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March 13-- Cy Kellett

Profiled by Tom Lang

Our March 13th breakfast speaker is Cy Kellett, host of "Catholic Answers Live." He formerly hosted "The Bright Side with Cy Kellett" on the Immaculate Heart Radio network.

For more than a decade, Cy was editor of San Diego's diocesan newspaper, "The Southern Cross." Prior to that, he taught high school and spent several years working with mentally ill homeless people in Massachusetts, while living in a Catholic Worker house.

Cy talks about how the modern era, which was supposed to be all about progress and reason, has gotten itself into serious trouble. In many ways the modern world has become unfit for real people, and as it progresses, it becomes even less so. We cannot make a society fit for humans until we admit that the modern world, though it has gained many things, has also been a time of losses for humanity. The most serious of these losses is the loss of Christ. And knowing how that happened can help us recover a modern world fit for people.

Cy and his wife, Missy, reside in San Diego and have three children.



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 Sallysalauritz@att.net or 559-439-8378

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Volunteers Wanted

Come Join us!

Our amazing Denise Correia is retiring. She does a variety of tasks requiring an hour per year or several hours monthly. We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers who would like to give their time and join our team!

If you are willing to donate your time to CP&BC, or if you have questions, please call Denise at 559-999-9153.



Pope's Worldwide Prayer March Intention

Catholics in China

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity

Business Person of the Month—Riki Donaghy

Although, I wasn't raised in a Catholic home, I fell in love with the faith and the young man, Paul, who asked me to accompany him to Mass on one of our first dates. I married Paul in 1979 and chose to become Catholic in 1984. Together, Paul and I have raised two sons and a daughter in the faith. We are also proud grandparents of four beautiful children. Currently, we are members of Holy Spirit parish and enjoy volunteering in several of the ministries at Holy Spirit.

Additionally, my sisters and I are participating in our 9th annual "Komen 3-Day 60 Miles for the Cure" event in honor of both my mother and mother-in-law.

For the last 20 years, I have spent my days helping clients with their tax issues. In 2011, I became an Enrolled Agent and started my own practice, Donaghy Tax Consulting. My company specializes in Tax Resolution and Tax Preparation. Whether I am preparing a tax return or dealing with the tax agencies, my faith is ever present and helps me assist clients with grace and understanding.



Novena Prayer Day 1 — Saint Damien of Molokai, SS.CC.



Father Damien or Saint
Damien De Veuster

Thank you, Lord Jesus for the powerful witness of love that you provided in St. Damien of Molokai. I pray that I will have the same love toward all I meet, especially those who are different than me.

St. Damien, you were a spiritual minister and leader to people with leprosy. Thus, you were not too proud to work with the most outcast members of society. Help me to remember those in my own life and culture who are seen as outsiders. Remind me to invite them into my world to make them feel welcome and respected.

Keep me from treating those who are different as unworthy of love and respect. Help me to remember that all people are equal in God's eyes.

As the patron of lepers, I bring to you in my heart all those who suffer from terminal illnesses and all of those who feel outcast from society in some way. Please also pray for these intentions I hold in my heart:

(State your intentions here)

St. Damien, Pray for Us! In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

For the remaining Novena days, visit:

<https://www.praymorenovenas.com/st-damien-of-molokai-novena>

Upcoming Events

- April 10—Breakfast Meeting
- May 8—Breakfast Meeting
- June 12—Breakfast Meeting

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February Speaker Recap— Rev. Dr. Gregory Zubacz, J.D., Ph.D

By Norma Williams

February breakfast speaker, Rev. Dr. Gregory Zubacz of the Ukrainian Greco-Catholic Apostolate of Archangel Michael in Clovis (meeting at 9:30 a.m. Sundays in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Chapel), outlined aspects of history, theology, practices, and differences from the Roman Catholic Church, though both are in communion with Pope Francis.



The word orthodox means straight or right in belief. Vladimir the Great (980-1025) brought Christianity to the pagans of the Ukraine. Ukrainians (Scythians) are mentioned in the Bible (Colossians 3:11). Though a small denomination in the U.S., the Church is the second largest denomination in Fr. Greg's native Canada, there being 110 parishes in Manitoba alone, compared with just nine in California. Worldwide there are 5.5 million in 4000 parishes. The Church considers itself an ecumenical agent toward Christian unity. The Great Schism between East and West occurred in 1054 but was restored in 1596. After the fall of Communism in 1989, the Ukrainian Church became legal again.

Fr. Greg highlighted a number of differences from Roman Catholicism:

- Married priests (though not bishops) with wives participating actively in the husband's ministry
- Full immersion baptism, during which confirmation is also administered
- Eucharist is given to infants and children
- Use of leavened bread
- Priest celebrates facing east
- All sins are considered equal (no distinction between mortal or venial)
- Ancient Jewish tradition of Sabbath is observed beginning at sundown
- Four serious required fasts each year
- Iconostasis (icons and holy pictures) divides the altar from the nave, symbolic of separating Christ from the profane world
- Cyrillic language is used as is the 3-bar cross of St. Andrew
- Sign of the Cross is made from right to left
- Cardinals are called Patriarchs

Prior to seminary in Ottawa and ordination in 2004, Fr. Greg spent a decade as a private and government attorney in Canada. He is now Associate Provost at Fresno Pacific University and professor of business law. He is writing a chapter for an international law book regarding legal developments on the seal of confession.

Fr. Greg's wife, Melita, teaches music and directs the OLPH choir, which has performed at several of our Christmas meetings.

Pastor Profile--Rev. Eric V. Swearingen

Profiled by Donald Cardell

Rev. Eric V. Swearingen completed his earthly mission on January 18, 2020, having served as a Catholic Priest of the Diocese of Fresno for more than 32 years.



Eric Van Swearingen was born August 8, 1961 in Visalia, CA. He was the second son of Richard and Connie (Goodreau) Swearingen. His early years were spent on the Westside of the San Joaquin Valley, where his family farmed in the Riverdale/Five Points area. Those early lessons of farming, working side-by-side with people of diverse cultures, languages, and backgrounds would serve him well in his later life of ministry.

Having earned his Bachelor Degree in Philosophy, he was sent to complete his theological studies at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio. On May 23, 1987 he was ordained a priest for service in the Diocese of Fresno. Fr. Swearingen served in various parish assignments throughout his more than 32 years of priestly ministry, including: Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Bakersfield; Our Lady of Victory, St. Alphonsus, St. Helen, and Holy Spirit Parishes, Fresno; St. Anthony Parish, Atwater; St. Jude Parish, Easton; St. Peter's the Apostle Parish, Lemoore; and the United Catholic Communities of Good Shepherd Parish, Visalia. Fr. Eric was a gifted administrator and pastor who could relate to all age groups. This adaptable nature would serve him greatly during his military service as a USAF National Guard Chaplain (Major) and a volunteer Fresno police chaplain.

Fr. Eric had a keen sense of humor and was fond of playing practical jokes. He enjoyed cooking and celebrating with friends his successes in the kitchen or at the grill.

He also knew sorrow and suffering in this life; but his strong faith and unwillingness to give up saw him through and provided us all with a living image of Jesus.

His Funeral Mass was held Friday, January 24, 2020 at St. Mary's Church, Visalia.

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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 \$135 is available for members that prepay for the year. Reservations are still required for prepaids.

Membership Directory: For the 2021 Membership directory, ad space starts at \$50. December 15, 2020 is the deadline to reserve ad space for the 2021 Directory. December 31, 2020 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. CP&BC also thanks Uhuru Network, LLC for their design and preparation of the newsletter.

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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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