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December 13—Annual Christmas Party

Profiled by Tom Lang

CP&BC's fun annual Christmas Party is coming up on Friday, December 13th.

Come share the Joy of the Season with time planned for networking, humorous holiday icebreakers, and music by the wonderful school choir from Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Clovis—all designed to put us in the right frame of mind for this blessed time of year.

Invite your Catholic as well as non-Catholic co-workers to join us at the party as it is the ideal “meeting” to introduce them to what CP&BC is all about.

For Christmas this year, our Club is providing an opportunity to donate to Catholic Charities. If you wish to donate, please bring unwrapped toys, coats, blankets, jackets, hats and gloves, or cash.

Reserve your seats early—Santa needs time to plan.

We look forward to seeing you there.



Become Part of Our Prayer Network Today!

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, contact [Sally salauritz@att.net](mailto:Sallysalauritz@att.net) or 559-439-8378

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Book Review

By John Kasaian

The Catholic Writer Today and Other Essays - by Dana Gioia
213 pages paperbound | Wiseblood Books | Belmont, NC 2019

“...although Roman Catholicism constitutes the largest religious and cultural group in the United States, Catholicism currently enjoys no positive presence in the American fine arts—not in literature, music, sculpture, or painting. It also marks a major historical change—an impoverishment, indeed even a disfigurement—for Catholicism, which has for two millennia played a hugely formative and inspirational role in the arts.”

So commences Dana Gioia’s essay “The Catholic Writer Today.” This essay alone is worth the price of this book if you have an interest in contemporary Catholic literature and find yourself troubled by the dearth of Catholic arts.

Where are today’s Flannery O’Connor, Graham Greene, Walker Percy, Alfred Hitchcock, Big Crosby, and JRR Tolkien? Why do Catholic writers go unpublished by the secular press and Catholicism itself is ridiculed in literary journals, visual arts, and poetry if mentioned at all?

Dana Gioia, California Poet Laureate, opera composer, Chairman of the National Endowment of the Arts, and holder of the Judge Widney Chair of Poetry at USC, explores this theme and gives a no holds barred account of failure of Catholic arts, which had nourished society with beauty, music, and entertainment for so long, but no longer.

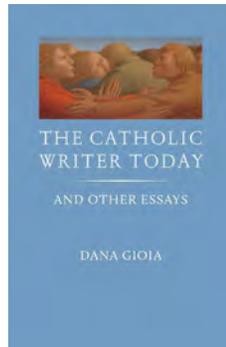
Other essays round out this collection, and we are introduced to Gerard Manley Hopkins and Dominican Brother Antoninus (William Everson, who attended Fresno State, farmed in Selma, and was a poet printer in San Francisco’s hippy era) among others.

There are also two interviews with Dana Gioia offered as exercises in the classical form of critical dialog and which provide an excellent grasp of the author’s motivations.

Two of the shorter essays in the back of this book I found equally fascinating and enlightening— “The Epistle of Paul to the Philippians” and “To Witness Truth Uncompromised: Modern Martyrs.”

You can get your own copy at Cotter’s Religious Goods.

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Glory to God in the highest!
 My precious Lord,
 Jesus, I adore You
 with profound love
 and rejoice in the
 celebration of Your
 birth.

Your love for us is unfathomable, it is glorious transforming, awe-inspiring, and deeply personal.

You chose to come and dwell among us, being born into poverty, rejection and humility.

Yet Your mother knew whom she bore, Her heart was filled with the tenderest love as she adored her Child and her God.

Help me, dear Lord, to come to love You with the heart of Your mother.

Invite me to adore You with St. Joseph and the poor shepherds.

Reveal to me the glorious power of Your birth and change my life on account of this perfect gift of Yourself.

I love You, dear Lord Jesus.

Help me to love You with all my heart.

Newborn Savior of the World,

I trust in You.

Mother Mary and St. Joseph,

Pray for me and for all.



Amen.



