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September 13—Dan DeMatte

Profiled by Tom Lang

Back by popular demand, the dynamic Catholic speaker, Dan DeMatte, will fly into Fresno from Columbus, Ohio to kick off our 2019-2020 line-up on Friday, September 13th.

You may remember that Dan witnessed to his radical Christian lifestyle when he starred on A&E's hit reality TV show, "God or the Girl." The show captured Dan's intense discernment process between the priesthood and the married life along with three other men. After discerning his call for three years, he heard the Lord calling him to the married life—God through the Girl as he puts it. Dan is happily married to Amber Marie, and together they have four beautiful children. He has a Masters degree in Evangelization from Pontifical College Josephinum.



As a speaker and evangelist, Dan is very engaging and gets his audience involved. His goal is to encourage all people to reject sin and Satan and to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ in a fearless and radical way. He believes that every person is called to be a saint. He believes that this world needs an intense renewal. He believes that the renewal begins with you!

Dan's presentation on this trip will be what he calls "Prayer DARE." It has been said that prayer is a dangerous thing because it is an encounter with the living God. Why is it that people don't pray? It is because they know that when they pray, God is going to call them to conversion—and they are afraid of conversion. The purpose of prayer is change—to change us, not to change God. Dan's talk is aimed at motivating each of us to begin an active daily prayer life that will change our lives and change the world!



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

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Book Review

By John Kasaian

Calm in Chaos: Catholic Wisdom for Anxious Times

by Fr. George William Rutler

Ignatius Press, San Francisco 2018

228 pages, paperback

I like Fr. Rutler's writing because he has enviably known many of the major players, as well as being witness to several of the events which define the 21st Century, taking everything in with the mastery of a classically educated scholar offering the reader his observations on how past history colors present day events.

This book is a collection of concise and insightful (and entertaining) essays Fr. Rutler wrote for "Crisis Magazine" between 2016 and 2017. The essays deal with the Church and political/social disorder during an otherwise confusing time in our history, taking to task lying, liturgical experts, fifty years of the Land O' Lakes self-immolation of Catholic Universities, the Bataclan concert hall massacre, and David Bowie among other topics.

This is rich fare for such a slim book! The essays are short and easily digested, but the subject matter is deep. Very deep. My experience was one of loss when I turned the last page, and that is the best gauge for judging the rewards for investing the time to read any book.

