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St. Gregory VII Chapter
April, 2015

Rev. John D. Hemsing, Rector, St. Francis de Sales Seminary, to speak April 19

Rev. John Hemsing, who was appointed Rector of St. Francis de Sales Seminary in 2011, will discuss the history of the seminary on Sunday, April 19. Fr. Hemsing was educated at St. Peter Claver Parish grade school and De Sales Seminary High School. He received a **Bachelor of Arts Degree** from Marquette University, a **Master of Divinity Degree** from St. Francis Seminary, and a **Doctor of Ministry Degree** from the Graduate Theological Foundation in South Bend, Indiana. He was ordained to the Roman Catholic Priesthood for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee in 1988.

Between 1988 and 2011, Fr. Hemsing served at St. Mary Parish in Waukesha, St. Clare Parish in Wind Lake, and Lumen Christi Parish in Mequon-Thiensville. He currently serves as a member of the College of Archdiocesan Consulters, Archdiocesan Council of Priests, Senior Priest Advisory Committee, and Board of Directors of Sacred Heart School of Theology.

Over the years, Fr. Hemsing has also served as Dean of District Three, as Moderator of the Archdiocesan Council of Priests, as a member of the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council, as Archdiocesan Chaplain for the Boy Scouts, and other appointments. **Please come, and bring a friend, to hear Fr. John Hemsing discuss,**

“The History of St. Francis de Sales Seminary”

WHERE: Sacred Heart Church (not Parish Hall)

917 North 49th St.

(one block north of Wells St.)

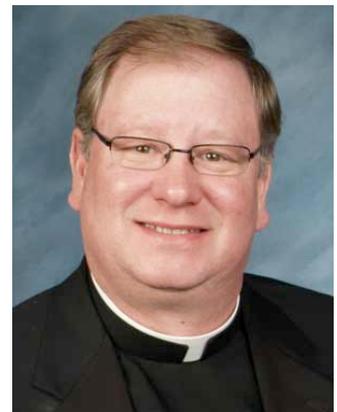
WHEN: Sunday, April 19

TIME: 2:00 p.m. - program 1:45 p.m. - Rosary

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Election of officers for 2015-16 will be held at April meeting

The annual election of officers will be held at this April meeting. The candidates are: **President**, Al Szews; **Vice President**, Jerry Schmutte; **Secretary**, Nancy Kormanik; and **Treasurer**, Ann Taucher. For questions, or to submit nominations, contact Nominations Committee Chairman, **Larry Schmidt**, at 414-774-2824. Nominations can be taken from the floor at the time of the election.

“Roses For Our Lady” annual May Crowning will be held on Sunday, May 10

The “Roses For Our Lady” sponsored “May Crowning” will be held on Mother’s Day, **Sunday, May 10**, at the **Archdiocesan Shrine**, located at the corner of 68th and Stevenson Streets. The event will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, traditional May Crowning of Our Lady’s statue by a First Communicant, a Eucharistic procession with rosary and hymns, a reflection by **Fr. Timothy Kitzke**, and Benediction. It is an outdoor event, so please bring a chair to sit on. First Communicants are invited to wear their First Holy Communion attire. In case of rain, go to St. Vincent Pallotti-West, 201 N. 76th St. A fundraiser for the May Crowning will be held at **Big Deal Burgers**, 1440 S. 84th St., from 4:00pm to 8:00pm on **Wednesday, April 15th**. Fifteen percent of the sales during this time will go to “Roses for Our Lady.” Just **print the flyer** on the website and present it with your order. For more information, visit rosesforourlady.org

The April, 2015, Prayer Intentions published by Pope Francis

During April, Pope Francis has asked that we pray for two intentions: 1) **Creation**. That people may learn to respect creation and care for it as a gift of God, and 2) **Persecuted Christians**. That persecuted Christians may feel the consoling presence of the Risen Lord and the solidarity of all the Church. For information, visit: apostleshipofprayer.org

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Attend the Women's Support Center's 5th Annual "Celebrate Life" Banquet on May 1

The 5th Annual "Celebrate Life" Banquet, sponsored by the Women's Support Center, will be held on Friday, May 1, at the Country Springs Hotel, 2810 Golf Road in Pewaukee, WI 53072. The Social will begin at 5:30 p.m., with dinner served at 7:00 p.m. Star Parker will deliver the Keynote Address at 8:00 p.m.

