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St. Gregory VII Chapter
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Michael Hichborn to discuss Archdiocesan CCHD collection coming in June

MICHAEL HICHBORN is American Life League's director of "Defend the Faith," a project devoted to assisting bishops across the country defend the Catholic Church from attacks both from without as well as from within. In this capacity, Michael has researched and produced an annual report on organizations receiving grant money from the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). Although the report has led to a nation-wide review of the CCHD, and a tightening of its guidelines, the problems are far from corrected. The most recent report shows that out of 192 organizations receiving grant money, 72 are supporting abortion, birth control, homosexuality, or Marxism, either directly or through coalitions. Even though the total number of CCHD grantees has gone down over the past three years, the percentage of grantees violating CCHD guidelines and Catholic teaching has gone up - from 21% in 2010, to 38% in 2012.

Please fill out the registration form below and join us for dinner on May 19 to hear Michael Hichborn explain, "How a Corrupt Social 'Gospel,' including CCHD, Promotes Evil under the Guise of Justice." Please come and bring a friend to hear Michael Hichborn present,

"Robbing Peter to Pay Saul"

WHERE: Clarion Hotel and Conference Center

5311 South Howell Avenue (across from Mitchell Field)

WHEN: Sunday, May 19

TIME: 5:00 p.m. (Social) 6:00 p.m. (Dinner) 7:00 p.m. (Program)

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RESERVATION

INDICATE CHOICE AND NUMBER: Beef Tenderloin Tips #___ Baked Chicken #___ Orange Roughy #___

Dinner and Program (\$40.00 if mailed **by** May 8th) Amount Enclosed \$_____

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The May, 2013, Prayer Intentions published by our previous Pope Benedict XVI

During May, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI has asked that we pray for two intentions: 1) **Administrators of Justice.** That administrators of justice may act always with integrity and right conscience; and, 2) **Seminaries.** That seminaries, especially those of mission churches, may form pastors after the Heart of Christ, fully dedicated to proclaiming the Gospel. For information regarding the activities of **The Apostleship of Prayer**, please visit: apostleshipofprayer.org

Spend Mother's Day with the Blessed Mother at the Archdiocesan Marian Shrine

A "**May Crowning Celebration,**" sponsored by **Roses for Our Lady**, will be held at 2:00 p.m., on May 12, at the **Archdiocesan Marian Shrine**, located at 68th Street and Stevenson (just north of I-94). The event will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, May Crowning of Our Lady's statue, Eucharistic procession with rosary and hymns, and, also, a Reflection and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament by **Bishop Donald J. Hying**. First Communicants are encouraged to wear First Communion attire. In case of rain, go to St. Vincent Pallotti /West. For questions, visit rosesforourlady.org.

Bishop Robert Vasa working to implement a "Catholic identity policy" in schools

Kudos to Bishop Robert Vasa, Bishop of Santa Rosa, Calif., who, in a March 19 letter to his diocese, said he will allow several months for education and instruction before moving forward with a Catholic identity policy for diocesan school teachers. According to the April 5, 2013, issue of the *Southern Nebraska Register*, "The bishop had previously introduced a contract addendum, entitled 'Bearing Witness,' which all educators within the diocese were to sign, acknowledging that they are 'ministerial agent[s]' and are 'called by God to a life of holiness...'" The document "further requires that teachers reject the 'modern errors' that 'gravely offend human dignity,' including contraception, abortion, same-sex 'marriage' and euthanasia. Teachers would be expected to attend Mass regularly and not to 'teach, advocate, model or in any way encourage beliefs or behaviors contrary to the teachings of the Catholic Church.'" Originally, teachers would have been required to sign the pledge on contracts for the 2013-2014 school year, but realizing that this "is too important a goal to try to accomplish in one year by way of a couple of meetings and a mandate," Bishop Vasa will now delay the pledge of faith until the spring of 2015. It will affect 11 diocesan schools and nearly 200 teachers.

"Catechetical Corner"

Question: Is there a "Eucharistic Prayer," to be said quietly at the Consecration, or the reception of Communion?

Answer: Yes, there is a lovely prayer of adoration we should teach our children, especially our First Communicants. It is: "O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine, All Praise and All Thanksgiving, Be Every Moment Thine – Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar, now and forever, Amen."



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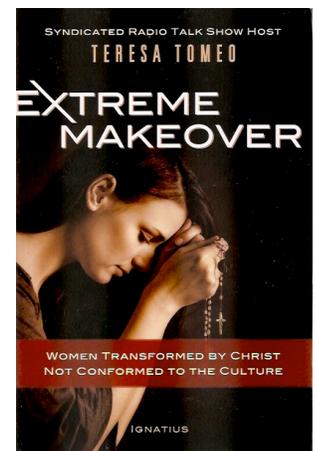
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Book of the Month: "Extreme Makeover"

Author: Teresa Tomeo

Publisher: Ignatius Press, 2011

"Popular radio host Teresa Tomeo knows from experience that the self-image of American women is being distorted by pop culture. With its emphasis on youth, physical beauty, and sexuality, the secular media is encouraging women - and girls - to see themselves primarily as sex objects. A professional TV and radio journalist, Tomeo pulls together the latest research on social behavior and trends in order to demonstrate that women are harming themselves and their chances for true happiness by adopting the thoroughly modern, sexually liberated lifestyle portrayed in magazines and movies. Packed with not only persuasive statistics but also powerful personal testimonies, *Extreme Makeover* shows that it is not the slogans of the sexual revolution and the women's liberation movement that free and dignify women, but the beautiful teachings of the Catholic Church."



