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December 9 Christmas Party and Joan Bouchard

By Tom Lang, Vice President and Programming
Chair

Our Friday, December 9th breakfast will be our annual Christmas Party!! Once again, we will welcome Our Lady of Perpetual Help School choir members under the direction of Melita Mudri-Zubacz, and we will also hear about Catholic Education in our Diocese from Superintendent for Catholic Education, Joan Bouchard. We invite all CP&BC members to bring your checkbooks for direct donations to both the OLPH student choir and the Office of Catholic Education.

Prior to becoming Superintendent, Joan served the Diocese of Fresno for the past 18 years as an educator, Elementary School Principal, High School Dean of Students, High School Vice-Principal, and Assistant Superintendent.

She holds a Clear Multi Subject Credential with a Business Addendum, Master of Business Administration, and Master of Arts in Education. When not at work, she enjoys taking long walks with her dog, Callie, reading, and spending time hiking and kayaking with her three boys.

We look forward to seeing everyone for our last breakfast of 2022 — a celebration of the Christmas season with a focus on the children who will be entrusted with our families, faith, and future.

Please Note: Due to the scheduled remodeling of Pardini's Banquet facility, CP&BC's February, March, and April breakfasts in 2023 will be held across the street at the Hotel Piccadilly's Crown Room. Thank you for your understanding!

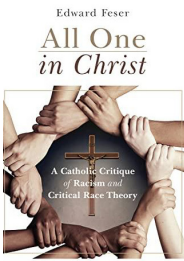
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All One in Christ

by Edward Feser
 Ignatius Press, San Francisco 2022
 163 pages paperbound

By John Kasaian

One of the biggest issues in the current news cycle is the wholesale adoption of Critical Race Theory and Gender Identity in primary grades K-6.

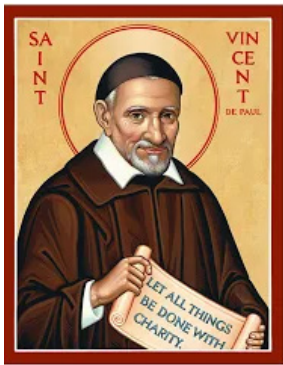
The grave harm done to children subjected to these curricula has

been well documented by parents and social commentators, yet the core of Critical Race Theory and Gender Identity hasn't really been unpacked in the light of Catholic Theology. Until now.

Professor Feser covers the Church's teachings on slavery as well as the rights and duties of immigrants before exploring Critical Race Theory, Gender Identity, and their Marxist origins.

I found this to be a vitally needed book to shed light on this important topic. Easy to comprehend, "All One in Christ" puts into focus the wisdom of the Church on this timely situation.

You can get your copy at Cotter's Religious Goods



December Prayer

St. Vincent, patron of all charitable associations and father of those who are in misery, come to our assistance.

Obtain from Our Lord, help for the poor, relief for the infirm, consolation for the afflicted, protection for the abandoned, a spirit of generosity for the rich, grace of conversion for sinners, zeal for priests, peace for the Church, tranquility and order for all nations, and salvation for them all.

May we be united in the life to come, by your intercession, and experience joy, gladness, and everlasting happiness. Amen.

St. Vincent de Paul, Pray for Us ...

Diocesan Event Corner

If your parish or Catholic organization is hosting an event open to all the Diocese of Fresno, we ask for you to notify us no less than six weeks before the event. We will gladly post this in our newsletter mailed to all CP&BC members. Contact Tim Dodd for more information (559) 860-9198:

Saturday, December 10, 2022,

6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

A Night Under the Stars: for young adults

Holy Spirit Church, Fresno

Sunday, December 11, 2022,

2:00 PM

St. Mary's Church 10 Year Anniversary - 10K Raffle

St. Mary's Church, Fresno

Sunday, January 8, 2023, 6:00 PM

God's Extravagant Love: 6-Day

Silent Directed Retreat

St. Anthony Retreat Center, Three Rivers

Rivers

Thursday, February 2, 2023

The Consecration of St. Charles

Borromeo Catholic Church

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, Visalia

Church, Visalia



Please join us in praying for the soul of James (Jim) Henry Flanagan Jr. September 11, 1934 – October 29, 2022. Jim was a CP&BC club member and a regular contributor to this newsletter. He had a lively mind full of ideas to help us on our spiritual journeys. May he rest in peace.



