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October 11—Chris Bray

Profiled by Tom Lang

Our October 11th breakfast will feature full-time Catholic speaker and musician Chris Bray, who is coming to us all the way from London, Ontario.

JOY—this is the resounding message of Chris Bray's brand-new release. "Joy in my Heart," the full-length album from the multiple Gospel Music Association Covenant award winning artist, brings a fresh, yet familiar perspective, offering hope and inspiration to the world. Chris's music hits home with relevant themes, recounting real life stories and circumstances, craftily leading people on a journey of excitement, inspiration, joy, and even to tears.

Chris's new album has impacted Christian radio across Canada, with the first single (and music video), "King in His Kingdom," hitting #27 on the Canadian Christian radio chart, and #4 on the More Radio CANCON chart, maintaining the top five status for three consecutive months. It also topped the iTunes Inspirational chart reaching the top 25, during release week.

"With this new record, I felt like God had placed real life stories and circumstances on my heart that others could relate to and be inspired by," says Chris.

Chris's refined songwriting extends from a catalog of mostly praise and worship. While this project contains some of that as well, his skills as a songwriter and communicator illuminate the gifts God has bestowed on him.

Demand for his concerts and speaking presentations is high, and Chris's busy travel schedule leads him across Canada and the United States, speaking to tens of thousands each year. His largest audience included the March for Life on Parliament Hill, where he headlined for over 25,000 in attendance, as well as an Air Canada Centre Gospel concert following a Raptors game in Toronto.



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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:Sally.salauritz@att.net) or 559-439-8378

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Book Review

By John Kasaian

The Catholic Gentleman

by Sam Guzman

Ignatius Press, San Francisco 2019

175 pages paperback | \$18.58

Here's a book that's more than a guide for youth Catholic men—it presents a good foundation for all Catholic men since it is essentially a primer on Catholic masculinity, something which has been suppressed in both the secular world as well as in the Church, and has recently been dubbed as toxic masculinity by much of society.

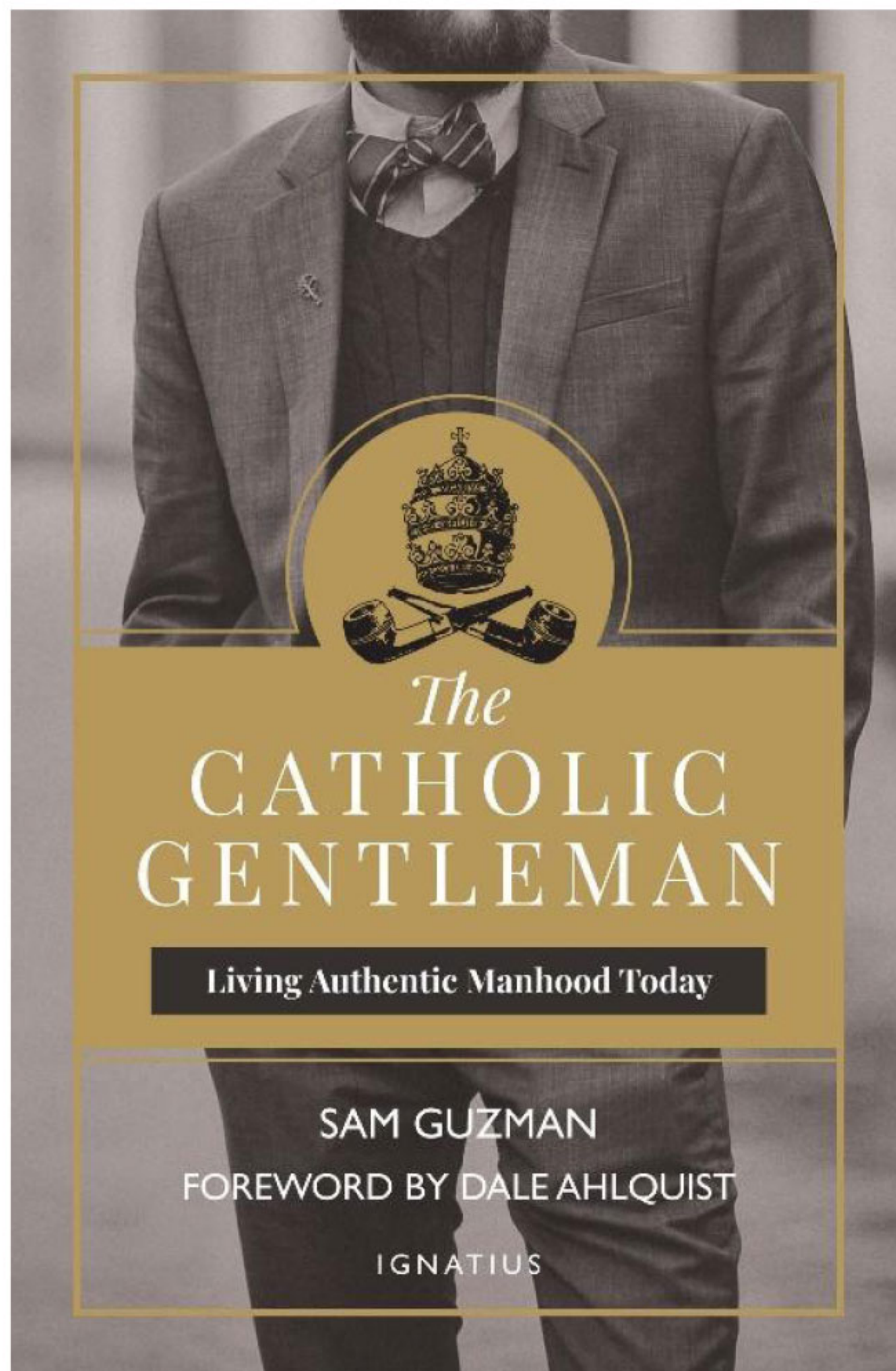
This hasn't worked out well.

