



Catholics United for the Faith

Affirming Authentic Catholicism in Milwaukee

St. Gregory VII Chapter
January, 2016

Diane Schlosser & Theresa Jace will discuss the new "Chesterton Academy"

Diane Schlosser and Theresa Jace will present information regarding Chesterton Academy, a private, Christ-centered, classically focused high school that will open in Milwaukee in fall of 2016. The school day starts with Daily Mass and utilizes an integrated curriculum. Teachers and staff take an Oath of Fidelity to the Magisterium. With the classical curriculum, students read Homer, Plato, Aristotle, Euclid, Virgil, Dante, Chaucer, Shakespeare, St. Thomas Aquinas and G.K. Chesterton. Chesterton Academy of Milwaukee is part of a Network of Chesterton Schools, based in the Twin Cities, which now includes eight schools nationwide. The first school was established in 2008 with ten students.

Diane Schlosser received her BA in Broadcast Communications/Marketing from Marquette University. She is a speaker for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee's Nazareth Project, and a former Board Member of Women's Care Center. She is also a substitute teacher at Brookfield Academy Lower School, and a former Board Member of the Women's residence of Opus Dei. Diane and her husband, John, have eight children and two grandchildren. Theresa Jace has an MBA in Marketing from the University of Minnesota, and a Master's in Theology from Ave Maria University. She has over twelve years of marketing experience with major consumer brands, and does volunteer work in religious education. She and her husband, Tony, have four children ages 10 to 19 years. Please join us to hear,

"Chesterton Academy Comes to Milwaukee"

WHERE: St. John the Evangelist Church Hall

8500 W. Cold Spring Road (enter from North side)

WHEN: Sunday, January 17

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

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Plan to attend the February "All-Night Vigil" on Feb. 5 and 6 at Gesu Church

The February "All-Night Vigil of Reparation" will be held at Gesu Church, located at 12th Street and Wisconsin Avenue on the Marquette University campus. It will begin on Friday evening, Feb. 5, with confession available from 7:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., when the opening Mass will begin. Mass will be followed by a procession with the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration, talks, community prayers and confessions throughout the night, concluding with First Saturday Mass at 5:00 a.m. Come for the opening Mass and stay as long as you can. If you need a ride, or more information, call 414-254-2790.

Is your parish using the excellent "Didache - Parish Edition" catechetical texts?

You may recall that the September edition of this newsletter presented information regarding the recently published "Parish Edition" of the widely acclaimed *Didache* catechetical texts, published by Midwest Theological Forum, the publishing arm of the "Opus Dei" religious order. While the original four hardcover *Didache* books, designed for use in Catholic high schools, cost upwards of \$45, the smaller "Parish Edition" paperback books, of which there are eight, are designed for a one hour a week parish program, and sell for \$14 each. These books contain solid, doctrinal content and display very attractive sacred art. We are aware of one diocesan parish planning to use four of these paperbacks for 9th and 10th grade religious education, starting with the 2016-17 school year. We encourage other parishes to do the same. If you know of a parish that is using these books, please let us know (see page 2 for our contact information). Cardinal Burke continually reminds us that poor catechetical instruction is the biggest problem in the Church today.

The January, 2016, Prayer Intentions published by Pope Francis

During January, Pope Francis has asked that we pray for two intentions: 1) **Interreligious Dialogue**. That sincere dialogue among men and women of different faiths may produce the fruits of peace and justice, and 2) **Christian Unity**. That by means of dialogue and fraternal charity, and with the grace of the Holy Spirit, Christians may overcome divisions. For information regarding the **Apostleship of Prayer**, contact Fr. James Kubicki, S.J., or visit: apostleshipofprayer.org

Construction of the new St. Paul Student Center at UW-Madison to begin in February

According to a 1-3-16 *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* article, the Catholic student center at UW-Madison held its final Mass before demolition begins in February to allow for the construction of a new Chapel and center that will be twice the size, and is scheduled to open in 2017. "The \$25 million project will be a five-story building that will include a chapel, dining facilities, meeting rooms, a rooftop terrace and a hall accommodating 200 people. There will also be apartments for priests, seminary students and visiting scholars." This is wonderful news! Fr. Eric Nielsen, director of the St. Paul Center, conducts this incredibly successful Catholic student center, which is producing both vocations and marriages. For example, he directs 15 full-time missionaries, over 150 student leaders, and 80 small group Bible studies! Please visit: <http://www.uwcatholic.org>

