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September 11—Elvis Grbac

Profiled by Tom Lang

Thanks to you, our generous renewing members, CP&BC's kick-off speaker for our 2020/2021 online Zoom breakfast meetings is Elvis Grbac!

Football fans will remember Elvis as an NFL quarterback who won recognition starting with a record-setting college career playing for the University of Michigan where he won four Big Ten titles and led the Wolverines to a Gator Bowl victory in 1991 and three Rose Bowls. He was drafted by the San Francisco 49ers and went on to play 9 seasons in the NFL.

Throughout his career, he has received many accolades including an AFC West title, Pro Bowl appearance, and Super Bowl XXIX Championship.

Now, as a Catholic motivational speaker, Elvis is excited to share his life story and continue “coaching” beyond football. He has become very involved in the Catholic community in Northeast Ohio, where he serves on the pastoral council at the Church of the Holy Angels in Chagrin Falls and is involved in teaching Youth Catechesis.

Elvis speaks openly about his American dream, the challenges he has faced along the way, and how he overcame them through faith, hard work, and perseverance. Elvis is also currently pursuing a master's degree in Theology at St. Mary's Seminary.

He will be speaking via Zoom exclusively to our Club on Faith, Family, and Football in addition to the Power of Discipline. **Current CP&BC Fresno members will be emailed the Zoom meeting ID and password once we receive your RSVP.**

We look forward to “seeing” you on Friday morning, September 11th, at 8am. Please note that our Zoom meetings are currently limited to 100 participants without CP&BC incurring additional cost. Please RSVP early to ensure your “seat.”



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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June Speaker Recap—Rebecca Kiessling



By Karen Bosch Cobb

Our Friday, June 12th speaker, Rebecca Kiessling, connected with us via Zoom from her home in Detroit, Michigan and began by telling us about her Covid-19 journey. All her events were cancelled, and while she was ready to practice family law, the courts were closed. She was left with no income, but began making 100 face masks a week; she was able to generate income just through her social media. She never said she was selling—she just posted photos. The point of this story is to inspire us faithful businesspeople and to remind us, that if you have a good reputation and network, it can translate into doing anything.

Rebecca's personal story is astounding, and she softens the blow of her story by saying it is a controversial story. She was conceived in rape, and her mother went to two illegal abortion clinics. (She has now reconciled with her mother.) She was adopted and raised in a Jewish family and received religious training but was not raised religious, and her father was abusive. In high school she was introduced to Catholicism, but then abandoned by her new friends. She suffered abuse in a relationship. She found her half-brother through Ancestry DNA; he was a serial rapist.

Finally, she was called back to Catholicism by one person who shared her faith and invited her to Mass. She started RCIA in a very in-depth program with weekly meetings and homework. In 1994 she was baptized, confirmed, and received her first Holy Communion. About the same time she entered family law practice in which she was able to give legal options which helped save marriages.

She understands that God has used her in her legal practice and that her very birth and existence are examples of God's love and power.

Addendum: On July 29, Rebecca and her family experienced a horrific loss when her two adoptive sons, Caleb (20) and Kyler (18) died in an apparent drug overdose, along with a girl who was with them, Sophia Harris (17). We ask our members to pray for the repose of the souls of Caleb, Kyler, and Sophia, and for the comfort of their families and loved ones in this exceedingly difficult time.



Hail Mary

Hail Mary,
Full of Grace,
The Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among
women,
and blessed is the fruit
of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary,
Mother of God,
pray for us sinners now,
and at the hour of our
death.

Amen.

The second part—"Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death"—is believed to have been added during the Black Death to ask for the Blessed Mother's protection from the fatal disease. Venerable Fulton J. Sheen explains this origin in his book, "The World's First Love."

"Since it seizes upon the two decisive moments of life: "now" and "at the hour of our death," it suggests the spontaneous outcry of people in a great calamity. The Black Death, which ravaged all Europe and wiped out one-third of its population, prompted the faithful to cry out to the Mother of Our Lord to protect them at a time when the present moment and death were almost one."

September 8, Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary
September 12, Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary
September 15, Our Lady of Sorrows"



Upcoming Events

- September 11, 2020
- October 9, 2020
- November 13, 2020

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CP&BC Club Business

By Karen Bosch Cobb

Thank you to our 113 members who renewed their membership over the summer. Your renewals mean we can continue to provide Zoom meetings until we can meet again in person—a day to which we all look forward!

Our online meetings are different now, but in the isolation of our homes, I believe we are all grateful for this CP&BC fellowship, and the opportunity to continue to hear about and grow in our Faith.

Your support is more important than ever. Check your last newsletters for the renewal insert form, or use the easy online renewal form or get a printable form at <https://www.cpbcfresno.org/membership.shtml>. Dues are \$48 and were due June 30, 2020. Please renew today!

A big advantage of membership is our annual directory. They arrived in the mailboxes of members this summer. As business and professional people, we can all appreciate the tremendous amount of work it takes to produce a product such as this. Denise Correia compiled all the information and Raphael Rodarte did the graphic design and layout. Thank you also to our sponsors—without them we could not publish this useful tool.

I know I reach for our directory when I need a product or service, but now we can do one more thing, and that is to flip through it and reach out to one person, who might be isolated at home and in need of a call. The Corporal Works of Mercy give us a model for how we should treat others, as if they were Christ in disguise.

Message from John Gerardi, CP&BC Club President

As the months wear on and our state continues to struggle with its response to the COVID-19 pandemic, I continue to grow in my sincere gratitude for the riches our Catholic faith has to offer.

In the initial lockdown, our faith offered treasures of spirituality to sustain us. Through the rosary, the Liturgy of the Hours, the Scriptures, and the televised and live-streamed celebrations of the Mass, millions of Catholics were able to maintain their spiritual lives in spite of the extraordinary circumstances.

But our faith is not a purely spiritual, individualistic enterprise. Just as the Second Person of the Trinity retained His divinity and assumed a human nature, joining the divine and the human, we Catholics need physical, external signs that communicate interior graces--the Sacraments. Our priests are to be commended for the creative ways they have provided for us: outdoor Confessions, shaded Masses, socially distanced Confirmations and Baptisms, live-streamed weddings, and more.

The Church says that the Eucharist is the “source and summit of the Christian life.” In our months of being separated from it, and in these brief weeks of reuniting with it, Catholics are experiencing this reality keenly. Let us pray for an end to this virus, and a swift resumption of a rich Catholic sacramental life.



Pope's Worldwide Prayer September Intention

Respect for the Planet's Resources

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

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CP&BC Membership Dues: Annual dues are \$48 per person and were due June 30, 2020. The deadline for the 2021 Membership Directory is December 31, 2020. For more information contact John Kanaley at 315-243-6597. The 2020 directory is underway.

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 prepays.

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.

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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