



Catholics United for the Faith

Affirming Authentic Catholicism in Milwaukee

St. Gregory VII Chapter
December, 2015

Plan to attend the annual Christmas/Birthday Dinner on Sunday, Dec. 13

Our annual "Christmas/Birthday" get-together is an extension of a custom that began as a celebration of Msgr. Alphonse Popek's December 9th birthday during his time as Spiritual Advisor of this Chapter. The tradition has continued since his death on December 16, 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 and dedicated priest who touched the lives of many during his generous service to Christ's Church. We will also hear a brief "State of the Chapter" from Al Szews.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR DINNER ON SUNDAY, DEC. 13

WHERE: Meyer's Restaurant and Bar

Cold Spring Road and Forest Home Avenue

WHEN: Sunday, December 13

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

5:30 p.m. - Dinner

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YOUR DINNER RESERVATION MUST BE POSTMARKED BY TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

If you plan to attend this dinner on December 13, please fill out the registration form and mail it by Dec. 8 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: _____

Dinner includes: Chicken, Roast Beef, Salad, Mashed Potatoes/gravy, Sage Dressing, Vegetable, Cranberry Sauce, Bread, Dessert, and Coffee, tea or milk.

Number of dinners: ___ Dinner(s) @ \$18 per adult: \$ _____

___ Dinner(s) @ \$16 per student: \$ _____

___ and/or Chapter donation: \$ _____

Total enclosed: \$ _____

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

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

The December, 2015, Prayer Intentions published by Pope Francis

During December, Pope Francis has asked that we pray for two intentions: 1) **Experiencing God's Mercy**. That all may experience the mercy of God, who never tires of forgiving, and 2) **Families**. That families, especially those who suffer, may find in the birth of Jesus a sign of certain hope. For information regarding the **Apostleship of Prayer**, contact **Fr. James Kubicki, S.J.**, at 414-486-1152, or visit: apostleshipofprayer.org

December "All-Night Vigil" will be at St. Stephen's Church, in Oak Creek, Dec. 4 and 5

The December All-Night Vigil of Reparation will be at **St. Stephen's Church**, 1441 W. Oakwood Road in Oak Creek on Friday and Saturday, December 4th and 5th. Confessions will be heard between 7:00 and 8:00 before the opening Mass, which begins at 8:00 p.m., followed by a procession with the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration, talks, community prayers and confessions will continue throughout the night, concluding with First Saturday Mass at 5:00 a.m. Come for the opening Mass Friday evening, if you can; then stay as long as you like. If you need a ride or more information, call 414-254-2790.

According to *The Wall Street Journal*, "Financial Woes Plague Common Core..."

In a Nov. 2, 2015, *Wall Street Journal* article, author Michael Rothfeld reveals that, "Five years into the biggest transformation of U.S. public education in recent history, Common Core is far from common. Though 45 states initially adopted the shared academic standards in English and math, seven have since repealed or amended them. Among the remaining 38, big disparities remain in what and how students are taught, the materials and technology they use, the preparation of teachers and the tests they are given. A dozen more states are considering revising or abandoning Common Core. One reason is that Common Core became a hypercharged political issue...Some liberals and conservatives decried what they saw as excessive testing and convoluted teaching materials...But politics isn't the only reason for the turmoil. Many School districts discovered they didn't have enough money to do all they needed to do...Some states haven't met the goal of offering the test to all students online instead of on paper with No. 2 pencils." The article also points out that, "A total of 21 states have withdrawn from two groups formed to develop common tests, making it difficult to compare results." In conclusion, the author reports that, "In May of last year, Oklahoma lawmakers voted to repeal Common Core and return to the standards known as PASS." A local principal notes that, "Teachers who still find Common Core methods useful sometimes take them out and peruse them. Then they put them back," saying "...parents don't like to see those books out anymore."

"Catechetical Corner" What is the "Particular" Judgment?

Each man receives his eternal retribution in his immortal soul at the very moment of his death, in a "particular" judgment that refers his life to Christ: either entrance into the blessedness of heaven - through a purification or immediately - or immediate and everlasting damnation. (CCC #1022)

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Book of the Month: "Joy to the World"

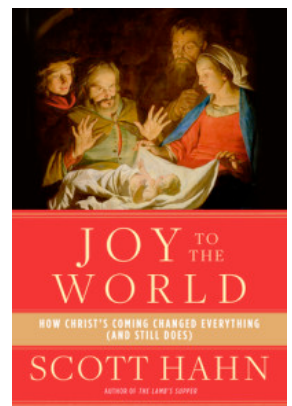
Author: By Dr. Scott Hahn

Publisher: Ignatius Press, 2014

"There are many reasons that we love the celebration of Christmas, but two stand out: it is a time for joy and it is a time for family. We rejoice in the birth of Jesus Christ and the salvation He came to bring us, and we take time to be with our families during this special season. In this wonderful book, Scott Hahn beautifully explains that the Christmas story is foremost a family story. You will learn about the deep Scriptural meaning of the Nativity of Jesus Christ and come to more fully appreciate the unique role played by the figures we know so well from the Gospels' accounts. From Mary and Joseph to the Magi and shepherds, this book will help you discover anew the joy of Christmas!"

Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan
Archbishop of New York

Contributors of \$12 or more per year to the Chapter receive discounts on books displayed at CUF meetings, and receive the Newsletter by First Class Mail.



“Marriage Catechesis Should Be Priority For Catholic Schools”

by Adam Cassandra

The Wanderer

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Sound catechesis on marriage is “a great, great responsibility” for Catholic schools and colleges, Raymond Cardinal Burke told a representative of The Cardinal Newman Society on Sunday, November 15, following an address on “Sacred Liturgy and Holy Matrimony” in London, England.

