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September 8 John Johnson

Our exciting September 8th breakfast speaker, John Johnson, is coming to us from Sacramento. John is a lay Catholic businessman and educator with a Philosophy degree from St. Mary's College and a Master's degree in theology from the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology where his work focused on the beatific epistemology of St. Thomas Aquinas.

John is a generalist. He serves on the executive boards of thriving companies he helped to found in four distinct sectors: education, technology, real estate, and food. Each serves to renew the culture through beauty.

For completely different reasons, John has been featured on EWTN, the History Channel, and the DIY Network. While running businesses he has concurrently served the church as a director of propaedeutic formation for seminarians, the director of youth and young adult ministry, and a catechist.

He is the Executive Director of the Albertus Magnus Institute, <https://magnusinstitute.org> a nonprofit foundation offering online coursework in the great books, and the host of the Magnus Podcast <https://magnusinstitute.org/>

Known for his treatment of St. John's Gospel, John has spoken at Catholic colleges, retreats, and events across the United States and internationally. He is happily married and the father to six children.

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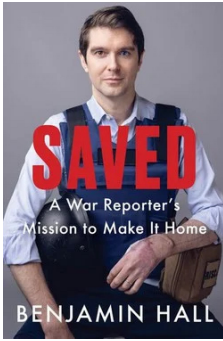
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- We need parish ambassadors for these parishes. Please call Tim Dodd, (email above) if one of these is your parish, and he can explain your easy duties. St. Anthony of Padua, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Our Lady of the Sierra, Our Lady of Victory, Sacred 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.
- If you are interested in assisting with the newsletter, please contact karen.boschcobb@netptc.net
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Saved: A War Reporter's Mission to Make It Home

By John Kasaian

By Benjamin Hall

Harpers Collins, New York 2023

271 pages hardbound \$32

By John Kasaian

Hall was a war correspondent in Ukraine and was blown up when the car he was in was hit by a missile, killing his producer/translator and cameraman, and leaving him horribly injured and trapped inside the car.

This book isn't about Benjamin Hall, although there is a fascinating biography included, but rather about the incredibly brave people who rescued him, the doctors and technicians who reconstructed him after lengthy stays in multiple military hospitals, and his wife and young daughters who welcomed him home with all his physical trauma.

This is some amazing writing and well worth reading. It reminds me of Ernest Hemingway's dispatches from the Spanish Civil War and WWII. The story really got to me because I hadn't really been a fan of Benjamin Hall before when watching him on the news, but this story puts his life and the war in Ukraine in perspective.

I think you'll enjoy it, too.

Cotter's Religious Goods can probably order you a copy.



Meet your CP&BC Board

Back Row: David Borboa, Toni Porter, Tony Drew, Karen Bosch Cobb, Ranae Holody, Larry Holody, Tom Lang, Tim Dodd

Middle Row: Susan Birmingham, Denise Correia, Ana Paula Redditt

Front Row: Donna Shepherd, RosaMaria Henry, Lucina Meyers, Sally Lauritzen

June Business Person of the Month – Larry Holody



Larry Holody sat on the first board of the Catholic Professional Business Club, which was started by Mary and Frank Borges in 1990. He has been on the board ever since, even serving as President.

He was born in the "real" Los Angeles and migrated north to Los Banos, and eventually Fresno State, where he graduated in accounting. He is a "die-hard" Fresno State Bulldog fan and has raised funds for the athletic teams and cheered them on since graduation.

Larry has been a Certified Financial Planner and worked in the investment industry for 49 years. He retired in 2017.

Larry and Ranae (also on the board) have celebrated 52 years of marriage. They have three children and six grandchildren.

The Catholic faith became a part of Larry's life in 1967 when he became a Catholic in Los Banos.

Holy Spirit has been the Holody family church since its beginning. Larry raised funding for the church and sat on the Financial Council. He has participated in many church organizations and is most proud of his mission as Eucharistic and Stephens Minister.

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:

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

Friday, September 8, 2023 Marriage Enrichment Retreat | Location: St. Anthony Retreat Center, Three Rivers

Monday, September 11, 2023, 9:00 AM International Summit on Vaccines Research and Development | Location: San Francisco, CA

Tuesday, September 12, 2023 Come Away Retreat | Location: St. Anthony Retreat Center, Three Rivers

Friday, September 22, 2023 Women's Retreat | Location: St. Anthony Retreat Center, Three Rivers

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.

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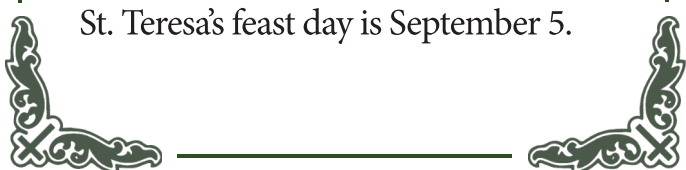


September Prayer

A Prayer to St. Teresa of Calcutta



By tender, loving care for the poorest and the neediest, you became the sign of God's presence, His love and compassion in the midst of suffering and pain. Following your example, help us to recognize the face of Jesus in our suffering brothers and sisters, and to serve Him with humility and joy. St. Teresa's feast day is September 5.



June Speaker Recap



Christopher Check

By Karen Bosch Cobb

Thanks to the persistent efforts of Tom Lang, CP&BC Vice-President and Speaker Chair, we were privileged to end our 22-23 year with an outstanding speaker, Christopher Check, the President of Catholic Answers, which is the largest lay-run Catholic apologetics and evangelization organization in the English-speaking world.

Christopher, who lives in San Diego, used California as a backdrop and metaphor for his talk. In 1796 Father Serra established California Missions which became the foundation for many of California's major cities. Christopher is a docent at the Mission Trails Regional Park where he believes California's natural beauty and the Missions converge. The park is also the site of California's first dam, which is in ruins and is a metaphor for the State of California, which he stated is in ruins.

He asked how you could not believe in God and be in this beautiful state. We have been put in this place by God. He explored three options for us: retreat from the world, stay in community and labor for the renewal of our community, and engage in the corporal and physical works of mercy.

Using references to California history and historians and current state and national politics, he reminded us that God is interested in how we live, not what we do. Our religion is a religion of being, not doing. Christ must live in us. We should ask to unite our intentions with God's. We must transform ourselves in faith, and leave it to God to multiply the work that we do. If we fail, we lose our soul.

Upcoming Events

- September 8, 2023 Pardini's
- October 13, 2023 Pardini's
- November 10, 2023 Pardini's

The Pope's Monthly Intentions

September 2023 - For people living on the margins



We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

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CP&BC Membership Dues: Annual dues are \$55 per person and are due August 31, 2023. The deadline for the 2024 Membership Directory is December 31, 2023. For more information contact Denise Correia at 559-999-9153 or email membership@cpbcfresno.org.

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 (\$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 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 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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