



# Catholics United for the Faith

Affirming Authentic Catholicism in Milwaukee

St. Gregory VII Chapter  
December, 2011

## PLAN TO ATTEND ANNUAL CHRISTMAS/BIRTHDAY DINNER ON DEC. 11

Our annual "Christmas/Birthday" get-together is an extension of a custom that began as a celebration of Msgr. Alphonse Poppek's December 9 birthday during the time he was the Spiritual Advisor of this Chapter. The tradition has continued since his death in 1986.

There will not be a formal address, or "speaker," but there will be a short time after dinner, for anyone who wishes, to share a fond memory of this holy priest who touched the lives of many during his generous service to Christ's Church. We will also hear a short report on the "State of the Chapter" from our president, Al Szews.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR DINNER ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11...

WHERE: Genesis Restaurant  
3740 South 108<sup>th</sup> Street

WHEN: Sunday, December 11

TIME: 4:30 p.m. - Cash Bar  
5:30 p.m. - Dinner

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## YOUR DINNER RESERVATION MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

If you plan to attend this dinner on December 11, please fill out the registration form and mail it by Dec. 5 to:

ANN TAUCHER  
6235 Walnut Lane, Unit A12  
Cudahy, WI 53110

*Merry Christmas from your friends at Catholics United for the Faith.*

*May Our Lord bring you much love, laughter, and many blessings during this Holy Season*

Name(s) (please print): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate dinner choice(s): \_\_\_ Baked Cod; \_\_\_ Rotisserie Chicken; \_\_\_ New England Beef Pot Roast

Number of dinners: \_\_\_ Dinner(s) @ \$23 per adult: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Dinners(s) @ \$18 per student: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ and/or Chapter donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: "St. Gregory VII - CUF"

For information, call Al Szews: 414-321-9377

## "BIG GOVERNMENT" BY MARK TOOLEY, OF "INSTITUTE ON RELIGION & DEMOCRACY"

The following statement was made by Mark Tooley, president of the *Institute on Religion & Democracy*, which works to reaffirm the church's biblical and historical teachings, strengthen and reform its role in public life, protect religious freedom and renew democracy at home and abroad: "*Protecting Big Government does not equal helping the poor. Christians must more creatively advocate and implement policies that empower and dignify the needy, not treat them as chronic victims. Too many church officials have unquestioningly assumed that a constantly expanding Welfare and Entitlement State benefits the needy. But nearly half a century of experience in America shows that well intentioned government anti-poverty programs often perpetuate poverty, despair, crime and family breakdown.*"

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING CCHD, HEAR REY FLORES ON APRIL 22

Rey Flores, the former director of the Chicago branch of the *Catholic Campaign for Human Development*, will be the Chapter's featured speaker at our April 22 meeting. Two years ago, Rey was named to direct CCHD funding in the Archdiocese of Chicago, and, according to a Sept., 2010, article in this newsletter, "committed himself to defunding any group opposing Catholic teaching, particularly on life and family issues, and to giving funds to local pro-life groups, contrary to previous CCHD practice." For example, during Rey's tenure last year as CCHD director, Joe Schleider's *Pro-Life Action League* received a \$15,000 grant. Unfortunately, because of active opposition, Rey Flores was removed from his position, and, sadly, Chicago's CCHD has reverted to its original funding policy. Check out Rey's new watchdog group, *Better Catholic Giving* at: <https://sites.google.com/site/bettercatholicgiving/home>

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW TO HEAR MICHAEL VORIS ON SATURDAY EVENING, MAY 12

If you have watched Michael Voris deliver "the vortex, where lies and falsehoods are trapped and exposed," on [RealCatholicTV.com](http://RealCatholicTV.com), you will want to mark your calendar for Saturday evening, May 12. Michael Voris is a former seminarian, who packed it in to become a journalist in New York, where he worked alongside Dan Rather (with whom Voris was unimpressed) and then as a TV reporter in several cities. After the death of his brother a few years ago, Voris decided to use his communications skills in support of God and His Church. Check out his website; you won't be disappointed.

## "CATECHETICAL CORNER"

**Question:** What are the four reasons we pray, according to the acronym, "ACTS?"

**Answer:** We pray to offer to God our Adoration, our Contrition, our Thanksgiving and our Supplications (petitions).



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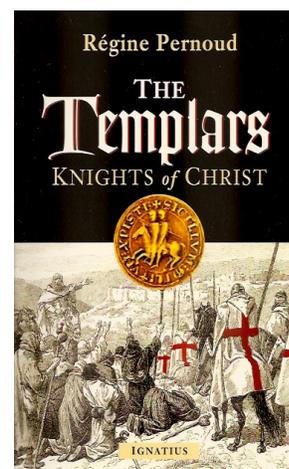
## Book of the Month: "The Templars: Knights of Christ"

**Author:** Regine Pernoud (Translated by Henry Taylor)

**Publisher:** Ignatius Press, 2009

"For centuries, historians and novelists have portrayed the Knights Templar as avaricious and power-hungry villains. Who were these medieval monastic knights, whose exploits were the stuff of legend even in their own day? Were these elite crusaders corrupted by their conquests, which amassed them such power and wealth as to become the envy of kings?"

