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September 10 — Hugh Blane

Profiled by Tom Lang

To kick-off our exciting 2021/22 in-person Catholic Speaker line-up, Hugh will be traveling to Fresno from Seattle, Washington to join us for breakfast at Pardini's on Friday, September 10th at 7:15am.

Love Deeply, Learn Daily, and Live in Holy Boldness.

Embedded in the Catholic faith is the promise of an extravagant love, unconditional mercy, and an intimacy with Jesus that creates a new heaven on earth.

Most Catholics know of these promises, but all too often live their lives based on fear. Not because the promises are untrue, but because the audacity of the promises leave them feeling unworthy of a love of such magnitude.

Hugh is a serial entrepreneur and doesn't shy away from reinventing himself. After eleven years as the CEO of his own financial consulting firm, Hugh reinvented himself when he was recruited to join renowned business author Tom Peters as a senior level consultant with The Tom Peters Company. After traveling to three continents, working in seven countries and forty-three states, Hugh left to become the youngest partner and consultant in the venerable consulting firm, the Effectiveness Institute. After seven years, Hugh recognized that it was time to reinvent himself again and started Claris Consulting.

Hugh left the church at age 23 and replaced his Catholic faith with a devotion to eastern mysticism and business success.

Through Ignatian Spirituality, Hugh found his way back not only to the church, but also to the reality that his greatest fears were the jumping off point for God's promises and that fear had reduced his experience of love and joy as well as his business success by millions of dollars.

Hugh is the author of "7 Principles of Transformational Leadership: Create a Mindset of Passion, Innovation and Growth" and "Mastering the Leadership Mindset." He has published over 425 articles and videos on leadership, influence, and leadership communication. He is a Leadership Challenge Master Certified Facilitator, an Advanced Marshall Goldsmith Stakeholder Centered Coach, and a graduate of the Million Dollar Consulting College.

He is happily married to Alyson, and they are parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Burien Washington. They are members of the Seattle Chapter of Legatus, and Hugh has facilitated Ignatian Spirituality classes at his parish for five years. will

A simultaneous Zoom link will be available to current paid members. Request the link at the time of registration. Wednesday, September 8, is the final day to register.

If you are experiencing symptoms of Covid or other illness, please do not come to the breakfast. For the safety of all, we strongly encourage masks except for while eating or drinking.



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Book Review

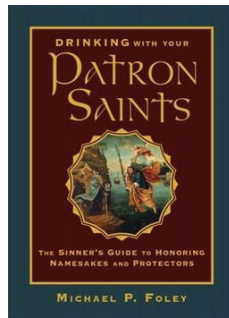
Drinking With Your Patron Saints

By Michael P. Foley

Regnery History, Washington DC

2020

253 pages hardbound



Dr. Foley, Associate Professor of Patristics in the Great Texts Program at Baylor University, offers us this desperately needed sequel to his earlier book “Drinking with The Saints.” As Dr. Foley wrote in the introduction, “Drinking with Your Patron Saints” is a “chaser.”

The first part of this delightful book lists the patronages of selected saints. As an example, in this part we learn that St Nicholas of Tolentino is the Patron Saint of vegetarians stuck at a dinner meant for carnivores. A vegetarian, he blessed a chicken dinner, and the roasted chicken miraculously flew away.

The second part provides brief biographies of Saints, the recipes for cocktails connected with the Saints, and suggested toasts. One entry in particular I felt would be of interest to the CP&BC:

Saint Homobonus (literally good man) Patron Saint of Merchants, being honest, orderly, generous, looking after his business as a duty given to him by God as well as serving the poor, visiting their homes, and serving their needs. One of the original Good Guys.

His cocktail is the 1937 Goody-goody

1-½ oz Booth's Gin ½ oz Yellow Chartreuse

¾ oz Red Dubonnet 1 orange twist (optional)

½ oz fresh lemon juice

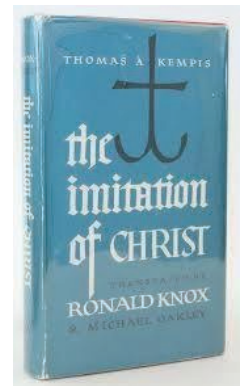
Suggested toast:

“May God bless our businesses and our professional activities, and through the intercession of Saint Homobonus may a good man or woman not be hard to find in our lives or in the mirror.”

