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November 13 — Duane R. Roberts, CFA

Profiled by Tom Lang

Our Friday, November 13th meeting speaker, Duane Roberts, will be joining us on Zoom from Irving, Texas.

Have you ever wondered about Catholic investing? Did you know there is such a thing? If you own stock through your retirement, savings, or other plan, do you really know what you own? Duane will be speaking to us about how we are called to practice our values through our investments.

Duane, a devout Catholic, joined Dana Investment Advisors in 1999 and is currently Director of Equities and Lead Portfolio Manager for the Catholic Values Strategy. The Dana Catholic ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) Equity Strategy incorporates USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) guidelines in the ESG screening process and is made up of 50 to 55 high-quality ESG Companies.

Duane graduated from Rice University with a BS degree in Electrical Engineering and Mathematics in 1980. He earned an MS in Statistics from Stanford University in 1981 and an MBA in Finance from Southern Methodist University in 1999.

Duane is a Chartered Financial Analyst® (CFA®) charter holder and a member of the CFA Institute and the CFA Society of Dallas-Fort Worth. He is a member of Social Venture Partners Dallas and serves on the investment committees for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Dallas, and the Cistercian Abbey and Preparatory School.

Visit cpbcfresno.org to make your reservations. Current CP&BC Fresno members will be emailed the Zoom meeting ID and password once we receive your RSVP.



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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Book Review

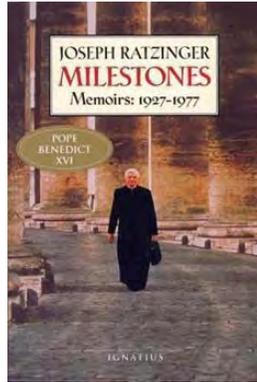
By John Kasaian

Joseph Ratzinger Milestones, Memoirs 1927-1977

by Pope Benedict XVI | Ignatius Press San Francisco 1998

156 pages hardcover

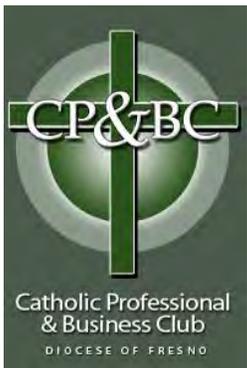
Benedict XVI left us a rich legacy, very different than John Paul II and Francis, as Ratzinger was a scholar—a powerful scholar who is easy to read. When I first started reading Cardinal Ratzinger, I found the experience very different compared to reading the works of JPII.



I do not know if this is because Benedict XVI's German is easier to translate than JPII's Polish, or if Ratzinger's translator simply had a better grasp of English than JPII's translator. The end result is that I found Benedict XVI's translations more enjoyable to read and understand.

This carries over to these memoirs—Benedict XVI's story telling is as captivating as it gets! Highly personal and compelling, I felt like I was meeting not a Cardinal, nor even a future Pope, but rather a teenager in a Nazi forced labor camp, a post graduate student dealing with rejection of his dissertation, and a seminarian coming to terms with his priesthood. The experience is one of meeting Ratzinger as a fellow Catholic—an extraordinarily interesting, fellow Catholic, with whom I would have loved to have shared one of those good German beers.

Get to know Benedict XVI better by picking up your own copy of "Milestones" from Cotter's Religious Goods.



Annual Membership Drive

By Don Cardell, Chair, CP&BC Parish Ambassadors

Calling All Catholics in Business! The Catholic Professional & Business Club (CP&BC) is conducting our annual membership drive...a little differently this year...as with most things. We will not be able to join you after Mass, however, we want to extend an invitation to those of you who are interested in being motivated through inspirational speakers (right now via Zoom - hopefully soon in person) networking with

a community of professionals, receiving ethical confirmations, and associating with like-minded Catholics in the business world, to become a member of our Club. How Do I Become A Member? Log Onto cpbcfresno.org and click the "Membership" tab.

November 2

All Souls Day



We suppliants, O Lord,
pour forth our prayers
for the souls of Thy servants and handmaids,
that Thou wouldst mercifully pardon
whatsoever they have committed
through human frailty
and graciously bring their sufferings to an end.
Through Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen

From the Benedictine Diurnal

Upcoming Events

- December 11, 2020
- January—no meeting
- February 12, 2021

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Business Person of the Month—Donna Marie Shepherd



I have served Motivational Systems, Inc. (MSI), for 19 years. The company is 45 years of age and is founded on the philosophy of 'FAIR' – Fairness, Attitude, Integrity, and Respect. These four cornerstones have created an ethical business culture which has attracted me to MSI for all the years I have been a member of its team.

'FAIR' has always reminded me of the secular and condensed version of the fruit of the spirit, found in Galatians Chapter 5:22-23. While upholding our company philosophy, I strive to delve further into the fruit of the Spirit. Every day I commit to exude and share these fruits of the Spirit in all my business interactions.

I am an active parishioner at St. Mary Queen of the Apostles Church in Fresno, CA, and am a vocalist at the 5:30 Mass. I do not feel my vocal instrument is there for the parishioners, or to enhance the Mass; rather, it is there as a vessel for the Holy Spirit to sing through me.

In Christ,

Donna Marie Shepherd

October Zoom Presentation

Speaker Recap – Kendra Von Esh By Norma Williams



Expecting judgment after 26 years of missing mass and confession, instead the priest said the familiar words "Welcome home!" to Kendra Von Esh who had lived life with 100% focus on the world and what others thought of her. Any "success" was never enough, and she felt money could solve life's stresses, insecurity, and anxiety.

Kendra's family never discussed God or religion. She did not know Jesus was God, and any prayer was always one way for wants and desires. A turning point began when she asked for her father's healing from open heart surgery. About the same time she heard of a book on Dr. Oz's show about a cleansing diet which included a pie chart on important life factors, including spirituality. Kendra decided she should attend church, but not a Catholic one with "too many rules." After chiding from her family, she did attend mass on Easter 2013. Though a confirmed Catholic, she lacked understanding of the Eucharist. Announcements mentioned confessions on Divine Mercy Sunday, and all week a voice in her head screamed, "Confession at 2 p.m.!" She made her list, but instead of the expected condemnation experienced an outpouring of love, peace, and joy. She knew the Church was where she belonged, and that she needed to learn more.

Since then, Kendra's mission has been to help others in their relationships with God and the Church, daring to humble oneself with hope, faith, trust, and prayer. She encourages giving a copy of her book, "Am I Catholic?" to those like herself who return to the Church. She also has written the pamphlets "Need a Miracle, NOW!" and "Mastering Your Mind in Prayer!" which contain links to further resources.

Website: kendravonesh.com

Pope's Worldwide Prayer November Intention

Artificial Intelligence

We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

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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 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.

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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