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May 12 – Matthew Arnold

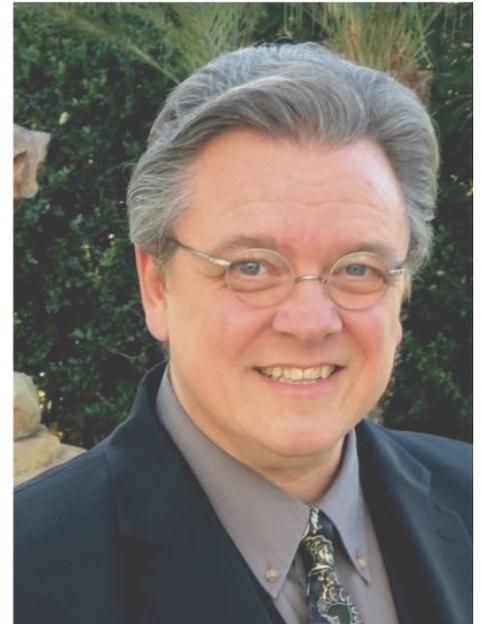
Profiled by Tom Lang

Matthew Arnold has produced dozens of popular Catholic audio and video presentations including “Our Catholic Faith” and “Fire & Sword: The Crusades.” He has appeared often on EWTN Radio where he co-hosted Scripture Matters LIVE with Dr. Scott Hahn. His enlightening and popular CDs, DVDs and brochures on the Catholic Faith are currently available in over six thousand parishes around the United States through Lighthouse Catholic Media, where he enjoys the distinction of having the most CD titles in their catalog (after Scott Hahn).

Whether he’s speaking at a Cathedral Church or a major Catholic Conference, leading a retreat for the folks at a humble small-town parish, or addressing a meeting of Catholic professionals, Matthew Arnold brings the same energy, passion, and humor to every enlightening and entertaining presentation.

Matthew holds a Certificate of Lay Ecclesial Ministry for the Diocese of Orange, a Certificate in Christian Counseling, and was a founding member of the Society for Christian Psychology. He currently resides in Southern California with his wife, Betty, and six children.

Our Spiritual Advisor, Father Craig Plunkett, will offer Mass prior to the breakfast on May 12. Mass will commence at 6:40 a.m. We had a wonderful attendance at Mass prior to the April meeting.



What’s Inside?

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Speaker Recap

John Gerardi

By Norma Williams



Clovis native and Notre Dame law graduate John Gerardi, Executive Director of Right to Life of Central California, reminded us that all humans matter, despite their lack of development. Law protects against private violence but not in the womb. Since 1973, 55 million abortions have been performed. Since courts entered the realm of Constitutional law, abortion is legal up to 40 weeks for any reason in all 50 states. Only a few countries (including China, North Korea and Vietnam) have such a liberal approach. Much of Europe bans abortions after 20 weeks gestation.

Though legal, courts did not mandate paying for abortions. The 1976 Hyde Amendment specified no federal funding, but last year's Democratic Party platform urged repeal of Hyde. About 33% of abortions are performed by Planned Parenthood, which receives \$1 billion per year; Gerardi believes Planned Parenthood has not demonstrated its merit to receive such huge monies. Statistics have shown there is less abortion when it is defunded. The Trump administration has said it will no longer help fund abortions through the United Nations. A pending California House bill would require all insurance plans to cover abortion. Pro-life centers must post notices where abortions can be obtained. State colleges must provide "Plan B" contraception. Parental rights bills are pending, and we still await word on embryo destruction and stem cell research.

John will be a forum leader discussing physician-assisted suicide's legalization in California on Thursday, April 27, at New Covenant Community Church, 1744 E. Nees in Fresno from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Website: righttolifeca.org, (559) 229-2229 to schedule free presentations for kids, teens, and adults on various topics

Business Person of the Month: Kevin M. Goessling

Kevin M. Goessling grew up in Orange County, CA, attended Servite High School in Anaheim, California and accepted a full-ride scholarship to Fresno State. Goessling started as the kicker at Fresno State for four seasons, setting multiple school records, including Fresno State's all-time scoring record.

While at Fresno State, he was also actively involved in many athletic and academic student organizations and graduated from Fresno State with a 3.5 GPA as an Academic All-American finalist. After graduating, he moved back to Orange County to pursue professional football. Goessling was invited to Rookie Camp and played three preseason games with the Raiders in 2014.

In September 2016, after retiring from professional football, Goessling began his tenure with the Fresno County Athletic Hall of Fame as Director of Development to build the home for the Hall of Fame and establish programs centered on character and success education, which will be used for field trips and other educational outreach programs.