Here's a book to treasure! You can get your copy from Cotters Religious Goods.

The Imitation of Christ – Are we doing it yet?

By Jim Flanagan



This is a column based on “The Imitation of Christ,” a fifteenth century book by a monk who spent his whole life reading, writing, and copying manuscripts. It is a spiritual classic that is considered to be the second most read spiritual book after the Bible.

My personal introduction to the book was a small old edition of it that I inherited from my mother, but it was very difficult to read and digest. In recent years, I found the 1959 translation of it by Msgr. Ronald Knox and Michael Oakley, which is considered to be the best translation which greatly enhances the life-changing spiritual insights of Thomas à Kempis, by using simple modern language with an absence of technical theology.

The book is divided into four parts:

- (1) An introductory part on practical advice about spiritual life – 25 chapters;
- (2) The shortest part about the considerations inviting us to live a spiritual life – 12 chapters;
- (3) The longest part (half of the six-page table of contents) on inward consolation – 59 chapters; and,
- (4) A short part on the Blessed Sacrament – a devout encouragement to receive Holy Communion – 18 chapters.

The 114 chapters are each very short (most a page or two in length with a few being three pages in length.) Msgr. Knox during his life made a habit to read one chapter every day. In like manner, for this column I will summarize each chapter in a couple of sentences of the chapter to give you the reader a flavor of the chapter. I encourage you to eventually buy a copy yourself so that you can mark it up and use it for the attainment in your life of an imitation of Christ, that being our calling as Christians.

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 five 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

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

63rd Annual Festival & Car Show: With a Father's Heart: Celebrating the Year of St. Joseph

Sunday, October 3, 2021

9 am – 5 pm



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A Prayer for Our Earth

All powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love, and peace.

Pope Francis, Laudato Si

Speaker Recap – Bug Hall

By Norma Williams

Little infidelities add up. Listening to one's conscience demands speaking truth to our secular culture, even when it means possible suffering and hostility. Silence is a sickness that spreads apathy. Catholicism has many charisms (graces and gifts of the spirit) to build up the Kingdom of God.

These were remarks by Brandon “Bug” Hall at the June Zoom meeting. Bug spent 30 years in Hollywood, starting by playing Alfalfa in Steven Spielberg’s “Little Rascals.” From a Texas family of atheists, there were few rules for the child actor used to instant gratification, not much morality, where truth was relative, and sin described as “missing the mark.” He considered Catholicism a flawed institution. But he experienced an unhardening of the heart when invited by a long-time friend to a meeting highlighted by an intellectual, exorcist, Catholic priest who spoke simple truths. He recalled Dr. Peter Kreeft’s statement, “There is a God and you’re not he!” Bug then spent three hours a day for three months with an abbot who catechized and baptized him.

Bug became unable to reconcile his new faith with his career, finding his values did not fit into the Hollywood ethos. He began writing scripts to tell Catholic stories, but producers skewed the messages, promoting “disordered” lifestyles and altering children’s respect for parents. He also was concerned that some profits from the project would benefit Planned Parenthood. But the non-high school grad with strong attachments to the past was afraid to move on and lose his identity. Learning to let go and be faithful to God in the workplace was a big part of his conversion.

Referring to the Parable of the Talents, Bug states that if nothing else, use them for the family, building one’s own homestead in a social system that often denies the family. His own “out-of- the rat-race family monastery farm” with wife and two children is near Toledo, Ohio.

“Look to the cross,” Bug exhorts, “and carry it into the world!”

He can be followed on Twitter @Bug_Hall



Upcoming Events

- October 8, 2021
- November 12, 2021
- December 10, 2021

Pope’s Worldwide Prayer September Intention

An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle

We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

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CP&BC Membership Dues: Annual dues are \$48 per person and are due August 1, 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. The deadline for ads in the 2022 Membership Directory is December 31, 2021, for space reservation and 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.

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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