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May 12 Brenda Garcia

From falling off of bridges and piers as a stunt actor in Hollywood to building bridges as a Catholic broadcaster our May 12th breakfast speaker, Brenda Garcia, is most passionate about emphasizing the need of truly living out the commandments – especially by fulfilling the first two. Part of her mission includes living the Corporal Works of Mercy, in which instruction is one of her favorites as an orator.

Brenda realizes that a lot of our problems today consist not only because of a lack of belief in Jesus, but also because people "bottle in" their emotions and sufferings all too often. As a philanthropist with a counselor/psychologist background, Brenda focuses on the healing of the whole individual human being by emphasizing the importance of the Sacraments, God's great Divine Mercy, and the salvific grace of our faith within the realms and dimensions that make us human and children of God.

Brenda's passion for "building bridges" (as opposed to falling off of them!) extends to mending relationships. She is fascinated by the idea of reviving the art of seeking and knowing as a means for transforming mainstream culture to The Way, The Truth, and The Life through Truth, Goodness, and Beauty.

Her love for storytelling and her experience as a professional host and emcee make her a dynamic speaker with a desire to inspire others to utilize (and discover) their own unique gifts for the glorification of God.

CP&BC can use your help

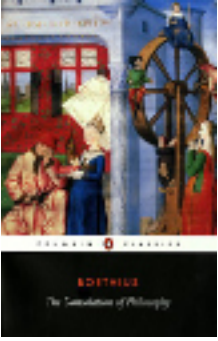
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- If you are interested in serving on the Board, please contact Tim Dodd at timothy.dodd@lpl.com
- If you are interested in assisting with the newsletter, please contact karen.boschcobb@netptc.net

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The Consolation of Philosophy

By Anicius Boethius

Revised edition translated by Victor Watts
155 pages, paperback
Penguin Books, 1999

By John Kasaian

There used to be books you had to read in high school and college that contributed to a student's Intellectual growth. Boethius' "The Consolation of Philosophy" was one of those books, While stimulating Intellectual growth has fallen from fashion, the great books are still with us, to enjoy on our own; however, the prospect of actually reading one of the great books is enough to give anyone the heebie-jeebies. I mean, those are really thick books written using really big words. Maybe you're thinking that those kinds of books are better suited for pressing wildflowers.

Fortunately, we have Boethius' "The Consolation of Philosophy," a svelte 117 pages (not counting the bibliography and glossary) and a superb translation by Victor Watts that makes reading "Consolation" a real pleasure.

Boethius (circa 480-524) was a Catholic and a renaissance man long before there was the Renaissance and seems like a pretty nice fellow, which is more than can be said for most renaissance men and certainly more than can be said for the Romans and the Ostrogoths.

Boethius wrote textbooks on music and mathematics, was both architect and artist, historian, and jurist, as well as being appointed to a variety of lucrative government posts because his integrity and eloquence was highly valued by Theodoric the Ostrogoth, King of the then crumbling Western portion of the Roman Empire.

His stellar service to the government is what cooked Boethius' goose for Rome had nothing over Washington DC when it came to being a swamp. Boethius was falsely implicated by heretical Arians in a plot involving sorcery, and was condemned to a gruesome death.

While Boethius was in prison in Pavia, awaiting to be bludgeoned to death, he wrote "The Consolation of Philosophy." "Consolation" is written more in the style of Plato than a theologian. Philosophy is represented as a nurse visitor who visits poor Boethius to console him through dialogue.

At 117 pages, "Consolation" should be a fast read, but it is so deep it took me two weeks to get through it simply because the points raised were so intriguing, I wanted to take my time mulling over them.

By all means get a copy from Cotter's and pass it on when you're finished. This is an important book!

