



Catholics United for the Faith

Affirming Authentic Catholicism in Milwaukee

St. Gregory VII Chapter
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MARGO SZEWS WILL SUGGEST WAYS TO "ENGAGE THE CULTURE" ON FEB. 19

MARGO SZEWS has been the editor of this St. Gregory VII Chapter newsletter for about fifteen years, since shortly after her husband, Al, was elected president of the chapter in 1994. Margo grew up in Madison, and attended the University of Wisconsin before graduating from the Dental Hygiene program at Marquette University in 1960. She and Al married in 1962, and Margo continued to work as a dental hygienist until their first child was born; she has now been a homemaker for almost 50 years. As a Marquette faculty wife, Margo was able to finish her B. S. Degree in 1975, taking one (free) course every semester.

While raising three children, Margo developed an interest in educational issues, both secular and Catholic. During the past thirty years she has addressed these issues, primarily through writing, and has written approximately fifty published articles, consisting of "Letters to the Editor" and essays, in local and national newspapers, including Catholic and pro-life publications. Margo has also written reviews of a number of Catholic textbooks. Margo and Al are the proud parents of three children, and fifteen grandchildren. (Note: This program is not appropriate for young children.)

Please come and bring a friend to hear Margo Szezs discuss the activities, experiences and trials of:

"ENGAGING THE CULTURE"

WHERE: Genesis Restaurant Meeting Room

3740 South 108th St. (Beloit Rd. and Hwy 100)

WHEN: Sunday, February 19

TIME: 2:00 p.m. - Program -- 1:45 p.m. - Rosary

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FR. KUBICKI AND SCOTT HAHN TO SPEAK AT IRL MEETING, IN ILLINOIS, APRIL 13-15

The 2012 meeting of the Institute on Religious Life (IRL) will be held from Friday, April 13 to Sunday, April 15, at The University of St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein, Illinois (a one hour drive from Milwaukee). This Chapter's Spiritual Advisor, Fr. James Kubicki, S.J., will speak on "Living the Eucharist: Uniting Our Lives with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass," at 10:30 a.m. Saturday morning. Dr. Scott Hahn will deliver his address, "The Lamb's Supper: The Mass as Heaven on Earth," at 9:15 a.m. also Saturday morning. Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I., Archbishop of Chicago, will deliver the keynote address on Friday night, and Very Rev. Cassian Folsom, O.S.B. will receive the group's annual Pro Fidelitate et Virtute Award at the Saturday evening banquet. This 2012 meeting is titled, "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts, The Sacred Liturgy as a Foretaste of Heaven." A one-day registration is \$45 for Saturday and includes lunch (but not the evening Banquet). The "Commuter Rate" for the entire weekend event, including all meals but not housing, is \$175 per person. For additional information call (847)-573-8975 or contact the Institute at irlstaff@religiouslife.com

"THANK YOU" TO THE SUSAN G. KOMEN GROUP FOR DEFUNDING PLANNED PARENTHOOD

On January 31 it was announced that the Susan G. Komen Foundation, the largest global funder of breast cancer research, has defunded Planned Parenthood. This is a victory for pro-lifers who have asked Komen for years to stop funding the abortion giant. Please go to news@komen.org right now and tell them, "Thanks for defunding Planned Parenthood!" They have taken a brave stand and we must support them; Planned Parenthood and its allies are on the warpath. Planned Parenthood has racked up a record of fraud, Medicaid over-billing, criminal cover-ups, falsifying medical information, violating safety standards, and medical malpractice. This decision ends a multi-million dollar partnership between two nonprofit powerhouses, stunning abortion activists, and elating most everyone else.

FEBRUARY, 2012, PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE BENEDICT XVI

During February, Pope Benedict XVI asks that we pray for two intentions: 1) for **Access to Water**, that all peoples may have access to water and other resources needed for daily life, and 2) for **Health Workers**, that the Lord may sustain the efforts of health workers assisting the sick and elderly in the world's poorest regions. For more information regarding the monthly intentions, or the activities of the **Apostleship of Prayer**, please visit: apostleshipofprayer.org

CHECK WITH WISN FOR CANCELLATION OF A MEETING IN CASE OF BAD WEATHER

To find out whether or not a CUF meeting has been cancelled due to snow or bad weather, go to Channel 12 TV and/or www.wisn.com. If that is not successful, or possible, call Al Szews at (414)-321-9377. A decision to cancel a meeting would be made, most likely, on the morning of the meeting.

CAN YOU FIND A "NEW" CUF MEMBER TO BRING TO ONE OF OUR MEETINGS?

Do you enjoy reading this newsletter? Do you find our monthly speakers to be interesting? Have you checked out the topics and speakers listed on our "Speaker's Bureau?" Do you know a Catholic who might like to join a group that will always "Support, Defend and Advance the Efforts of the Teaching Church?" Do you know a parent who would like to provide religious instruction for a child, but feels inadequate? **Catholics United for the Faith** walks in step with the Holy Father, *not* to his right or to his left. We appreciate the support of our faithful friends, and we ask that they bring some new faces to join our mission - which is - "Affirming Authentic Catholicism in Milwaukee!!"

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW FOR FUTURE CUF MEETINGS

Our "Afternoon of Recollection," during Lent with **Fr. Kubicki**, will be held on Sunday, **March 18**. His title will be "Living Lent with the Blessed Virgin Mary." Our speaker on **April 22** will be **Rey Flores**, who was, until he was fired, the distributor of CCHD funds in the Chicago Archdiocese. His articles can be found in *The Wanderer*. On Saturday evening, **May 12**, **Michael Voris** will be our speaker at a dinner meeting at the **Clarion Hotel**. **Fr. Kubicki** will receive our "Msgr. Popek Award" on **October 21**, and **Dave Archibald** will discuss "The Inquisition" on **November 18**. Hope you can come!!

