



Catholics United for the Faith

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St. Gregory VII Chapter
March, 2011

FR. JAMES KUBICKI, S.J., TO PRESENT AFTERNOON OF RECOLLECTION MAR. 13

The Chapter's annual "Lenten preparation" will be presented by our Spiritual Advisor, Fr. James Kubicki, S.J., who will address "The Call to Reparation," on Sunday, March 13. His very valuable, and much appreciated, spiritual direction will lead us to a faith-filled Lent and a more joyous Easter celebration.

Fr. Kubicki is the national director of the Apostleship of Prayer, a 160 year old organization (founded by the Jesuits) that directs attention to the Pope's monthly prayer intentions, and encourages devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, especially through the daily recitation of the "Morning Offering." As part of his work at the Apostleship, Fr. Kubicki travels throughout the country giving talks, retreats, and parish missions. He is also heard on Relevant Radio (100.1 FM). With Fr. Kubicki, we encourage all to pray the Morning Offering:

"O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer thee all my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day for all the intentions of thy Sacred Heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, in reparation for all my sins, for the intentions of all our associates, and in particular, for the special intentions of the Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI."

PLEASE COME, AND BRING A FRIEND, TO THIS EXCELLENT "LENTEN PREPARATION," AND HEAR FR. KUBICKI DISCUSS:

"THE CALL TO REPARATION"

WHERE: Sacred Heart Church (not Parish Hall)

917 North 49th St.

(one block north of Wells St.)

WHEN: Sunday, March 13

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

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STEVE MCEVEETY, PRODUCER OF "THE PASSION OF CHRIST," TO SPEAK MARCH 19

Plan to attend "Sowing Seeds of Faith," the Annual Gala Dinner and Auction sponsored by Aquinas Academy. It will be held at Davian's Banquet and Conference Center, N56 W15300 Silver Spring Drive. The cost is \$75 per person, which includes the silent auction and social hour at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m., the live auction at 7:15 p.m. and the keynote address by Steve McEveety at 8:00 p.m. The dinner choices include Chicken, fish or a vegetable dish. Those who would also like to attend a 5:00 p.m. "VIP Preview with Mr. McEveety," can do so with a \$100 per person registration. Steve McEveety is the producer of "The Passion of Christ," "Braveheart" and many other Hollywood films. Register by March 14 at 262-502-1540, or <mailto:info@aquinasacademy.com>

PRO-LIFE WISCONSIN'S "SPRING AWARDS DINNER" TO BE HELD APRIL 9 IN MADISON

Plan to attend Pro-Life Wisconsin's "Spring Awards Dinner" on Saturday, April 9, at the Crown Plaza Hotel, 402 East Washington Avenue, in Madison. Pro-life hero, Joe Scheidler, will give the keynote address, and awards will be presented to Rep. Don Pridemore, "Legislator of the Year," and Scott Southworth, "Activist of the Year." The cost is \$35 per person. Reservations will be accepted until April 1, or until capacity. Make checks payable to "Pro-Life Wisconsin, Inc." For more information, call 262-796-1111, or visit: <http://www.prolifewisconsin.org/events.asp>

PLEASE NOTE NEW DATE, OCTOBER 16, FOR MSGR. POPEK AWARD DINNER

Due to circumstances beyond our control, it became necessary to move the Msgr. Popek Award Dinner to Sunday, October 16. Please note this on your calendar. Make plans to come October 16 and congratulate Fr. Joseph L. Cunningham, the recipient of our Chapter's Twenty-third Annual Msgr. Alphonse S. Popek Award.

ATTENTION WOMEN – ESPECIALLY MOTHERS AND TEEN GIRLS AGE 12 AND OLDER

Plan to attend “*Spring into Fashion*” on Saturday, April 2, at the Country Springs Hotel, 2810 Golf Road, in Pewaukee. The program, sponsored by Relevant Radio, will feature a fun, interactive and informative presentation by Mary Sheehan Warren, Fashion Consultant and author of “*It’s so You, Fitting Fashion to your Life.*” With emphasis on the Dignity of Women, Mary has over 15 years of experience working with women of all ages. She also teaches fashion skills that will avoid costly fashion mistakes. The program will include skin and nail care demonstrations, many exhibitors and vendors, and great door prizes. The cost, which includes the presentation and materials, beverages, and a lunch buffet, is \$20 per person by March 12, and \$25 after March 12, and at the door. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. The program and lunch buffet will extend from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For questions call Michele Grall at 262-844-6107 or e-mail at: mgrall@relevantradio.com. Register at www.relevantradiomilwaukee.com. Proceeds will support Relevant Radio (100.1).

