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March 9 – Chris Mueller

Profiled by Tom Lang

Chris Mueller is traveling to our March 9, 2018 breakfast meeting from San Diego, where he serves as Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry at Saint Martha Parish in Murrieta. His presentation will communicate the Gospel of Jesus Christ in a way that resonates with teen and adult audiences alike.

As founder and president of the nonprofit 242Revolution Ministries, Chris invites young people to share in the devotion of the first generation of Christians—devoted to the teaching of the apostles, to the communal life, and to the breaking of the bread and prayer (Acts 2:42).

Chris has been a nationally sought-after Catholic speaker for more than 15 years and speaks to thousands of people all over North America.

Chris's writing has been featured on the Great Adventure Bible Study's Bible Study for Catholics blog, and he has been a regular contributor to CatholicYouthMinistry.com

Chris is Dad to five incredible children who he is immensely proud of, and the husband of "a saintly, strong, faithful, freaking beautiful" wife, Christina.



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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Speaker Recap

Matt Allner

By Norma Williams

Being successful is a delicate balance of knowing when to lead, when to follow, and when to stand alone, according to February speaker Matt Allner, who has had a varied career in science and education. He worked as a research scientist, a public school science teacher, a graduate school adjunct assistant professor, and was a three-time finalist in the NASA astronaut selection process. His research emphasis was space psychology, particularly effects of long-duration space flight. He has written extensively for professional scientific journals and has been a presenter at many international space conferences.

An avid outdoorsman from Monument, Colorado, Matt enjoys encountering the Creator in nature and states that not enough people are open to the awe of the universe. Paraphrasing the Gospel, he notes that all are given eyes and ears yet often do not truly see or listen and frequently are not satisfied with God's gifts.

Matt is particularly concerned about the legacy to children, about secularism in society and the church, and the fact that too many youth and young adults leave following confirmation. He urges being more preventative in addressing society's pitfalls.

Three years ago Matt founded Leadership & Legacy, LLC to strengthen individuals and infrastructures through strong Christian values that maintain and recapture the American spirit. He believes that high levels of competition have chiseled the ability to keep things simple and to work well with others. Citing Matthew 25's Parable of the Talents, he states that everyone can learn to improve the talents they have received.

Website: leadershipandlegacy.net

Business Person of the Month

John Gerardi

John Gerardi is the executive director of Right to Life of Central California, and is this month's Business Person of the Month.

John has been involved with Right to Life of Central California since he was 14 years old, participating in Right to Life's various educational and outreach efforts. As director since 2016, John has spearheaded a number of excellent initiatives to spread RLCC's educational message to more young people throughout the Valley, and to assist more women in difficult pregnancies. He is also active in opposing pro-abortion legislation such as SB 320, a bill currently before the California Legislature that will require every CSU and UC to furnish students with chemical abortion medication.

To see more of John's work, tune in to his weekly Right to Life Radio program every Thursday from 9-10 AM on AM 1680 the Answer. It is also available on Right to Life's Facebook page (facebook.com/righttolifeca) via Facebook Live, and as a podcast on iTunes.



Prayer Research and Submission

By Mary Borges



Prayer of John Paul II for Vocations

Lord Jesus, as You once called the first disciples to make them fishers of men, let your sweet invitation continue to resound: Come follow Me!

Give young men and women the grace of responding quickly to your voice. Support our bishops, priests and consecrated people in their apostolic labor.

Grant perseverance to our seminarians and to all those who are carrying out the ideal of a life totally consecrated to your service.

Awaken in our community a missionary eagerness. Lord, SEND WORKERS TO YOUR HARVEST and do not allow humanity to be lost for the lack of pastors, missionaries and people dedicated to the cause of the Gospel.

Mary, Mother of the Church, the model of every vocation, help us to say "yes" to the Lord who calls us to cooperate in the divine plan of salvation.

