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Fr. James Kubicki, S.J., will again provide an "Afternoon of Recollection" on March 17

God bless Fr. Kubicki for making the trip from the Rosebud Reservation, located at the "St. Francis Mission Among the Lakota," in South Dakota, to provide his annual Lenten message for us, and make a few other connections in the area. He has been at the Reservation now for about year and a half, and explains that he has, basically, three jobs: 1) the pastor of the Rosebud Reservation with its 5 churches, 2) the chief administrator of the Mission with over 30 employees, and 3) the fundraiser. He said that "It's hard to do all three jobs well but the staff is very supportive...I've had to focus on cutting expenses and raising more money to fund the good programs we have." The Rosebud has a small grade school, with about 50 students K - 8, that provides an alternative to other schools on the Reservation. The Mission was established in the 1870s when the chief of the Rosebud Lakota told the U.S. president that, "My children, all of them, would like to learn how to talk English...I would like to get Catholic priests. Those who wear black dresses. These men will teach us how to read and write English." For more information see www.sfmission.org Please come and give Fr. Kubicki a big CUF welcome! We promise that you will learn something you didn't know!! Come and bring a friend, to hear Fr. Kubicki discuss:

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"What the Church Needs Now is...Holiness"

WHERE: Sacred Heart Church
917 North 49th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53208

WHEN: Sunday, March 17

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



To cancel a meeting, when necessary, we need your email and/or phone number

Because it is occasionally necessary to cancel a meeting at the last minute for reasons of weather, illness, etc., we need to be able to contact our members. During a recent cancellation, we spent hours sending emails and calling all the numbers we had. Some, for whom we had no contact information, showed up for the cancelled meeting anyway. It is easier to send fifty emails than make five phone calls. Email us at: CUFMIL@wi.rr.com We will not use your information indiscriminately.

Archbishop Alexander Sample has published a pastoral on music for Mass

Archbishop Sample of Portland, Oregon, has written a pastoral letter reflecting on how Catholics can help provide the best music for Mass. According to the 2-7-19 edition of *The Wanderer*, the Archbishop explained that, "There is a lack of understanding and confusion about what music is proper to Mass," adding that, 'not every form or style of music is capable of being rendered suitable.' A *Gloria*, set in a polka beat or in a rock music style is not sacred music, because these styles, however delightful in a dance hall or concert setting, do not have the qualities of sanctity, beauty, and universality proper to sacred music...there is a necessary divide between sacred music and what generally we call entertainment."

The election of officers for the Board of Directors will be held at the May meeting

The annual election of officers will be held in May. We may, or may not, have a speaker. If there is no speaker, it will be a general business meeting, to which all members are invited. If you have questions, call Al Szews at 414-321-9377

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and in a sickening twist, homosexualist cardinals, bishops, priests, deacons and lay dissenters are too-willingly using the clergy sex abuse crisis as a wedge to more quickly normalize the notion of the "out gay priest." Each public claim that homosexuality "has nothing to do with" clergy sex abuse and that the "witch hunt for gay priests" just has to stop is a push to project sympathy and acceptance for the same thing Listecki now publicly permits in his archdiocese – having a man in active priestly ministry that the Church already teaches is not suitable for priestly ministry. There once was a time when many of the Catholic faithful assumed their bishops knew better and would willingly uphold the common sense of Church teaching. But that time has passed, and in its wake, the "gaying" of the Catholic Church at all levels continues. Welcome to Milwaukee and to the big lie. Welcome to your future, right now.

Did you know that...?