Indignant at the discrepancies between the fantasies, on which "writers on history of every kind and hue have indulged themselves without restraint," and the available evidence, Regine Pernoud draws a different portrait of these Christian warriors. From their origins as defenders of pilgrims to the Holy Land to their dramatic finish as heretics burned at the stake, Pernoud offers a concise but thorough account of the Templars' contribution to Christendom."



Contributors of \$12 or more per year to the Chapter are entitled to discounts on all books displayed at CUF meetings.

# *The Catholic Citizen*

## **"Catholic Citizens of Illinois Joins Catholic Media Coalition Boycott of the Annual CCHD Collection"**

**Published by: Catholic Citizens of Illinois, Fall, 2011, p. 1**

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For years the *Catholic Campaign for Human Development* (CCHD) has awarded grants to organizations that work against Catholic teaching, particularly with regard to human life and marriage. Not only have donations from generous Catholics in the pew gone to groups that organize and lobby against Church teaching, but they have indirectly, and even directly, helped to elect liberal politicians who advance evil causes.

In view of the recent devastating report from *American Life League* and *Reform CCHD Now* which indicates that the problems continue and have even worsened, the *Catholic Media Coalition* endorses a boycott of the annual CCHD collection and urges Catholics to give instead to local organizations that serve the poor. Crisis pregnancy centers, Catholic free clinics and food pantries, Catholic shelters and homes for unwed mothers, organizations that serve the third world through clean water and immunization projects are all worthy alternatives to CCHD.

Despite their assurances to the contrary CCHD continues to funnel a large percentage of donations into community organizing groups and coalitions that are hostile to the faith and undermine the family. That is, certainly, no way to help the poor.

*Catholic Citizens of Illinois* has once again joined the boycott of the *Annual Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection*. After the USCCB announced a review and renewal policy that would improve vetting of grantees, we were hopeful that the CCHD would take a new direction. We

have posted below the Executive Summary of the investigation by [American Life League](#) and the partners at [Reform CCHD Now](#) which indicate that rather than improvement, the questionable groups that receive grants from the CCHD have actually increased.

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Below is the Executive Summary of the 2010-2011 CCHD Grants Report. To access the full Grants Report go to the *American Life League* website. To access the Frequently Asked Questions Report and the Letter of Dr. William Marshner, the theologian at Christendom College who reviewed the current grantees, go to the American Life League website or [www.catholiccitizens.org](http://www.catholiccitizens.org)

### **Executive Summary for 2010-2011 CCHD Grants Report-Background**

For a number of years, there has been concern with the grants that CCHD distributes. There have been specific complaints that a significant portion of the grants have been given to organizations working in direct contradiction to Church teaching. In 2009, *American Life League* joined with several other concerned organizations [including

*our St. Gregory VII Chapter*] to form the *Reform CCHD Now Coalition*. In March of 2010, the coalition sent a report on CCHD to each bishop, showing that, in 2009-2010, 51 out of 237 groups receiving CCHD funding either directly or through coalition membership promoted abortion, birth control, homosexuality and/or Marxism. Thus, 21% of the groups funded by CCHD were involved in such work. As a result of this activity, CCHD conducted an internal effort to revamp its grant process and ensure that all grantees adhered to strict guidelines. The results were published in a CCHD Renewal Document.

### **2010-2011 Grantees**

In January, 2011, CCHD published its list of 2010-2011 grantees. At that time, *American Life League* reviewed the list and was disappointed to see that many of the offending organizations were still on the list, and in fact others have been added.

The report documents that, of the 218 organizations funded by CCHD, 14 are directly involved in activities contrary to Church teaching and 40 are actively involved in coalitions with such activities. Thus, 54 groups (24%) funded by CCHD are involved in anti-Catholic work.

The number, and percentage, of offending organizations has actually increased in the last year – from 51 to 54 groups and from 21% to 24%. These 54 organizations received a total of \$1,863,000 of the \$7,608,000 distributed in CCHD grants in 2010-2011.

***THE 2011-2012 SCHEDULE of EVENTS:***

- December 11    **MSGR. POPEK BIRTHDAY/CHRISTMAS DINNER**
- January 15     **ADDRESSING HISTORICAL ISSUES – THE CRUSADES, by David Archibald**
- February 19    **ENGAGING THE CULTURE, by Margo Szews**
- March 18       **AFTERNOON OF RECOLLECTION, by Fr. James Kubicki, S.J.**
- April 22        **Rey Flores will speak.....details to be announced**
- May 12         **Michael Voris will speak..... details to be announced**
- September 16   **To Be Announced**
- October 21     **MSGR. POPEK AWARD DINNER.....Recipient: Fr. James Kubicki, S.J.**
- November      **To Be Announced**



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Join us January 15 to hear David Archibald: “Addressing Historical Issues - The Crusades”

Come and bring a friend to the

**Annual Msgr. Popek Christmas/Birthday Dinner**

Sunday, December 11  
Genesis Restaurant  
3740 South 108<sup>th</sup> Street  
([map](#))