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St. Gregory VII Chapter
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DAVE ARCHIBALD, FROM "MUHS," WILL EXPLAIN THE CRUSADES ON FEB. 20

DAVE ARCHIBALD has been a member of the Theology Department at Marquette University High School since 2005, and is currently teaching "Church History," "Scripture" and "Sexuality and the Christian Vocation." He is also the faculty leader of "Hilltoppers Defending Life," a student group he founded in 2005. Each January, Dave takes these dedicated, pro-life, MUHS students to Washington, D.C., to take part in the annual "March for Life." Dave has also done a great service to local, Catholic high school education by introducing his students to two (of the four) excellent "Didache" religion textbooks recently published for Catholic high schools. The two *Didache* books he is using, *Understanding the Scriptures* (by Scott Hahn), and *The History of the Church*, have been well received by both students and parents.

Dave attended St. Alphonsus Grade School and graduated from Marquette University High School. In 2003 he graduated from St. Norbert College with a B.A. Degree in Religious Studies, and he earned a Master of Education Degree from Notre Dame University in 2005. During those two years, from 2003 to 2005, Dave taught at Memphis Catholic High School. At the end of this year, Dave will complete his work on a Masters Degree in Christian Doctrine at Marquette University. In addition to his work at Marquette High, Dave and his wife, Jennifer, help out with Marriage Ministry through the archdiocese, and they are also volunteers in the Confirmation program at St. John the Evangelist (Greenfield) where they are parishioners. Finally, they are the proud parents of one year old, Timothy Michael. PLEASE COME, AND BRING A FRIEND, TO HEAR DAVE ARCHIBALD'S PRESENTATION:

"ADDRESSING HISTORICAL ISSUES - THE CRUSADES"

WHERE: Blessed Sacrament Church Hall (enter SE corner)

South 40th Street and Oklahoma Avenue

WHEN: Sunday, February 20

TIME: 2:00 p.m. - Meeting (1:45 p.m. - Rosary)

NEED AN INTERESTING AND TOPICAL SPEAKER FOR YOUR PARISH OR SCHOOL?

Our St. Gregory VII Chapter offers free, multimedia presentations on a variety of topics. Our speakers can address such topics as, the authority of the Catholic Church, Catholic high school and collegiate education, anti-Catholicism in school history programs, Mary and her role in the eventual conversion of the Muslims, the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, "The Morning Offering" and the Apostleship of Prayer, how we "live" the Eucharist, the Sacred Heart of Jesus, or the Crusades, the topic of this February meeting with Dave Archibald. Help to "Affirm Authentic Catholicism" in your parish. For scheduling information, call Jerry Schmutte at 262-646-8031. For a list of talks go to <http://cufmilwaukee.org/>

2011 MEN OF CHRIST CONFERENCE TO BE HELD FEB. 19 AT THE MILWAUKEE THEATER

The 2011 "Men of Christ Conference" will be held on Saturday, February 19, at The Milwaukee Theater (500 West Kilbourn Avenue). Men will be challenged by an excellent line-up of speakers. The conference theme, "Putting on the Armor of God," will emphasize the spiritual battle we are all fighting. There will be an opportunity for confession and Eucharist Adoration. Mass will be celebrated at 4:00 p.m. with Archbishop Jerome ListECKI presiding. To register, or receive more information, visit www.MenofChrist.net, or call Troy Smreck at 262-860-3657.

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PRO-LIFE WISCONSIN PLANS "A DAY AT THE CAPITOL" ON THURSDAY, MARCH 10

"A Day at the Capitol" (Pro-Life Wisconsin's biannual lobbying day) will be held on Thursday, March 10, at Monona Terrace (One John Nolan Drive) in downtown Madison. Lieutenant Governor Rebecca Kleefisch will give the keynote address. The cost is \$20, which includes breakfast and parking at Monona Terrace. The program will also feature State Senators Glenn Grothman and Scott Fitzgerald, and State Representatives Jeff Fitzgerald and Scott Suder. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. and breakfast will be served at 9:00 a.m. Capitol visits are scheduled for noon.

