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MICHAEL VORIS OF *The Vortex* on RealCatholicTV.com TO SPEAK ON MAY 12

Michael Voris is the Founder and President of St. Michael's Media, a new state of the art digital television studio located in Ferndale, Michigan. He is a graduate of Notre Dame, and spent a number of years working as a CBS affiliate anchor, producer and reporter in various cities, winning multiple Emmys for his work in broadcast news. According to Tom Roeser (*The Wanderer*, 10-21-10), after the untimely death of a favorite younger brother, who was in his 40s, Michael Voris resolved to use his finely honed communications skills, "in eloquent support of God and His Church. He took \$700,000 in savings and began a new career as an unabashedly militant, but thoroughly responsible and responsive, Catholic commentator, writing, producing, and performing in short, punchy TV commentaries lasting from two to five minutes each." Roeser further points out that, as a former seminarian, Voris's "commentaries are theologically erudite, and as un-boring and listenable as your network 'stand-up' reporter. He calls his stand-ups, which run from two to five minutes or so 'the Vortex, where lies and falsehoods are trapped and exposed,' smoothly concluding each one with his signature sign-off: 'I'm Michael Voris.'"

Please come and bring a friend to hear Michael Voris discuss,

"Social Injustice"

How a Corrupt Social "Gospel" Promotes Evil under the Guise of Justice

WHERE: Clarion Hotel and Conference Center

5311 South Howell Avenue

WHEN: Saturday, May 12 (Reservation form enclosed)

TIME: 5:00 p.m. ~ Social

6:00 p.m. ~ Dinner

7:00 p.m. ~ Program

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ARCHDIOCESAN SPRING "COMBINED COLLECTION" JUNE 9TH AND 10TH INCLUDES CCHD

The Milwaukee Archdiocesan Spring "Combined Collection" scheduled for June 9-10, 2012, includes the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). Please be aware that the CCHD money collected for this campaign supports neo-Marxist groups, e.g. Gamaliel Foundation and its affiliates (SOPHIA, MICAH, RIC, and CUSH), and also, Saul Alinsky's organization, the Industrial Areas Foundation, and its Wisconsin affiliate, Common Ground. Through CCHD, your Catholic dollars are being used to promote anti-marriage and anti-family activities such as abortion, contraception, and gay and lesbian rights. Please consider sending your "Combined Collection" money to other, faithfully Catholic, organizations that support the Church's teaching on family and life issues. (See related article on page 3.)

FR. ROBERT BARRON, AUTHOR OF "CATHOLICISM" TV SERIES AND BOOK TO SPEAK SEPT 20

Fr. Robert Barron will be the presenter at the 2012 Pallium Lecture on Thursday, September 20, at 7:00 p.m. at the Cousins Center in Milwaukee. Fr. Barron is the creator and host of "CATHOLICISM," a ten-part documentary on the Catholic faith. He is a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago and is the founder of Word on Fire (www.WordOnFire.org). Fr. Barron is also the author of the book, *Catholicism*, which is a companion to the documentary, and was the "Book of the Month" in this newsletter in February, 2012. The Pallium Lecture is a presentation selected by Archbishop Listecki to focus on catechetical formation and spiritual renewal. Fr. Barron will discuss evangelization and the Catholic Church. Save the date and watch for more details coming in the near future.

THE MAY, 2012, PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE BENEDICT XVI

During May, Pope Benedict XVI asks that we pray for two intentions: 1) **The Family**. That initiatives which defend and uphold the role of the family may be promoted within society, and 2) **Mary, Guide of Missionaries**. That Mary, Queen of the World and Star of Evangelization, may accompany all missionaries in proclaiming her Son Jesus. For information regarding the activities of **The Apostleship of Prayer**, please visit: apostleshipofprayer.org

WHO IS ST. GREGORY VII, AND WHY IS HE THE PATRON OF OUR CUF CHAPTER?

According to the book, *Our Glorious Popes*, in the year 1073 Pope Alexander II died. As the rites were completed and the cardinals stood in prayer before the crypt...there welled up a great roar in the midst of the Basilica: "Let Hildebrand be Pope!" And the assembled cardinals and bishops and priests answered with the shout: "Saint Peter has chosen Hildebrand! Thus was Pope St. Gregory VII elected."

At the time of Hildebrand's elevation to the papacy, there sat on the throne of Charlemagne, ruling the Holy Roman Empire, a dissolute and unscrupulous king called Henry IV, who, with some clergy, defied Pope Gregory VII during much of his papacy over the issues of simony, lay investiture, and clerical imprudence. In 1076, Pope Gregory issued a Bull stating: "For the honor and defense of thy Church, I take away the government of the kingdoms of Germany and Italy from King Henry, who through unparalleled pride has rebelled against thy Holy Church. I release all Christians from their oath of fidelity to him and I forbid him to be obeyed as king...And because he has scorned to obey as a Christian...and severing himself from the Church in the attempt to divide it, I, in thy stead, bind him with the bond of anathema."

The full weight of Christ's Church had been placed on the shoulders of Pope Gregory VII. He had been obliged to fight not only against the mighty ones of the world, but against his own priests and bishops, stating that, "The thing I fear above all else is to be accused before the Supreme Judge of having neglected my charge." He had been charged with "bringing the Church through the blackest, most perilous night she had yet endured; and though he himself did not see it, by the time he died in 1085, it was dawn." These must be some of the reasons we are the St. Gregory VII Chapter!

"CATECHETICAL CORNER"

Question: What are the five Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary?

