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St. Gregory VII Chapter  
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## Michael J. Phillips, M.D. will discuss the "abortion/contraception connection" April 14

Many of our readers will recognize Dr. Michael Phillips as a past President of Pro-Life Wisconsin, and past President of the Milwaukee Guild of the Catholic Medical Association. He is also a member of the National Catholic Medical Association.

Dr. Phillips graduated from the Medical College of Wisconsin in 1976 and was certified in Clinical and Anatomic Pathology by the American Board of Pathologists in 1980. He served from 1980 to 1987 as a Staff Pathologist at Family Hospital and West Side Hospital in Milwaukee, and as a Pathologist Consultant at the Clinic of Internal Medicine in Wauwatosa. In addition, he is recognized as a medical expert witness in criminal and medical malpractice cases in the courts of Milwaukee, Walworth and Waukesha Counties. From 1987 to 2006 Dr. Phillips served as Chief Pathologist and Laboratory Director at Memorial Hospital in Oconomowoc, with one term as Chief of Staff. He was also President of the Wisconsin Society of Pathologists from 1998 to 2000.

Dr. Phillips is a pro-life speaker and has addressed pro-life groups, Catholic parishes, and teachers on medical ethics and the abortion - contraception connection. In addition, he has offered testimony to the Wisconsin Legislature on contraception issues. Come with a friend to hear Dr. Michael Phillips explain the:

### "Abortion-Contraception Connection"

WHERE: St. John the Evangelist Church Hall  
8500 West Cold Spring Road  
Milwaukee, WI 53228 (Enter from north parking lot.)

WHEN: Sunday, April 14

TIME: 2:00 p.m. ~ Program 1:45 p.m. ~Rosary

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## April All-Night Vigil will be held on Friday, April 5, at St. Mary Church in Elm Grove

The April All-Night Vigil of Reparation and Prayer will be held on Friday night, April 5, at St. Mary Church, 1260 Church Street in Elm Grove. Confessions are available from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm, and after each Priest Speaker. The opening Mass begins at 8:00 pm, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament all evening, with talks on the Vigil theme, rosaries and various other devotions. The Vigil is open to the public; come and spend one hour, or stay all night if you can. The Vigil concludes with Mass at 5:00 am on Saturday morning, April 6. St. Mary's has plenty of on site parking available. For questions please call 414-254-2790.

## Please take time to read the excellent article on page 3 by Gerard van den Aardweg

Dr. van den Aardweg is a Dutch psychologist and psychoanalyst who has written three books on homosexuality - and, being a devout Catholic - a most interesting book on purgatory titled, *Hungry Souls*. In a 5-28-18 *LifeSiteNews* report of a talk Dr. Aardweg gave in Rome, the author described Dr. Aardweg as, "Europe's foremost expert on homosexuality, pedophilia, and gays within the Catholic priesthood..." Al and I were fortunate to have lunch with Gerard at a Human Life International meeting in 1997 in Minneapolis. He is a remarkable man, and we thank him for continuing to tell the truth in his articles and books. God bless him.

## Did you know that...?

On April 23, 1985, the PBS “Frontline” program titled “Catholics in America: Is Nothing Sacred,” was aired nationwide in an attempt to show changes in the 20 years since Vatican II. Earlier, in 1984, Al and Margo Szews and a few board members were invited to dinner at Alioto’s by assistant producer of the program, Tom Casciato, who said that after visiting a half dozen dioceses, Milwaukee had the most “action,” with groups both for and against Church teaching.

