



Catholics United for the Faith

Affirming Authentic Catholicism in Milwaukee

St. Gregory VII Chapter
December, 2012

PLAN TO ATTEND ANNUAL CHRISTMAS/BIRTHDAY DINNER ON DEC. 16

Our annual "Christmas/Birthday" get-together is an extension of a custom that began as a celebration of Msgr. Alphonse Popek'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 Szeus.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR DINNER ON SUNDAY, DEC. 16

WHERE: Genesis Restaurant
3740 South 108th Street
(Highway 100 and Beloit Road)

WHEN: Sunday, December 16

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 10

If you plan to attend this dinner on December 16, please fill out the registration form and mail it by Dec. 10 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, and always.

NAME (please print): _____ DATE: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

Please indicate dinner choice(s) and number: Baked Cod Rotisserie Chicken New England Beef Pot Roast

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

___ Dinner(s) @ \$18 per student: \$ _____

___ and/or Chapter donation: \$ _____

Total enclosed: \$ _____

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

For questions, call Al Szeus at 414-321-9377

THE DECEMBER, 2012, PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE BENEDICT XVI

During December, Pope Benedict XVI asks that we pray for two intentions: 1) **Migrants**. That migrants throughout the world may be welcomed with generosity and authentic love, especially by Christian communities, and 2) **Christ, Light for all Humanity**. That Christ may reveal himself to all humanity with the light that shines forth from Bethlehem and is reflected in the face of his Church. For information regarding the activities of **The Apostleship of Prayer**, please visit: apostleshipofprayer.org

PLAN TO ATTEND THE "ALL-NIGHT VIGIL OF REPARATION" ON JANUARY 4th AND 5th

The "All-Night Vigil of Reparation" is held on the **First Friday and Saturday** of each month. The January All-Night Vigil will be at St. Anthony of Padua, 5100 22nd Avenue, in Kenosha, on January 4th and 5th. It opens Friday night with Mass at 8:00 p.m., followed by a procession with the Blessed Sacrament. There will be Adoration, talks, community prayers and confessions throughout the night, concluding with First Saturday Mass at 5:00 a.m. Come for the opening Mass if you can, and stay as long as you like. If you need a ride, or more information, call 414-254-2790.

MONTHLY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES BEING HELD AT CATHOLIC BOOKS & GIFTS

These religious education classes are being held on the **first Monday** and the **first Wednesday** of each month at **Catholic Books & Gifts** religious store, located at 7346 W. Greenfield Avenue in West Allis. On the first Monday the class will be held from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and on the first Wednesday the class will be held in the morning from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. These religious education classes are being held in response to our Holy Father's request that we rediscover and study the faith. For questions, call the store at 414-258-2665. Try to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity.

PLAN TO ATTEND THE MONTHLY HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS HELD AT THE SEMINARY

A Holy Hour for Vocations is held at 2:00 p.m. every **second Sunday** of the month at the **Christ King Chapel** at **St. Francis de Sales Seminary**, 3257 S. Lake Drive. It is sponsored by **Roses for Our Lady**, in conjunction with St. Francis Seminary and the Vocations Office of the Archdiocese. For more information visit www.rosesforourlady.org

"CATECHETICAL CORNER"

Question: What is meant by the "Communion of Saints?"

Answer: By the "Communion of Saints" is meant the union of the faithful on earth (**Church Militant**), the blessed in heaven (**Church Triumphant**), and the souls in purgatory (**Church Suffering**), with Christ as their Head. It is sometimes described as: the pilgrim Church on earth, the suffering Church in purification, and the Church in Heaven.



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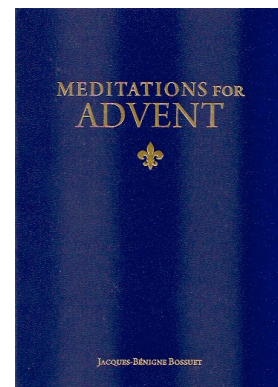
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Book of the Month: "*Meditations for Advent*"

Author: Jacques-Benigne Bossuet

Publisher: Sophia Institute Press, 2012 (original 1879)

"Every year our holy mother the Church invites us to make our way back to Bethlehem. And when we arrive, what is it that we see there? Nothing but 'three poor people who love one another,' as the poet Claudel said, but three poor people who 'will change the face of the earth.' There is great wisdom in the Church's setting aside as holy that month of expectation that is the liturgical season of Advent. For, like the Holy Family, we too are poor. Yet we are poor in the very way that they were rich, and rich in the way that they were poor. And this is why we sorely need Advent as an annual occasion to listen to the prophet Isaiah, to marvel at the Annunciation, the Visitation, and the birth of Saint John the Baptist, to enter more deeply into the meaning of those two great songs of faith that frame the Church's daily prayer, the *Benedictus* and the *Magnificat*, and to join Saint Joseph and the Blessed Virgin in silent adoration of the incarnate Son of God..."



