



# Catholics United for the Faith

Affirming Authentic Catholicism in Milwaukee

St. Gregory VII Chapter  
March, 2012

## FR. JAMES KUBICKI, S.J., TO PRESENT AFTERNOON OF RECOLLECTION MAR. 18

Fr. James Kubicki, S.J., 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 (see page 2), and encourages devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, especially through 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). In addition, Fr. Kubicki is the Spiritual Advisor of our Chapter, for which we are grateful. He will receive our Chapter's annual Msgr. Alphonse S. Popek Award on Sunday, October 21, at the Clarion Hotel. Mark your calendar now!

Fr. Kubicki's "Afternoon of Recollection" will provide a very valuable, and much appreciated, spiritual direction that will lead us to a faith-filled Lent and more joyous Easter celebration.

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

"LIVING LENT WITH THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY "

WHERE: Sacred Heart Parish School

917 North 49<sup>th</sup> St.

(one block north of Wells St.)

WHEN: Sunday, March 18

TIME: 2:00 p.m. - Program

1:45 p.m. - Rosary

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## PRO-LIFE WISCONSIN'S ANNUAL SPRING AWARDS DINNER TO BE HELD APRIL 28

Pro-Life Wisconsin's Spring Awards Dinner will be held on Saturday, April 28, at the Riverside Ballroom, 1560 Main Street, in Green Bay. The keynote speaker will be David Bereit, the founder of "40 Days for Life." Rep. Andre Jacque will receive the Legislator of the Year Award, and Jim Ball, leader of "40 Days for Life" in Green Bay, will receive the Activist of the Year Award. The evening will begin at 7:00 p.m., and the cost is \$35 per person. Reservations are due by April 20. For more information, call toll-free (877) 463-7945, or visit: <http://www.prolifewisconsin.org/events.asp>

Pro-Life Wisconsin will also present an "Evening with David Bereit" on Thursday, April 26, at the Crowne Plaza in Madison. The cost is \$12 per person and will include dessert and refreshments. Reservations are due by April 20.

## THE "GREATER MILWAUKEE CATHOLIC HOME EDUCATORS" CONFERENCE APRIL 27-28

The Greater Milwaukee Catholic Home Educators conference, "Celebrate the Faith," will be held on Friday, April 27 and Saturday, April 28, at the Tommy Thompson Center at State Fair Park in West Allis. The keynote speaker will be Laura Berquist, the founder of Mother of Divine Grace School, and author of *Designing Your Own Classical Curriculum*. She is an extremely popular homeschool conference speaker, drawing on her many years of homeschooling her six children. Other speakers include Michele Quigley, co-founder of Mater Amabilis, a free, online curriculum for Catholics, and also Eric Szatkowski, popular speaker on internet and cell phone exploitation of children. (Eric spoke to our chapter twice in the last few years.) The pre-registration cost, by April 12, is \$25 per person, \$45 per married couple, and \$10 for a box lunch. Bishop Donald Hying will celebrate Mass at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday morning. For more information, or to register, contact conference directors at: [info@gmcheconference.com](mailto:info@gmcheconference.com)

## THE MARCH, 2012, PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE BENEDICT XVI

During March, Pope Benedict XVI asks that we pray for two intentions: 1) **Contribution of Women**, That the whole world may recognize the contribution of women to the development of society, and 2) **Persecuted Christians**, That the Holy Spirit may grant perseverance to those who suffer discrimination, persecution, or death for the name of Christ, particularly in Asia. For information regarding the activities of the **Apostleship of Prayer**, please visit: [apostleshipofprayer.org](http://apostleshipofprayer.org)

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS TO BE HELD AT MAY MEETING

The annual election of officers will be held in May. 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.

