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## December 10 Our Lady of Perpetual Help School



It's time for our annual Christmas  
Party breakfast!

Now that we're meeting again  
in-person, we can't believe it was  
"way back" in 2018 when we last  
had the pleasure of the children's choir from OLPH performing live for  
us.

Under the direction of Melita Mudri-Zubacz, the Concert Choir at Our  
Lady of Perpetual Help School is an auditioned ensemble that prepares  
more advanced repertoire.

In addition to participating in school-related masses and concerts, this  
is the performing group that travels in order to represent OLPH's school  
in the wider community, including the Blue Mass at St. John's Cathedral,  
Right to Life Fundraising Dinners, as well as Disney Performing Arts  
Workshops.

This group consists of students from the 4th through the 8th grades ,who  
work exceptionally hard at their once-per-week rehearsals.

We look forward to seeing everyone at Pardini's on December 10th for  
this wonderful celebration of the blessed season of Christmas!

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## Book Review

By John Kasaian

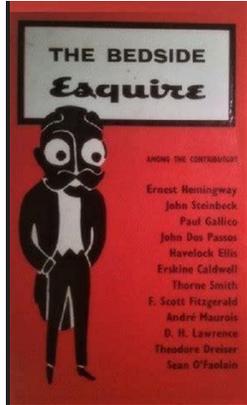
**The Bedside Esquire**

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New York, 1940

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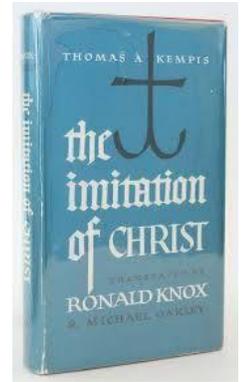
Before “Esquire Magazine: became a magazine not suitable to serious Christians, it was under the editorship of Arnold Gingrich, who collected the best contemporary authors of his day – Hemingway, Steinbeck, Lardner, Gallico, Dos Passos, Hughes, Caldwell, Dreiser, etc. – and introduced the public to fiction, essays, travel, sports, and humor of a quality unseen before or since. The Bedside Esquire is a collection of these stories and essays, from a time modern readers might consider simpler, but certainly no less dangerous than today. (It was the start of WW2 after all!) I found this a very comfortable book to read, each story convenient to be relished in a single sitting. Look for your copy in a used bookstore or thrift shop. Mine cost .35 cents.

## Quotations From the Imitation of Christ

Part III

By Jim Flanagan

The first two parts of this series of quotations from “The Imitation of Christ” were in our October and November newsletters. This article continues with some brief passages.



Chapter 15: On Charity as the motive of our actions: The performance of an action is worthless in itself if it is not done out of charity. Charity must be our motive. After all, what God takes into account is not so much the thing we do, as the love that went into doing it. Act for the public good, not for your own pleasure.

Chapter 16: On putting up with other people’s “faults.” There will always be faults in others and ourselves. There is nothing to do but to put up with it – perhaps the best way to test your patience. You would do well to pray about such inconveniences – ask God in his mercy to help you bear them calmly. There is no better test of a man’s quality than when he cannot have things his way.

Chapter 18: On the example set for us by our Holy Fathers: Apostles and martyrs, confessors and virgins, and all those who would follow in Christ’s footsteps, many were the trials they went through, caring nothing for life in this world, if life might be theirs in eternity. Strangers to the world? Yes, but close and intimate friends of God. Never let it be said that you fell asleep over your task of growth in holiness, you who have had all these examples of devotion constantly before your eyes.

## 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 five 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



### 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 or 559-439-8378

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# December Prayer Prayer for Catechists

Prayer of St. Charles Borromeo

Almighty God, you have generously made known to human beings the mysteries of your life through Jesus Christ your son, in the Holy Spirit. Enlighten my mind to know these mysteries which your Church treasures and teaches. Move my heart to love them and my will to live in accord with them. Give me the ability to teach this faith to others without pride, without ostentation, and without personal gain. Let me realize that I am simply your instrument for bringing others to the knowledge of the wonderful things you have done for all your creatures. Help me to be faithful to this task that you have entrusted to me.  
Amen.

