



Catholics United for the Faith

Affirming Authentic Catholicism in Milwaukee

St. Gregory VII Chapter
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Fr. James Kubicki, S.J., to deliver an "Afternoon of Recollection" Sunday, Feb. 18

Of course, we are more than pleased that Fr. James Kubicki, S.J., is coming to Milwaukee, from his current position as the Director of St. Francis Mission on the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota, to again deliver an "Afternoon of Recollection," ~ to help us prepare for a faith-filled Lent. As always, he is an excellent speaker with an excellent message! We promise you will not be disappointed. In 2003, Fr. Kubicki was assigned to Milwaukee to become the national director of the Apostleship of Prayer, a position he enjoyed until his recent transfer to South Dakota in July.

Fr. Kubicki has appeared on EWTN television and is a regular contributor to Catholic radio stations throughout the country ~ via the Relevant Radio Network. His book, *A Heart on Fire: Rediscovering Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus*, was published by Ave Maria Press in 2012, and was awarded third place in the category of "Best Prayer and Spirituality Book of the Year" by the Association of Catholic Book Publishers. His second book, *A Year of Daily Offerings*, was published in October, 2016.

Come and bring a friend to enjoy another wonderful presentation by Fr. Kubicki. It is a privilege to call him a friend, and we are honored that he will make this trip, to discuss,

"The Seven Deadly Sins"

WHERE: Sacred Heart Church

917 North 49th St. (one block north of Wells St.)

WHEN: Sunday, February 18

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

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Good news for Professor John McAdams, our CUF speaker on March 18

Prof. John McAdams, a tenured political science professor who has taught at Marquette University since 1977, was removed from his teaching position in Nov., 2014, by school president, Mike Lovell, in response to a post on McAdams's *Marquette Warrior* blog criticizing a graduate student instructor for telling a student that she would not tolerate dissent on same-sex marriage in her ethics class. (The student simply attempted to defend traditional marriage.) Prof. McAdams sued Marquette, pointing out that academic freedom allowed him to say whatever he wanted on his blog. A Milwaukee Circuit Judge ruled in favor of Marquette. McAdams's attorney then bypassed the Appeals Court, and the case was recently accepted by the Wisconsin Supreme Court, which will likely hear oral arguments in spring and issue a ruling by July.

Kudos to the *Wall Street Journal* for a 1-29-18 editorial titled *Marquette and the First Amendment*, explaining that:

"...The University contends that Mr. McAdam's offense is having identified a student by name – Ms. Abbate. The characterization is telling, because though Ms. Abbate was indeed a grad student she was also a paid employee of the university teaching a course. If any student was harmed here, it was the Marquette undergraduate [student] who was told there was no room for his views in Ms. Abbate's classroom. No one forced Marquette to enter into an employment contract with Mr. McAdams. But it did. And that contract says he cannot be fired for exercising a right guaranteed by the U.S Constitution. By any reasonable standard that would include the First Amendment – even at a Jesuit university."

According to Bill Donohue, President of the Catholic League, "Trump Scores"

In the January-February, 2018, issue of the *Catalyst*, published by the Catholic League for Civil and Religious Rights, President, Bill Donohue, printed a page one article headed, "TRUMP SCORES," pointing out that:

"A comparison between President Donald Trump's first year in office on the issue of religious liberty, and that of his predecessor, President Barack Obama, showed a considerable difference: religious rights spiked under Trump. On February 1, 2017, Trump chose Judge Neil Gorsuch to take Antonin Scalia's place on the U.S. Supreme Court. Gorsuch is a strong proponent of religious liberty, holding that conscience rights are paramount. Trump endorsed school choice, championing the cause of tax incentives to businesses that fund private schools; he emphasized the need to help minorities. An executive order on religious liberty was signed by Trump. It sent a clear message to his cabinet on how to proceed with such matters. A bill to allow the states to strip funding from Planned Parenthood was signed into law by Trump. This encouraged several states to pass bills restricting abortion. Trump authorized direct assistance to persecuted Christians in the Middle East. As important as anything, a religious exemption to Obama's HHS mandate was granted by Trump. The religious elements of Christmas were celebrated at the White House. Under Obama, they were downplayed. In fact, an ornament depicting a mass murderer, Mao Zedong, was hung from a Christmas tree. Obama chose several anti-Catholics to be in his administration; no bigots were selected by Trump." To subscribe to the *Catalyst*, visit www.catholicleague.org

Fr. Joseph Fessio, S.J., will be honored by the "Institute on Religious Life" on April 7

Fr. Joseph Fessio, S.J., founder of Ignatius Press, and longtime friend of faithful Catholics, will receive the annual "*Pro Fidelitate et Virtute*" award on Saturday evening, April 7, at the 2018 Institute on Religious Life National Meeting, held April 6-8, at St. Mary of the Lake Seminary in Mundelein, Illinois. It is only a one-hour drive – mark your calendar now!