Part of that “action” was our CUF Chapter, and its efforts to expose the scandalous, diocesan sponsored, middle school program, “Valuing Your Sexuality” (VYS), which taught moral relativism through “Values Clarification,” forbidden by the Vatican. When chapter founders, Joanne Kuffel and Msgr. Alphonse Popek, traveled to Rome to deliver evidence of this immoral sexuality program, the Frontline camera crew followed, and interviewed both of them, footage of which was included in the TV program. In addition, at Alioto’s we were able to give Tom Casciato a copy of the VYS Leader’s Manual, and VYS was then filmed at a local parish. A five or ten minute expose of the program, that was filmed, was included in the hour-long presentation on April 23, during which a leader asked the children, “Is it ok to use birth control? It’s an opinion question...There’s no right or wrong...go according to your conscience, and accept responsibility for your own decision...Now what’s your answer?” Also, in one of the VYS “games,” the children were expected to draw pictures of sexual activity, and body parts, for their friends to identify. The VYS booklet, *Sex Sexuality and You*, explained that, “Dating might involve holding hands at a movie, or it may be as involved as sexual intercourse...”(p. 46) Generally, one could describe this book as “filthy.” It was written by Nancy Hennessy Cooney, with Raejean Kanter as a consultant and co-developer of the VYS program that was created in 1980, with Archbishop Weakland, for the Milwaukee Archdiocese.

Of course, there were letters! From April 25 to June 27, 1985, the *Catholic Herald* printed almost 20 letters (2 from me) regarding the VYS segment, with half supporting VYS, and the other half happy the evil had been exposed. Fr. William Kohler insisted that PBS “did not present VYS, it defamed it!” “Frontline” producer, Irv Drasnin, countered to explain that, “the printed comments of Fr. Kohler are intemperate as well as inaccurate.” Because the Archdiocese had exported this vile program to other dioceses, our Chapter was thrilled to see VYS exposed at the national level. Eventually, parents lost interest in VYS, and it was finally discontinued in the early 1990s, after damaging how many children...and lay leaders?

## Catechetical Corner: What is the Sacrament of Confirmation?

“Confirmation is the sacrament through which the Holy Spirit comes to us in a special way to enable us to profess our faith as strong and perfect Christians and as soldiers of Jesus Christ...and to be prepared better to defend our Catholic faith...To receive Confirmation worthily Catholics must be in the state of grace.” Baltimore Catechism No.1, William Sadlier, Inc. 1941, p.85



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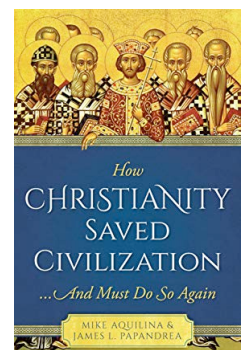
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## Book of the Month: *How Christianity Saved Civilization*

Author: Mike Aquilina and James L. Papandrea

Publisher: Sophia Institute Press, 2018

“Ancient Rome’s brutal culture exploited the weak and considered human life expendable. Women were used as property; unwanted children were left on the streets to die. Four centuries later, even ordinary men and women prospered in what had become a vigorous new Christian society – a society that served the vulnerable, exalted women, treasured virtue, and loved peace. Faith had triumphed. Truth was proclaimed. And on this rock-solid foundation, Christian society flourished in the West for the next 1500 years...Here you’ll learn about the seven specific areas where any paganism, ancient or modern, is particularly vulnerable. They provide a roadmap for modern Christians to reclaim for the Faith our own neo-pagan modern culture. Facing an overwhelmingly dark and hostile culture, Rome’s early Christians took the steps necessary to transform it. Their struggles and the hard lessons they learned – documented here – afford us hope that, by imitating their example, we may do the same for our culture today.”



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# "Psychologist explains why the Catholic Church is right to exclude homosexuals from priesthood"

By Gerard van den Aardweg, Ph.D.

*LifeSiteNews, March 12, 2019*

(LifeSiteNews) – My opinion as a psychologist and expert on homosexuality (and homosexual pedophilia) is that no man with homosexual or pedophile inclinations must be ordained to the priesthood, nor admitted as a seminarian. Homosexual inclinations tend to be obsessive. This is also true in cases where initially such inclinations may not at first be obsessive. It cannot be reliably assessed if a man (or young man) with such inclinations – regardless of whether they may appear weak or less weak – will continue to be celibate in the future. Changing life situations, emotional problems, and certain outward pressures or situations often bring the initially celibate homosexual to start seeking sexual contacts or relationships.