Saint Charles Borromeo and Saint Robert Bellarmine are the patron saints of catechists.

## Speaker Recap: Joelle Maryn



By Norma Williams

“Teresa of Avila once said, “More tears are shed over answered than unanswered prayers.”

November breakfast speaker Joelle Maryn appeared outwardly to have the whole package of worldly success: beauty, a modeling and acting career, a billboard in Times Square, an ABC network show, and a high-end cosmetic company which enabled an elegant lifestyle. Still, her life felt spiritually empty, joyless, and without purpose. She did not recognize the face looking back from the mirror. As a six-year-old, she had experienced the trauma of losing an 11-year-old sister in a house fire, and her childhood was one with an alcoholic father and a mother in and out of mental institutions. She found she hid behind characters and let others define her identity.

In 2015 Joelle left her business and called out, “Lord, I need you!” A grace rushed in, and she saw things in full light. Though she did not know scripture at the time, she discovered a newfound power helping others discover purpose in building up the body of Christ and evangelizing using faith-based media connections.

Joelle urges prayer for those who have hurt us, for all are wounded or struggling in some way. Be healers in community, conquer evil with good, and love mercy. We make our God too small, she says. It’s all about the resurrection, for He is the God of multiplication. Ask God to open doors that need opening and to close those that need closing. Go hungry to the sacrament, and know it is never too late to influence a life. Become a miracle to someone else, she urges.

A movie outlining her life and philosophy will be released in about a year.

## Business Person of the Month: Ivonne Der Torosian



Ivonne Der Torosian, Vice President for Community Health and Well-being for Saint Agnes Medical Center is the liaison between the medical center and the community.

In her role at Saint Agnes, she oversees the Health Hub, where Community Health Workers connect patients and families to vital resources, chronic disease programs to ensure people live healthier lives, and conducts community health needs assessments to understand the needs of the community.

Ivonne is also responsible for the operations of the Holy Cross Center for Health and Wellness – formerly known as the Holy Cross Center for Women. The

center currently provides substance use disorder and behavioral health programs for community members who are experiencing homelessness, and/or are low income and struggle to find resources. The center will also offer resiliency and family support programs soon.

The center continues to provide and accept donations of clothing, toiletries, diapers, and baby items (baby food, diapers, formula) for women experiencing homelessness, crisis or are low income. Holy Cross is the CP&BC Charity for this Christmas. If you wish to donate cash or check, please make your donation to Holy Cross. There will be a place to leave the cash and checks at our December Breakfast.

For online donations visit [www.samc.com/location/saint-agnes-holy-cross-center-for-women](http://www.samc.com/location/saint-agnes-holy-cross-center-for-women).

## Upcoming Events

- January No Meeting
- February 11, 2022
- March 11, 2022

## Pope’s Worldwide Prayer December December Intention

Catechists

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

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**CP&BC Membership Dues:** Annual dues are \$48 per person and are due August 1, 2021. The deadline for the 2022 Membership Directory is December 31, 2021. 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 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 7:20 a.m. and concludes at 8:30 a.m. The breakfast cost is \$17 for members and \$22 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 \$135 is available to members that prepay for the year. Prepaid members are also requested to make reservations.

**Membership Directory:** Ad space in the annual 2022 Membership directory starts at \$50. The deadline for advertising reservations and artwork is December 31, 2021 for the 2022 publication. For more directory information, mail [directory@cpbcfresno.org](mailto:directory@cpbcfresno.org) or call Denise Correia at 559-435-2722.

**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 J. Colin Petersen of J - I.T. Outsource for the design and maintenance of the website. CP&BC also thanks Uhuru Network, LLC 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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