This local CUF Chapter has been active since 1978 – Join the Board and keep it active!

We are looking for members who see a value in the activities of this CUF Chapter, and would like to help continue its mission to, "Affirm authentic Catholicism in Milwaukee." Under the leadership of Philip Gray, the National Office is being re-organized; you can expect the resumption of the *Lay Witness* as a newsletter in the near future. If you would like to help to continue this apostolate, consider coming to a monthly Board meeting. Just call Al Szews at 414-321-9377.

Catechetical Corner: What is Lent?

Lent is the forty days before Easter Sunday, during which we do penance, fast and pray to prepare ourselves for the resurrection of Our Lord; and also to remind us of His own fast of forty days before His Passion. (*Baltimore Catechism III, #807*)

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Book of the Month: *The Last Hours of Jesus*

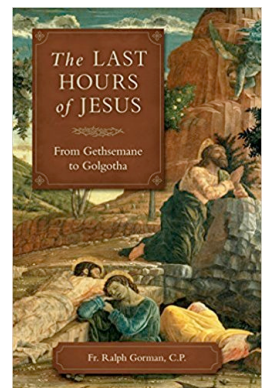
Author: By Fr. Ralph Gorman

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"Each of the four Gospels tells only part of the story of Jesus...and all of them leave out background facts that are essential to understanding events surrounding Jesus' arrest, trial, and crucifixion.

That's because the Gospels were written for readers already familiar with many of the persons, places, parties, and politics that governed events in those long-past days. These details are lost on modern readers, twenty centuries later! Which is why Fr. Ralph Gorman has crafted a single, unforgettable, detailed account that combines material from all four Gospels with critically important Old Testament passages, plus relevant facts from Jewish and Roman history, laws, traditions, and practices. He also includes helpful first-century military, political, geographical, and archaeological information and keen depictions of Gospel places based on his three-year residence there..."

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“Matriarchy Demeans Men and Polygamy Demeans Women”

The fruit of matriarchy and polygamy will be a society with low self-esteem, lack of aspiration and low accomplishment.

By Fr. Dwight Longenecker
National Catholic Register, January 14, 2018

<http://www.ncregister.com/blog/longenecker/matriarchy-demeans-men-and-polygamy-demeans-women>

Why are modern men such layabouts? It's simple. When the family declines, men decline. A couple of years ago Rod Dreher wrote a column about this phenomenon...Quoting various articles, Rod concludes that men who are disassociated from family life soon become de-motivated, shiftless and underachieving.

I've known men with severe self-esteem problems. They are stuck and can't achieve their potential. Invariably their fathers told them they were stupid or no good. What the father says about the child - especially the son - remains a potent force in the child's life. If the father is no good it's bad, but if there is no father or a totally disengaged father the child is rootless and drifting. He or she does not have the tools in their toolbox to know how to deal with the world. They've got pieces missing. Of course, there are father figures who can help to put things back together and fill in the blanks, but the decline of the family and especially the crisis in masculinity and fatherhood are desperate gaps in our social and familial infrastructure. As the traditional family disintegrates, what we are seeing is the development of supposedly new forms of family life. These new forms of family are supposed to be of equal value or even better than the traditional family, but we should not be deceived. The newly developing forms of family life in our society are not morally neutral, nor are they a progression to something better and more sophisticated. They are a regression to a more primitive and barbaric form of family structure. There are two trends that do not bode well for the future: matriarchy and polygamy.