Stay Connected with Prayers!

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, or update your email address contact Sally Lauritzen salautitz@att.net or 559-439-8378. If you have not received an email in the last month, Sally needs your new email address.

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November Speaker Recap

Joe Heschmeyer

By Norma Williams

“The Catholic Church is the original nondenominational church, and if we

are correct about the papacy, everyone should be Catholic, stated December breakfast speaker, Joe Heschmeyer, from Kansas City.

Catholics struggle with evangelism because they believe they don't know enough, but we will never have all the answers or be able to cover all topics in our attempts to convince others of the truth of the Church. Joe advises focusing on and being ready to defend the papacy. The reality and structure of Jesus and his apostles look a lot like the papacy, Joe says. The biblical fishing/net story indicates a

model of leadership when the apostles state they will go with Jesus. Peter was elevated beyond just his role as an apostle.

Discussing John 21 and Luke 22 may be the simplest and least complicated passages when discussing with others, Joe believes. John 21 is an epilogue of what is to come next. Going out and making disciples is a mission to the end of time, a journey toward eternity. The church has a top-down authority, but its leaders must be servants, reminds St. Luke.

An apologist and blogger for Catholic Answers, Joe's books include “Pope Peter” and “The Early Church was Catholic” which focuses on words and actions of those who lived right after the apostles in the first two centuries. Joe holds degrees in law, philosophy, and sacred theology.

“What it looks like to live out what the apostles taught is simply the Catholic Church,” Joe concludes.



Recap of November Business Person of the Month

Mary Golden

Mary Golden Placido grew up on a raisin farm with her parents and four older brothers in the small, rural community of Caruthers. Her mother and father were leaders in their church (Our Lady of the Assumption) and volunteered extensively. Mary is

grateful for their living example of true faith in action.

Mary began volunteering from the time she could hold a dust-cloth to polish the pews in church. While in high school she became a leader in both her school and her faith-based youth groups.

She began her career with the Federal Government in 1989 where she worked in progressively responsible positions for 16 years, concluding in the Learning and Education department. In 2005, she received a promotion/transfer to VA Medical Center, to serve as Special Assistant, Office of the Director. In 2011, Mary joined VA Voluntary Service (VAVS) to serve as the Program Manager. In 2020 Mary became the Chief, VA Center for Development and Civic Engagement.

Mary holds the prestigious “Administrator of Voluntary Service” from the American Hospital Association (AHA)/Association for Healthcare Volunteer Resource Professionals (AHVRP). She has been recognized throughout her career for performance, service, dedication, and leadership. In 2022 she received the Fresno Kiwanis Club “Women in Leadership Award” and the national “VA American Spirit Award for Leadership in Student Recruitment.”

Mary also serves on the Board of Directors for the Fresno Kiwanis Club and the Selma Portuguese Azorean Association.

In her 33 years of civilian public service and community service, Mary has become known as an authentic, compassionate leader who is highly dedicated to serving Veterans, youth, and her extended community. Mary and her husband, Manuel, have two daughters, two sons, and twelve grandchildren. They enjoy spending time with family and friends as well as their faith and cultural community. They reside on their little “Quinta” where they care for their gardens and many, many farm animals.

Upcoming Events

- **January** no meeting
- **February 10, 2023** Hotel Piccadilly's Crown Room
- **March 10, 2023** Hotel Piccadilly's Crown Room

Pope's Worldwide Prayer

December: Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations

We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

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Reservations: Reservations are required for all breakfast meetings held at Pardini's and can be made by sending an email to reservations@cpbcfresno.org or by calling Denise Correia at 559-434-2722 or by visiting the website www.cpbcfresno.org then click on the reservation link. Doors open at 7:00 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 \$25 for members and their guests and \$30 for non-members. An option to attend via ZOOM is available with a requested link and password for members only. An annual discounted cost of \$175 is available to members that prepay annual breakfast. Prepaid members are also requested to make reservations.

Membership Directory: Ad space in the annual 2023 Membership Directory starts at \$60. The deadline for advertising reservations and artwork is December 31, 2022. For more directory information, email directory@cpbcfresno.org or call Denise Correia at 559-434-2722.

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.

Misson 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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