For more information, call 262-796-1111, or visit:

<http://www.prolifewisconsin.org/events.asp?article=2011+Day+at+the+Capitol&aid=375&id=3#topnews>

PLEASE NOTE THE ENCLOSED "HANDOUT" FROM ERIC SZATKOWSKI, OUR JAN. SPEAKER

As a follow-up to our last meeting with Eric Szatkowski, who gave an excellent presentation on "The Dark Side of Digital Technology, the Internet, Cell Phones and Social Media," we are including, with this mailing, Eric's list of "Suggested Websites to Get More Information" regarding this critical issue. We again thank Eric for his wonderful and informative talk, his important work in this area, and for preparing this most thoughtful reference sheet of valuable websites.

BISHOP ROBERT VASA NAMED COADJUTOR BISHOP OF SANTA ROSA, CALIFORNIA

According to the Feb. 3, 2011, issue of *The Wanderer*, "Bishop Robert Vasa of Baker, Ore., a tough and outspoken defender of Catholic orthodoxy, has been named coadjutor bishop of Santa Rosa. The appointment...confers on Bishop Vasa, 59, the right to succession to Bishop Daniel F. Walsh, current bishop of Santa Rosa," who is 73. "In more than a decade as spiritual leader of central and eastern Oregon's Catholics, Bishop Vasa gained a national following for efforts to uphold Catholic teaching...He had lay ministers sign an oath of fidelity of Catholic teaching and erased the Catholic identity of a Bend hospital where doctors performed sterilizations." In 2003, he "banned the dissident group Voice of the Faithful from meeting on any church property in the diocese." And, "he has long held that Catholic politicians who bring scandal to the faithful by supporting abortion should be denied Communion." He will move to Santa Rosa on March 4.

HEAR MARK REPENSHEK, PH.D., SPEAK ON END OF LIFE ISSUES THURSDAY, FEB. 10

Mark Repenshek, Ph.D., Healthcare Ethicist of Columbia St. Mary's Health System, will speak on "End of Life Decision-Making and Our Catholic Moral Tradition" at 7:00 p.m. at St. John the Evangelist, 8500 W. Cold Spring Road, on February 10. A free-will offering will be taken. For information, or RSVP, call Kathy at 414-329-0991.

NOTE: MAR. 13 "AFTERNOON OF RECOLLECTION," WITH FR. KUBICKI, WILL BE AT SACRED HEART CHURCH



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Book of the Month: "unPlanned" (catholic edition)

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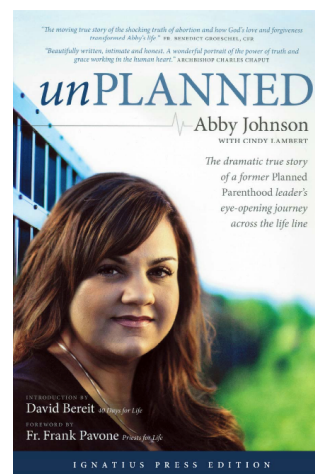
"Abby Johnson quit her job in October, 2009. That simple act became a national news story because Abby was the director of a Planned Parenthood clinic in Texas who, after participating in her first actual abortion procedure, walked across the road to join the Coalition for Life. *Unplanned* is a heart stopping personal drama of life-and-death encounters, a courtroom battle, and spiritual transformation that speaks hope and compassion into the political controversy that surrounds this issue. Telling Abby's story from both sides of the abortion clinic property line, this book is a must-read for anyone who cares about the life versus rights debate and helping women who face crisis pregnancies."

Introduction by David Bereit

Forward by Fr. Frank Pavone

Publisher's Note by Fr. Joseph Fessio, S.J.

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



"Bishop Morlino...Defends Priests Attacked By Parishioners "

***The Wanderer*, November 25, 2010, p.1 (edited)**

By Paul Likoudis

Bishop Robert Morlino of Madison, Wis., rebuked some 450 parishioners from St. Mary and St. Augustine Parishes in Platteville for their campaign against three priests of the tradition-minded Society of Jesus Christ the Priest he imported from Spain, saying their actions are "gravely sinful."

In the October 28 letter to members of both parishes, Bishop Morlino defended the priests. In a petition to the bishop to remove the priests, parishioners objected to the priests' doctrinally rich sermons, their refusal to employ altar girls, their efforts to restore the liturgy along lines more consistent with the Roman Missal, restrictions on the use of extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist, and, in general, their using traditional practices and devotions, such as kneeling to receive Communion and Communion on the tongue.

