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April 8

John Martignoni



John Martignoni, our April 8, 2022 speaker, is traveling to Fresno from Birmingham, Alabama. Born Catholic, but never learning the faith growing up, John left the Church when he went off to college.

He earned a B.S. in Finance and then an M.B.A. from the University of Alabama and went to work in the defense industry as a cost analyst for several years before returning to school at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to get a Ph.D. in Finance.

He did not get that Ph.D., but came back to the Church at the end of his year in North Carolina. He was a “cafeteria Catholic” for a couple of years until he heard Scott Hahn’s “Conversion Story” talk and started delving deeply into apologetics.

John became Founder and President of “Bible Christian Society”- an apologetics and evangelization apostolate that reaches tens of thousands in all fifty states and more than seventy countries around the world with the truths of the Catholic Faith.

John’s methodology is so easy to learn and to apply, that people started calling what he does blue-collar apologetics, and so he adopted that term. This is why he called his recent book from EWTN Publishing: “Blue Collar Apologetics: How to Explain and Defend Catholic Teaching Using Common Sense, Simple Logic, and the Bible.”

Over the last 20+ years, John has given hundreds of talks at parishes and conferences throughout the United States and Canada.

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The Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius Loyola, S.J.

By Jim Flanagan

St. Ignatius and the birth of his Spiritual Exercises

I was first introduced to the Jesuits when, as a young lad in high school living on the San Francisco Peninsula, I started attending the Jesuit Retreat House in Los Altos, El Retiro San Inigo, named after St. Ignatius, founder of the Society of Jesus.

When I was a senior in college, my dorm room was next to the university guest room. By happy chance one of the guests was a Jesuit priest from their seminary in Maryland. That, as well, was a significant experience, but in none of these contacts was there any mention of the spiritual exercises.

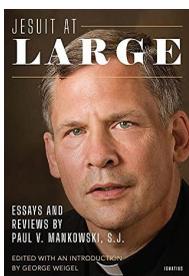
I did not explore the spiritual exercises until much later in life. From time to time I would look into it. But just like looking for a readable/comprehensible edition of "Imitation of Christ," it was a fruitless task, until recently when I found two books on St. Ignatius' spiritual exercises by Tim Muldoon. I also finally found an easily understandable edition of "Imitation of Christ," but that is another story, which I wrote about in the October 2021 CP&BC newsletter.

The two books of Tim Muldoon are "The Ignatian Workout" (2004) and "The Ignatian Workout for Lent" (2013). For this article I am using the smaller one for Lent because it is an easier digest of the exercises. The Lenten book can be used throughout the year because it uses the basic outline of St. Ignatius' spiritual exercises.

I believe it will be helpful to understand why and how St. Ignatius compiled the exercises. St. Ignatius started his adult life being a warrior, but, fortunately for us, he suffered a serious leg injury caused by a cannon ball in a battle in 1521. During his long recovery, he was forced to not do any significant bodily movement, and, as a result, was bedridden most of the time.

St. Ignatius read a lot, starting with the lives of warriors, then he found that the lives of the saints were similar in spirit. As the result of spending time in monasteries with monks, he was exposed to the spiritual exercises of St. Benedict, founder of the Benedictine Order. This made such an impression on him that he started compiling his own exercises while a university student in Paris. He gathered some other students who felt the same as he about having a life centered on the life of Jesus. Other students who did not understand sarcastically called them Jesusists, ironically maybe the forerunner of the name Jesuit. St. Ignatius shared and refined the exercises with his fellow students. Among the group was Francis Xavier, who also became a saint. The spiritual exercises were, and are, used regularly by the members of the group which finally was named the Society of Jesus, hence the S.J. The Society of Jesus was approved by Pope Paul III in 1540, 19 years after St. Ignatius suffered his battle wound which totally altered his life.

Editor's Note: The Ignatian Year began May 20, 2021, which was the 500th anniversary of St. Ignatius Loyola's injury during the Battle of Pamplona, which led to his conversion from soldier to saint—his cannonball moment. The year concludes on the Feast of St. Ignatius, July 31, 2022.



Book Review: John Kasaian

Jesuit at Large

By Paul V. Mankowski, S.F. with an introduction by George Weigel

Ignatius Press, San Francisco 2021

237 pages, paperback

\$17.95

Recently I came across this book, "Jesuit at Large" from Jesuit Fr. Paul V. Mankowski, SJ. From his working class South Bend, Indiana origins, he graduated from the University of Chicago (working summers at a steel mill to earn his tuition), Harvard, and Oxford, and was a professor at the Pontifical Biblical Institute. Fr. Mankowski was also an amazing linguist.

"Jesuit at Large" is a collection of essays written by Fr Mankowski on a variety of subjects of interest to Catholics, as well as reviews of authors A. N. Wilson, Gore Vidal, Norman Mailer, James Martin SJ, Evelyn Waugh, David Bentley, Gabriel Said Reynolds, and Wilson D. Miscamble CSC.