Answer: The Joyful Mysteries are 1) The Annunciation, 2) The Visitation, 3) The Birth of Our Lord, 4) The Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple, and 5) The Finding of Our Lord in the Temple.



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Book of the Month: "Indivisible"

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"Are we in a crisis? A million abortions a year. Skyrocketing divorce. Broken families. Social approval of same-sex lifestyles and the push for same-sex marriage. Economic collapse... Global terrorism. **If you agree that we are in a crisis, then you'll understand why this book is so important.** It is important because in a democratic republic, only an informed and principled citizenry can respond adequately to a crisis...It is important because this book enumerates and explains the fundamental principles which we must understand and accept if we are going to make decisions and undertake actions that will lead to the restoration of cultural and economic sanity in this country...Many books have been written on conservative politics...Very few, however, have managed to combine a clear explanation of the conservative political perspective with its corresponding personal and spiritual virtue."

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



Milwaukee Archdiocesan CCHD Collection: Funding Our Own Demise "AN UPDATE"

From St. Gregory VII Chapter, Catholics United for the Faith, May, 2012

In early 2011, we conducted an analysis of the 2010-2011 **Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)** grants and forwarded our findings, in a letter, to **Archbishop Jerome Listeck**. The letter provided overwhelming evidence that, despite promises of reform, **there had been little, or no, decrease in CCHD's million-plus dollar funding of organizations which directly, or indirectly, oppose Church teaching regarding moral absolutes.**

At the time of our letter, we knew that the left-leaning ideology of CCHD, as reflected by its grants, was at the very least doing significant "collateral damage" to the Faith. Recent events, however, have shown the damage to be direct and foundational. In fact, we can now say with confidence that **CCHD is actually helping to fund our loss of religious freedom.**

Everyone is aware that the recent publication of Obamacare regulations has led to an historic confrontation between the Church and the federal government over the "insurance mandate," which will force many Church institutions to offer free contraception, sterilization, and abortion-inducing drugs to employees. Less publicized has been the President's strategy of creating a \$4 billion slush-fund to create left-wing insurance cooperatives that will supposedly "compete" with private insurers. Political pundit **Michelle Malkin** refers to this program as "socialized medicine through the side door," in that most of the program's early low-interest government loans are going to FOOs (Friends of Obama), whose debt will almost certainly be forgiven if they flounder financially. Even less publicized has been CCHD's role in the radicalization of healthcare, primarily through its **long-standing relationships** with **ACORN** and **SEIU (Service Employees International Union)**. During 2008, ACORN and SEIU played key roles in the founding of **George Soros-funded,**

pro-abortion **HCAN (Health Care for America Now)** to support passage of a radical, national health-care law. But the relationship of CCHD with these groups goes back to the 1980s. While **Barack Obama** was receiving \$33,000 from **Chicago CCHD** in 1986 for his "Developing Communities Project," a man named **Keith Kelleher** was receiving \$20,000 for the **ACORN-sponsored Chicago Homecare Organizing Pro-**

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ject. Kelleher is now president of **SEIU Healthcare of IL/IN/MO/KS** which, according to its website, is "the fastest-growing union of healthcare, child care, home care and nursing home workers in the Midwest." Importantly, **SEIU International's openly lesbian president, Mary Kay Henry**, a long-time member of the **United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Subcommittee on Healthcare and Work**, was at the forefront of the opposition to **Senator Marco Rubio's "Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 2012,"** which was aimed at reversing the **insurance mandate regulations.**

Closer to home, during 2011, the **Milwaukee Archdiocese** approved a national CCHD grant of \$40,000 to **Milwaukee Common Ground** for the purpose of "Community Development Healthcare." **Common Ground** is the Wisconsin affiliate of **Saul Alinsky's Industrial Areas Foundation**, which served as the model for the development of **Gamaliel Foundation**, Barack Obama's original employer in Chicago. **Saul Alinsky**, of course, is famous for dedicating his book, **Rules for Radicals**, to **Lucifer** while using the **Chicago Archdiocese** as a

pawn in his fledgling community organizing efforts.

Even those who are familiar with the **CCHD agenda** made no special note of the above-mentioned CCHD "healthcare" grant to **Common Ground** until the announcement on February 21, 2012 that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services had granted a **\$56 million federal loan** (from the \$4 billion Obamacare slush-fund) to establish the "Common Ground Healthcare Cooperative" in Wisconsin. At that point, it was hardly surprising to learn that **Common Ground Healthcare Cooperative's** board of directors includes **Kevin Kane**, "healthcare coordinator" for the drum-beating, intensely partisan **Citizen Action of Wisconsin**, which is chartered to "advance progressive values" as an affiliate of the ultra left-wing **Families USA**. Not coincidentally, **Families USA** presented its 2011 **Healthcare Heroes Award** to **Sister Carol Keehan**, president of the **pro-Obamacare Catholic Health Association**. Perhaps this was our first glimpse at Obama's "war on women" strategy that pits his handpicked "reasonable Catholics" against the backward and patriarchal boys club of the **Catholic Bishops**.

Nevertheless, here we are, a month before the local "Combined Collection," which includes CCHD. And **Common Ground Healthcare Cooperative**, a child of CCHD, will soon be hard at work certifying the Obama healthcare conspiracy by providing **free contraception, sterilization, and abortion-inducing drugs** to its customers. Is it even conceivable that the **Archdiocese** will continue to approve the funding of **Common Ground**? We hope you will provide a polite point-of-view to **Archbishop Listeck**.

THE 2012-2013 SCHEDULE of EVENTS:

- 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**
- April 21 **To Be Announced**
- May 19 **To Be Announced**



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