Cardinal Burke, patron of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta and ecclesiastical adviser to the Newman Society, was speaking at the annual conference of Centre International d’Etudes Liturgiques (CIEL)UK, a group dedicated to the study of sacred liturgy and its effects on the culture.

Following his comments, the cardinal was asked about the responsibility of Catholic schools and colleges to provide sound catechesis on marriage. “It’s a primary responsibility” for Catholic schools to conduct age appropriate instruction for younger children, Cardinal Burke replied.

“I remember when I was going to elementary school, we had the **Baltimore Catechism** and we were taught about marriage from the first years of school. Then as we got older, we got the second and third edition and it got more substantial, but it was always the same in building and growing.” Catholic colleges and universities “most especially should be attentive both in what’s taught in the theology classes, but also in the discipline in the life of the university to reflect the truth about marriage,” he said, adding, “It is a great, great responsibility.”

Representatives from the Cardinal Newman Society were in London on their way to Rome for the Congregation for Catholic Education’s World Congress on Education that

week in recognition of the 25th anniversary of *Ex Corde Ecclesiae* and the 50th anniversary of *Gravissimum Educationis*.

In his prepared remarks, Cardinal Burke emphasized the necessity of sound catechesis on Marriage “in an age when so many contrary and false presentations of marriage are propagated by the mass media...Catechetical texts must be substantial in content, assisting the catechized to come to an

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integral understanding of the great mystery which is holy matrimony,” he said. Cardinal Burke also discussed the importance of keeping the marriage rite focused on the recognition “that it is Christ Himself who is present to join the couple in the faithful lifelong and procreative union.”

He ended his remarks by arguing that “care must be taken for the juridical structure of marriage consent and the marital life so that the Church witnesses only licit and valid celebration of holy matrimony...The liturgical norms and other norms of canonical discipline,” he said, “reflect the many centuries of the Church’s experience of her pastoral care of those preparing for marriage and of the married.” The pastoral care of married persons was a central focus of the Synod of Bishops on the Family in October. At a press conference that took place in Rome during the Synod, Cardinal Burke warned about corrupt-

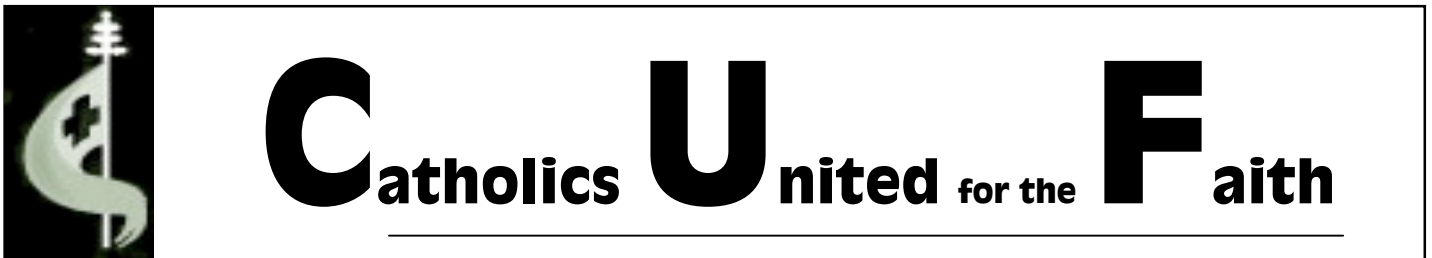
ed teachings on human sexuality and marriage in Catholic schools.

“One thinks, for example, of the compulsory so-called ‘gender education’ in some schools, which is a direct attack on marriage at its foundation and, therefore, on the family,” he said. “Good parents and good citizens,” said Cardinal Burke, “must be attentive to the curriculum which schools are following and to the life in the schools, in order to ensure that our children are being formed in the human and Christian virtues and are not being deformed by indoctrination...Today, for example, we sadly find the need to speak about ‘traditional marriage,’ as if there were another kind of marriage...There is only one kind of marriage as God has given it to us at the creation and as Christ has redeemed it by His saving Passion and death,” he said.

The Newman Society recently reported on the formation of students at several Catholic colleges recommended in *The Newman Guide to Choosing a Catholic College* to understand and live the Church’s teaching on marriage. Faculty and alumni the Newman Society interviewed from Franciscan University of Steubenville in Ohio; Mt. St. Mary’s University in Emmitsburg, Md.; The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.; Christendom College in Front Royal, Va.; and Benedictine College in Atchison, Kans., all described how communicating the truth and beauty of the Church’s teaching on marriage is an important part of faithful Catholic education.

THE WINTER - SPRING - FALL SCHEDULE:

- December 13** **MSGR. POPEK BIRTHDAY/CHRISTMAS DINNER** (at Meyer's Restaurant)
- January 17** **CHESTERTON ACADEMY COMES TO MILWAUKEE**, by Theresa Jace & Diane Schlosser
- February 21** **AFTERNOON OF RECOLLECTION**, by Fr. James Kubicki, S.J. (at Sacred Heart Church)
- March 20** **IS "BRAIN DEATH" TRUE DEATH??**, by Christine M. Zainer, M.D.
- April 17** **TO BE ANNOUNCED**
- May 15** **TO BE ANNOUNCED**
- September 18** **DANTE'S DIVINE COMEDY: A WORLD SURROUNDED BY LAUGHTER**, by Prof. Duke Pesta
- October 16** **TO BE ANNOUNCED**
- November 20** **TO BE ANNOUNCED**



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