Matriarchy

With the rise of the single mother family, we are seeing a form of matriarchy develop. In many homes women control the wealth, guard the home, rear the children and provide for the family. As new generations of single mothers rear children, the matriarchal structure extends to the grandmother and great-grandmother. I lived in England for 25

years and during that time saw how the state (by providing everything to single teen mothers) created the new matriarchy. A girl who became pregnant at 15 was given an apartment and everything necessary for the child. If she married she lost many of the benefits so it was to her advantage to remain a single mother. By the time she was 30 she was a grandmother, for her daughters had continued the pattern. At 45 she was a great-grandmother and the three generations lived in close proximity amongst the underclass in Britain like a

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modern matriarchal tribe. The men roamed about like hunter-gatherers, living off unemployment checks or casual labor, spending their time in sports and pastimes while the women (looked after by the state) controlled the home. The men either lived with their mothers or their girlfriends - often serially. They had no reason to marry, no reason to get a permanent job, no reason to “get ahead.” While this was characteristic of the underclass it would be wrong to limit it to the underclass. Through easy no-fault divorce, cohabitation and the decline of marriage the new matriarchy also existed within the middle and upper classes. There too, the men were kicked out through divorce. The women claimed the wealth, controlled the family and the men were relegated to roaming about living alone or living with a series of girlfriends or new wives. Families with stepchildren and half children abounded - almost always with the women in charge. This sort of matriarchy is not an advance. It does not lead to human flourishing, human achievement or any sense of human self-worth. The men resent being excluded by the women, the women eventually resent having to do everything. The children are left to fend for themselves.

Polygamy

The other alternative that we will see develop before long is polygamy. There will be plenty of utilitarian arguments for polygamy and the law (once it has approved same-sex

marriages) will not be able to hold back the so called “advance” that polygamy offers. Many women will turn away from the de facto and accept its opposite: polygamy. Rather than do everything they will join a harem of women reliant on the one man who does and decides everything. Again, we should not be deceived. Polygamy is not an advance. It is not progress but regress. Polygamy will set back women's rights and self-esteem, locking them into a relationship with a man which must be abusive because (when faced with a tribe of pregnant women who can't support themselves) he will be the one in charge. The woman will become a second-class citizen, valued only for her childbearing capability, like the roaming stud is valued in statist matriarchy only for the fact that he can give the girl another baby. Every society that has advanced and moved forward historically has moved beyond matriarchy and polygamy. This must be so because matriarchy demeans men and polygamy demeans women. Only in monogamy are man and woman ideally treated as equals. The true advancement for humanity was the gradual predominance of not only monogamy but the Christian ideal of monogamy. It was only Christianity that exalted the union of man and woman to such a high status. The Romans were aghast that Christian husbands and wives actually loved one another. That a woman was to be treated with respect and honor within a marriage was revolutionary. That marriage should be for life (thus offering security and protection to the woman) was revolutionary. That the Christians loaded marriage with theological significance, making it a sacrament and the crucible whereby the soul's salvation was forged, was a radical advance and innovation. That marriage signified the union between God and humanity was an astounding advance in human social and self-understanding...We have chosen this regression to a more primitive and unenlightened form of family life. The fruit of it will be a society that drifts corporately into the same attitude of the male within matriarchy and the female within polygamy: a society with low self-esteem, lack of aspiration and low accomplishment. It will be a society of the chronically dependent, and when there is a population that is chronically dependent there must always be a tyrant who they are happy to have rule over them.

THE WINTER-SPRING-FALL SCHEDULE:

- February 18** **AFTERNOON OF RECOLLECTION**, by Fr. James Kubicki, S.J. (at Sacred Heart Church)
- March 18** **POLITICAL CORRECTNESS AT MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY**, by Prof. John McAdams
(at St. John Church Hall)
- April 15** **SOLANUS CASEY: A MODEL OF DEVINE CONFIDENCE AND RADICAL CHARITY**,
by Seminarian Dan Tracy (at St. John Church Hall)
- May 20** **THE CRUSADES—THE TRUTH**, by Dr. James (Duke) Pesta (at St. John Church Hall)
- September 16** **MEET SAINT AUGUSTINE**, by Dr. James (Duke) Pesta
- October 14** **MSGR. POPEK AWARD DINNER----**Recipient: Reverend John Belmonte, S.J.
- November 18** **TO BE ANNOUNCED**
- December 9** **MSGR. POPEK BIRTHDAY/CHRISTMAS DINNER**
- January 20** **TO BE ANNOUNCED**



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Director, St. Francis Mission
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