"CATECHETICAL CORNER"

Question: How many sacraments are there in the Catholic Church? **Answer:** There are seven sacraments: Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist, Reconciliation (Confession), Holy Orders, Matrimony, and Sacrament of the Sick

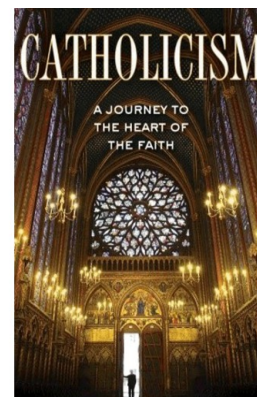
Book of the Month: "Catholicism"

Author: Fr. Robert Barron

Publisher: Ignatius Press, 2011

"What is Catholicism? A 2,000 living tradition? A worldview? A way of life? A relationship? A mystery? In **Catholicism** Father Robert Barron examines all these questions and more, seeking to capture the body, heart and mind of the Catholic Faith. Starting from the essential foundation of Jesus Christ's incarnation, life, and teaching, Father Barron moves through the defining elements of Catholicism - from sacraments, worship, and prayer, to Mary, the Apostles, and Saints, to grace, salvation, heaven, and hell - using his distinct and dynamic grasp of art, literature, architecture, personal stories, Scripture, theology, philosophy, and history to present the Church to the world.

"Paired with his documentary film series of the same title, **Catholicism** is an intimate journey, capturing 'The Catholic Thing' in all its depth and beauty."



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



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The Catholic Difference

"Breaking Bad Liturgical Habits - II"

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As I remarked late last year, the introduction of the third edition of the *Roman Missal* and the new translations of the liturgical texts offer the entire English-speaking Church an opportunity to correct some bad liturgical habits that have developed over the past four decades. The point of these corrections is neither liturgical prissiness nor aesthetic nostalgia; there is no "reform of the reform" to be found in lace surplices, narrow fiddle-back chasubles, and massive candles. The point of correcting bad habits is to celebrate the *Novus Ordo* of Paul VI with dignity and beauty, so that Holy Mass is experienced for what it is: our participation in the liturgy of saints and angels in heaven - where, I am quite confident, they don't sing treachery confections like "Gather Us In."

Note to Celebrants (not "Presiders"): If you've fallen into the bad habit of concluding Mass by some variant of "May almighty God bless us all, Father, Son and Holy Spirit," please cease and desist. You were not ordained to the ministry of Word and sacrament to invoke, generically, the divine blessing, which anyone can (and should) do before and after meals; you were given the power to confer the divine blessing by being configured to Christ in Holy Orders. Catholics who embrace the truth of [the] Catholic faith do not enjoy clericalism. But they do not find comfort, much less evangelical leadership, from priests who imagine they can avoid clericalism by unwittingly denying the truth of their own sacramental vocation and its distinctiveness.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: The same admonition applies to you, but in a different way -

you must **not** offer a "blessing," in any form, to pre-first-Communion children who join their parents in the Communion procession. Eucharistic ministers are not junior-grade clergy or petty officers; no one outside of those in Holy Orders should "bless" in a liturgical context. Again, this is not a matter of prissiness, and still less

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one of clericalism; it is a matter of doctrinal and theological precision - which, if lost, can damage the celebration of the sacred liturgy. Extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist are vastly over-used in U.S. parishes, a practice that risks of signaling that the Mass is a matter of the self-worshipping community celebrating and feeding itself. But the problem of the ordinary use of what is supposed, after all, to be "extraordinary" can be addressed another time. For now, pastors must make it clear that **no one** blesses children during the Communion procession except bishops, priests, and deacons, i.e., those in Holy Orders.

Music Directors and Pastors: As a general rule, sing all the verses of a processional or recessional hymn. Good hymns have a textual integ-

ity that is lost when we sing hymn-excerpts rather than hymns. It doesn't take that much more time to sing all six verses of "For All the Saints" or all four verses of "Crown Him with Many Crowns;" cutting such great texts by two-thirds or one-half inevitably sends the signal that music in the liturgy is filler - and there is no room for filler in the sacred liturgy.

The Congregation: Sacred space is different from other space; the inside of the church is different from the narthex (not "gathering space"). Thus we should all break the bad habit of commencing the post-Mass conversation immediately after the conclusion of the recessional hymn or organ postlude. Wait until you leave the interior of the church before beginning to chat with the neighbors. If there is a choral postlude, chatting over it is an insult to the choir, which has worked hard to prepare something beautiful for God; if there is only an organ postlude (with or without a recessional hymn), chatting over it is an insult to the organist. Thirty seconds of silence after Mass are no bad thing.

And while we're on the subject of the congregation, might we all reconsider our vesture at Sunday Mass? Dressing in one's "Sunday best" was not an affectation; it was an acknowledgment of our baptismal dignity. Let's reclaim that dignity and its expression in our "Sunday best."

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THE 2012-2013 SCHEDULE of EVENTS:

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- March 18 **LIVING LENT WITH THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
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 18 **ADDRESSING HISTORICAL ISSUES – THE INQUISITION**, by David Archibald
- December 9 **MSGR. POPEK BIRTHDAY/CHRISTMAS DINNER**
- January 20 **To Be Announced**
- February 17 **AFTERNOON OF RECOLLECTION**, by Fr. James Kubicki, S.J.



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