Because this Chapter has been active since 1978, many readers are unaware of the numerous activities sponsored by CUF over the years. In 1998, for example, it was announced that "Call to Action," one of the most visible U.S. groups challenging the Vatican and pushing for reforms that included the ordination of women, would hold its annual, three-day conference in Milwaukee. The Board decided that the Chapter should hold a parallel conference, a "Wanderer Forum," **the same weekend**, supporting the Vatican and Church teaching. According to the 11-1-98, *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, as Elisabeth Schussler Fiorenza, one of the world's leading Catholic feminist theologians, was speaking to the reformers, "a group of orthodox Catholics who stress loyalty to the pope was meeting at the Clarion Hotel near [the airport] at a regional Wanderer Forum under the theme, 'Fidelity to the Faith – A Call to Holiness.' More than 400 people attended." The CUF, two-day, Wanderer Forum speakers included Fr. Joseph Fessio, S.J., Helen Hull Hitchcock, Paul Likoudis, Fr. John Harvey, O.S.F.S., Rev. Rawley Myers, and Dr. Ralph McInerny. Although Archbishop Weakland declined Call to Action's invitation to speak, he did send, what the newspaper called "strong letters," to: Fr. Fessio, telling him that he was not welcome in the diocese "because of your divisiveness," and, to Paul Likoudis, telling him that he comes "as close to being a truly evil person as I expect to meet in my lifetime," which brought Paul to the Mark Belling "late afternoon show!" According to the 10-26-98 *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, president Al Szews explained that, "What those folks are interested in doing is remaking the church in their own image...They don't have the same integrity that Luther had. If they want to build their own church they can officially leave." With great publicity, the Wanderer Forum was very successful!

Catechetical Corner: Should parents help a child choose a Confirmation name?

Yes. "In Confirmation, one chooses a Confirmation name, or the name of a saint, for oneself. That patron saint will serve as an inspiration and guide in living a holy life...The opportunity lies in the chance to have a conversation with your son or daughter...about what it means to become a missionary disciple of Jesus...which saint would he or she like to emulate?"

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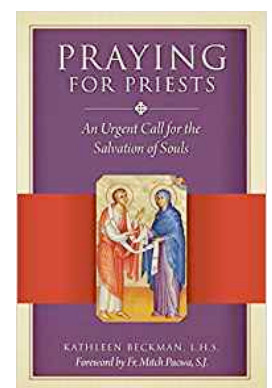
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Book of the Month: *Praying for Priests*

Author: Kathleen Beckman, L.H.S.

Publisher: Sophia Institute Press, 2014, 2018

"History has taught us the power of intercessory prayer, and nobody is in more need of our prayers than Catholic priests battling on the front lines for the salvation of souls. Priests are called to fight evil, but they cannot fight it alone. As attacks on the priesthood intensify, you have a vital role to play in supporting priestly renewal and vocations. Those men who have answered God's call depend upon you to wield the most powerful weapon against the evil one – prayer. Here celebrated retreat master and author Kathleen Beckman offers Church-approved ways in which you can contribute to the welfare of the Church...Kathleen explains the special vocation of spiritual motherhood of priests...that enables women to work together with Our Lady and the Holy Spirit for the sanctification of priests. Holier priests lead to a holier Church. Because prayer is a source of grace and the mother of all virtues, you can call down showers of graces upon the priesthood. The Church and her priests need your prayers now more than ever..."



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“Listecki’s Big Lie: The ‘Gaying’ of the Milwaukee Archdiocese”

Milwaukee archbishop claims openly gay priests not contrary to Church teaching

Jim Russell at churchmilitant.com

February 27, 2019

Having already survived the scandal, trauma and debauchery of its former (from 1977 to 2002) archbishop, Rembert Weakland, who paid out almost half a million dollars to settle a legal battle arising from his own homosexual affair, the faithful of the archdiocese of Milwaukee, Wisconsin now must confront another scandal. Its current archbishop, Jerome E. Listecki, wants his flock to accept the big lie that there is “nothing contrary, basically, to the Church’s teaching” if a priest publicly admits to being “gay.” That was Listecki’s response back in 2017 when Milwaukee priest Fr. Gregory Greiten did just that – and added insult to injury by “coming out” during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. And since that time, things haven’t gotten any better for the faithful under Listecki’s pastoral care.

