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## March 8—Jon Leonetti

Profiled by Tom Lang

Our March 8th speaker is Jon Leonetti, an international Catholic speaker, best-selling author, and radio host who conveys a message of lasting fulfillment in Jesus Christ. Jon will be flying into Fresno from Des Moines, Iowa.

Through Jon's keynote presentations and parish missions, thousands of Catholics each year discover the freedom Christ offers by way of his life and love.

Jon's two books-- "Mission of The Family" and "Your God Is Too Boring"-- have been published and featured in Matthew Kelly's Dynamic Catholic book program and been endorsed by leading Catholic speakers and authors.

With this message Jon has been featured and interviewed by the nation's top Catholic websites, blogs, and radio shows, helping Catholics in all walks of life to fall in love and stay in love with the living God.

At home Jon enjoys reading, sports, exercising, coffee, and, most of all, spending time with his wife Teresa and their children, Joseph and Gianna. Jon is currently pursuing a master's degree in moral theology.



### 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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## Speaker Recap | Jim Cruise, the Spoon Man

By Norma Williams

The first breakfast meeting of 2019 featured Jim Cruise, AKA “Spoon Man” of Grand Rapids, Michigan. Dancing to a repertoire ranging from bluegrass to heavy metal, with costume changes and audience participation, his musical “instruments” consist of tablespoons, forks, razor- sharp butter knives, pie servers, and “flaming spoons of death.” He began playing at age nine when, not permitted to have a drum set, he began emulating his grandfather. He has been entertaining audiences for 31 years.



A cradle Catholic and graduate of Michigan’s Aquinas College, a sister’s conversion to another church challenged him to study his own religion. A test of faith occurred 16 years ago when his six-year-old daughter was diagnosed with kidney cancer. She was healed through prayers and sacraments; but, as a result of radiation, they were told she would never have children. Yet last year she gave birth to Jim’s first grandchild, born at 22 weeks and weighing just one pound!

Jim reminds us that in baptism we are called to be lights in darkness. He recalls seeing the face of Jesus in helpful neighbors during his daughter’s illness. We need to share the good news of God’s interventions. No matter how strange or unusual one’s gift or talent may be, one can make a difference in people’s lives, and bring glory to God.

In addition to presentations to Catholic schools and organizations, Jim performs at fairs and festivals. Corporate clients have included GM, Ford, Chrysler, and IBM. He is married with five children and has a car with 700,000 miles!

## Parish Ambassadors

Our Club’s Parish Ambassadors connect with their local parish by inserting announcements about the meetings in their local bulletins, making sure copies of our newsletter are delivered to their parish, and staffing tables at their parish on Membership Sunday, which will be on May 5 this year.

If you would be interested in being a Parish Ambassador, please call Donald Cardell at 227-4048. Parishes needing an ambassador are St. Helen’s, Sacred Heart, and The Shrine of St. Therese.

We would like to recognize the following ambassadors who have served five years or more:

Service Dates	Ambassador	Parish	Years of Service
2006 - 2018	Donald Cardell	Ambassador Chair	13
2006 - 2017	Debra Cooper	Sacred Heart	12
2006 - 2017	Jess Saldana	St. Helens	12
2006 - 2017	Fred Machado	St. Jude	12
2008 - 2018	Don Wettstead	Holy Spirit	10
2009 - 2017	Michael Madrigal DDS	OLPH & Divine Mercy	8
2010 - 2017	Cheryl Sershon	St. Therese	7
2010 - 2017	James Kludjian	St. Joachim	7
2011 - 2018	Erna Bonetto	St. John’s	7
2012 - 2018	Donna Shepherd	St. Mary Queen of Apostles	6
2013 - 2018	Tom Lean	St. Paul Newman Center	5
2013 - 2018	Alex Flores	Our Lady of Victory	5

## Prayer Research and Submission By Mary Borges



### St. Patrick’s Prayer for the Faithful

May the Strength of God pilot us.  
 May the Power of God preserve us.  
 May the Wisdom of God instruct us.  
 May the Hand of God protect us.  
 May the Way of God direct us.  
 May the Shield of God defend us.  
 May the Host of God guard us.  
 Against the snares of the evil ones.  
 Against temptations of the world.