ELECTION OF OFFICERS TO BE HELD AT MAY MEETING

The annual election of officers for the Chapter will be held at the May meeting. Anyone interested in being on the ballot, or suggesting nominees, should contact Larry Schmidt at 414-774-2824. The positions are president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. If you have questions, call Al Szews at 414-321-9377.

ATTEND INSTITUTE ON RELIGIOUS LIFE ANNUAL MEETING APRIL 29 IN MUNDELEIN

The annual meeting of the Institute on Religious Life will be held on April 29-May 1 at the University of St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein, Illinois. Under the heading, “*Go Make Disciples,*” speakers will include Fr. Francis “Rocky” Hoffman, Director of Relevant Radio, Dr. Elizabeth Mitchell, Dean of Students at Trinity Academy, Terry Barber, founder of St. Joseph’s Communications and Leon Suprenant, former International President of Catholics United for the Faith. Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I., will deliver the keynote address on Friday evening, and Fr. Kenneth Baker, S.J., will receive the “*Pro Fidelitate et Virtute Award*” at the banquet on Saturday. (Fr. Baker was the recipient of the First Msgr. Popek Award in 1989.) Commuter rate for the entire weekend is \$175 per person. One-day registration and overnight housing are also available. Call 847-573-8975 or e-mail at irlstaff@religiouslife.com for more information.

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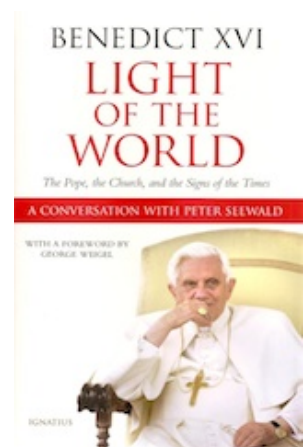
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Book of the Month: “Light of the World”

Author: Pope Benedict XVI

Publisher: Ignatius Press, 2010

“Popes do not usually grant book-length interviews to journalists. And never before has a pope given as in-depth and extensive an interview as this one, answering so many direct questions on so many personal and controversial topics. Five years after his election, Pope Benedict XVI openly discusses the criticisms of his pontificate, the crisis in the Church brought on by the clergy sexual abuse scandal, the need for Church reform, the problems of uniting faith and reason today, as well as contemporary issues such as abortion, climate change, same-sex unions, the global economic crisis, and the new atheism. He also examines the quest for unity among Christians, the relations with Islam, the message of Fatima, and the prospects for peace. An unabashed follower of Jesus Christ, Benedict addresses the Church’s drive for a new evangelization and the challenges it involves.”



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

“Social Justice” and the New Politics

The ground shifts beneath the Catholic left.

The Catholic World Report, December, 2010, page 1

By George Neumayr, Editor

The phrase “social justice,” when invoked by members of the Catholic left, is a euphemism for the agenda of the Democratic Party. “Social justice” refers not to objective principles of justice but to specific policies of Democrats on health care, labor, welfare, and other matters.

This is why the historic November defeat of Democrats was treated as such troubling news in many chanceries and Catholic university faculty lounges. Worried headlines, of the kind that were nowhere to be found in the Catholic left’s publications after the election of Barack Obama, suddenly appeared, such as *Catholic San Francisco’s* headline, “Social Justice Agenda in Jeopardy in US.” *America* magazine also sounded an alarm. Steve Schneck, director of the Institute for Policy Research & Catholic Studies at the Catholic University of America, wrote in a piece on its website that the Church’s “years of efforts in America to support public policies that reflect its moral vision were dealt a blow Tuesday evening.”