Star Parker is a syndicated columnist, Republican politician, author, and conservative political activist, who is the founder and president of **The Center for Urban Renewal and Education**, a public policy think tank that promotes market-based solutions to fight poverty. According to Star Parker: *"Abortion destroys self-worth and dignity. I bought into the idea that abortion was simply a matter of choice. I used abortion as birth control until after my fourth abortion. I felt inside that this action has to be wrong. I wish I had given more thought to the abortions I had. If just one person had said, 'Star, what you're doing is wrong,' it might have changed the destiny of my life."* The cost for the Banquet is \$60 per person. For more information, email at wsc1212@att.net or visit www.wscmil.org

"Catechetical Corner"

Question: Are there three levels of actual sin: mortal, grave, and venial? Or, are there only two levels: mortal and venial?
Answer: Author, Fr. James Socias, explained in his 2003 textbook, *Our Moral Life in Christ*, that "Certain authors have recently introduced a threefold division of sin: mortal, grave and venial...[but] The Magisterium of the Church has condemned this triple distinction, saying it has no foundation in Scripture, which specifies only two classes of sin. Consequently, mortal and 'grave' sins are identical." (p. 134)

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Book of the Month: "Ministers and Martyrs"

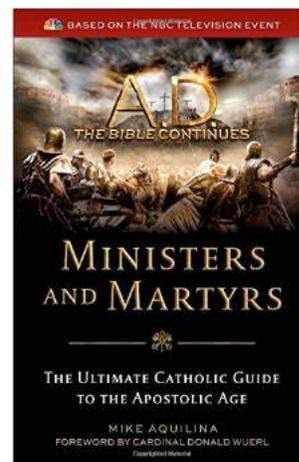
Author: By Mike Aquilina

Publisher: Sophia Institute Press, 2015

"Based on the epic NBC television event A.D.

The Bible Continues, Ministers and Martyrs offers an unflinching look at the lives and sacrifices of those first Christians who were given the task of spreading the gospel to the ends of the earth. Relying on ancient documents – as well as the latest archeological findings and scientific research – acclaimed author Mike Aquilina takes you on a journey through the Apostolic Age, bringing to life the dusty streets and crowded market-places through which Mary and the Apostles journeyed as they built a Church that lasts even to our day. You'll also discover the beliefs of the early Christians, what they taught about the Eucharist and the divinity of Christ [and] how their Church services resembled today's Mass..."

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"Archbishop Cordileone: A Shepherd on the Cross"

by Fr. Shenan Boquet

LifeSite News, Thursday, March 26, 2015

Fr. Shenan Boquet is the President of Human Life International

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March 13, 2015 (HLL.org) – The real message that rises above the din of condemnations is one that all of us in leadership positions in the Church and Catholic organizations must carefully consider. Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone of San Francisco is being castigated not only by the usual suspects in the media, and...by a city council whose open hostility to the Church has been a matter of record for some time, [he is also] being opposed by 80% of the teachers of Catholic schools in his archdiocese – a group that, bizarrely, think they have a right to both receive payment from the archdiocese for their work, and to oppose the archdiocese's mission to evangelize as the archbishop sees fit to do. A question for anyone who thinks the teachers are justified in their position: How many employers would tolerate their employees refusal to endorse the company's statement of mission and principles? Or to put it another way, why is the Catholic Church the one institution that is not allowed to hold its employees and members to account?

I've never understood this. But in this unjust persecution of a very good man we are seeing an answer. The reason that so many think the Catholic Church has a unique obligation to set aside its own identity and teaching is because of the unique authority of this identity and teaching, these being of the Church that Christ established. Many resent legitimate authority. And the sense of entitlement we see from her critics, even from her own baptized members, comes from an expectation created by the Church's own decision to set aside her less convenient teaching in order to get along with a society that becomes more self-destructive by the day. So when a faithful bishop and strong pastor – looking around at the confusion of a society that has rejected the truth, mostly because it hasn't

heard the truth – decides it is time to at least begin to eliminate the confusion within his direct authority, all Hell breaks loose. The evidence of the folly of compromising with this culture is overwhelming. Compare the numbers of young people joining religious orders whose priority is the *whole* Gospel and who are faithful to the Magisterium with the numbers of those joining orders whose priority seems to be some kind of justice that ignores the eternal dimension of the human person. Compare the priestly vocations of dioceses with a tradition of uncompromising fidelity to the Church with those dioceses

