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February 12 — Joseph Warren

Profiled by Tom Lang

Rev. Dr. Gregory Zubacz, J.D., Ph.D.



Our Friday, February 12th speaker, Joseph Warren, will be Zooming into our 8am meeting from Tampa, Florida. Members who RSVP will be sent a unique Zoom Meeting ID and Password prior to the event.

“People see Christians as hypocrites,” says the host of the Broken Catholic podcast (which rose to #1 on iTunes for Protestants AND Catholics!) and now Your First \$100k Show.

Joseph Warren has interviewed the country’s Top Christian influencers about what God is doing in their lives and brings clarity to practical topics that millions of business people struggle with. Listeners in over 100 countries have been inspired by Joseph’s uncommon enthusiasm and joy for life and are shocked by his unique ability to build bridges (not walls) across all Christian denominations and businesses.

Nineteen-year old “broken catholic” makes \$2M and then loses it all...

Raised by a single mother on welfare, Joseph Warren dreaded their weekly trips to the supermarket and hung his head in shame as they paid for the family’s groceries with food stamps. He made a commitment to himself that when he became a man, his life would be different ... he would be happy, healthy, and wealthy. Joseph Warren started his first multi-million-dollar business at age 19 and wasted away his 20’s trying to find happiness through money, success, and pleasure. HE MADE MILLIONS — but then lost it all and considered taking his own life.

The pursuit of society’s definition of success and happiness led to a moment of surrender and conversion in Joseph’s life. Today, having triumphed through multiple failed businesses and broken relationships, he shows Little Control Freaks™ (like himself) how to finally rely on God, not SELF.

We hope you will join us live at this inspiring meeting! If you cannot make it, send an email to speakers@cpbcfresno.org, and we will send you a link so you may watch the presentation at any time that works with your schedule. Please note — this is a benefit for current members only and the link will expire after 30 days.

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.

Belated Thanks

To Bill Thornbury for your inspirational carols and songs at our December 11 Zoom Christmas “party” in front of your tree and cozy fire and to Tom Ferdinandi for the video and comments about the important work of our local Poverello House.

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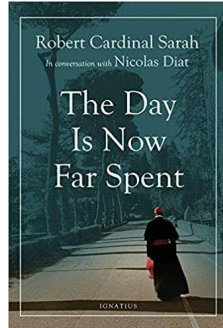
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Book Review

By John Kasaian

The Day Is Now Spent | By Robert Cardinal Sarah
with Nicolas Diat | Ignatius Press, San Francisco
2019 | 349 pages paperback



Contemporary Catholic writers, it seems, have an infatuation with writing books about how bad the society is and ending with an optimistic conclusion.

There are many excellent books following this formula written by talented and entertaining writers; however, something important seems to get lost in the brevity. I think this is where Cardinal Sarah's books stand apart from the usual offerings.

"The Day Is Now Spent" is a Q&A format with the excellent French journalist Nicolas Diat. His questions are brief and to the point, and Cardinal Sarah's responses are thorough and concise with citations when useful. The English translation is remarkably well done, both easy to read and captivating.

The subjects of these "discussions" are intriguing—fascinating really.

Part 1 deals with Spiritual and Religious Collapse, especially concerning the Priesthood.

Part 2 deals with Man Belittled, basically the pervasive culture of nihilism.

Part 3 deals with The Fall of Truth, Moral Decadence, and Bad Political Habits.

Part 4 deals with Rediscovering Hope: The Practice of the Christian Values.

I really enjoyed this book; it is one of those rare books which presents ideas that stay on your mind many days after you have read them.

You can pick up your copy at Cotters Religious Goods.



An Ecumenical Christian Prayer

O God, Trinity of love,
from the profound communion of your divine life,
pour out upon us a torrent of fraternal love.
Grant us the love reflected in the actions of Jesus,
in his family of Nazareth,
and in the early Christian community.

Grant that we Christians may live the Gospel,
discovering Christ in each human being,
recognizing him crucified
in the sufferings of the abandoned
and forgotten of our world,
and risen in each brother or sister
who makes a new start.

Come, Holy Spirit, show us your beauty,
reflected in all the peoples of the earth,
so that we may discover anew
that all are important, and all are necessary,
different faces of the one humanity
that God so loves. Amen.

