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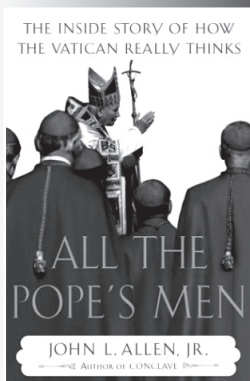
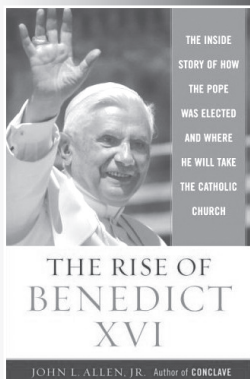
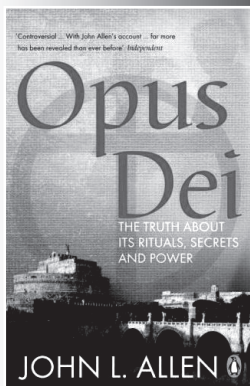
John L. Allen, Jr.

The Upside Down Church:

A Brief History of the Catholic Church in the 21st Century

Wednesday, February 7 / 8:00 / Free

Victoria Hall, 33 W Victoria Street, Santa Barbara



American Catholics account for 6 percent of the global Catholic population of 1.1 billion. What will it mean for the Church that Jakarta, Indonesia; Abuja, Nigeria; and Buenos Aires, Argentina are increasingly becoming the centers of intellectual and pastoral energy that Paris, France; Milan, Italy; and Louvain, Belgium once were? Which issues will be important in the Church of the 21st century, and which will fade? John Allen will share his insights into the global south, and examine what its ascendancy means for Roman Catholicism.

John L. Allen Jr., prize-winning Vatican correspondent for the *National Catholic Reporter* and CNN's Senior Vatican Analyst, is the author of three books on Vatican affairs: *Conclave: The Politics, Personalities and Process of the Next Papal Election*; *All the Pope's Men: The Inside Story of How the Vatican Really Thinks*; and *The Rise of Benedict XVI: The Inside Story of How the Pope Was Elected and Where He Will Take the Catholic Church*. His most recent work is *Opus Dei: An Objective Look behind the Myths and Reality of the Most Controversial Force in the Catholic Church*. Copies of his books will be available for purchase and signing at this event.

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