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November 8—Patrick Coffin

Profiled by Tom Lang

Our November 8th speaker is Patrick Coffin, whose mission is to inspire and support people of faith—and of reason—who are tired of the increasingly aggressive secularism and political correctness that surrounds them. For nearly eight years he hosted the top-rated Catholic radio show in America, Catholic Answers Live, and the podcast, Catholic Answers Focus.

Now, as host of The Patrick Coffin Show, Patrick interviews the influencers, comments on the secular as well as Catholic culture, and highlights heroes who have stood up to the bullying elites.

Patrick holds graduate degrees in philosophy and theology from McGill University in Montreal and Franciscan University of Steubenville, and has conducted many hundreds of interviews with top leaders from around the world. In Catholicism, this means Vatican cardinals like Raymond Cardinal Burke, George Cardinal Pell, and Francis Cardinal Arinze along with bishops from Africa, Canada, the US, and France.

But according to Patrick, his greatest assets and blessings are his wife and kids. Oh, and their grey tabby, Boy King.

Raised in beautiful Nova Scotia, Patrick lives in Orange County, CA, where he travels the beaches in vain for a Tim Horton's coffee. He loves ironing, Frank Capra movies, racquetball, coming up with new nicknames for his daughters, and making his wife smile.



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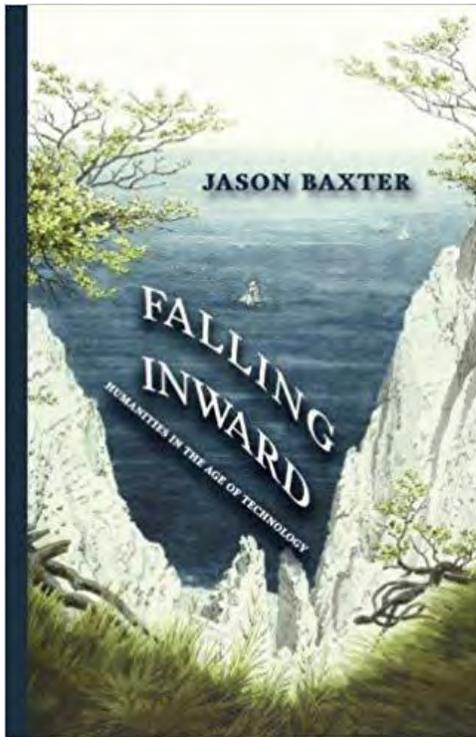
By John Kasaian

Falling Inward: Humanities in the Age of Technology

by Jason Baxter

Cluny Media, 2018

172 pages, paper bound



Why teach the Humanities, specifically the Classics, in the technology driven world? This is the question Jason Baxter, Associate Professor of Fine Arts and Humanities at Wyoming Catholic College, answers in this book.

Baxter employs Philosophy, Literature, Art, Music, Architecture, and Poetry to make his excellent points, and I enjoyed his delightful readable style of writing. Without spoiling exactly which points he makes in support of his thesis, I can write that this book raises all kinds of eye-opening observations on the importance of having a passable knowledge of humanities; and this slim book is an excellent introduction to the humanities, and answers the question “Why teach the Humanities?”

Order yours from Cotter Religious Goods.



Prayer for Thanksgiving

Father all-powerful, your gifts of love are countless and your goodness infinite. On Thanksgiving Day we come before you with gratitude for your kindness. Open our hearts to concern for our fellow men and women, so that we may share your gifts in loving service.

We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A turkey is more occult and awful than all the angels and archangels. In so far as God has partially revealed to us an angelic world, He had partly told us what an angel means. But God has never told us what a turkey means. And if you go and stare at an alive turkey for an hour or two, you will find by the end of it that the enigma has rather increased than decreased.

GK Chesterton, “All Things Considered,” 1908

—Contributed by John Kasaianrh



Business Person of the month—Jim Flanagan

The Lord kept me on the WRITE WAY.