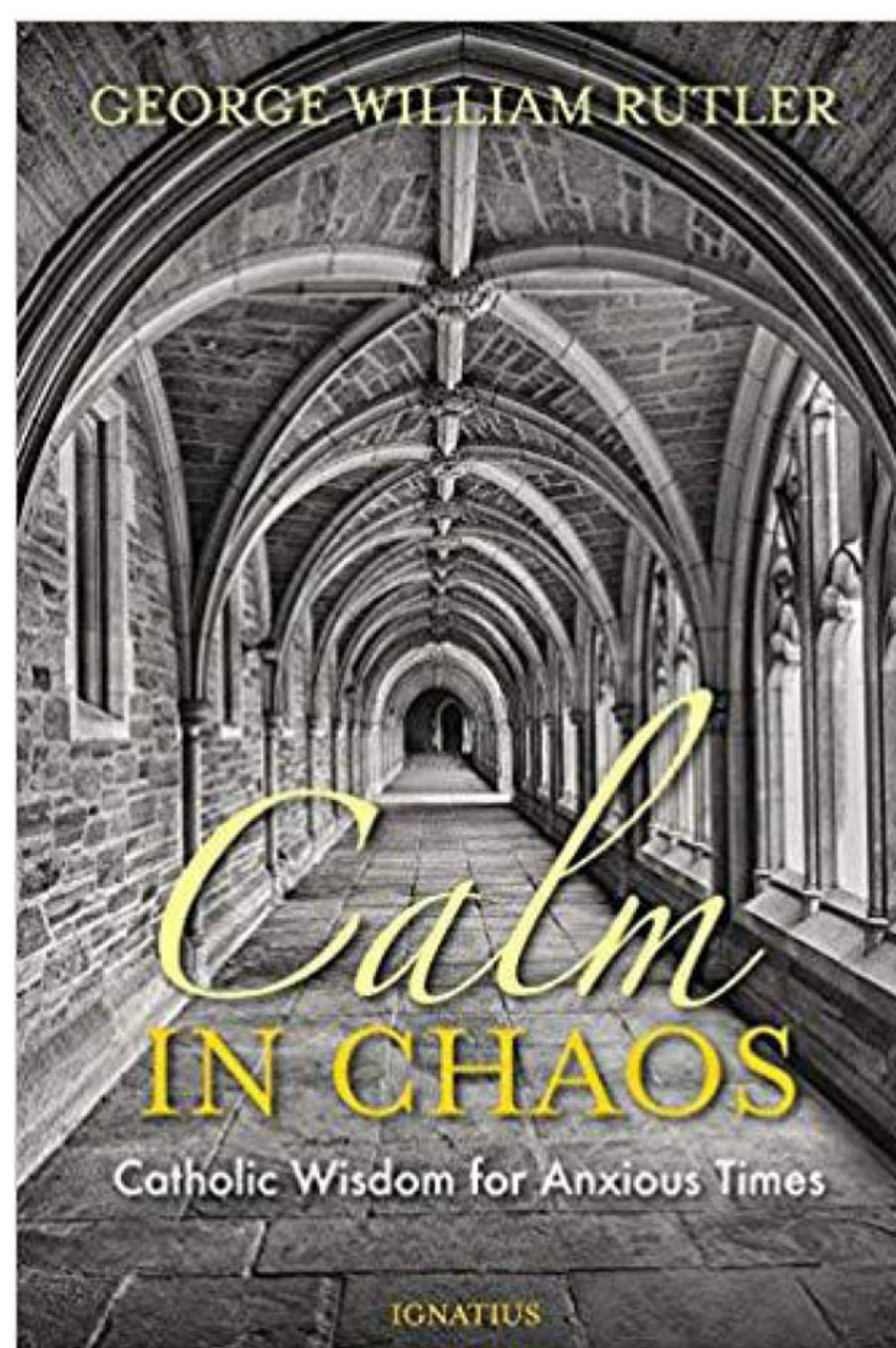
"Calm in Chaos" is that relevant.

A very kind CP&BC member loaned me his copy, but I'll drive around until I find where Cotter's Religious Goods has moved to and buy a copy for my own library!