## AQUINAS ACADEMY'S "SPRING GALA" WILL BE AT DAVIAN'S BANQUET CENTER MAR. 31

Aquinas Academy's annual benefit auction, "Sowing the Seeds of Faith,!" will be held on Saturday, March 31, at Davian's Banquet and Conference Center. Very Rev. Paul Hartmann, Judicial Vicar of the Archdiocese, and president of Catholic Memorial High School, will be emcee. The featured speaker will be Dr. Michael R. Lovell, Ph.D., the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. A devout Catholic, Dr. Lovell and his wife are raising four children, and are members of Holy Family Parish. For questions visit: [www.aquinasacademy.com](http://www.aquinasacademy.com)

## PLEASE READ ENCLOSED REGISTRATION FLYER FOR TALK BY MICHAEL VORIS ON MAY 12

On Saturday evening, May 12, Michael Voris will address the topic of "social justice" at the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center at 5311 South Howell Avenue. If you are not familiar with Michael Voris, visit him at: [RealCatholicTV.com](http://RealCatholicTV.com) Because we hope to make the program available to as many as possible, the price of the dinner is almost equal to the cost. If you are in a position to make a donation to help defray costs, it would certainly be appreciated. Hope you can come!

## "CATECHETICAL CORNER"

**Question:** Why are the first three Commandments frequently separated from the last seven?

**Answer:** The first three, 1) I am the Lord thy God; thou shall not have strange gods before Me, 2) Thou shall not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain, and 3) Keep holy the Lord's day, address our **duty to God**.

The last seven, 4) Honor thy father and thy mother, 5) Thou shall not kill, 6) Thou shall not commit adultery, 7) Thou shall not steal, 8) Thou shall not bear false witness against thy neighbor, 9) Thou shall not covet thy neighbor's wife, and 10) Thou shall not covet thy neighbor's goods, address our **duty to our neighbor**.

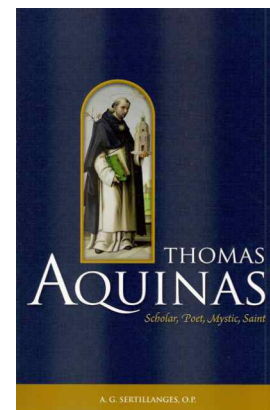
## Book of the Month: "Thomas Aquinas"

**Author:** Fr. A.G. Sertillanges, O.P.

**Publisher:** Sophia, 2011 (originally in French, 1957)

"There is no better introduction to St. Thomas Aquinas than this classic work, which acquaints readers with the essentials of St. Thomas's remarkable life and teachings. In clear, bold strokes it demonstrates his importance - as a thinker and as a saint - for Catholics and all those seeking truth in the world today. Here you will encounter the mild-mannered, unassuming thirteenth-century friar who wrote poems so sublime they are sung in churches worldwide to this day, the mystic whose wisdom came from a direct vision of God Himself.

"Between times, this remarkable author and teacher explained profound philosophical and theological concepts in words so simple and arguments so clear that common men could follow them and sophisticated opponents were left no option but to agree."



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# 'Authentic Teachers' Of the Faith

## Editorial

### **National Catholic Register**

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These are strange, even surreal, times, as Bishop William Lori observed during his Feb. 27 testimony before the House Judiciary Committee... "Ever since the [HHS contraception] mandate has been announced, fair is foul, and foul is fair," Bishop Lori, the chairman of the U.S. bishops' Ad Hoc Committee on Religious Liberty, told the House committee.

"'Choice' suddenly means 'force,'" he added, expressing frustration with the partisan characterization of the bishops' position as an attempt to bar access to contraception. "This is not a matter of whether contraception may be prohibited by the government...Instead, it is a matter of whether religious people and institutions may be forced by the government to provide coverage for contraception or sterilization, even if that violates their religious beliefs."

President Obama's contraception-mandate dispute has become fodder for abortion-rights groups now fighting a rearguard effort to shore up public support for their cause. But it has also exposed long-simmering internal dissent against Catholic teaching on faith and morals. Thus, a church-state debate has morphed into a fifth column effort by self-identified "Catholics" to ally with a hostile administration against appointed Church leaders.