In comparison with men with normal sexual interest in this respect, the homosexually inclined are very much more given to being obsessed by (homo) sexual fantasies; to nourishing or starting habits of masturbation, which lower the threshold to surrendering to live contacts; to having emotional crises which undermine their resolutions and make them seek comfort in their fantasies etc.; to deluding themselves into believing their romantic feelings for admired or ardently-sought intimate friends are not wrong at all, but on the contrary, are expressions of noble, real and profound love. On the basis of this naïve illusion, their desires inspire them with various rationalizations, if not for physical contacts, then for "chaste" or "faithful" friendships (which never will remain chaste and are in practice not "faithful"). These rationalizations

and attempts at "normalizing" their feelings make them, among other things, unfit to understand the sexual morality of the Church and susceptible to reasonings or theories that serve as moral or religious justifications of homosexual liaisons and contacts. That way, they are – or may become in the course of the years – susceptible to subverting the absolute moral norms of Catholic sexual morality. The homosexually inclined tend much more to seduce or otherwise molest their pre-

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ferred sexual partners than heterosexual men. And, as the vast majority of them prefer adolescents and/or young adults, they are a serious risk group. Their obsessive feelings and accompanying rationalizations and self-justifications dull and obfuscate their moral sense and judgment in this respect. The well-meant statement one finds today in connection with the abuse crises in the Church, namely, that "we cannot say that homosexuals as a category are molesters" is not true. As a category they are, no doubt, many, many times more at risk than heterosexuals to molest youngsters and young adult men. This is a solid statistical fact.

To understand all these facts, we must realize that homosexual inclinations (after puberty) are not isolated desires, but part of a masculinity-inferiority complex, part of a neurotic and personality disorder. Emotionally, these men are

(in greater or lesser part) stuck in their teens, emotionally immature and unstable (neurotic). Homosexuality is a sexual neurosis.

Homosexuality in men implies a deficient identification with masculinity. This affects them emotionally and as regards their character or personality. One important consequence is that they fail in the "father role" when it comes to leading people, being firm, and defending what a man must defend. A priest should be normally masculine and not have a weak, unmanly character. Another consequence is that homosexually inclined men cannot sufficiently identify with the feelings of sexually normal men and thus cannot adequately lead and guide people as a priest should do. They cannot share many feelings of normal men nor behave like a man ought to in their relationships with women. Thus, their homosexual inclinations affect their relations with people. Priests should be normal like ordinary and mature men. The sexual abstinence of the homosexually inclined cannot be compared with the abstinence of normal [men]. The fight against homosexual tendencies is similar to the fight of other people with sexual abnormalities, be they homosexuals or heterosexuals, (exhibitionists, sado-masochists, pedophiles, transvestites, etc.). Their struggle is a moral duty, not a voluntary choice. Their struggle is doubtless meritorious, but it cannot be equalized with the voluntary sacrifice of a (young) man who offers up the use of his healthy sexual faculties. Paying a debt (in money) is not the same as donating a considerable sum of money. From a religious point of view, it has been argued that the priest as a personification of Christ must be a "full" man, not a man deficient in manhood.

This view has been defended by theologians. It is not my field, but my feeling is that this is the correct view.

**THE SPRING-FALL WINTER SCHEDULE:**

- April 14**      **THE ABORTION-CONTRACEPTION CONNECTION, by Michael Phillips, M.D. (at St. John)**
- May 19**      **TO BE ANNOUNCED**
- September 15**      **TO BE ANNOUNCED**
- October 13**      **TO BE ANNOUNCED**
- November 17**      **TO BE ANNOUNCED**
- December 15**      **MSGR. POPEK BIRTHDAY/CHRISTMAS LUNCH**
- January 19**      **TO BE ANNOUNCED**
- February 16**      **TO BE ANNOUNCED**
- March 15**      **AFTERNOON OF RECOLLECTION, by Fr. James Kubicki, S.J. (at Sacred Heart Church)**

**Editor's Note:** Included with this mailing is a two-page letter, with footnotes, that was sent to Archbishop ListECKI on March 11, 2019, from our Chapter. Also included, is the Archbishop's March 29, 2019, response. As you see, the letter is a request that he put an end to the expanding LGBTQ activities in the archdiocese, including GASIC.

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**Dr. Michael Phillips, M.D.**  
Discuss

“The Abortion-Contraception Connection”

Sunday, April 14

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