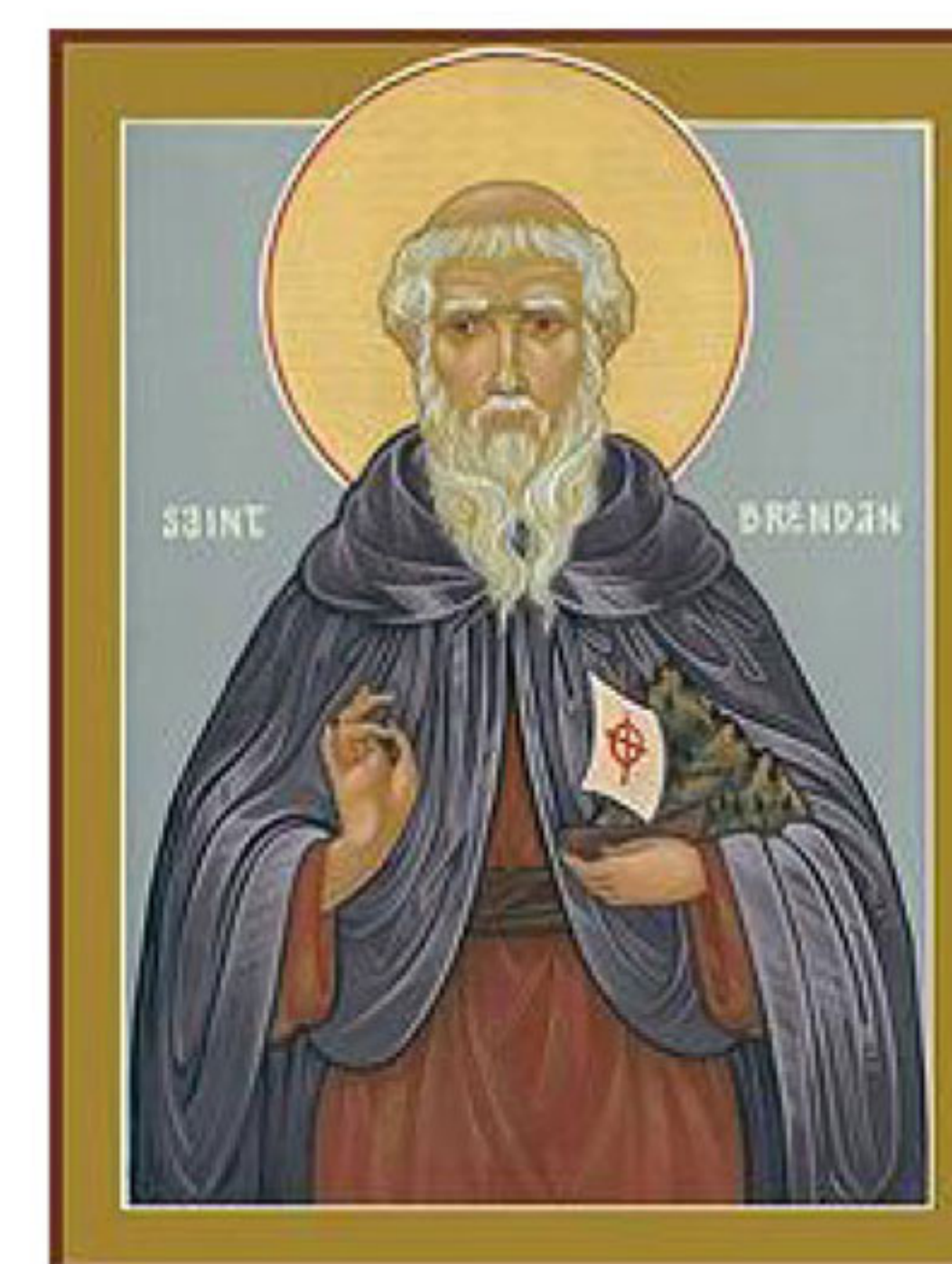
Editor's Notes:

<https://www.ncregister.com/blog/reilly/the-land-o-lakes-statement-has-caused-devastation-for-49-years>

Cotter's is now located at 3061 W Bullard Ave, Fresno, CA 93711.



Prayer Research and Submission by Mary T. Borges



Prayer of St. Brendan the Navigator

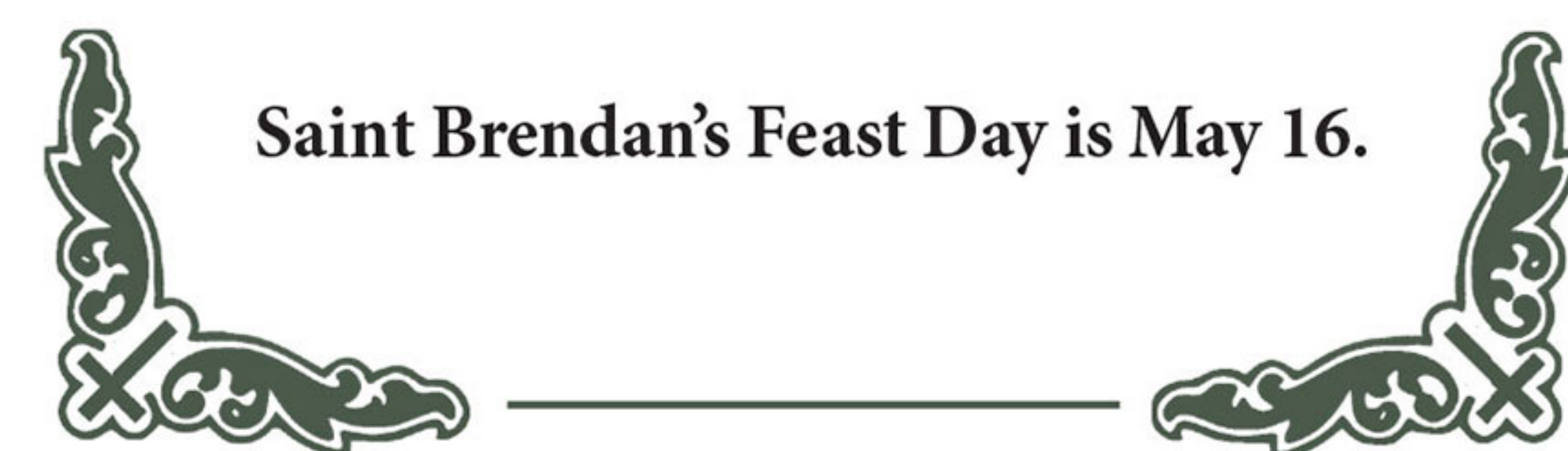
Help me to journey beyond the familiar
and into the unknown.

