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## November 10th

### Robert Renzi

The second oldest of 12 children, our November 10th breakfast speaker, Robert Renzi, believes in story and storytelling and that beauty can change the world whether it be on the big screen or in a room full of people.

Robert's passion grew as he found himself making his way to Hollywood, and at the same time (after a short detour in his faith) experiencing a complete reversion back to the Church. His love for acting and newfound love of Catholicism came to a head when he was cast as Jesus Christ in the upcoming feature film about Eucharistic miracles called "The New Manna."

Several years ago, Robert moved to LA to pursue his dream of being an actor with the grandiose confidence that many actors have...the dream of "making it big."

As the years progressed and his career did not, his faith was exploding. He couldn't get enough of learning about it, studying it, and reading scripture. His heart was on fire, and his priorities began to shift from Saturday night fun with the boys to waking up early for Sunday Mass.

When COVID struck and everything was shutting down, his faith and trust in Jesus were growing. It was during this time that he was in search of a parish he could call home. After many prayers, God led him to a small church in the town of San Fernando called St. Vitus.

The story of how all this led to him being cast in the role of Jesus is a story about how God brings out the best in us -- so much so that others see something within us that we often do not see in ourselves.

We hope you will join us to hear Robert's uplifting story about how everything in life, all the goodness and all the beauty that anyone sees, is a direct result of the greatest love story known to man: Christ's life, suffering, pain, and glorious resurrection.

### CP&BC needs your help.

- We are looking for a Treasurer (who will also be a board member). QuickBooks experience is desirable. Please contact Tim Dodd if interested or if you have questions. If you are interested in serving on the Board, please contact Tim Dodd at [timothy.dodd@lpl.com](mailto:timothy.dodd@lpl.com)
- We need parish ambassadors for these parishes. Please contact Tim Dodd. If one of these is your parish, he can explain your easy duties. St. Anthony of Padua, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Our Lady of the Sierra, Our Lady of Victory, Sacred Heart, Shrine of St. Therese, St. Alphonsus, St. Anthony Claret, St. Helen, St. Joachim, St. Joseph, St. Lucy, St. Mary, St. Patrick, St. Brigid, Immaculate Heart of Mary, and St. Ann.
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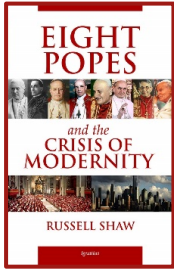
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# Eight Popes and the Crisis of Modernity

By Russell Shaw  
Ignatius Press, San Francisco 2020  
150 pages, softbound

Here we have a very well written book which gives the reader fascinating insight into the minds and motives of Pius X, Benedict XVI, Pius XI, Pius XII, John Paul XXIII, Paul VI, John Paul I, and John Paul II in dealing with Modernity.

By John Kasaian

In 1903, Pope St. Pius X addressed the issues of Modernity, a belief that banned the divine from faith, and dignity from humanity as a by-product of the modern age, an age which also brought forth Darwin, Nietzsche, Marx, WWI, Communism, National Socialism, WWII, and a host of other not very good things, which the next seven popes of the 20th Century had to deal with as well. (Apparently John Paul I didn't live long enough to be so burdened so he isn't referenced in Shaw's book.)

Modernism is for the most part dead, supplanted by Postmodernism which has its own issues, (Pope John Paul II is considered the first Post Modernist Pope) but still an assault on the dignity of the human person witnessed in 21st century genocides of the Ukrainians, Uyghurs, and of course, abortion.

It is a worthwhile book, making a very complex subject easy to grasp without dumbing down the subject.

You can get a copy of your own at Cotters Religious Goods.

## November Business Person of the Month – Richard Machado



Richard is President and a co-founder of Agrian and oversees the company's food processor sales and governmental relations. Before co-founding Agrian, he spent two years at the Economic Development Corporation of Fresno, where he served as President and CEO, recruiting companies and jobs to Fresno County. Prior to that, he was a Director for the California Trade and Commerce Agency in the office of California Governor Pete Wilson. While there, he worked to attract business to California's agricultural food processing industry. Richard holds a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from California State University, Fresno.

He is an Advisory Board Member of CIFAR (California Institute of Food & Agricultural Research) at the University of California, Davis, and speaks at many agricultural forums.

Richard and his wife Carol attend Shrine of St. Terese.

## 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:

**Wednesday, October 25, 2023, 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM** Dr. Byock's "The Surprising Potential for Wellbeing Through the End of Life"  
Location: Valley Oak Ballroom, Wyndham Visalia

**Friday, October 27, 2023** 29th Annual Marian Eucharistic Conference  
Location: Clovis Veterans Memorial District, Clovis

**Saturday, October 28, 2023, 8:00 AM - 9:00 PM** International Exhibition: The Eucharistic Miracles of the World  
Location: Hayes Hall, Our Lady of Victory Church, Fresno

**Thursday, November 2, 2023, 10:00 AM** Annual All Souls Day Mass  
Location: St. Peter's Catholic Cemetery, Fresno

We encourage you to sign up for the Diocese of Fresno weekly newsletter, which is published every Monday morning.  
<https://dioceseoffresno.org/newsletter>

### Stay Connected with Prayers!



Prayers when you and your loved ones need them the most! It's amazing, simply join the CP&BC Prayer Network, call or email your requests, and our network will pray for you.

**To join**, or update your email address contact Sally Lauritzen  
salauritz@att.net or 559-439-8378.

### Interested in sponsoring the newsletter?

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[vavi@cns4u.com](mailto:vavi@cns4u.com)



## November Prayers

All Souls Day and All Saints Day



### All Souls' Day

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

### All Saints Day

Blessed are you, O God, for you are holy, gracious, and good, the hope of all the faithful. Empower the meek and encourage the poor. Comfort those who mourn and fill humble hearts with gladness. Give food to the hungry, drink to the thirsty, peace to the peacemakers, mercy to the merciful, and honor to the despised.



## October Speaker Recap



### Valerie Staples

By Norma Williams

“We are called to make a difference in society,” proclaimed October speaker Valerie Staples. Once a self-professed “cafeteria Catholic,” her father introduced her to the science of apologetics. A student of philosophy and theology, she home schools seven children, including one with special needs, and is the wife of Tim Staples, apologist, author, and former CP&BC speaker.

Valerie discussed Catholic involvement in the nation’s founding and how the Catholic ethos was often embraced without being realized. She summarized some key Supreme Court decisions involving Catholics in the 19th and 20th centuries.

Valerie believes that most Catholics miss the message of Vatican II, and she urges its careful reading. To strengthen one’s faith, she advocates silent retreats, praying the rosary as a means of personal devotion and keeping families intact, obtaining a spiritual director, and sharing faith with others. To enhance what they are learning in school, Valerie suggests involving children in the Great Books. “Pray for your children,” she asserts. It is a tragedy that some consider children a burden rather than a blessing.

Let your light shine before men, get involved in society, and support groups and corporations who are “doing the right thing” in upholding Catholic values. “Now is the time,” she states.

## Upcoming Events

- November 10, Pardini’s
- December 8, Pardini’s
- January No Meeting

## The Pope’s Monthly Intentions November 2023 - For the Pope



We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

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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](mailto:reservations@cpbcfresno.org) or by calling Denise Correia at 559-434-2722 or by visiting the website [www.cpbcfresno.org](http://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 (\$50 savings) 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.cpbcfresno.org) for all the latest information about our club. CP&BC thanks Christopher Erk of TrevNet 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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