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## October 13 – Jim Bartko Fresno State Athletic Director

Profiled by Tom Lang

We hope you will join us at our October 13th breakfast when our speaker will be Fresno State Athletic Director, Jim Bartko, who will share his moving story of holding firm in faith and the healing power of God's infinite mercy.

In a question and answer format with Pat Ogle, Jim will update the status of Bulldog athletics including the revitalization of the football program and the addition of two sports, women's water polo and the return of wrestling.

Jim began his career at the University of Oregon in 1989 and went on to hold several athletic administration positions on the Eugene campus. After one season at Cal Berkeley, Jim returned to Oregon in 2008 where he caught the eye of Fresno State, which hired him as athletic director on November 21, 2014.

From personal experience Jim will also share on the importance in facing life hurdles that eventually lead to unwelcomed consequences if not supported through professional assistance and a strong faith walk. For Jim it was abuse by a priest while growing up in Pinole, CA. He never spoke about the abuse to anyone until this past December after an extended visit to a treatment facility. After leaving the facility, he finally opened up about the abuse to his mother, wife and children, and then to Fresno State and the community at large.

In the eight months since through interviews and community appearances, Jim has become even more of an encourager for business professionals and anyone to not live a life of concealing whether from abuse, dependence, lifestyle or addiction. Jim shares his self-treatment was coaching his children's sports teams. He strove to be the role model and coach he wished he had had as a child. Seeing his players smiling and having fun was the greatest reward.



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## Speaker Recap

By Norma Williams

The September 8 CP&BC fall kickoff breakfast featured a panel on health issues.

Panelists included Nancy Hollingsworth, CEO/President of Saint Agnes Medical Center; Paul Lilles, Director of Physician Practice Services at Valley Children's Hospital; Cynthia Gutierrez, Administrator of Saint Agnes Home Health/Hospice; and Dr. A.M. Aminian, Fresno allergist/immunologist and current Saint Agnes Medical Staff President.

Saint Agnes is part of the Trinity Health System which operates hospitals, long-term care facilities, and nursing homes in 21 states. Catholic core values and moral principles underlie all services and investments, emphasizing health of body, mind and spirit from the beginning until the end of life.

The San Joaquin Valley's diverse and high poverty population often faces limited health care access, especially transportation. To help alleviate this problem, regional centers have been established from Bakersfield to Merced.

Dr. Aminian addressed the national shortage of physicians and registered nurses and the challenges of bringing doctors to this area. A new graduate education program with 16 resident physicians will soon be initiated. A goal is to "sell the area to them" so they will stay and serve the valley.

Nancy discussed economics of health care which include providing good quality, positive outcome, and patient satisfaction at decent cost. There is a need for better patient health literacy. Hospitals can provide outstanding acute care, but there needs to be more emphasis on preventative medicine. Discharge planning begins long before a patient leaves the hospital with a goal of avoiding return. Good monitoring and patient-family communication have resulted in a low 4.4% readmission rate at Saint Agnes.

## Prayer Research & Submission By Mary Borges



Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska

Jesus, who filled your handmaid Saint Faustina with profound veneration for your boundless Mercy, deign, if it be your Holy Will, to grant me, through her intercession, the grace for which I fervently pray (here make your request).

My sins render me unworthy of Your Mercy, but be mindful of Saint Faustina's spirit of sacrifice and self-denial, and reward her virtue by granting the petition, which, with childlike confidence, I present to You through her intercession.  
Amen.

Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska was a Polish nun, mystic, and visionary. She is known as the Apostle of Divine Mercy as she is the cause for the Divine Mercy devotion. St. Faustina is the first saint of the 21st Century. She was canonized by Pope John Paul II in April 2000. Her Feast is celebrated on October 5th. She is the Patron Saint of Mercy.

## Prayers & Thank You's

Please pray that our officers, board members, and Father are gifted with wisdom and energy, and thank them for sharing their time and talents with our organization.