"You may not do evil that good may come of it." The Church's consistent teaching on moral absolutes was rejected a half century ago when many Catholics chose to use birth control after Pope Paul VI issued *Humanae Vitae*. Then, as now, the faithful were led astray by theologians and other prominent Catholics who rejected the teaching authority of the Pope. Some would

go on to oppose Catholic moral teaching on abortion, euthanasia and embryo-killing stem cell research. Today, these divisions are in plain sight. Faithful Catholics flinch as the bishops struggle to defend the free exercise of Catholic institutions, while hostile political forces cite the opposing position of self-appointed Catholic

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spokesmen and women like Daughter of Charity Sister Carol Keehan... Now, as abortion advocates and their allies on Capital Hill seek to bring down their primary adversary, we witness some Catholic women religious, who inherited an institutional ministry to the sick and needy, seeming to disavow this distinctive, even counter-cultural religious mission as unjust to the poor or to women. Why did they accept responsibility for these institutions if they reject the religious and moral principles on which they were founded?

In a Feb. 26 column, Cardinal Francis George of Chicago noted the bishops' distinctive role as teachers of faith and morals: "The bishops of the Church make no attempt to speak for all Catholics; they never have. The bishops speak for the Catholic and apostolic faith;

and those that hold that faith gather around them. Others disperse." The Catechism states that "the Roman pontiff and the bishops are 'authentic teachers, that is, teachers endowed with the authority of Christ, who preach the faith to the people entrusted to them, the faith to be believed and put into practice'" (2034).

While some prominent Catholics dispute the bishops' rejection of the Health and Human Services mandate and subsequent "accommodation" by the president, they do not hold ultimate responsibility for securing the religious identity of these Church-affiliated institutions, and thus should submit to the bishops' judgment and keep silent.

Instead, they have thrown their lot with the partisan enemies of religious freedom, attacking one of the central legacies of the Church in America. As George Weigel wrote in a Feb. 28 column, "The most significant contribution to the universal Church of pre-conciliar liberal Catholicism in America was the development of a Catholic theory of religious freedom - which led, in due course, to Vatican II's epic Declaration on Religious Freedom."

Today, Weigel charges, the spectacle of Catholics providing "political cover to a gross infringement on religious freedom by a federal government...is a grave breach of ecclesial communion in itself. It also represents a tragic betrayal of the best in the liberal Catholic heritage in the U.S., even as it illustrates the utter incoherence into which post-conciliar liberal Catholicism in America has tragically fallen."

***THE 2012-2013 SCHEDULE of EVENTS:***

- March 18      LIVING LENT WITH THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
AFTERNOON OF RECOLLECTION, by Fr. James Kubicki, S.J.
- April 22      FROM SOCIAL JUSTICE TO JUSTICE IN CHRIST'S CHURCH, by Rey Flores
- May 12        SOCIAL INJUSTICE: How a Corrupt Social "Gospel" Promotes Evil Under the Guise of  
Justice, by Michael Voris [Clarion Conf. Cntr.: 5 pm Social, 6 Dnr., 7 Program]
- September 16    To Be Announced
- October 21     MSGR. POPEK AWARD DINNER----Recipient: Fr. James Kubicki, S.J.
- November 18    To Be Announced
- December 9     MSGR. POPEK BIRTHDAY/CHRISTMAS DINNER
- January 20      To Be Announced
- February 17    AFTERNOON OF RECOLLECTION, by Fr. James Kubicki, S.J.
- March 17       ADDRESSING HISTORICAL ISSUES – THE INQUISITION, by David Archibald



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Join us April 22 to hear  
Rey Flores  
“From Social Justice, to Justice in Christ’s  
Church”

Come and bring a friend to hear  
Fr. James Kubicki, S.J.  
present  
an afternoon of recollection:  
“Living Lent with the Blessed  
Virgin Mary”

Sunday, March 18  
Sacred Heart Parish  
917 North 49<sup>th</sup> St.