But first, the big lie: No, Your Excellency, it is actually contrary to Church teaching for a priest to publicly identify as “gay” even while claiming to be both “chaste” and “celibate.” Remember the 2005 Vatican document declaring that men with “deep-seated homosexual tendencies” should not be ordained because the objectively disordered homosexual inclination compromises the man’s capacity to relate properly with both men and women? Remember how the Catechism teaches that sexuality is ordered toward the conjugal love of man and woman – period? Remember the 2006 U.S. bishops’ document stating that in the context of parish life, general public self-disclosures of homosexuality are “not helpful and should not be encouraged?” One wonders why Listecki – who, to his credit, in 2018 did publicly object to a retreat for “gay” clergy held by homosexualist Milwaukee priest Fr. Bryan Massingale (a darling of the faux-Catholic LGBT group New Ways Ministry) – appears willing to ignore the teaching of his brother bishops

on this issue. By not holding fast to this teaching, Listecki is permitting the “gaying” of his archdiocese to continue well beyond the worst of what the faithful experienced in the Weakland era. In fact, it’s his out “gay” priest that gets a few minutes of fame in the lead paragraph of the recent *New York Times* story that seeks to foist the notion of openly “gay” priests on everyone else. Listecki’s priest Greiten audaciously states, “It really never was my shame. It was the Church’s shame. They are the ones that should have the shame for what they have done to myself and

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many, many other LGBT people.” But even Greiten’s 2017 admission is fresh stuff compared to the longstanding “LGBT ministry” that began in 2004 and which Listecki allows to grow unchecked in his archdiocese. **Gay and Straight in Christ** (GASIC) is a parish-based support group now in at least four parishes in the archdiocese. It is typical of such homosexualist groups that seek to preserve a veneer of tolerating orthodoxy while still undermining the truth of the Church’s teaching on homosexuality.

GASIC fully embraces the false ideologies of orientation and gender, fully embraces the dissenting Catholic homosexualist groups New Ways Ministry and Fortunate Families and on its website lists only two resources: Fortunate Families and the now-superseded and flawed document “Always Our Children,” foisted on the U.S. bishops in 1997 by a U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee, with the input from the founders of the self-same dissenting groups just mentioned. While pushback to “Always Our Children” did lead to its slight revision in 1998, it wasn’t until 2006 that our actual bishops – not merely some com-

mittee – approved by their own vote the much more sound document “Ministry to Persons with a Homosexual Inclination.” But GASIC has no interest in the 2006 text actually approved by the bishops – it prefers the 1997 committee document inspired by homosexualist dissenters.

The GASIC groups are in lockstep with the dissenting homosexualists, despite any claim that they are not challenging Church teaching or promoting dissent. And Abp. Listecki surely must know this. He also must know that the Church has taught clearly since 1986 that it is decidedly not enough for groups such as GASIC to either “not deny” Church teaching or to avoid it altogether. The Church tells our bishops what is required for authentic pastoral ministry to persons with same-sex attraction:

15. We encourage the Bishops, then, to provide pastoral care in full accord with the teaching of the Church for homosexual persons of their dioceses. No authentic pastoral program will include organizations in which homosexual persons associate with each other without clearly stating that homosexual activity is immoral. A truly pastoral approach will appreciate the need for homosexual persons to avoid the near occasions of sin. We would heartily encourage programs where these dangers are avoided. But we wish to make it clear that departure from the Church’s teaching, or silence about it, in an effort to provide pastoral care is neither caring nor pastoral. Only what is true can ultimately be pastoral.

Listecki’s failure to rein in GASIC and its abject embrace of both dissent and silence regarding Church teaching is damning enough. But even this grave omission is still topped by the big lie he uttered in December 2017 – that it is not contrary to Church teaching for a “gay” priest to publicly “come out” in his parish. The “gaying” of the Milwaukee archdiocese is continuing practically unabated – (continued on page 2...)

THE WINTER-SPRING-FALL SCHEDULE:

- March 17 **AFTERNOON OF RECOLLECTION**, by Fr. James Kubicki, S.J. (at Sacred Heart Church)
- April 14 **THE ABORTION-CONTRACEPTION CONNECTION**, by Michael Phillips, M.D. (at St. John)
- May 19 **TO BE ANNOUNCED**
- September 15 **TO BE ANNOUNCED**
- October 13 **TO BE ANNOUNCED**
- November 17 **TO BE ANNOUNCED**
- December 15 **MSGR. POPEK BIRTHDAY/CHRISTMAS LUNCH**
- January 19 **TO BE ANNOUNCED**
- February 16 **TO BE ANNOUNCED**



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