Father Craig installed our new officers for 2017-2019. Pictures left to right are President Adolfo (Al) Aguila, Spiritual Advisor Father Craig Plunkett, Administrator Denise Correia, and Treasurer Toni Porter. Not pictured is Vice President Amanda Patterson

## Upcoming Events

- November 10
- December 8
- January – No Breakfast

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## Book Review

By John Kasaian

### **Race with The Devil, My Journey from Racial Hatred to Rational Love**

By Joseph Pearce

Saint Benedict Press, Charlotte, NC, 2013  
236 pages hardbound

I've quaffed a beer with Joseph Pearce, shared a pipe with him, and listened to him sing enchanting Irish Pub Ballads. I've read his excellent biographies of GK Chesterton and Hilaire Belloc and

listened to him lecture on Oscar Wilde. I knew he was the editor at the "Saint Austin Review" and was on the faculty at Thomas More College, but when I started reading "Race with The Devil," I realized that I didn't know Joseph Pearce at all, at least not the early pre-Catholic conversion Joseph Pearce.

A product of the post World War II British working class, Pearce was a brilliant type "A" personality, attracted to a convoluted form of National Socialism at an early age.

He was a racist. His talent was for writing insightful, hate filled articles, even publishing and editing race baiting broadbills under the direction of political party leadership, and this at the ripe old age of seventeen years old! This led to two prison terms and eventually his conversion. This is quite a story and fortunately for us, Joseph Pearce is a lively, fast paced and action filled author with a directness that makes this an exciting yet easy book to read.

In the U.S. we've only heard stories about Ulstermen, skinheads, punk rockers (the real ones, not the Hollywood affectations), various political "fronts," and rioting soccer fans all the while being kept ignorant of the actual causes spurring the antagonism.

From a purely sociological perspective, "Race with The Devil" gives the reader a Cook's tour of the state of political unrest in the British Isles in the 70's and 80's and for that reason alone makes this book important, but the real value comes from Pearce's story of conversion and redemption — that is priceless.

A kind member of the CP&BC loaned me her copy to review (which I've kept much too long) but you can get yours at Cotter Religious Good.

## Diocese of Fresno

Our newsletters have featured many profiles of parishes and priests in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Fresno. This month we are shining the light on the Diocese itself as December 15, 2017 marks the end of the yearlong 50th commemoration of the anniversary of the Diocese.

In the early days, our Diocese was part of the Diocese of Guadalajara which covered two-thirds of Mexico and Upper and Lower California. In 1834 the Diocese of the Californias (upper and lower) was established. In 1846 the United States purchased Upper California from Mexico, and in 1850 the Diocese of Monterey was established to cover all of California. St. John's (now our Cathedral) was established in 1882.

According to Scott Alston, Diocesan Archivist, it is believed that Franciscan Reverend Francisco Tomas Hermene-Gildo Garces celebrated the first masses in our Diocese in 1776, the year of our

nation's birth. Garces High School in Bakersfield is named for Father Garces. Irregularly scheduled masses were held in Mariposa and Hornitos during the Gold Rush in the 1850s. The Diocese of Monterey-Fresno was formed in 1922 and the Diocese of Fresno in 1967. Now our Diocese covers eight counties (Fresno, Inyo, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, Mariposa, and Tulare) and over 35,000 miles. There are eighty-seven parishes.

"Siempre Adelante – Keep Moving Forward" is the theme of the celebration. Most



Reverend Armando X. Ochoa, D.D., Bishop Diocese of Fresno says the theme "reminds us that the actions we take today should lead us to growth and a fruitful future, as we celebrate the history of our rich and fruitful heritage. There is always further to go to share the Good News."

For more information visit the <http://www.dioceseoffresno.org>

### **Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network October Intention: Journalists**

That journalists, in carrying out their work, may always be motivated by respect for truth and a strong sense of ethics.

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**Reservations:** Reservations are required for all breakfast meetings, held at Pardini's, and can be made by calling Lourdes Sanchez at 559-434-2722 or by visiting [www.cpbcfresno.org](http://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 breakfast cost is \$17 for members and \$22 for non-members. An annual discounted cost of \$120 is available to members that prepay for the year; this is a savings of \$33. Reservations are still required for prepays.

**Membership Directory:** Ad space starts at \$50. Send an email to [directory@cpbcfresno.org](mailto:directory@cpbcfresno.org) for more information. December 15, 2017 is the deadline to reserve ad space. December 31, 2017 is the deadline for ad artwork. More directory advertising information is available at [www.cpbcfresno.org](http://www.cpbcfresno.org).

**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](mailto: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](http://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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