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June 12 — Rebecca Kiessling

Profiled by Tom Lang

Our Friday, June 12th speaker, Rebecca Kiessling, will be connecting to our Zoom meeting from her home in Detroit, Michigan. Rebecca has been a pro-life speaker since 1995 and has shared her powerful testimony throughout the world.

Having been conceived in rape, nearly aborted, then placed for adoption, Rebecca became an attorney, and has dedicated her life to defending others who are also at risk of being aborted.



Raised in a Jewish home, Rebecca first came to know Christ while in high school, fell away, then was called back while in law school, completing the RCIA. She was baptized, received her first Holy Communion and Confirmation at Easter Vigil in 1994.

Heritage House '76 published Rebecca's story in their popular pamphlet "Conceived in Rape: A Story of Hope." She has appeared on EWTN and has been interviewed on Relevant Radio numerous times. She appeared in "The 40 Film," the Citizens United film "The Gift of Life with Governor Mike Huckabee," and several other pro-life documentaries.

Rebecca changed the heart of Governor Rick Perry and Newt Gingrich during their presidential campaigns and has been politically influential both nationally and internationally.

Her speaking experience includes Pregnancy Resource Center fundraisers, Right to Life events, Respect Life events, Catholic high schools, universities, attorney conferences, and women's events. Rebecca is also the president and founder of Save The 1 — a global pro-life network of nearly 1000 mothers who became pregnant by rape and other women who have faced challenging pre-natal diagnoses.

The meeting will be via Zoom; for security reasons we are not sharing the Zoom link. After you make a reservation, watch for an email with the Zoom link, Meeting ID, and password.

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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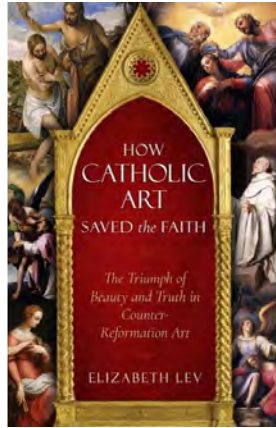
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Book Review

By John Kasaian

How Catholic Art Saved the Faith: The Triumph of Beauty and Truth in Counter Reformation Art | By Elizabeth Lev | Sophia Institute Press, 2018 | 310 pages, paperback



On rare occasions I like to read something on poetry or art in order to astound people at cocktail parties.

One of my favorite Art Historians is Elizabeth Lev whose expertise is on Church History as told by its Art. This book has its origins in a project brought about by the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. Some of the changes brought about by Luther were a disdain for religious art as well as the Eucharist, Confession, Penance, Angels, Saints, Holy Orders, the Blessed Virgin, Purgatory, and...well the list goes on.

Luther's disdain for religious art, Lev tells us, is partially to blame on the artists and sculptors of the time (1517-ish) when some Catholic artists had started indulging in "Art for Art's Sake" with lascivious provocations and vanity, losing sight of the religious stories which, up until then, was how the Faith was illustrated in her churches. Of course Luther would have none of it, and much church art was destroyed as a result. The Council of Trent, in 1545-1563 reaffirmed the role of art in the Church and a crew of talented, but rather (rather what? Troubled? Frisky? Drunk?) artists were provided with patronage to kick start the Catholic artistic tradition in response to the heretical reformers.

And that is where this story begins. And I've used up most of my allotted space for this review already!

"How Catholic Art Saved the Faith" is a great book. You will learn a tremendous amount of Church History without really trying. Elizabeth Lev's stories are both hilarious and thought provoking and illustrated with incredible art with the esoteric details richly described, both from the artistic and historic perspectives. You will get to know each artist like he (or she) was your best Bud.

And., you will astound people at the next cocktail party you go to.

If you have a pilgrimage to Rome in your future or an online tour now during the time of Covid-19, this should be required reading.

Cotter's can get you a copy.



A Prayer for Intercession

O Blessed Archangel Gabriel, we beseech thee, do thou intercede for us at the throne of divine Mercy in our present necessities, that as thou didst announce to Mary the mystery of the Incarnation, so through thy prayers and patronage in heaven we may obtain the benefits of the same, and sing the praise of God forever in the land of the living. Amen.



Volunteers Wanted

Come Join us!

Our amazing Denise Correia is retiring in June. She does a variety of tasks requiring an hour per year of several hours month. We are looking for volunteers who would like to give just a little bit of their time. Please, prayerfully consider how you can support our Club and do one or two simple tasks.

If you are willing to help, or if you have questions, please call Denise at 559-999-9153



Upcoming Events

- July and August—Summer Break
- September 11, 2020
- October 9, 2020

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Contact Denise Correia
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CP&BC Membership Dues in the Time of Novel Coronavirus-Covid 19

By Karen Bosch Cobb

Each of us has a story about why we became and remained a member of the Catholic Professional and Business Club of the Diocese of Fresno. Over the years, those stories have been enriched by the meetings at breakfasts with friends, family, and business acquaintances. We have all probably had the experience of seeing someone at a breakfast whom we have known in our profession or business for years and yet had no idea they were a Catholic—then after the meeting that relationship became deeper, richer, more trusting. And, just as importantly we have heard some amazing speakers, made new friends, been inspired by colleagues, and found people with whom to do business.

Our online meetings are different now, but in the isolation of our homes, I believe we are all grateful for this CP&BC fellowship, and the opportunity to continue to hear about and grow in our Faith.

Your support is more important than ever.

Enclosed please find a copy of our Club's annual dues renewal form. Dues are \$48 and are due June 30, 2020. Please renew today!

May Speaker Recap— Luke Spehar

By Karen Bosch Cobb

Luke Spehar joined us via Zoom from Saint Paul, Minnesota; his last visit five years ago was while he and his wife were on a seven-month van tour. Now in the time of Covid-19, he and his wife have three children in their busy, noisy home.



Luke thanked us for creating a space for a musician during the pandemic lockdown and reflected on how different this Easter Season is. His first song was about hope, and was written after a trip to Medjugorge. One night he climbed to the top of Cross Mountain to experience the sunset and sunrise; the sunrise was a sign of Hope—something we all need right now. He played the song “The Sunrise.” The refrain “stay alive just to see the sun,” reminded us about hope.

The unknown has made this time so challenging, and Luke reflected on the pull of the Evil One. His song “To Saint Michael” is a devil “stompin” tune to call on the armies of angels and slay the Dark One.

Luke suggested that scripture is a place to find God. He reflected on the anxiety Joseph had when he was trying to find a place for Mary to stay, on the night Jesus was born. He believes Mary and Joseph abandoned themselves to the Lord to find a place. His third song was a reminder to invite the Lord to answer the questions that we are experiencing about which road to take.

His final song, “The Farmer,” is about Jesus’ last days. Luke reflected on how much more imminent mortality seems for all of us. Jesus knew what His end would be, and He taught us to serve those closest to us by gathering them together to wash their feet and serve a meal. We are all called to serve our family and friends now.

<https://lukespehar.com/>

Pope's Worldwide Prayer June Intention

The Way of the Heart

We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.

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CP&BC Membership Dues: Annual dues are \$48 per person and are due June 30, 2020. The deadline for the 2021 Membership Directory is December 31, 2020. For more information contact John Kanaley at 315-243-6597. The 2020 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 \$135 is available for members that prepay for the year. Reservations are still required for prepays.

Membership Directory: For the 2021 Membership directory, ad space starts at \$50. December 15, 2020 is the deadline to reserve ad space for the 2021 Directory. December 31, 2020 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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