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May 13 – Dr. Robert Stackpole

Profiled by Tom Lang

An American by birth, Robert Stackpole earned a B.A. in History from Williams College in Massachusetts in 1982, and a Master's degree in Theology from Oxford University in England in 1988. Robert was an ordained Anglican pastor before becoming a Catholic in 1994. After his conversion, he married a Catholic Canadian, and they went to Rome together, where Robert obtained a Doctorate in Theology from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (the "Angelicum") in 2000.

Upon returning to North America in 1997, he began work as the Research Director, and later Director, of the John Paul II Institute of Divine Mercy based in Stockbridge Massachusetts, a position he continues to hold. In that capacity, he has been a speaker at many conferences, and the author and editor of numerous journal articles and books on the Divine Mercy message and devotion, including *Divine Mercy, A Guide From Genesis To Benedict XVI* (Marian Press, 2009). He regularly contributes articles to the official Divine Mercy website <http://www.TheDivineMercy.org>.

Robert has a special academic interest in ecumenical dialogue with evangelical Christians, an interest that grew during his 10 years of teaching Theology to undergraduates at Redeemer Pacific College (Trinity Western University) in Langley, BC. Robert also enjoys reading and writing about the works of C.S. Lewis, and describes himself as an incurable "Narniac."

Whenever possible, Robert often travels to Poland where his wife and teen-aged daughter, Katherine and Christina, presently live and care for Katherine's father.



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Speaker Recap

Jay Fagnano

By Norma Williams



Jay reading quotes from his son, Nick

One's chances of being struck by lightning are estimated at about one in 700,000, yet 19-year-old Nick Fagnano, one of 11 stuck on July 27, 2014, died at Venice Beach.

Nick's father, Jay Fagnano, began his talk with "I wish I were not standing here today," wishing for a "do-over" of that day, yet describing how he and his wife Mary became beneficiaries of many groups and organizations who wrapped collective arms around them after losing their only child. Instead of retreating in grief, they established the Thrive in Joy Nick Fagnano Foundation, the name taken from an essay Nick wrote about faith and heaven.

Nick Fagnano cared deeply for others and was everybody's friend. Love of God and Jesus drove his life. His favorite sport was baseball, and while a Little Leaguer, he organized a drive to provide uniforms for players in the Dominican Republic. When he died, he had been just weeks away from becoming a transfer student to USC's prestigious Price School of Public Policy where he planned to study real estate and urban development.

Jay described lessons learned from Nick: the importance of a strong relationship with God, of being Catholic, going to church, listening carefully, being aware one never walks alone, and acknowledging God's blessings. Paraphrasing St. John Chrysostom, "If we do nothing for others, we do nothing." Jay spoke of his and Mary's involvement in Dominican Republic schools, an orphanage and a house for girls rescued from prostitution. Later this month they will make their sixth trip. They also have established elementary and high school scholarships for students of good character and a perpetually endowed scholarship at USC Price School. Nick, Jay, and Mary's message for all is "Thrive in joy on earth and in heaven."

Website: Thethriveinjoynickfagnanofoundation.org



Prayer Research & Submission By Mary Borges



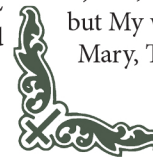
Infant Jesus of Prague – Feast Day is the third Sunday of May

Powerful Novena Of Childlike Confidence
This powerful novena of childlike confidence is to be done in one day; every hour, for 9 consecutive hours in a row.

O Jesus, Who hast said, ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and it will be opened to you, through the intercession of Mary, Thy Most Holy Mother, I knock, I seek, I ask that my prayer be granted
(Request)

O Jesus, Who hast said, all that you ask of the Father in My Name, He will grant you through the intercession of Mary, Thy Most Holy Mother, I humbly and urgently ask Thy Father in Thy Name that my prayer be granted.
(Request)

O Jesus, Who has said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away but My word shall not pass", through the intercession of Mary, Thy Most Holy Mother, I feel confident that my prayer will be granted.
(Request)



Business Person of the Month:

Jose Palacios-Carrion



I was born and raised in a Catholic family with the core value of helping those in need – that was not exactly a good match for my profession, which is a cold environment of programming codes, computers, networks, and wires with no human touch. However, miracles happen, and I found my perfect match in my wife, Maria. She helps me to balance my professional and religious life. Together we have two young ladies in college at the moment.