Give me the faith to leave old ways
and break fresh ground with You.

Christ of the mysteries, I trust You
to be stronger than each storm within me.

I will trust in the darkness and know
that my times, even now, are in Your hand.

Tune my spirit to the music of heaven,
and somehow, make my obedience count
for You.



Saint Brendan's Feast Day is May 16.

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 tables 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

- October 11—Breakfast Meeting
- November 8—Breakfast Meeting
- December 13—Breakfast Meeting

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Message from our President, Catholic Professional & Business Club of Fresno

Summer is drawing to a close, and a new year for the Catholic Professional and Business Club of Fresno is about to begin. In this year, we renew our commitment to helping our members enrich their spiritual lives through our monthly breakfast talks, and through regular opportunities for participation in the Sacraments.



If there is a single theme to what the CP&BC promotes, it is integrity of Christian life: the unified consistency between what we profess on Sunday, and how we live, work, and interact with our coworkers and families throughout the week.

In 2019-2020, the CP&BC intends to do more to help its members live out this consistent Christian witness. In addition to our monthly meetings, we hope you will join us for monthly opportunities for Mass and the Sacrament of Confession! Stay tuned for more details as these events are scheduled for the future!

Thank you so much for supporting this wonderful mission, and we look forward to seeing you at our first breakfast!

Yours,

John V. Gerardi
President, Catholic Professional & Business Club of Fresno
Executive Director, Right to Life of Central California

June Speaker Recap— Karlo Broussard

By Norma Williams

June speaker Karlo Broussard is an author, blogger and Catholic apologist for Catholic Answers, a media company dedicated to sharing what the Catholic Church really teaches and is the world's largest source for reliable information on doctrine and tradition. Karlo is quick to point out that an apologist is not someone always making apologies, that the term actually originates from Greek and refers to intellectual defense.



In his presentations, Karlo seeks to counter arguments about relativism, which undermines faith. Two types of relativism are (1) total - there are no absolute truths and (2) partial - there may be some truth but none as it relates to morality. Moral relativists believe others' actions and beliefs are just "different," not wrong. His talks, writings and CDs provide strategies for arguing against this concept.

Karlo cautions proceeding in gentleness and kindness when attempting to dispel the modern belief that truth is relative. We must check ourselves when making judgments, he states, being generous toward others. Internal motives and movements of the heart must be left to God's judgment. Intolerance can easily lead to physical coercion, so one must respect human dignity. While promoting a Christian world view, we should invite others to "come and see" our faith.

Originally from Cajun Louisiana, now living in Temecula, California, Karlo left a promising music career two decades ago to serve the church. He recently completed his master's degree in philosophy. Books include "20 Answers: Miracles" and "Prepare the Way: Overcoming Obstacles."

Websites:

www.catholic.com (Catholic Answers)

www.karlobroussard.com

Pope's Worldwide Prayer September Intention

The Protection of the Oceans

That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.

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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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