Attend monthly "Holy Hour for Vocations" at St. Francis de Sales Seminary

Roses for Our Lady sponsors a "Holy Hour for Vocations" on the second Sunday of every month, at 2:00 p.m. at St Francis Seminary, 3257 S. Lake Drive. The Holy Hour includes exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, prayers, a rosary for vocations, Divine Mercy Chaplet, scripture reading and Benediction, followed by a social gathering. Visit: rosesforourlady.org

Come and learn "How to Recognize the Devil in our World Today" on Thursday, Jan. 21

Plan to attend this presentation titled "How to Recognize the Devil in our World Today" at St. John the Evangelist Parish, 8500 West Cold Spring Road in Greenfield, at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 21st in the Church Hall (enter from North parking area). The presentation, appropriate for teens and adults, will be given by Fr. Dominic Caldognetto from the Xaverian Missionaries. He will explain how we, too, through the Devil's deception, can be caught up in the Devil's snares on the most immoral issues of our day. Light refreshments will be served. For questions contact Kathy Knaack at 414-329-0991

"Catechetical Corner:" Why is "presumption" a sin against the 1st Commandment?

There are two kinds of *presumption*. Either man presumes upon his own capacities, (hoping to be able to save himself without help from on high), or he presumes upon God's almighty power or his mercy (hoping to obtain his forgiveness without conversion and glory without merit). CCC #2092 In other words, he wants salvation on his terms, not God's.

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Book of the Month: *Evangelizing Catholics*

Author: By Dr. Scott Hahn

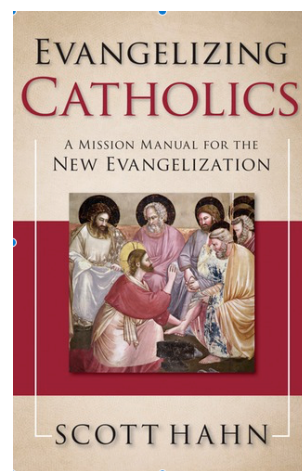
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"You can't keep the faith unless you give it away. That's a fact. To be a Christian is to be an evangelizer. When the Catholic Church calls us to a 'New Evangelization,' that's simply a reminder to us of what has always been true. The good news is: You can do it - you can evangelize - and Scott Hahn shows you how. In this very practical 'mission manual' Dr. Hahn equips you with:

- 1) A guide to understanding what the New Evangelization is, and who it's really for.
- 2) A roadmap that leads you to where it all happens (hint: it's closer than you think).
- 3) A simple, beautiful message to share - in words and actions.

Evangelization, for Catholics, is simply friendship raised up to the highest level. Enter a deeper friendship with Christ, and you'll want to share his companionship more and more with a wider circle of friends."

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Catholic Leaders... React To Vatican's "Climate Change" Light Show

by Pete Baklinski
The Wanderer

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Rome (LifeSiteNews)—Howling, grunting, and roaring animals, along with images of overcrowded city centers, depictions of pollution, and negative portrayals of industrialization, appeared on the façade of St. Peter's Basilica during a much-hyped "Climate Change" light show. The show was the finale of the opening celebration for the Year of Mercy declared by Pope Francis. The event was watched by tens of thousands in St. Peter's Square along with estimated millions worldwide through online streaming. The multimillion-dollar show titled "*Fiat Lux: Illuminating Our Common Home*" was created and funded by climate-change partisans and population-control advocates with the goal to "educate and inspire change around the climate crisis across generations, cultures, languages, religions and class." Along with images of the world and its endangered animals, including lions, birds, apes, and whales, appeared New Age symbolism associated with ancient pagan deities. The show also took place on the most important Marian feast day for Catholics, the Immaculate Conception, where Catholics celebrate Mary being conceived in the womb of her mother Anne without the stain of original sin. Many pro-family leaders from around the world say they are flabbergasted that the Pope would allow St. Peter's to be used as a backdrop for promoting the controversial and contentious "climate change" agenda. "I am sorry that the facade of St. Peter's has been turned into a propaganda stage for the scientific fraud known as 'Catastrophic Man-Caused Global Warming,'" Steven Mosher, president of the Population Research Institute, told LifeSiteNews. "I am sick at the thought that this most sacred space - St. Peter's Basilica - will be the backdrop for the further dissemination of this fraud, whose ultimate goal is to impose a 'carbon tax' on the developed countries. This tax will not only cripple