Following God's plans, in 2004, Maria and I found LC Computer Services, a company that provides IT services, print management, and Microsoft and accountant trainings for businesses and individuals in the Central Valley. Since the beginning, we have tried to serve and help our customers as much as we can, giving a human touch to this cold profession, thinking that behind a computer or network is a person or group of people that will use it, taking extra time to talk with them and offering any additional help if they need it.

Upcoming Events

Breakfast Meetings

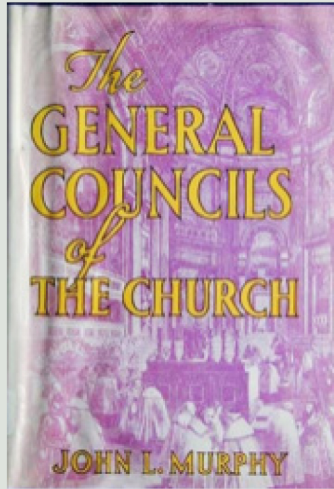
- June 10
- No meetings in June and July
- September 9

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Book Review by John Kasaian

The General Councils of the Church
By Fr. John L. Murphy
Bruce Publishing Company, Milwaukee
1960
193 pages hard cover



If you want to score points with your friends, Catholic or otherwise, this is a very handy book – it covers the twenty General Councils before Vatican II, spanning the first 2,000 years of Church History, from Nicaean Council in the fourth century to the Vatican (let’s call it Vatican I) in the nineteenth century. Each of these twenty Councils were called to address either heretical schools which attempted to manipulate the Magisterium’s teaching of the faith, or to bring reform to practices which had evolved into issues concerning the administration of a vast, growing Church.

The heretics are far more interesting, so play this little game – flip through the book until you find a Council whose name sounds interesting, like Chalcedon, or just pick a page at random and start reading until you come across a heretical movement like the Waldensians and read about them. This is a very concise book so you can obtain all the relevant information you’ll need on Waldensians in less than a half hour of reading.

Now the thing about heresies is that they never really go away even though the Church Councils go to great lengths to explain why some school of thought is heretical – they simply vanish for five hundred years or so, then reappear pretty much unchanged and as Detective Joe Friday would say “Only the names have been changed ...”

But back to our little game. Once you know what drives a particular heresy, they are easy to spot and point out to your friends at cocktail parties. That many modern versions of heretical notions are espoused by popular politicians, novelists, even movies makes for opportunities for you to astound your host and other guests as you point out that the promotion of the modernity in the mechanics behind the Affordable Care Act mandate had long ago been addressed by Pius IX in 1857 when he condemned the false utopian rationalism of Gunther and later in 1862 Frohschammer for similar teachings.

The General Councils of the Church is a fun book! Cotter Religious Goods can fix you up with your own copy

Pope Francis’ Prayer for the Year of Mercy



Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us to be merciful like
the heavenly Father,
and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.
Show us your face and we will be saved.
Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being
enslaved by money;
the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in
created things;
made Peter weep after his betrayal,
and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.
Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you
spoke to the Samaritan woman: “If you knew the gift of God!”

You are the visible face of the invisible Father,
of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness
and mercy:
let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen
and glorified.
You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in
weakness
in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance
and error:
let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and
forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its
anointing,
so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the
Lord,
and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good
news to the poor,
proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed,
and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy,
you who lives and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for
ever and ever.
Amen.

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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. Effective September 2016, prepaid annual breakfasts will be \$120 which is a savings of \$33 on the increased cost of breakfast effective September 2016 (\$17 members, \$22 non-members).

Membership Directory: Ad space starts at \$50. Contact Al Aguila at directory@cpbcfresno.org for more information. December 15, 2016 is the deadline to reserve ad space. December 31, 2016 is the deadline for ad artwork. It is too late for the 2016 directory, but it is not too early to think about the 2017 directory.

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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