



Catholics United for the Faith

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*St. Gregory VII Chapter
December, 2019*

Plan to attend the annual Christmas/Birthday Luncheon on Sunday, Dec. 15 at 1:00 pm

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 his time as the 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 lunch, 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. In recent years, the Board of Directors has moved this annual event to a luncheon, rather than an evening dinner.

If you plan to attend this luncheon, at 1:00 p.m. at Open Flame Restaurant and Bar, on December 15, call Espe Villasenor at 414-391-4300 to make a reservation. Please let us know if you plan to come so we can reserve the correct number of places. For less than \$20, you can choose ½ Wood Roasted Chicken, Pork Tenderloin Medallions – or one of many other choices you can select from the restaurant menu.

Please Join Us For Lunch on Sunday, December 15

WHERE: Open Flame Restaurant and Bar

5081 South 108th Street

Hales Corners, WI 53228

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TIME: 1:00 p.m. – Lunch

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Latin Masses being offered Sundays and Holy Days by “Musica Oramus” in Elm Grove

A new year has begun for “Musica Oramus,” a sacred music project dedicated to training young people in music and providing opportunities to learn to sing and pray the Latin Mass. Through the prayers and sacrifices of many good priests and laity, Latin Masses will now be offered on all Sundays and Holy Days beginning Sunday, October 13th, at St. Mary’s Visitation Parish in Elm Grove. Sunday Masses are at 2:00 p.m., and Holy Day Mass times will be posted on the website (musicaoramus.org).

Musica Oramus, as a 501(c)3 organization, is not a part of St. Mary’s Visitation Parish, and receives no financial support from St. Mary’s Visitation Parish, so we can only do this with your prayers and financial support. We are very grateful to Father Peter Berger, Pastor of St. Mary’s Visitation Parish for his support, and allowing us to have these Masses at St. Mary’s. There are many costs involved with this project, in particular covering the costs of the professional singers who assist at many of the Masses. Please consider joining us at Mass, bringing others, and sharing this email with them. We can’t offer these beautiful Masses without your support, so please pray, contribute and come.

Julie Cucunato, Director of Musica Oramus

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.

Have you heard?

God bless Mark Belling, talk show host at WISN Radio. In August of 2018, Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano released his 11-page testimony to a few Italian journalists, including Aldo Maria Valli, who then reported his interaction with the “whistleblower,” Archbishop Vigano. It was an incredible saga that **read like a Russian spy novel**, which is what our news-letter editor wrote on a note when she delivered the story (as written by Valli) to Mark Belling at the WISN broadcasting studio. Mark then read Valli’s very descriptive piece on the air that same Friday afternoon, just days after it was released to the public in August of 2018. **We thank Mark for that**, as there was, unfortunately, a “media blackout” on the Vigano story.

Marquette University held a “Drag Queen Story Hour” Oct. 12 at Haggerty Museum

High School graduates considering college, might want to take Marquette University off the list. According to the **Louis Joliet Society**, Marquette University hosted a **Drag Queen Story Hour** as part of its Community Day celebration on October 12, 2019, at the University’s **Haggerty Museum of Art**. (The **Louis Joliet Society** seeks to help Marquette University rediscover its authentic Catholic identity.) In an article about the event, the **student-produced Marquette Wire**, explained that “**The Haggerty used to hold Family Days once a semester, but this is the first time the event is being held after being rebranded to Community Day**. Family Days was also based around an exhibit on display at the Haggerty at the time, but the activities were targeted toward a different audience.” Evidently!

The **Joliet Society** sadly reported that, “Wisconsin’s premier Catholic educational institution has courageously joined the bandwagon of depraved lunacy hell-bent on warping children (**The American College of Pediatricians calls these events “child abuse”**), mocking women and, most importantly, mocking God. **This is not some rogue student group activity. This is a Marquette University funded event**. Presumably, tuition dollars are at least part of this funding.” If you are looking for solid formation in the Catholic faith, and a Catholic environment, a better choice would be UW Madison and the **St. Paul Center**, with its 5 story, \$30 million edifice that was completed in November of 2017. There are **FOCUS missionaries** working with **Fr. Eric Nielsen** to provide a “home” for campus Catholics. It is worth a trip to Madison, with your child, to experience this incredible operation that is producing vocations and Catholic marriages.

Catechetical Corner: Can a person receive any other Sacrament without first receiving Baptism?

Answer: A person can never receive any of the other Sacraments without first receiving Baptism, because Baptism makes us members of Christ’s Church, and unless we are members of His Church we cannot receive His Sacraments.



