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April Speaker - Derry Connolly

Profiled by Tom Lang



Derry Connolly, Ph.D., President and one of the founders of the John Paul the Great Catholic University (JP Catholic) for media and technology in San Diego, will be CP&BC Fresno's April 11th speaker. His talk will focus on the vision and the promise of the JP Catholic and how it feels to work at a very large public and very liberal institution (UC

San Diego) when you announce that you are planning to leave to build an orthodox Catholic institution.

Dr. Connolly will tell the "story of JP Catholic" thus far with all of its successes and challenges. The university offers a counter-balance to the frequently anti-Catholic positions of so many other institutions.

JP Catholic is strongly committed to being faithfully Catholic as it focuses on tackling the increasing decline in morality in the media. The university gives students the opportunity to acquire a deep and personal knowledge of Jesus Christ while encouraging and enabling them to become future media creators, entrepreneurs, and leaders.

Dr. Connolly holds a Ph.D. in Applied Mechanics from Cal-Tech in Pasadena, California and both an MSc & BSc in Mathematical Science from University College, Cork, Ireland. He holds eight US patents and has numerous technical publications. Prior to UCSD, Dr. Connolly spent 15 years working in industrial Research and Development with IBM and Kodak.

Derry and his wife Lidy have five children and a growing number of grandchildren. They attend Our Lady of Mount Carmel parish in Rancho Penasquitos.

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Speaker Recap

By Katherine Andes

Jesse Romero didn't disappoint at our March meeting. He kicked off the meeting with some clean Catholic jokes and soon had the audience in his hands. But his talk soon turned serious and tackled the ever-present menace of our

day: moral relativism or the denial that absolute truth exists.

As people in business, it's important that we acknowledge truth exists so that we can make ethical decisions in our work lives. As individuals, it's important so that we can make decisions that will get us to heaven. Romero reminded us that we must be Catholics before we're Americans. "Nationalities, political parties will all end at the grave," he said. "The faith will last into eternity."

He also noted historian Edward Gibbons' list of reasons for the decline of the Roman Empire: rampant divorce; higher taxes for welfare; mad craze for sexual pleasure; funding external wars when there were internal problems far worse; and, decay of religion. The parallels to our own civilization are clear.

Lest we, as Catholics, think smugly of ourselves, Romero reminded us that we've all been "sprinkled with enlightenment stardust." This contamination can lead us to worship the unholy trinity: me, myself, and I. Romero stressed living the truth and teaching it to our children and all we meet. He quoted John Paul II as saying that truth has a grace attached to it. The hearer may not respond immediately, but the truth will take root later. Untruth does not have grace attached to it.

That last point is something that should give us all confidence when we speak the truth ... who is Jesus Christ.

Pope Francis' Easter Prayer, March 31, 2013



Let us accept the grace of Christ's Resurrection! Let us be renewed by God's mercy, let us be loved by Jesus, let us enable the power of his love to transform our lives too; and let us become agents of this mercy, channels through which God can water the earth, protect all creation and make justice and peace flourish.

Business Person of the Month



Scott Karl

Scott Karl wants to touch as many lives possible each day to help families identify and understand the financial rules of the "Personal Finance and Wealth Building Game." Scott uses a no additional out-of-pocket cost approach. Using a 40-year-old Macro Financial Model tool that resembles a game board, Scott can show clients how to organize, analyze, strategize, and track their whole financial life by viewing all of their money

decisions such as insurances that protect assets, short and long term savings objectives, investments, pension plan option decisions and debt management, on one simple page.

Scott is a lifelong resident of Fresno, is married to Priscilla since 1989, has served as an Ambassador for the Fresno Chamber of Commerce, and is currently a Rotarian with Rotary Club of Fresno. Scott and Priscilla have an 18 year old son who attends University High School and are parishioners at Saint Paul Newman Center. Go to www.scottkarl.com

Upcoming Events

Breakfast Meetings

Save the Dates!

- April 11th
- May 19th
- June 13th

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Board Bio **By David Austin**



My father, Manuel Austin and grandfather, Lee Orosco, had no formal education but taught me a lesson I practice daily ... take care of your family, our Catholic church, and our community. As a school principal, college instructor, husband of 45 years, and father of two daughters and one grandson — respect for

oneself and respect for others governs my Catholic belief and spiritual practice as I work to better my family, my church, and my community.