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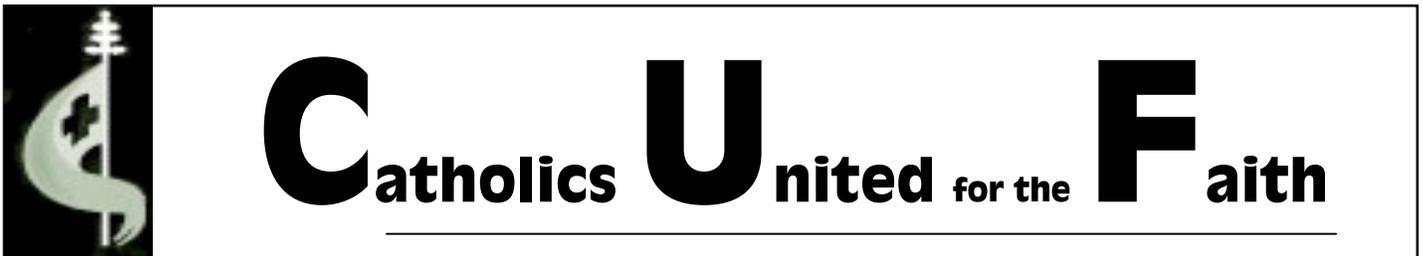
whose priorities have traditionally seemed to have to do with political dialogue. Consider the state of those Catholic agencies that think they can be both authentically Catholic and primarily funded by a government that also funds evils opposed by the Church. Look at the family sizes and marital status of those who embrace the Church's call to be open to life, versus those who were misled into thinking that contraception was a validly moral choice for Catholic families. The evidence is overwhelming. We must not fall into the trap of making such comparisons out of spite; we rather look clearly in genuine compassion, in an effort to understand and to embrace the challenge that grows clearer by the day.

In the world, not of it. Yes, San Francisco is a *reductio ad absurdum* of our society: a concentration of what follows when sin is not only welcomed, but glorified. But this is a difference of degree, not of kind: most of our cities are in various stages of the

same slouch toward Gomorrah, and we await the first empirical evidence that the Church's option for compromise with the culture will yield anything positive beyond today's handshake from the smirking cultural leader who just saw the Church cave. It will not be easier tomorrow, my brothers and sisters. Many of those who called us friends while we decided not to offend – out of a perhaps well-intentioned but ultimately misguided compassion or hope for a moment of true dialogue that never seems to arrive – will hate us. For those Catholics who some time ago decided to remain true to the Gospel and the Magisterium both in their hearts and in how they lived their lives, this is no time to retreat into cliques of the pious and righteous. We have to be “out there,” in ways that are appropriate to our vocation and place in life. Archbishop Cordileone may not have chosen his current post “behind enemy lines,” but the faithful are there as well, and he has chosen, in courage and love after some time of discovery and outreach, that this was the moment to clarify for those in his employ who we are as Catholics. For so many of them who either had no idea what it means to be Catholic or who have no willingness to identify with a Church that actually has the integrity to defend what it believes, this is a tough moment. But it is overdue, not unjust. This is the message to consider: It is time. All of us in leadership positions need to cinch up our belts and step forward in faith. We need to pray for guidance and prepare to face the attacks that the faithful shepherd of San Francisco is now suffering. We need to embrace the Cross, repent for our own and others' sins, and get on with telling the truth in love...We should all express our solidarity with Archbishop Cordileone, and perhaps send him a personal note of support, and not run from his *via dolorosa*. Most of us will be in similar positions if we haven't been already, if we stay true to Christ.

THE SPRING-FALL-WINTER SCHEDULE:

- April 19** **HISTORY OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES SEMINARY, AND PRIESTLY FORMATION,**
by Fr. John Hemsing, Rector
- May 17** **TO BE ANNOUNCED**
- September 20** **DOSTOYEVSKY, GOD AND THE DEVIL, by Dr. Duke Pesta**
- October 11** **MSGR. POPEK AWARD DINNER----Recipient: Rev. Fr. Dennis Kleinmann**
- November 15** **TO BE ANNOUNCED**
- December 13** **MSGR. POPEK BIRTHDAY/CHRISTMAS DINNER**
- January 17** **TO BE ANNOUNCED**
- February 21** **AFTERNOON OF RECOLLECTION, by Fr. James Kubicki, S.J. (at Sacred Heart Church)**
- March 21** **TO BE ANNOUNCED**



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