The bishop responded to their petition, writing, in part: "It grieves me to acknowledge that the reputation of three happy, holy, and hard-working priests has been seriously tarnished by rumor, gossip, and calumny (lying with the intent to damage another's good name) by some within the parish community. Such conduct is gravely sinful, since some parishioners have been driven by fear, anger, or both, to distance themselves from their priests and even the sacraments. This situation must cease, and charity must prevail on the part of all.

"Furthermore, activities such as protest-letter-writing seminars, leafleting of motor vehicles, door-to-door canvassing for signatures on a petition, etc. (that is, exerting organized political pressure on people, where the end justifies any means) is an appropriate tactic in a political campaign, but not in the communion of faith which is the Catholic Church.

Groups such as 'Call to Action' and 'Voice of the Faithful' regularly employ such tactics against legitimate authority in the Church. Because these groups dissent from basic tenets of Catholic Doctrine and Discipline, they are not recognized as Catholic in the Diocese of Madison, much less are they able to exercise legitimate authority." ...To the allegation that the priests are promoting

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"faith doctrine that is pre-Vatican II," the bishop responded, in part: "First of all, it is necessary for us to appreciate the eloquent teaching of His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI, regarding the false dichotomy between the pre-Vatican II and post-Vatican II Church. While the Council introduced much renewal, this dichotomy is not healthy in the Church. It is what the Holy Father described as the 'hermeneutic of discontinuity and rupture.' We must rather adopt the 'hermeneutic of reform,' which recognizes continuity in the Church's life from before the Council to the present day. The hermeneutic of reform rejoices in the renewed presentation of the Church's self-understanding without attempting to divorce itself from our rich Catholic heritage." Responding to the assertion that homilies stray from Vatican II, the bishop further observed: "I note also that Fr. Pascual publicly invited any concerned parishioners to review his homilies, which he has recorded, so that they could tell him where they think he diverges from the teaching of Vatican Council II. To date, no one has stepped forward, nor

was any evidence of this included in the petition."

Defending the priests' restriction of service at the altar to males, the bishop answered: "It is permissible in the Diocese of Madison for Pastors to reserve altar service at the Holy Mass to males. This is particularly beneficial for the promotion of priestly vocations, which is a particular charism of the Society of Jesus Christ the Priest. Once again, it is unfair and unreasonable to infer that the priests, by employing only males in this service, deem women to be unworthy in any way. Also, while it is a particular charism of the Society of Jesus Christ the Priest to foster vocations to the priesthood, that does not mean, nor will you find, that they ignore the vocations of young women to the consecrated life, nor of young men and women to holy marriages."

Responding to the parishioners' complaint that the "worship environment has become unwelcoming and lacks joy," the bishop answered: "It is not proven that the celebrations in Platteville are lacking in due joyfulness, calling to mind also the characteristic sobriety of the Roman Rite. From other letters and communications it is also clear that what is reported in the petition is not the unanimous experience in Platteville. In fact, it is well known that the priests are reintroducing many images and practices that have never ceased to be an important part of the Church's spiritual heritage..."

Bishop Morlino also defended the priests for returning the tabernacle to a central place in the sanctuary, observing that "it is entirely permissible for the tabernacle to be placed in a prominent, dignified place in the sanctuary; and in fact I routinely insist on this for renovation projects in the Diocese." ...Morlino invited priests from the Spanish society to begin serving in the diocese in 2006...There are now eight society priests serving seven churches.

THE 2010-2011 SCHEDULE of EVENTS:

- February 20** **ADDRESSING HISTORICAL ISSUES – THE CRUSADES, by David Archibald**
(at Blessed Sacrament)
- March 13** **AFTERNOON OF RECOLLECTION, by Fr. James Kubicki, S.J. (at Sacred Heart)**
- April 17** **PRAYING WITH THE FATHERS, by Fr. Cliff Ermatinger (at Sacred Heart)**
- May 15** **to be announced (at Blessed Sacrament)**

October 9 (2011) **MSGR. POPEK AWARD DINNER, Fr. Joseph L. Cunningham, Recipient**



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