April Business Person of the Month – David Borboa



I come from an old school Catholic family. Our life growing up really revolved around our church, St. Joseph's. When it was built, my dad was swinging a hammer. When it was up and running, my mom played the organ, dad was an usher, and we kids were dressed in our Sunday best. Legend has it that as a four-year-old, we were dining in an Italian restaurant in San Francisco. When the food came, my parents decided to forgo "grace." I threw a fit. They relented and all the Italian waiters stopped and prayed with us. As an altar server, I transitioned from reciting Latin to the English Mass. I attended Sacred Heart School in Dos Palos where a group of nuns from Spain and Japan helped grow our faith as well as our knowledge. And you did not mess with them. They must have done a good job as one of my classmates, Myron Cotta, is now the bishop of the Diocese of Stockton. During the eighties when I lived in the Bay area, Satan kept trying to pull me away from the faith and succeeded for a while when during a relationship, I was forbidden to attend Mass. That relationship didn't last, and I swore that

nothing would keep me from my faith again. I returned to Firebaugh and married a fine Catholic lady. Together, my late wife and I raised three daughters, and our faith was the center of our family. For the last 24 years, I have been a journalist headquartered on the Westside. I continued to work for St. Joseph's as my parents did. Now I have made the transition to living in Fresno where I will soon marry. I attend Holy Spirit, where I find a congregation that is vibrant and welcoming. God has truly blessed me.

Diocesan Event Corner

If your parish or Catholic organization is hosting an event open to all the Diocese of Fresno, we ask for you to notify us no less than six weeks before the event. We will gladly post this in our newsletter mailed to all CP&BC members.

Contact Tim Dodd for more information (559) 860-9198:

Friday, April 28, 2023

Adoremus
Location: St. John's Cathedral,
Fresno

Sunday, April 30, 2023, 4:30 PM

Durufle Requiem
Location: St. Charles Borromeo
Church, Visalia

Sunday, May 14, 2023

Shrine Pilgrimage at the Shrine of Our Lady of
Miracles
Location: Shrine of Our Lady of Miracles, Gustine



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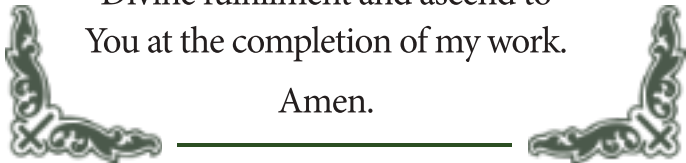
May Prayers

Prayer Meditation for The Ascension



O Lord Jesus, I adore you, Son of Mary, my Savior and my Brother, for You are God. I follow You in my thoughts, O first-fruits of our race, as I hope one day by Your grace to follow You in my person into heavenly glory. Until then, do not let me neglect the earthly task which You have given me. Let me labor diligently all my life with a greater appreciation for the present. Let me realize that only by accomplishing true human fulfillment can I attain Divine fulfillment and ascend to You at the completion of my work.

Amen.



April Speaker Recap



Chéri Ballinger

By Norma Williams

“Always be kind because you never know what others are going through,” advised April’s breakfast speaker, Chéri Ballinger.

A model, commercial actress, and a cast member of the 1998 Disney movie remake “The Parent Trap,” Chéri now sees life through a different lens as the result of a traumatic brain injury (TBI) in 2014, suffered during a trampoline accident film shoot. She could not walk or talk and lost all memory after falling seven feet and landing with her head on concrete. Though she will always have some health problems, she made a miraculous recovery over a period of four years. After about 3-1/2 years, she “hit a wall,” asking “What value am I?” During that painful and depressing time, with total surrender, she asked God what He wanted her to do with the gift of a second precious chance at life. She knew her goal would be to help people, to bring hope and light to someone else every day. Another goal is to spread devotion to Our Lady. Chéri shared novena prayer cards to Our Lady of Good Remedy with the audience.

Chéri has become an international motivational speaker and a movie producer. She co-produced the recently acclaimed “Roe v. Wade” and has five other movies in production, films that share her passion for life and bringing light to others. She is a spokesperson for the Women’s Brain Project.

Developing a service mindset is a beautiful way to live, says Chéri. She reminds us, “You may be the only Bible one reads today!”

Website: www.ChériBallinger.com

Upcoming Events

- May 12, 2023, Hotel Piccadilly’s Crown Room
- June 9, 2023 Site Pardini’s
- July and August, 2023 - No Meeting

Pope’s Worldwide Prayer

May - For church movements and groups



We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

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Reservations: Reservations are required for all breakfast meetings held at Pardini's or Hotel Piccadilly'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 7:15 a.m. and concludes at 8:30 a.m. The breakfast cost is \$25 for members and their guests and \$30 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 \$175 is available to members that prepay annual breakfast. Prepaid members are also requested to make reservations.

Membership Directory: Ad space in the annual 2023 Membership Directory starts at \$60. The deadline for advertising reservations and artwork is December 31, 2023. 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 Rodarte Productions 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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