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March 10

John Gerardi

By Tom Lang, Vice President and Programming
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Our March 10 speaker will be John Gerardi, who is an attorney, the Executive Director of Right to Life of Central California, and co-founder and CEO of the

Obria Medical Clinics of Central California. He is also the host of “The John Gerardi Show” and “Right to Life Radio,” both on Powertalk 96.7 KALZ in Fresno, and available on Apple Podcasts. He is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and Notre Dame Law School. John and his wife, Holly, live in Clovis with their five children: Madeleine, Sophia, John, Elizabeth, and James.

Many of you will remember John as our CP&BC president from September 2018 to October 2020. John’s faith makes him a powerful “warrior” for unborn.

Please note: Due to the scheduled remodeling of Pardini’s Banquet facility, CP&BC’s March and April breakfasts will be held across the street at the Hotel Piccadilly’s Crown Room. Thank you for your understanding!

CP&BC can use your help

- We are looking for a Treasurer (and board member) to begin our new fiscal year in July 2023. QuickBooks experience is desirable. Please contact Tim Dodd or Tom Lang 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
- If you are interested in assisting with the newsletter, please contact karen.boschcobb@netptc.net

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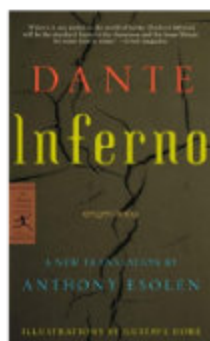
- The Board expresses grateful appreciation to Uhuru Network, LLC, which has provided their publishing expertise for 9 and a half years. Our beautiful newsletter layout and design each month would not have been possible without their donated services.

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Inferno

By Dante Alighieri

A new translation by Anthony Esolen
 Illustrated by Gustave Dore
 The Modern Library, New York 2005
 519 pages, paperback

2021 was the 700-year anniversary of Dante's writing of "The Divine Comedy," and I was motivated to read it because it is one of those works that have captivated readers far more intelligent than I.

I have looked at copies of "The Divine Comedy, but never read through it all, much less understood what little (Longfellow's translation) I had read.

Having no illusions, I knew this was going to be literary combat, and I wanted the cards stacked in my favor. Having read (and reviewed) several works by Anthony Esolen, I was happy to learn he'd recently translated "The Divine Comedy," since I find his style easily understood, at least for me.

That's the good news. The bad news is that it was, in its entirety, out of print.

Since "The Divine Comedy" is made up of three books, I didn't want to start reading until I had all three books ("Inferno," "Purgatory," and "Paradise") in my possession, so I could read them in order, as Dante intended.

Fast forward to 2023, I was finally able to track down new copies of all three books and start the adventure. "The Divine Comedy" is profoundly Catholic, but don't let that put you off; Esolen's translation, appendixes, and notes speak sympathetically to the reader, explaining the intriguing parts as well as summarizing the importance of medieval nuance. As the Roman poet Virgil is Dante's gentle guide through a literary inferno, so too is Esolen the reader's gentle guide through the allegorical inferno. That is what makes these editions worthwhile.

Arguably one of the greatest epic poems ever written as well, as being profoundly Catholic, I thought it worthwhile to read, understand, and appreciate this allegorical tour de force.

You might ask Cotter's Religious Goods to see if they can find you copies.

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:

Sunday, February 26, 2023

Shrine Pilgrimage at the Shrine of St. Therese

Location: Shrine of St. Therese, Fresno

Sunday, March 19, 2023

Shrine Pilgrimage at the Shrine of St. Jude Thaddeus

Location: Shrine of St. Jude Thaddeus, Livingston

Friday, March 17, 2023, 7:00 PM

Rosary Procession for the Eucharistic Revival

Location: St. Patrick's Church, Merced

Thursday, March 30, 2023, 6:30 PM

Right to Life's Annual Educational Dessert

Location: St. Paul Newman Center

Saturday, March 18, 2023

I Thirst Fresno: the Revival is coming thanks to Jesus Thirsts. Spend the day at St. Charles Borromeo and experience the power of the Eucharist. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Brennan; there will be 10 other speakers. To register visit <https://dioceseoffresno.org/i-thirst-fresno>

Location: St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, Visalia



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 salautitz@att.net or 559-439-8378.

Interested in sponsoring the newsletter?

Contact Denise Correia
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March Prayers

For Lent

Lord, help us to grow in faith and love over these next forty days, and may we be brought even closer to you in our lives. Lord, you are our God and we are your people, may we never veer from the perfect path which you have set before us. Be our rock and our strength Lord Jesus. Amen

Heal me, Lord, and help me to find you in the darkness of my life. Let me reach out in this darkness and feel your hand and love there to guide me. Lord, I know how much you love me. Amen

Guide me as I humbly seek to repent and return to your love. May humility guide my efforts to be reconciled with you and live forever in your abundant grace. Transform me this Lent, heavenly Father. Give me the strength to commit myself to grow closer to you each day.



February Speaker Recap



John Zanoni

By Norma Williams

Kicking off the 2023 season of breakfast speakers was newly elected Fresno County Sheriff John Zanoni. He gave an overview of his department, the sixth largest in California, covering 6000 square miles with 1300 employees. The policing style in the department is different from that of city and state police with each deputy covering as much as 500 miles per day.

Homicides in the county average 13-18 per year. Auto theft is a big problem as are rampant drugs and gang violence. Regarding the homeless, John reports, "One cannot force people to make changes they do not want to make." A shortage of several thousand prison beds means lawbreakers are often soon back on the streets. The Department is the process of installing body cameras.

To give youth places to go and things to do, the department sponsors activities such as ball games and outings to water parks, and works closely with county school districts on active shooter training which includes run first, then hide.

A Fresno native and life-long Catholic, John attended San Joaquin Memorial High School and received a bachelor of science degree in Criminology from Fresno State. He became a deputy sheriff in 1996, then rose the ranks to detective, sergeant, lieutenant, and captain. He became assistant sheriff in 2018 in charge of field operations.

In his line of work, John states it can sometimes be challenging to see the good in people. Faith helps!

Upcoming Events

- **March 10, 2023** Hotel Piccadilly's Crown Room
- **April 14, 2023**, Hotel Piccadilly's Crown Room
- **May 12, 2023** Site TBD

Pope's Worldwide Prayer March: for victims of abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

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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 7:20 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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