St. Jude Thaddeus, Livingston; St Joseph, Los Banos; Catholic Church of Visalia; Our Lady of Victory, Fresno; and St. Ann, Riverdale. Fr. Dan states working with all of these communities has made for a very interesting and fulfilling twenty-seven years of priestly ministry. Since 2010 he has also been serving as the Director of the Office of Vocations for the Diocese of Fresno. He works primarily with men who wish to become priests, but also with men and women who seek the religious life.

Father Dan has a favorite scripture passage that seems to resound in his life again and again. It is from the first book of Kings and is the story of Elijah desperately seeking God's help. God speaks to Him not in the raging of a fire or the force of an earthquake, but in the stillness and quiet of a whispering breeze. This passage always reminds him of the need to see God in the quiet of our daily prayer.

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Reservations: Reservations are required for all breakfast meetings, held at Pardini's, and can be made by calling Denise Correia at [559.434.2722](tel:559.434.2722) or by visiting www.cpbcfresno.org then click on the reservation link. Doors open at 7 a.m. for coffee and networking. The program starts at 7:20 a.m. and concludes at 8:30 a.m. The cost for each breakfast is \$15 for members and \$20 for guests.

Membership Directory: Ad space starts at \$50. Contact Al Aguila at directory@cpbcfresno.org for more information. December 15, 2015 is the deadline to reserve ad space. December 31, 2015 is the deadline for ad artwork.

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](tel: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 our club. CP&BC thanks J. Colin Petersen of J - I.T. Outsource for the design and maintenance of the website.

Mission Statement:

As Catholic professional and business men and women, we are called to live our Christian ethics not only on Sundays, but throughout our daily lives at home and at work.

Our goal in the Catholic Professional & Business Club shall be to incorporate and uphold our beliefs in every aspect of our daily lives, and to gather to share with others who seek a more ethical business environment.

Each of us shall strive to achieve a commingling of our ethical obligations and our professional obligations in demonstration of the fact that ethics and business need not be mutually exclusive terms.

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