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Book of the Month: “Plan of Life”

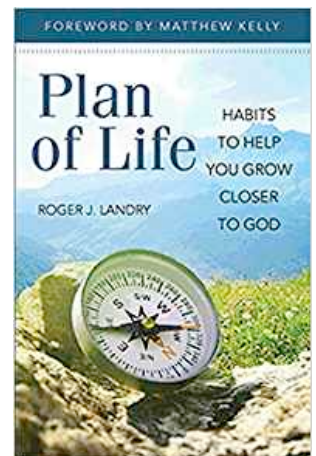
Author: Fr. Roger J. Landry

Publisher: Pauline Books and Media, 2018

“This book is meant for teens to older adults of all educational levels who aspire to spiritual growth; it’s also a great aid for parents and grandparents who need help in teaching children and young people how to grow in God. There are many Catholics who are not familiar with having a plan of life that includes these basic elements. Many Catholics would like to grow spiritually, but don’t know where to start and welcome this kind of practical, doable approach.”

“When you put a Plan of Life into practice, it is good to remember that no one can do everything at once. This book is full of practices that you can choose to incorporate gradually into your life. It’s possible that you might feel overwhelmed as you make your way through the book, especially if the majority of the practices are new to you. But I would encourage you, in the words of Jesus and St. John Paul II, “Be not afraid!” This is not a book of demands. Rather, it is a treasure chest of practices that will help you respond to God’s help to...grow closer to Him every day.”

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



Burke Blasts Back

Fighting the evil

<https://www.churchmilitant.com/video/episode/vortex-burke-blasts-back>

Dec., 4, 2019

Catholic Action for Faith and Family interview

catholicaction.org/conversations_with_cardinal_burke

The Vortex – U.S. Cardinal Raymond Burke is blasting the idea that Holy Communion should be available to anyone, especially the likes of Catholic turncoats like Democrat Joe Biden, who supports and cheers so-called “abortion rights.”

The idea that Holy Communion should never be denied is one of many pushed by homo-heretic Jesuit James Martin, who enjoys quoting Francis saying, “Communion is not for the perfect.”

That’s correct – it is not for the perfect – but it is for those in a state of grace, not child killers.

Burke went straight to the issue in a recent interview he conducts on a weekly basis with Catholic Action for Faith and Family.

Burke will no doubt begin to be criticized for injecting himself into American politics, but it’s clear given the current climate, His Eminence has moved far beyond those types of concerns.

In one sense, he’s still far behind and only slowly catching up to the likes of Cupich, McElroy and even the Pope himself – none of whom can seem to stop going on about politics.

For example, at last month’s semi-annual meeting of the Useless Conference of Catholic Bishops in Baltimore, San Diego homosexualist Bp. Robert McElroy stood up and downplayed abortion as a political issue.

Burke had some counsel on that issue as well, gently ripping into the idea that abortion is somehow on the same footing as any other moral issue, in essence, denying a hierarchy of morality.

When asked directly if abortion is *the* pre-eminent issue, he didn’t mince words. In fact, McElroy – in keeping with his habit of presenting distortions of Church teachings – has publicly

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stated that being chaste is not really that important, saying it’s not the only virtue on the list.

The current state of affairs in the Church is having the effect of eroding people’s faith and certainly discouraging many people. They wonder on social media and privately how much longer all this can go on. Friends and family see and hear all this and are being turned off.

From the homosexual clergy dominance, what Abp. Vigano has appropriately termed the “corrupt gay mafia” running the Church, to the continued scandals in multiple dioceses, bishops being investigated – at

last, for their unethical and immoral behavior – all of it is having the effect of death by a thousand knives, and people are wondering, “How long, oh Lord, how long?”

As we stand on the brink of 2020 – and all the stars are aligning for a tumultuous year – it may offer some comfort and perspective for those interested to tune in each week to the regular interview session conducted by Thomas McKenna and Cdl. Burke.

And if you’d like to view the entire interview we have taken these clips from, it’s available [on the internet]. It’s hard to imagine a more fretful time for world history than this coming year, as two massive worldviews collide, two mega-views which can best be summed up as the forces of God and anti-God.

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We need leaders who both understand the core issue and have the guts and stamina to call it out.

THE WINTER – SPRING - FALL SCHEDULE:

- December 15** **MSGR. POPEK BIRTHDAY/CHRISTMAS LUNCH**
- January 19** **NO MEETING**
- February 16** **THE EQUALITY ACT: PUTTING THE NAME TO THE TEST, by Attorney Anthony LoCocco**
- March 15** **AFTERNOON OF RECOLLECTION, by Fr. James Kubicki, S.J. (at Sacred Heart Church)**
- April 19** **TO BE ANNOUNCED**
- May 17** **TO BE ANNOUNCED**
- September 13** **TO BE ANNOUNCED**
- October 18** **MSGR. POPEK AWARD DINNER---Recipient: Bishop Thomas Paprocki**
- November 15** **TO BE ANNOUNCED**



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