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FR. JAMES KUBICKI, S.J., FROM APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER, WILL SPEAK APRIL 22...

FR. KUBICKI is the national director of the Apostleship of Prayer, headquartered here in Milwaukee. It is a 160 year old organization that directs attention to the Holy Father's monthly prayer intentions, and encourages devotion to the Sacred Heart and daily prayer, especially the "Morning Offering." According to a recent, October 19, 2006 article in the CATHOLIC HERALD, featuring Fr. Kubicki and the Apostleship, the words "...for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart..." were added to the Morning Offering by a Jesuit priest, Fr. Henri Ramiere, shortly after the founding of the Apostleship in 1844 by Jesuits in France. The article also points out that Fr. Kubicki and the Apostleship promote "the old notion of what we were taught in grade school, to – 'offer it up.'" According to Fr. Kubicki, "the worst thing is suffering without meaning," and "offering it up" helps people find meaning and purpose in their suffering.

As national director of the Apostleship, Fr. Kubicki would like to see a local director of the Apostleship of Prayer in every diocese in this country within the next five years. In Milwaukee, Fr. Michael Lightner, associate pastor of St. Francis Borgia Parish in Cedarburg, was appointed diocesan director of the Apostleship of Prayer on July 1. According to the CATHOLIC HERALD article, Fr. Lightner said he has prayed the Morning Offering since "my mom taught it to me years ago." Fr. Kubicki sees great hope that with the resurgence in popularity of Eucharistic adoration, a new generation will add devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and the Morning Offering, to an active, faithful, and daily prayer life.

PLEASE COME, AND BRING A FRIEND, TO HEAR FR. JAMES KUBICKI, S.J., DISCUSS:

"LIVING IN UNION WITH THE EUCHARISTIC HEART OF JESUS"

WHERE: **BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH HALL**
South 41st Street and Oklahoma Avenue
(Enter parking lot from 40th Street; use door at SE corner of Church)

WHEN: Sunday, April 22

TIME: 2:00 p.m. -- Program
1:45 p.m. – Rosary

ELECTION OF OFFICERS TO BE HELD AT MAY MEETING...

The election of officers for the Chapter will be held at the May meeting. Anyone interested in being on the ballot or suggesting nominees, should contact Larry Schmidt at 414-774-2824, Gene Slaske at 414-353-3856, or Peggy Hamill at 262-786-1693.

SAVE THE DATE – DIRECTOR OF "FOCUS" AT U.W. – MADISON TO SPEAK ON MAY 20...

NATHAN STANLEY, director of the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS) at U.W. in Madison, will speak at our next meeting on Sunday, May 20. FOCUS was founded in 1998 by past international president of CUF, Curtis Martin. It is a national outreach to secular and Catholic college campuses, designed to bring the fullness of life and truth of the Catholic Church to college students, through Bible study, leadership training, and one-on-one discipleship. FOCUS works with the blessing of the local bishop, and the support of the pastor and existing ministries.

CIRCULATION UPDATE FOR THOSE WHO RECEIVE THIS NEWSLETTER BY BULK MAIL...

Our future "Bulk Mail" circulation will consist of those who have requested to remain on the mailing list, along with those

who have recently been added to the list. We will rotate, with each mailing, as many of those people we have not heard from, as is necessary, to maintain the minimum number required by the postal service for Bulk Mail delivery.

PAMPHLETS BY DAN MAGUIRE DECLARED “FALSE TEACHING” BY U.S. BISHOPS...

According to a NEW YORK TIMES story published in the March 24, 2007 issue of the MILWAUKEE JOURNAL SENTINEL, “Roman Catholic Bishops in the United States have declared as ‘false teaching’ two pamphlets by Catholic theologian Dan Maguire, a professor at Marquette University, who argues that abortion, contraception and same-sex marriage are morally permissible under Catholic doctrine. Last summer, Maguire mailed the pamphlets, “The Moderate Roman Catholic Position on Contraception and Abortion” and “A Catholic Defense of Same-Sex Marriage,” to 270 Catholic bishops. In them, he argues that the Roman Catholic position on these issues is “pluralistic,” and that Catholic theologians through history have taken a range of acceptable stances on these issues. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee on Doctrine denounced the pamphlets as ‘irresponsible’ and said that it is a ‘serious error’ to claim ‘that the teaching of the pope and the bishops represents merely one voice among many legitimate voices’ within the Church.”

Msgr. David J. Malloy, General Secretary of the USCCB, in a short introduction to the committee report, explained that the report “was approved by the Administrative Committee of the USCCB at its March 2007 meeting” and was authorized for publication by the undersigned members of the committee. As many of our readers know, Msgr. Malloy is a priest of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. The last paragraph of the report points out that “The Archbishop of Milwaukee, exercising his pastoral responsibilities as teacher and shepherd, has made public statements affirming that the views expressed by Professor Maguire in his two pamphlets are erroneous and incompatible with the Church’s teaching.”

In an April 5, 2007 “Letter from the Executive Editor” of the CATHOLIC HERALD, Brian Olszewski correctly explains what action Marquette University should take. He states that, “Since it is nearly impossible to dismiss a tenured professor, expect the university to keep Maguire. But keeping him on the faculty doesn’t mean they have to let him teach. Paying someone not to work is financially painful, but when weighed against the turmoil and confusion created by [Maguire]...it is a viable option.” Twenty-five years ago Al Szews, President of our local Chapter of CUF (and also a professor at Marquette), said that Maguire had removed himself from the Church; he should be given a small office, a desk and a telephone, and his salary should be frozen.

ENGLAND OUTLAWS CATHOLIC TEACHING ON HOMOSEXUALITY...

Under the new Sexual Orientation Regulations recently passed in Great Britain, according to the April 8, 2007 edition of the NATIONAL CATHOLIC REGISTER, “it will be illegal for a teacher in any school, including a Catholic school, to state that homosexual activity is morally wrong, and that this is a teaching that should be accepted as true.”

BOOK OF THE MONTH: HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

<http://www.chresources.com/proddetail.php?prod=2582>

REPRINT: THE POPE AND JESUIT EDUCATION

Editorial in December 2006 Catholic World Report