global economical growth and undermine democracy, its proceeds will be used to fund even more population control programs in the developing world," he said. The Vatican's spokesman for the event, Archbishop Rino Fisichella, president of the Pontifical Council for the New Evangelization, called the event "unique ...for its genre and for the fact that it is being displayed for the first time on such a significant backdrop. These illuminations will present images inspired of Mercy, of humanity, of the natural world, and of climate changes," he said. Fisichella said that the light show on the Vatican was meant to

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link Pope Francis' environmental encyclical *Laudato Si* with the United Nations Climate Change Conference (Cop21). The Vatican has shown strong support for the conference. Having the show conclude the opening Year of Mercy celebration also links the Pope's message about "mercy" to fighting "climate change." Robert Royal, president of the Washington based Faith and Reason Institute and a prominent Catholic commentator, called it "seriously wrong" to have a "radical environmental message" projected onto St. Peter's. "This is the kind of thing ideological politicians do, like President Obama's rainbow projection onto the White House after the Supreme Court approved gay 'marriage.' The White House is the people's house, all the American people's. St. Peter's is even far more universal than that. Projecting onto it a radical environmental message - and one that has no chance of actually resulting in an international agreement, given the unreality of the approach - seems to make the Church just one more international NGO, something Pope Francis has explicitly warned it should not be," he told LifeSiteNews. Voice of the Family co-founder John

Smeaton said that contrary to popular perception, the "environmental agenda" is tied to an anti-human agenda. "The environmental movement commonly regards population growth as a threat. Developing nations are being flooded with contraceptives and subjected to pressure to legalize abortion. Given that contraception and environmentalism so often go hand-in-hand, it is deeply troubling that current Vatican authorities have so strongly endorsed the environmental agenda without taking an equally strong stance on the abortion and contraception agenda which lies behind it. "If the Vatican issued similarly strong and high-profile calls to world governments to end abortion, many lives could be saved. The St. Peter's light show is a clear demonstration of the tragic truth that this papacy has the wrong priorities," he told LifeSiteNews. The event, billed as "contemporary public art," was sponsored by organizations named after Greek and Roman pagan gods that push the climate change agenda and by an organization that directly funds abortions in developing countries...

Catholic commentator Fr. John T. Zuhlsdorf wrote on his blog that the event was "irreverent" and even a form of "sacrilege." "St. Peter's is, without question, a sacred place and object (a very large one, too!). It is, without question, dedicated by the Church to sacred purposes. The use of this sacred building and place (where St. Peter was martyred and buried, a pilgrimage place, etc., etc., etc.) as a projection screen for mere secular purposes is irreverent treatment," he wrote. Fr. Zuhlsdorf quoted *The Catholic Dictionary* which defines sacrilege as the "irreverent treatment of sacred things, persons or places, i.e., those dedicated by God or the Church to sacred purposes. It is a sin against the virtue of religion, of its nature grave but admitting smallness of matter. This has gone beyond ridiculous," he said...

For complete article see:

<http://www.thewandererpress.com>

THE WINTER - SPRING - FALL SCHEDULE:

- February 21** **AFTERNOON OF RECOLLECTION, by Fr. James Kubicki, S.J. (at Sacred Heart Church)**
DEVINE MERCY AND THE SACRED HEART
- March 20** **IS "BRAIN DEATH" TRUE DEATH??, by Christine M. Zainer, M.D. (at Saint John-Grnfl.)**
- 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**
- December 11** **MSGR. POPEK BIRTHDAY/CHRISTMAS DINNER**
- January 15** **TO BE ANNOUNCED**



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