Business Person of the month— Catherine Fitzgerald

Catherine Fitzgerald, a parishioner at St Paul Catholic Newman Center since childhood, is a graduate of UCLA, a certified coach with The Great Game of Business, and the owner of Catapult Leadership Group. Throughout her life and career, Catherine has invited the will of God to direct her heart toward her next chapter. Each time she has made that leap of faith, her decision has been affirmed because her past experiences have prepared her for her newest adventure, and this is especially true today as she coaches her clients on their business journeys. Catherine has over 30 years experience in both the for-profit and non-profit arenas. From Regional Sales Manager, to Executive Director, to Vice President to CEO, these roles have included experience in management, HR, sales, fundraising, budgeting, grant acquisition, electronic payment systems, and strategic planning. Catherine is also a board member for a non-profit, an avid cook who hates to miss a workout, and the proud mom of three amazing sons.



Upcoming Events

- January—No Meeting
- February 14—Breakfast Meeting
- March 13—Breakfast Meeting

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Parish Profile

Fr. Paul Keller, St. Paul Catholic Newman Center
By Don Cardel

Fr. Paul Keller, C.M.F., was born in Fort Dodge, Iowa where he grew up with his sister and three brothers.

At the age of ten, Father felt the calling to the vocation of the priesthood. He was ordained in 1996 in Sioux City, Iowa by Bishop Lawrence Soens. As a Claretian Missionary Priest, Fr. Keller had various assignments all over with some in Chicago, Illinois; San Antonio, Texas; Arizona; Canada; and East Africa. In Los Angeles, California he worked in high school campus ministry.

He studied at Loyola University in Chicago where he obtained his undergraduate degree in 1989. He continued his education at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago receiving his Master's in 1994. He went on to receive a Master's in Marriage and Family Therapy at St. Mary's in San Antonio, Texas in 1996.

Fr. Paul enjoys going to and watching Fresno State sports of all kinds. When he is not practicing his martial arts, he also enjoys playing the harmonica and his ukulele.

We have been blessed having Fr. Paul at the Newman Center.



November Speaker Recap— Patrick Coffin

By Norma Williams

November breakfast speaker, Patrick Coffin, cited a disturbing statistic from Pew Research, that for every Catholic confirmation, six leave the Church, making lapsed Catholics the largest “denomination.”

As host of Catholic Answers Live radio show for eight years and of a current podcast interviewing “crazy courageous” personalities, Patrick helps people finish the sentence “I’m Catholic because…” He urges always being ready to answer questions, to help others receive the fullness of truth, to give positive faith a second look, and to explain why one should stay in a church run by sinners.

A big myth is that the Gospel is not reachable, Patrick states. Carrying our crosses every day, one step at a time, evil can be overcome by personal sanctity. Patrick reminds us that God lives in the now, that Jesus said “I am.” With “crazy courage” one can feel apprehensive but act anyway and achieve patience by not responding to fear.

Patrick believes the Church is undergoing purification. He cites the years 1965 to 1969 as the time when “American culture fell apart.” As an example, in 1965 “The Sound of Music” won the Academy Award for best picture, but in 1969 it was “Midnight Cowboy.”

With stories, humor and a little magic, Patrick tells us that “small can be huge,” recalling that Jesus came from small beginnings but made a large impact, and so can we.

Raised in Nova Scotia, Canada, Patrick now lives in Orange County, California, with his wife, two children and a cat.

Website: patrickcoffin.net



Pope’s Worldwide Prayer December Intention

The Future of the Very Young

That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.

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CP&BC Membership Dues: Annual dues are \$45 per person and were due June 30, 2019. The deadline for the 2020 Membership Directory is December 31, 2019. For more information contact John Kanaley at 315-243-6597.

Reservations: Reservations are required for all breakfast meetings, held at Pardini's, and can be made by calling Denise Correia at (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 breakfast cost is \$17 for members and \$22 for non-members. An annual discounted cost of \$120 is available to members that prepay for the year; this is a savings of \$33. Reservations are still required for prepays.

Membership Directory: For the 2020 Membership directory, ad space starts at \$50. December 15, 2019 is the deadline to reserve ad space. December 31, 2019 is the deadline for ad artwork. More directory advertising is available at www.cpbcfresno.org

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.

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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