In grammar school I wrote and directed a play, and decided I wanted to be a lawyer. In high school I was a sportswriter and the editor of the school paper, and I clerked for an attorney. At Stanford I took advanced writing classes. In the Marine Corps I was a Communications Officer with a Top-Secret Crypto clearance. At Stanford Law School I clerked for a law firm. On graduation, I was a legislative intern for the Assembly Water Committee and wrote my first book, on California Water Districts. For 44 years I was an office, trial, and appellate general practice attorney. During that time, I also was a weekly newspaper columnist and taught at several colleges. Since retirement, I have written two books: “Managing Conflict—Strategies to Create and Teach Resolution of Conflict,” and co-authored “Resolving Conflict by Mediation.” Now I am working on three more books.



Jim is a Eucharistic Minister at Holy Spirit Church. He treasures his faith.

Upcoming Events

- December 13—Breakfast Meeting
- January—No Meeting
- February 14—Breakfast Meeting

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Book Review

By Jim Flanagan

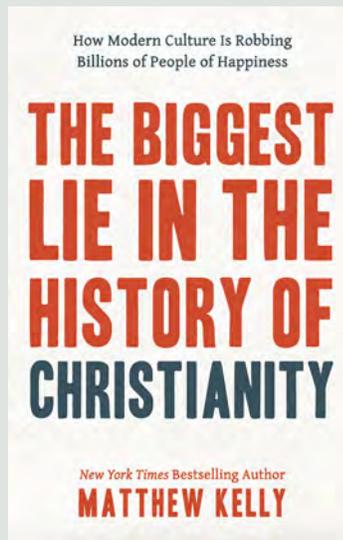
The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity
by Matthew Kelly
Blue Sparrow 2018
128 pages

This is the book that was handed out free at our December 2018 meeting. It begins with identifying the “biggest lie” as “holiness is not possible.” Then it talks about creating Holy Moments and shows that once you get the hang of that, it becomes easy to continue creating Holy Moments.

Then there is the question as to what do you do with the Holy Moments. The progression of the answer to that goes from personal acts, all the way to uniting all Christians, to address national problems. The starting national problem addressed is that “No child in America should go to bed hungry.” Did you know that 20% of children in America go to bed hungry? That is one in every five.

Matthew Kelly addresses how to solve that problem by uniting all Christians in our nation to be a part of the solution. A good side effect would be that we would learn the power of Christian unity.

Sound interesting and challenging? Read the book and try creating Holy Moments.



October Speaker Recap—Chris Bray

By Norma Williams

Why do we let fear cripple us? Why do we hold onto things that control? Why do we celebrate busy-ness and chaos? Why do we get things backwards, going after “big stuff” first? Why do we think we can do everything alone?

These were questions asked by singer/songwriter/ inspirational speaker, Chris Bray, at the October breakfast.

From London, Ontario, Canada, Chris has been in ministry for seven years, previously in Informational Technology. He began by leading music for his parish’s Teen Life program. He took the bold step of asking for six months leave from his job to test what he perceived as God’s calling, not an easy step for a husband and father of five.

Chris emphasizes being faithful in small things, echoing St. Teresa of Calcutta’s admonition to do small things with great love, and Pope Benedict XVI’s assertion that we are made for greatness. To do so, we must surrender, letting God be the center of our lives, trying to use each day for something good—simple, but never easy. In so doing, God allows us to do extraordinary things in ordinary moments, just as the apostles in the Upper Room received the Holy Spirit and took Christ’s message to the world.

When God tests us, we are tempted to compromise. Chris gave examples of having bookings cancelled when churches or organizations opposed his anti-new age stance or emphasis on the primacy of Peter.

Chris recently released a full-length Christian album entitled “Joy in My Heart.” He was a March for Life headliner on Canada’s Parliament Hill before 25,000 attendees.



Pope’s Worldwide Prayer November Intention

Dialogue and Reconciliation in the Near East

That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.

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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.

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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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