“When preparation and opportunity meet, the result is success” was a saying that my university mentors Dr. Arturo Cabrera and Dr. Ernesto Galarza often stated. Working with children and hearing their laughter and seeing them have the “ah-ha” experience of learning has been the passion of my life and my profession as a parent, teacher, and principal.

How do you incorporate your faith into your daily life?

Each morning I say a father’s prayer to provide me strength and guidance to serve others. I admire Pope Francis and the encouraging and challenging words he stated through his World Youth Day. He is also a guiding light for the mature.

What’s important about being a Catholic in today’s society?

Modeling our Catholic values and listening to the words of Pope Francis when he stated that church ministers have an obligation to give the young the education, formation, and support they need in order to respond as Catholics in today’s world.

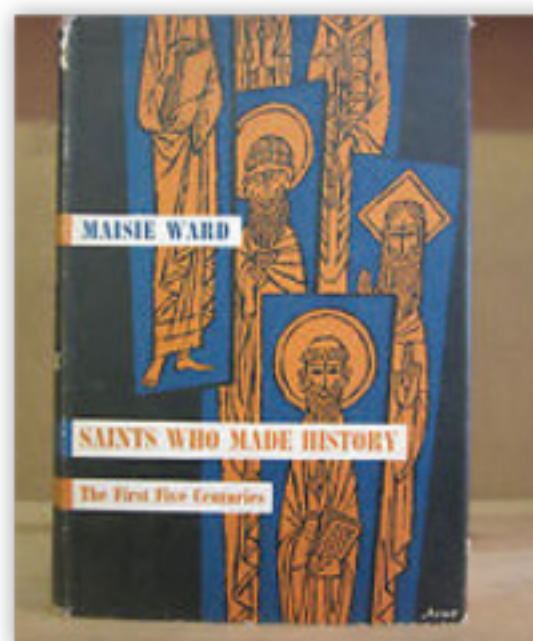
Why did you agree to be a member of the CP&BC Board?

I agreed to serve because I believe in the mission and vision of the CP&BC, and I admire and respect CP&BC members.

What do most people not know about you that isn’t too embarrassing to share?

That I trained horses as a means to pay for my college degree while attending San Jose State College, and that I attended Brigham Young University in support of a doctorate degree with an emphasis in strategic planning.

Book Review



Saints Who Made History

By Maisie Ward
Sheed and Ward, New York, 1959

377 pages hard cover

The lives of the Saints should inspire Catholics, which is why the Church holds Saints in such esteem — they are not just

“dead good people” — in fact they are not dead to us but live in heaven and nearly all of them had a pretty darned tortured existence trying to get “good.” This is important and hopeful news to us!

To the “hurting” of our times, the idea of being scourged and crucified is a difficult thing to identify with; the “cross we pick up” will land us in Calvary (or St. Peter’s, or Holy Cross, or some other hopefully Catholic cemetery) but it is a safe bet that our footsteps are not going to be the same as those taken by Christ. This is where the beauty of the Saints come in!

All too often we hear about truly holy saints and cannot quite identify with them, but there is an army of Saints for us to get to know — Saints who lived lives not very far off from our own, dealing with addictions, crime, immorality, financial burdens, family problems, cruelty, and deceit. There are even Saints who not only bore such crosses, but inflicted these same injustices upon others, yet were able with grace to repent and become holy men and women — Saints!

In this book, Maisie Ward, one half of the great apologetic team of Sheed and Ward, presents the lives of saints from the first five centuries of the Church. These are crusty, brawling, and earthy people transformed by God’s grace to deal with the schisms of their time. It’s an enlightening book. Visit Cotter Religious Goods for a copy.

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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.

Membership Directory: It's time to start planning for the 2015 Membership Directory! Ad space starts at only \$50. Contact Denise Correia at directory@cpbcfresno.org for more information. Deadline for ads in the January 2015 publication is December 1, 2014.

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 the club. CP&BC thanks Rod Silver of ARTCO 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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