It's all great stuff—very readable and spiced with a unique humor;

however, the book's appendix offers an intriguing finale to our brief acquaintanceship with Fr Mankowski. The appendix reads like the detective story it is, chronologically citing every intrigue and cover up concerning the "Drinan" scandal.

Fr Robert F. Drinan SJ was elected a congressman from Massachusetts from 1971 to 1981, when Pope John Paul II ordered his withdrawal from Congress. Drinan was responsible for scandalizing the Church through his support of abortion in Congress, which led to the question of why a Jesuit would have been allowed to run for political office in the first place. The scandal fell squarely upon the shoulders of Fr Pedro Arrupe, SJ, the 28th Superior Jesuit of the Society of Jesus. We leave it to you to read the book to find out how Fr. Mankowski researched and resolved the scandal through a box of unclassified documents.

I'll give this one a thumbs up.

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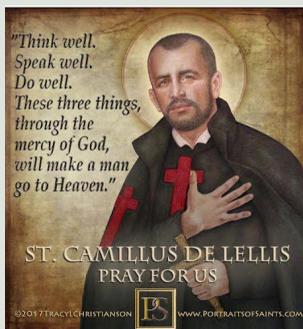
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April Prayer Prayer to St. Camillus

St. Camillus de Lellis is the patron saint of the sick, nurses, doctors, and healthcare workers.

Because St. Camillus devoted his life to the care of the sick and dying, his intercession is sought by those who are themselves suffering, as well as by those who treat and provide care for them.



Tim Dodd, Business Person of the month and David Gray, March speaker.

March Speaker Recap – David L. Gray

By Karen Bosch Cobb

David L. Gray, Catholic author, theologian, instructor

David walked us through the Holy Mass, which he describes as a Eucharistic

symphony. that teaches us to be a Eucharistic people. In the Mass, there are four presences, the priest, the people, the scripture, and the Holy Eucharistic. This is the only place/time we can find all four. David said that when he first discovered the liturgy, he found it mystic and different. He explained how Mass is completely focused on Jesus Christ. At the center of the liturgy is the altar of sacrifice. The Mass should be proceeded by silence so that we can hear God. The procession before Mass recalls other processions—including the procession to Calgary and the procession to the Christ. The symphony includes readings

from scripture, which teach us, and which are interpreted in the sermon, then it moves to the great sacrifice. During Mass we receive Christ, and at the end we are dismissed to go be Christ in the world.

He explained that the postures of Mass—sitting, standing, kneeling—teach us how to be Eucharistic people and shape our life, our home, and our environment by being attentive, reverent, and reclining.

David reminded us that life is a “state of being,” and that we are each to ask, “How do I be?” The world offers many pernicious solutions, and David frankly shared that he harmed people’s souls by leading them into Freemasonry. The mass asks the question “How do I be?” The answer is “Be Christ in the world!”

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Business Person of the Month Tim Collins

Tim Collins currently serves as Fresno State’s Senior Associate Athletics Director for Development. Collins brings more than 20 years of professional experience working in intercollegiate athletics both in

fundraising and as a college basketball coach. He and his wife, Renee, have a daughter, Kennedy (8), and son, James (6). They are members of the St. Paul Catholic Newman Center parish where Tim serves as a Eucharistic Minister, and they participate in “Faith Family & Friends.”

Starting with the Bulldogs in the fall of 2018, Collins leads all revenue development and fundraising activities for

the Department of Athletics, including supervision of the Bulldog Foundation. The BDF is a non-profit organization responsible for raising funds to support student-athlete scholarships, capital projects and other initiatives supporting Fresno State student-athletes. He also serves as the sport administrator for Women’s Basketball and Men’s and Women’s Golf.

Collins received his bachelor’s degree in humanities/ political science, from Loyola Marymount in May 2005. He completed a master’s degree in organizational management and sport administration from Chadron State in May 2008.

Upcoming Events

- April 8, 2022
- May 13, 2022
- June 10, 2022

Pope’s Worldwide Prayer April Intention

For health care workers

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

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Reservations: Reservations are required for all breakfast meetings held at Pardini's and can be made by sending an email to reservations@cpbcfresno.org or by calling Denise Correia at 559-434-2722 or by visiting the website www.cpbcfresno.org then click on reservation link. Doors open at 7:00 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 option to attend via ZOOM is available with a requested link and password for members only. An annual discounted cost of \$135 is available to members that prepay for the year. Prepaid members are also requested to make reservations.

Membership Directory: Ad space in the annual 2023 Membership Directory starts at \$50. The deadline for advertising reservations and artwork is December 31, 2022, for the 2023 publication. For more directory information, email directory@cpbcfresno.org or call Denise Correia at 559-434-2722.

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 our club. CP&BC thanks J. Colin Petersen of J - I.T. Outsource for the design and maintenance of the website. CP&BC also thanks Uhuru Network, LLC for their design and preparation of the newsletter.

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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