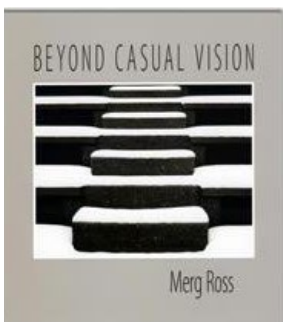
Amen

Upcoming Events

- April 13 – Breakfast Meeting
- May 6 – Membership Sunday
- May 11 – Breakfast Meeting
- June 1 – New Member Social/Mixer
- June 8 – Breakfast Meeting

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Book Review

By John Kasaian

Beyond Casual Vision
 By Merg Ross
 Lenswork Publishing, Anacortes, WA
 2017
 142 pages, paperback
 ISBN# 978-0-9904681-3-4

Sometime in the twilight of the 1950s, my dad pulled the family Buick into the parking area of the Tunnel View in Yosemite National Park for one last look before we headed home from our annual summer camping trip. It was there that I saw my first field camera, just like the ones in the Merry Melody cartoons, with a big bellows “snout.” There were two of these cameras perched on their tripods actually, apparently belonging to Ansel Adams who was conducting one of his famous photographic workshops. I met Ansel that evening – apparently he was concerned (and rightly so) that some little kid in the parking lot might upset his big cameras, which of course would be quite an expensive catastrophe!

Being a well-mannered kid, I didn’t dare touch those cameras or their tripods. Besides my dad was watching, and he came over to introduce me to Mr. Adams, with whom he was acquainted from all his summers camping in Yosemite Valley, as Ansel ran Best’s Studios, which was where he bought film and had it developed while in Yosemite.

One of Ansel’s young protégés happened to be Merg Ross, the author of the book I received.

Merg’s dad, Donald Ross, was a well-known photographer and cohort of Ansel Adams and the other photographers of the Bay Area centric West Coast school illustrated by Adams, the Westons, and Imogene Cunningham. Merg became part of the original West Coast school being the youngest member of the group. Other incredibly talented photographers such as John Sexton and Drew Wiley found inspiration in the monochrome West Coast school, but Merg Ross literally grew up in the tradition.

Beyond Casual Vision is a retrospective of Merg’s 60 years of photographic art, which focuses on his mastery of the Abstract. Playful attempts to recognize what “is.” In that regard these are

kind of like visual representations of the Virtue of Prudence – that is, knowing what truly is. Whimsical photographs aren’t what they appear to be, but images of “ordinary” snow covered steps, broken windows, cracked vinyl upholstery, peeling paint and reeds in a pond. The “ordinary” it turns out, isn’t so “ordinary” after all!

If the portfolio of brilliantly reproduced photographs isn’t enough, there is the accompanying autobiography of Merg’s colorful adventures growing up in the company of many famous and important photographers, and of course, view cameras.

Maybe Cotter’s Religious Goods can order a copy for you.

HELP WANTED

Be a CP&BC Parish Ambassador for your Parish!

Enthusiastic, passionate people to be a Parish Ambassador for our Catholic Professional Business Club.

Duties include, placing monthly newsletters in the narthex of the church and being the conduit between the parish and the CP&BC.

Parish openings:

- ✝ Mt. Carmel
- ✝ St. Alphonsus
- ✝ Sacred Heart
- ✝ St. Mary’s in Sanger
- ✝ St. Joachim’s in Madera
- ✝ St. Ann’s in Riverdale
- ✝ St. Joseph in Selma



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Don Cardell at 559-227-4048

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That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

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CP&BC Membership Dues: Annual dues are \$45 per person and are due June 30, 2018. A membership application form is available on our website at www.cpbcfresno.org. The deadline is December 31, 2018 to be included in the 2019 directory. 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 Lourdes Sanchez 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: Ad space starts at \$50. Send an email to directory@cpbcfresno.org for more information. December 15, 2018 is the deadline to reserve ad space. December 31, 2018 is the deadline for ad artwork. More directory information 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.

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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