Prayer Research & Submission By Mary Borges



Patron of Mental and Emotional Disorders.
Feast Day is May 15

Prayer of St. Dymphna

Lord God, Who has graciously chosen Saint Dymphna to be the patroness of those afflicted with mental and nervous disorders, and has caused her to be an inspiration and a symbol of charity to the thousands who invoke her intercession, grant through the prayers of this pure, youthful martyr, relief and consolation to all who suffer from these disturbances, and especially to those for whom we now pray.

(Here mention those for whom you wish to pray.)

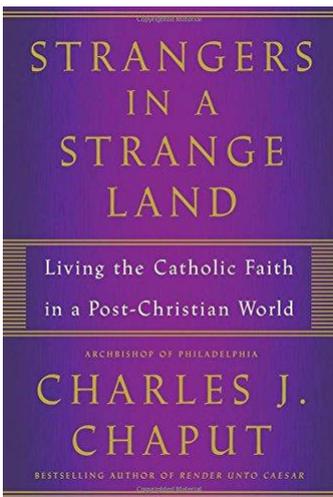
We beg You to accept and grant the prayers of Saint Dymphna on our behalf. Grant to those we have particularly recommended patience in their sufferings and resignation to Your Divine Will. Fill them with hope and, if it is according to Your Divine Plan, bestow upon them the cure they so earnestly desire. Grant this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Upcoming Events

- May 12
- June 9
- No Breakfast in July & August

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Book Review

By John Kasian

Strangers In A Strange Land; Living the Catholic Faith in a Post-Christian World

By Archbishop Charles J. Chaput
Published by Henry Holt & Co., New York

2017

271 pages hardbound, \$26.00

“Christians have many good reasons for Hope. Optimism is another matter. Optimism

assumes that, sooner or later, things will naturally turn out for the better. Hope has no such illusions.”

So begins Archbishop Chaput’s latest book.

I am a fan of Archbishop Chaput’s writing, but this is the first book of his which I have had the pleasure of reading, and it is one of the most important books I’ve read in quite a while. While there have been many books published about *what is wrong with the world*, this one is different on so many levels. It is riveting — nearly impossible to put down. Archbishop Chaput spends the first part of the book analyzing the American social landscape as we know it *right now*. He describes a landscape alienated from its historic roots and populated by a people alienated from their own history. How this happened, why it happened, and why there can be no return is a fascinating story as well as depressing, but not as depressing as, say Pascal’s “The Pennsee.”

The second part of the book gets to the meat of the matter, *Living the Catholic Faith in a Post-Christian World*. The cult of progress is at its core a Pelagian Cult of presumptive despair, and Archbishop Chaput gives us the equivalent of an intelligence briefing on how a Catholic is to respond. This called to my mind something reminiscent of Cardinal Clemens von Galen, The Lion of Munster, who was certainly heroic in condemning post-Christian National Socialism in the 1930s and 40’s.

I found Archbishop Chaput’s “Strangers In A Strange Land” to be a much needed guidebook for pilgrims who find themselves in this Strange Land.

Go to Cotter’s Religious Goods and insist that they order you a copy!



Save the date

for our New Member Social. Here’s your chance to get better acquainted and network in a social and friendly atmosphere. Evite to follow. We look forward to seeing you there! Complimentary for new members up to 2 years. \$10 for CP&BC Member, Non-Member, and/or Spouse/Guest

CP&BC would like to welcome you to our organization. To get better acquainted and to network in a social and friendly atmosphere, please join us June 8th. There will be a choice of Wine, Beer, Non-Alcoholic Beverages, and Appetizers.

Date: Thursday, June 8, 2017

Time: 5:00pm - 7:00pm



Southeast corner of Herndon & Palm. (Patio Area)

New CP&BC Member Up to 2 Years	Complimentary
CP&BC Member, Non-Member, and/or Spouse/Significant Other	\$10 No Host Bar

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED
Karen McCaffrey @ (559) 256-7030

Co-Chaired By:
Tom Ferdinandi
Karen McCaffrey

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Pope’s Worldwide Prayer Network May Intention: Christians in Africa.

That Christians in Africa, in imitation of the Merciful Jesus, may give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice, and peace.

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CP&BC Membership Dues: Annual dues are \$45 per person. A membership application form is available on our website at www.cpbcfresno.org. The deadline was December 31, 2016 to be included in the upcoming directory. For more information contact John Kanaley at [315-243-6597](tel:315-243-6597).

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 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. Contact Al Aguila at directory@cpbcfresno.org for more information. December 15, 2016 was the deadline to reserve ad space. December 31, 2016 was the deadline for ad artwork. More directory advertising information is available at 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 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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