The panic was understandable. After all, the Catholic left had invested a great deal in the success of the Democrats and in particular Barack Obama. Many nuns and priests voted for him, with some even openly serving on his “Catholic” campaign advisory committee; Catholic college presidents and faculties generously donated to his campaign (Georgetown, out of all college faculties, ranked second in donations); and Catholic public figures such as Doug Kmiec portrayed him as the very embodiment of the Church’s vision of “change.” After he won the election, the Catholic left’s excitement grew still more. Notre Dame conferred upon him an honorary degree, and bishops such as Archbishop Michael Sheehan of New Mexico,

afraid that criticism of Obama’s policies might make Catholics look like the “Amish,” made rationalizations for him. Kmiec, before departing for his ambassadorship to Malta, bumbled victoriously that “President Obama has far more in common with our great faith tradition than any political administration in recent memory.” Always late to an awareness that its trendy enthusiasms are no longer trendy, the Catholic left simply

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hadn’t anticipated the wave of anti-Obama feeling that swept over the country in 2010. Particularly galling to members of the Catholic left is that the Catholic vote contributed to the backlash and appears to be slipping away from the Democrats. In 2008, 55 percent of Catholics voted for the Democratic ticket. In 2010, 54 percent of Catholics voted for Republicans.

Steven Schneck suggested to the US bishops that they discuss at their next meeting the “worrisome implications of excessive partisanship and ideological polarization from a Catholic vantage point.” But all this pouting means is that Democratic partisans can no longer count on the Catholic vote. A truly Catholic view of “social justice” focuses on the non-negotiable issues of the natural law, without which a justly ordered society is impossible, and from that “vantage point,” the election results contain some hope (though the Republicans should certainly be held accountable in light of it). The US House of Representatives has passed from a pro-abortion Catholic speaker in Nancy

Pelosi to a pro-life Catholic speaker in John Boehner. The House added many new profilers and supporters of traditional marriage to its ranks while dropping numerous supporters of abortion rights and the “gay” agenda. “Pro-choice” Catholic Democrats suffered heavy losses, as did many of the self-styled “pro-life” Democrats who compromised on Obama’s morally dubious health care bill. The so-called Stupak Democrats didn’t even gain a single election, let alone the world, from their compromise. By choosing party power over principle, they put themselves into a position to lose both.

“Pro-choice” Democrats tried hard to retain the Catholic vote through the usual claim that the Democratic Party, despite its support for abortion rights and other violations of the natural law, is “better” on the Church’s “social justice concerns” than the Republicans. But this year that “seamless garment” unraveled. Voters were in no mood to hear about “social justice” from Catholic Democrats whose party during its time in power has presided over increasing poverty and unemployment. (Economic woes also made it difficult for Democrats to use the sophisticated argument, which Kmiec dusted off in 2008, that Democratic policies reduce the number of abortions by reducing poverty.)

Archbishop Sheehan feared that his fellow bishops could “isolate” the Church by loudly objecting to Obama’s libertine agenda. But it is the Catholic left that looks increasingly isolated in the new politics. The Catholic left’s monopolistic claims about the “common good” and “social justice” now meet with appropriate skepticism, and its equation of “Catholic concerns” with amnesty, carbon taxes, government-run health care, and so on, is seen as insultingly specious.

True, most of the issues that the new Tea Party-driven politics has raised are prudential matters on which Catholics can disagree. But those are the very issues that the Catholic left seeks to dogmatize even as it relativizes the Church’s teachings on the natural law. The irony of this inversion of priorities is that it has made the Catholic left more irrelevant in American politics than ever. Normally so worried about the “voice of the people,” the Catholic left stands exposed by this election year as woefully out of touch with it.

THE 2010-2011 SCHEDULE of EVENTS:

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 **CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT – THE FACTS,
by Jerry Schmuttee (at Blessed Sacrament)**

October 16 (note change) **MSGR. POPEK AWARD DINNER, Fr. Joseph L. Cunningham, Recipient**

TBA **ADDRESSING HISTORICAL ISSUES – THE CRUSADES, by David Archibald
(to be rescheduled in Nov., Jan. or Feb.)**



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Next meeting will be **April 17**
“Praying with the Fathers”
with **Fr. Cliff Ermatinger**

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Rev. James Kubicki, S.J.
Director, Apostleship of Prayer

Present

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Sunday, March 13
Sacred Heart Church
North 49th St., just north of Wells St.