Source: Fratelli Tutti 2020



Business Person of the Month—Sally M. Caglia

I am a semi-retired Executive Administrator from our 108-year-old family businesses, Electric Motor Shop & Supply, Inc., Caglia Environmental, and Red Rock Disposal in Madera. I started answering the company telephones when I was twelve years old, and I am still around. I have four wonderful children and their spouses and five beautiful grandchildren, scattered throughout the globe with none in California. I attended Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Grammar School, graduated from San Joaquin Memorial, and attended two business classes at Fresno City College. However, my heart was in nursing so I could join the Peace Corp. My Dad had other ideas for me. I am a parishioner of St. Alphonsus Church and a thirty-year committee member of our Italian St. Elia Celebration. I am a ten-year member of the ONLY Cultural Arts Rotary Club of Fresno as well other local service organizations. Favorite pastimes are reading, cooking, ballroom dancing, fishing, FSU Football and TRAVEL to visit my precious family.



Upcoming Events

- March 12, 2021
- April 9, 2021
- May 14, 2021

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Who Was Saint Valentine?

By Norma Williams



The real St. Valentine was very unlike our image of a cherubic cupid shooting arrows at lovers and associated with hearts, candy, and flowers. There were likely three “Valenti,” at least two of whom died on February 14, executed in the third century when persecution of Christians was still common. We know this from an order of Belgium monks who spent three centuries collecting evidence on lives of saints. They were called Bollandists after Jesuit scholar Jean Bolland. The monks produced 68 volumes of Acta Sanctorum (Lives of the Saints) between 1643 and 1940.

All that is known of the first Valentine is that he died in Africa along with 24 soldiers. The second involves a Medieval legend of a girl cured of blindness, whose whole family converted to Christianity, but that Valentine was beheaded by the emperor for his action. The third was Bishop of Terni in Umbria, Italy, who was also beheaded after healing a child. Because of their similarities, the second and third stories could be the same. Several churches and monasteries claim to have bits of Valentinian skull.

The romanticism perhaps stems from a Medieval legend that St. Valentine performed Christian marriages and passed notes between jailed lovers. In Canterbury Tales, Chaucer reports on a feast associated with the mating of birds, and European nobility began sending love notes during bird mating season. Shakespeare’s Ophelia spoke of herself as Hamlet’s Valentine. St. Augustine reminded us in the fifth century that someone does not have to be standing before us to love them.

If you forget to remember a loved one on February 14, you can wait until July when St. Valentine is celebrated by the Eastern Orthodox.

Book Review

By Jim Flanagan

In October 2020 Jon Leonetti, the March 2019 speaker at our Catholic Professional & Business Club, released his book “Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Holiness.”

The book title is an adaptation of the phrase in our Declaration of Independence. As Jon says in his prologue: “the whole point of this little book: God, your creator, did give you life, and He does give you liberty, and the only reason for living is to pursue holiness,” and “there’s only one way to find happiness, and that’s to pursue holiness.” The purpose of the book, therefore, is to teach us how to be holy.

In Chapter One, Jon tells us that we are “God’s Gift to the World,” and that we Catholics are aware that everything else created by God is less important than us human beings. In Chapter Two, “God’s Plan for Your Life,” he says that God has already told us what his plan is – in the Bible! Yes, in the whole Bible God is telling us His plan in many different ways. In fact, He also wants us to be a saint because He wants us all to go to heaven. The problem is that we sometimes forget why we are here.

“So, Why the Catholic Church” is the title of the third chapter, and the answer is that we are aware that the winning game plan is “Holiness leads to heaven.” In Chapter Five, Jon gives us three saints as models of deeper prayer and how they built their relationships with God: Saint Teresa of Avila, a Model of Advancement; Brother Lawrence of the Resurrection, the Model of Simplicity; and, the Silence of Saint Joseph.

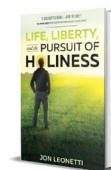
Chapter Seven tells us how to become a Backyard Missionary in these times of the declining number of self-identified Catholics, real ones, not just in name only. And Jon tells us that our home base is just that, our home with things of God on display but without any need to turn our home into the Sistine Chapel – just enough to show that our faith is important to us.

Jon finishes the book with Chapter Eight “Holiness Personified,” Mary, the mother of Jesus. Jon ends with the concluding thought: God gave us Life and Liberty, but that “we’re not going after the shiny baubles of this life ... We’re pursuing holiness.” In other words, we need to strive for holiness in our daily life because it leads to sanctity, and therefore heaven.

Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Holiness

By Jon Leonetti

Available October 2020



Pope’s Worldwide Prayer February Intention

Violence Against Women

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

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CP&BC Membership Dues: Annual dues are \$48 per person and are due June 30, 2021. The deadline for the 2022 Membership Directory is December 31, 2021. For more information contact John Kanaley at 315-243-6597. The 2021 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 \$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 2022 Membership directory, ad space starts at \$50. December 15, 2021 is the deadline to reserve ad space for the 2022 Directory. December 31, 2021 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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