Guzman reminds us that a Catholic gentleman desires to be a moral man living by a moral code, aspiring to be a servant of God, and that can be an impossibly tough gig without God given grace.

There are 32 intellect stimulating chapters in this slim book, and while I've been trying to come up with a single, favorite chapter to discuss here, I must confess that all the chapters are my favorites.

So pick up a copy and see for yourself. If you have a young Catholic man in your family, pick up a copy for him as well. Can't hurt. Might help!

You should be able to pick up a copy at Cotter's Religious Goods



Saint Theresse of Lisieux

Patroness of All Missionaries, and the Missions, and Patroness of the Diocese of Fresno

O my God ! I offer Thee all my actions of this day for the intentions and for the glory of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. I desire to sanctify every beat of my heart, my every thought, my simplest works, by uniting them to Its infinite merits ; and I wish to make reparation for my sins by casting them into the furnace of Its Merciful Love.

O my God! I ask thee for myself and for those whom I hold dear, the grace to fulfill perfectly Thy Holy Will, to accept for love of Thee the joys and sorrows of this passing life, so that we may one day be united together in Heaven for all Eternity. Amen.

Feast Day is, October 1

We wish to thank Mary T. Borges for the prayers that she has researched and submitted for the newsletter. For many years Mary enjoyed serving the Lord with this assignment, and the readers of this newsletter benefited from her selections. Thank you, and God bless you Mary!



You can be our Featured Business Person of the Month! By Ranae Holody

I would like to invite members to be a featured CP&BC Business Person of the Month. Catholic CP&BC Members simply need to place their business card in the fishbowl on the table near the name tags in the dining room. The selected Business Person of the Month will be featured in the CP&BC newsletter after they provide a photo and a written 160-word bio showing their association with their walk with God and their chosen profession. At the monthly meeting on the second Friday of the month, the selected Business Person of the Month will be invited to bring a guest, sit at the reserved table, and give a two minute presentation to our Club sharing their walk with the Lord and how it coincides with their chosen profession.

Upcoming Events

- November 8—Breakfast Meeting
- December 13—Breakfast Meeting
- January—No Meeting

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vavi@cns4u.com**

The Fresno and Visalia Catholic Professional and Business Clubs will have a vendor booth at the Diocesan Congress this year. Stop by to say hello!



September Speaker Recap— Dan DeMatte

By John Kasaian

Animated and entertaining, Dan DeMatte returned to Fresno six years after his first speaking engagement with CP&BC.

His presentation focused on his experiences as a youth minister at a successful camp where teens are re-awakened to their Catholic faith through *Encounter*, *Culture*, and *Deployment* taking the point rather than by book learning.



This struck a cord with me as I've subbed at a Catholic elementary school, and the curriculum's books on religion were nothing short of torture. Dan thinks teens need an *Encounter* with Jesus first and later supported by intellectual activity.

The illustrative example he gave was an *Encounter* with Krispy Kreme doughnuts—the essence is the doughnut, not the company history or the proper way to reheat cold doughnuts.

Get to know and love your Krispy Kremes first, and the rest will follow.

This is the way, Dan offers, of re-awakening the faithful, not only teens but the Catholic Church as a whole, from the secularism that has more than decimated recruitment in the company of future Saints.

Perhaps a good penance might be “Say the Act of Contrition, and eat two Krispy Kremes.” (If any clergy happen to be reading this!)

Following *Encounter* comes *Culture*, the Judeo-Christian culture that built Western Civilization—long before a certain US president declared that “we” have progressed to being a post-Christian nation—needs to be reestablished as well as developing a vibrant, uniquely Catholic culture.

As an aside, a fellow I knew of who owned a cafe claimed he could identify the Jews and the Catholics by what kind of food they ordered. Could anyone say the same today?

The third revelation in Dan's formula is *Deployment*—actively living the Catholic Faith, taking *action* within the secular world—I'm thinking practicing the corporeal works of mercy like in the Book of Tobit.

It was a very inspirational talk.

Pope's Worldwide Prayer October Intention

A Missionary “Spring” in the Church

That the breath of the Holy Spirit engender a new missionary “spring” in the Church.

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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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