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"A bishop's questionable expertise on gun-control legislation"

By Phil Lawler, April 22 and 23, 2013; 9:40 AM and 11:37 AM

While [Bishop Blair laments](#) the failure of the US Senate to approve new gun-control regulations, could we inject a dash of political reality into the discussion? The Senate did not vote against gun-control legislation. On the contrary, a majority voted in favor. So why didn't the measure pass? Because this was a procedural vote. Under Senate rules, 60 votes are needed to close off debate and only 54 Senators voted for cloture. That vote was a setback for proponents of the gun-control legislation, who wanted to rush the measure through the Senate without debate or amendment. But the cloture vote did not, by itself, kill the bill. The campaign for gun control petered out because proponents were not willing to proceed under ordinary parliamentary rules, allowing the possibility of amendments to their legislation.

As he withdrew the bill, Senate majority leader Harry Reid complained that 90% of all Americans would support the background checks that the legislation would have required for gun purchases. That may be so (although a 90% approval rate for *anything* seems impossibly high), and quite likely the Senate would have approved background checks. But the ordinary legislative process would have allowed for amendments to ease the concerns of gun owners: for instances, a proviso allowing fathers to transfer gun ownership to their children, or a clause forbidding a national registry of firearms. Those measures might have been popular with the public as well. The gun-control bill died because the White House and the Senate leadership would not entertain any such amendments.

So what should we make of the statement by Bishop Blaire, expressing "deep disappointment" with the Senate? His statement does not assign blame for the failure of the gun-control bill, but he does allow that the bishops' conference has been urging Congress

to support such legislation, and he announces that the Senate bill included provisions that "were a positive step in the right direction." Thus he implies that Catholic bishops and/or their representatives have the expertise to determine which measures would effectively reduce gun violence. Needless to say, there is nothing in Church teaching to support that assumption. Political judgments are the province of the laity, and the Catholic laity in America is - like the

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American population in general - deeply split on gun control. But the problem with Bishop Blaire's statement goes deeper, because actually there was no Senate "failure" to support gun-control regulations. The bill was not defeated; it was withdrawn - by its supporters. Now is Bishop Blaire criticizing Democratic Party leaders for an untimely retreat? Or is he criticizing Republicans for declining to give the Democratic leaders *exactly* what they wanted? Or is he saying that the bill should have been approved as it stood? Is he suggesting that no amendment could possibly have improved the legislation? Bishop Blaire might have his own personal opinions on any or all of those questions. Since they would only be personal opinions - they certainly aren't issues on which bishops speak authoritatively - it would be best if he kept them to himself.

[April 23, 2013 11:37 AM](#)

"We must build a civilization of love, or there will be no civilization at all," said Boston's Cardinal Sean O'Malley, at a Mass for the repose of the souls of those killed in the Marathon bombing. So far, so good. But then the wheels came off. Pointing to sources of the "culture of death," the cardinal mentioned individualism, alienation, abortion, violent films, and video games.

He decried the death penalty. And then this: The inability of the Congress to enact laws that control access to automatic weapons is emblematic of the pathology of our violent culture. What's wrong with that statement? Let me count the ways:

(1) It's inappropriate. This Mass was celebrated for a congregation still grieving a series of sudden, shocking tragic deaths; it was not the time for political pronouncements. (2) It's factually incorrect. Access to automatic weapons is already tightly restricted. Congress was debating measures that would restrict access to some semi-automatic weapons. If you don't know the difference between automatic and semi-automatic weapons, you shouldn't issue public statements about gun control. (3) It's factually incorrect for another reason. As I explained yesterday, Congress did not show an "inability" to impose restrictions on access to firearms. Supporters of one particular legislative measure voluntarily withdrew their bill, because they refused to compromise on any particular. (4) It's misleading. From what we already know, it seems quite clear that tighter gun-control laws would not have prevented the Marathon bombing. (The accused bombers did not have licenses to obtain guns legally, and in any case most of their killing was done with ordinary household items: pressure cookers, ball-bearings, nails.)

For that matter, laws against abortion would not have prevented the slaughter either, nor would restrictions on violent films and video games. Whatever damage the "culture of death" has done to our society, these particular killings - and thus the deaths that brought together this congregation at Holy Cross cathedral - were apparently motivated by radical Islam. The cardinal was searching far afield to explain the bombers' motivations, when there was an obvious explanation close at hand.

Cardinal O'Malley may have been right to say that the bombers were influenced by a "perversion of their religion." He was certainly right to warn against a blanket condemnation of all Muslims. But he missed an opportunity to comment on a problem that was surely on the minds of those who heard or read his homily. The cardinal's congregation was not (for better or worse) thinking about abortion or gun-control or video games. The people of Boston were thinking about Islamic terrorism. It's a difficult topic, but one that Church leaders cannot wish away.

THE 2012-2013 SCHEDULE of EVENTS:

May 19 **ROBBING PETER TO PAY SAUL, by Michael Hichborn**

September 15 **To Be Announced**

October 27 **MSGR. POPEK AWARD DINNER----Recipient: Bishop Donald J. Hying**

November 17 **To Be Announced**

December 15 **MSGR. POPEK BIRTHDAY/CHRISTMAS DINNER**



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