May Christ be with us!  
 May Christ be before us!  
 May Christ be in us,  
 Christ be over all!  
 May Thy Salvation, Lord,  
 Always be ours,

This day, O Lord, and evermore. Amen.

## Upcoming Events

- April 12—Breakfast Meeting
- May 5—Membership Sunday
- May 10—Breakfast Meeting
- June 14—Breakfast Meeting

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the newsletter?

Contact Denise Correia  
vavi@cns4u.com

## Business Person of the Month— Mary Golden

Mary Golden began her Federal Government career as an entry level Data Transcriber for the Internal Revenue Service, Fresno in 1989. She has held progressively responsible positions concluding her IRS career in the “Learning and Education” Branch. Mary is a certified instructor, mentor, performance consultant, facilitator, and moderator.



In 2005, Mary was promoted to Special Assistant, Office of the Director, Department of Veterans Affairs. She is a graduate of the VACCHCS Leadership Class of 2007.

In 2011, Mary accepted her current position as Program Manager, VA Voluntary Service. Mary works to build and nurture relationships with Veteran Service Organizations (VSO), civic service organizations, faith-based organizations, military, and educational organizations to maximize volunteer opportunities and donor support—all to benefit the American heroes receiving care at VA Central California Health Care System.

Mary is a member of the American Hospital Association/ Association for Healthcare Volunteer Resource Professionals (AHVRP) and achieved her “Certified Administrator of Voluntary Service” in 2016.

Mary is known as compassionate leader who is highly dedicated to Veterans, the mission of VA, and VA Voluntary Service.

## The Formation of our Future Priests

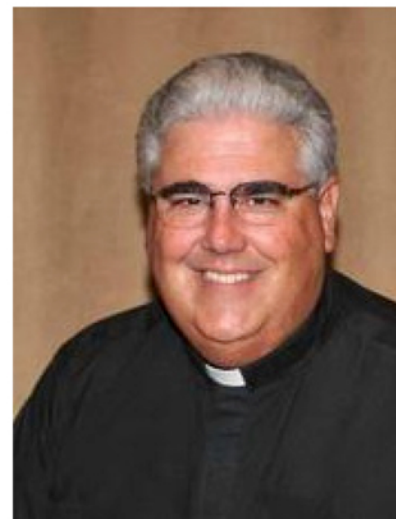
**Fr. Dan Avila – Director of Vocations**

*We asked Fr. Dan to write about vocations. This is the second of a two-part article.*

The four dimensions of seminary formation include: Intellectual, Pastoral, Human, and Spiritual. Most people imagine that seminary is all about study. The fact is that seminarians live a full schedule that includes not only their studies but also a structured life of daily prayer and Mass; pastoral work in some kind of ministry setting; and required workshops and lectures on personal growth, which includes their understanding of and preparation for living a chaste celibate life.

To support him in his formation, each seminarian is assigned a spiritual director and a formation director with whom he is expected to meet regularly. Many of our seminaries also have psychologists on staff who provide support and encouragement to their students. The formation director has the job of seeing that the seminarian is advancing in the four dimensions listed above. At the end of each year the seminarian is evaluated by the whole faculty, the supervisor at his ministry assignment and, in some cases, his peers. This evaluation will include commendations for successful growth and recommendations for areas where more growth is needed. Finally, before being advanced to ordination, the faculty and the vocation director must approve and recommend him to the bishop.

Sadly, I cannot promise that this approach to the formation of our seminarians will guarantee that no future priest will ever abuse a child again; not as long as human weakness and sinfulness exists. But I am confident that our seminaries are doing a good job of preparing healthy and holy shepherds to serve God’s people. Though we cannot change the past, I do believe that our seminaries are on the right path in forming our priests for the future.



### Pope’s Worldwide Prayer February Intention:

#### Recognition of the Right of Christian Communities

That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

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**CP&BC Membership Dues:** Annual dues are \$45 per person and are 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 559-999-9153 or by visiting [www.cpbcfresno.org](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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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