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

The Catholic Difference

"The Crisis of a Second Obama Administration "

**By George Weigel, Senior Fellow, Ethics and Public Policy Center in Wash., D.C.
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President Obama's re-election and the prospect of a second Obama administration, freed from the constraints imposed by the necessity of running for re-election, have created a crisis for the Catholic Church in the United States. In the thought-world and vocabulary of the Bible, "crisis" has two meanings: the conventional sense (a grave threat) and a deeper sense (a great moment of opportunity). Both are applicable to the Church in America these next four years.

The immediate threat, of course, is the HHS (Health and Human Services) mandate requiring Catholic institutions and Catholic employers to include coverage of contraceptives, sterilizations, and abortifacient drugs in the health insurance offered to their employees. The legal challenges mounted against this obvious violation of the first freedom, religious freedom, may well be vindicated. But with Obamacare now seemingly set in concrete, the Church will face a host of such implementing "mandates" and it will be imperative to contest those that are morally unacceptable, time and time again. Authentically Catholic health care in America is now in mortal danger, and it is going to take a concerted effort to save it for future generations.

A further threat comes from the gay insurgency, which will press the administration to find some way to federalize the marriage issue and to compel acceptance of the chimera of "gay marriage." Thus it seems important to accelerate a serious debate within American Catholicism on whether the Church ought not pre-emptively withdraw from the civil marriage business, its clergy declining to act as agents of government in witnessing marriages for purposes of state law.

If the Church were to take this dramatic step now, it would be acting

prophetically: it would be challenging the state (and the culture) by underscoring that what the state means by "marriage" and what Catholics mean by "marriage" are radically different, and that what the state means by "marriage" is wrong. If, however, the Church is forced to take this step after "gay marriage" is the law of the land, Catholics will be pilloried as bad

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losers who've picked up their marbles and fled the game - and any witness-value to the Church's withdrawal from the civil marriage business will be lost. Many thoughtful young priests are discussing this dramatic option among themselves; it's time for the rest of the Church to join the conversation.

Yet another threat to the integrity of the Church comes from the re-election of a vice president of the United States who has declared "transgender discrimination" to be the "civil rights issue of our time;" who has openly celebrated the abortion license; who has grossly misrepresented the Church's teaching on the life issues; and who is, in myriad ways, an ecclesial embarrassment. So are Catholic members of the House and Senate who not only vote against truths known by

moral reason, but then have the gall to justify their irresponsibility by a faux commitment to "pluralism" or, worse, by recourse to what they are pleased to call "social justice Catholicism."

Thus pastors and bishops must continue to explain why the life issues are "social justice issues," and indeed priority "social justice issues." And some effective way must be found to make clear, publicly, that men and women like Vice President Joe Biden and Representative Nancy Pelosi are living an auto-defined Catholicism so incoherently that their communion with the Catholic Church is severely damaged. Absent such clarity, ill-catechized Catholic voters will continue to misunderstand both the nature of discipleship and the responsibilities of citizenship. As for the opportunity embedded in this crisis, it is nothing less than to be the Church of the New Evangelization, full-throttle. Shallow, tribal, institutional-maintenance Catholicism is utterly incapable of meeting the challenges that will now come at the Catholic Church from the most aggressively secular administration in American history. Only a robustly, unapologetically evangelical Catholicism, winsomely proposing and nobly living the truths about the human condition the Church teaches, will see us through the next four years. Radically converted Christian disciples, not one-hour-a-week Catholics whipsawed by an ever more toxic culture, are what this hour of crisis, in both senses of the term, demands.

George Weigel's column is distributed by the *Denver Catholic Register*, the official newspaper of the Archdiocese of Denver.
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THE 2012-2013 SCHEDULE of EVENTS:

December 16 MSGR. POPEK BIRTHDAY/CHRISTMAS DINNER

January 27 ENDING ABORTION: PREVENTING ANOTHER 40 YEARS IN THE DESERT, by Steve Karlen

February 17 AFTERNOON OF RECOLLECTION, by Fr. James Kubicki, S.J.

March 17 ADDRESSING HISTORICAL ISSUES – THE INQUISITION, by David Archibald.

April 21 To Be Announced

May 19 To be Announced



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“Ending Abortion: Preventing Another 40 Years in the Desert”

Come and bring a friend to the

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