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FR. JAMES KUBICKI, S.J., TO SPEAK ABOUT "HOPE" ON MARCH 16

St. Gregory VII Chapter
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Because we had to cancel our scheduled "afternoon of recollection" with Fr. Kubicki on February 17, due to the freezing rain and snow on that Sunday, it has been decided that we should reschedule our popular spiritual advisor for another afternoon of recollection. For this meeting, Fr. Kubicki has selected the topic of "hope" and he will address the subject in light of Pope Benedict's recent encyclical on hope, titled, "Saved in Hope," and published on November 30, the feast of St. Andrew the Apostle, in 2007. On page one of the encyclical, the Pope reminds us that, "Hope, in fact, is a key word in Biblical faith – so much so that in several passages the words 'faith' and 'hope' seem interchangeable."

As previously stated, Fr. Kubicki is the national director of the Apostleship of Prayer, a 160 year-old organization that is sometimes called "The Holy Father's Prayer Group." The Apostleship directs attention to the Pope's monthly prayer intentions and encourages devotion to the Sacred Heart, especially through the "Morning Offering" prayer. As part of his work at the Apostleship, Fr. Kubicki travels throughout the country giving talks, retreats, and parish missions. In addition, Fr. Kubicki is a regular contributor to RELEVANT RADIO. Finally, Milwaukee is Fr. Kubicki's home town; he grew up at St. Paul Parish and attended Marquette University High School. PLEASE JOIN US to hear FR. JAMES KUBICKI, S.J., discuss:

"THE PASCHAL TIME, A SEASON OF HOPE"

WHERE: SACRED HEART CHURCH (Not Parish Hall)

917 North 49th Street (one block north of Wells St.)

WHEN: Sunday, March 16

TIME: 2:00 p.m. - Meeting

1:45 p.m. - Rosary

PRO-LIFE WISCONSIN 'S SPRING AWARDS DINNER TO BE HELD ON APRIL 19

State Representative MARK GUNDRUM will be honored with the "Legislator of the Year Award" at Pro-Life Wisconsin's Spring Awards Dinner to be held on April 19 at the Apple Creek Inn located in DePere, Wisconsin. Rep. Gundrum is a total protection, pro-life legislator who led the fight against AB 377, the Chemical Abortion Hospital Mandate. He is currently serving in Iraq as a judge advocate. Mark represents New Berlin in the state legislature and has been a defender of life since he was elected in 1998.

The "Activists of the Year Award" will be given to JOEL and CARRIE JENSEN, who braved record heat when they ran the 26.2 mile Chicago Marathon on October 7 to benefit Pro-Life Wisconsin's "Runners for Life Fund." The proceeds collected from the Jensen's run allowed Pro-Life Wisconsin to fund VirtueMedia pro-life television ads in select Wisconsin markets.

FATHER JAMES KUBICKI will be the keynote speaker at the Awards Dinner. The event will begin at 6:00 p.m. and dinner will be at 7:00. The cost is \$35 each, or \$250 for a table of eight. For tickets call (262) 796-1111, ext. 10.

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REMINDER THAT FIRST CONFESSION MUST PRECEDE FIRST COMMUNION

With the First Communions of April and May fast approaching, we might be reminded that according to The Code of Canon Law and the Catechism of the Catholic Church, children must go to Confession prior to receiving First Holy Communion. Paragraph #1457 of the Catechism states that, "Children must go to the sacrament of Penance before receiving Holy Communion for the first time." Canon 914 states that parents, caretakers and pastors must ensure that "...children who have reached the use of reason are properly prepared and, having made their sacramental confession, are nourished by this divine food [Eucharist] as soon as possible."

CATHOLIC PUBLICATIONS YOU MIGHT WANT TO CONSIDER

You may have noticed that the editorial on the opposite page was taken from a recent issue of The Catholic World Report magazine, an international news magazine published by Ignatius Press. It is a monthly publication, except for a combined August/September issue. The cost is \$39.95 for one year. To order, call 800-651-1531.

If you are looking for an interesting and informational diocesan weekly, you might want to order the Southern Nebraska Register, the official newspaper of the diocese of Lincoln, Nebraska. Bishop Fabian Bruskewitz writes an excellent column every week, and the newspaper also contains George Weigel's weekly column. To subscribe, send \$20 to: Southern Nebraska Register; Atten: Circulation Dept.; P.O. Box 80329; Lincoln, NE 68501

DEDICATION WEEK IN JULY AT GUADALUPE SHRINE IN LA CROSSE

July 28 to August 3 will be "Dedication Week" at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in the diocese of La Crosse, Wisconsin. It will include an opening day Mass celebrated by the founder of the Shrine, Archbishop Raymond Burke, at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, July 28. There will be a schedule of activities each day, including a "Dedication Mass" at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 31 (the sixth Anniversary of the Canonization of Saint Juan Diego) and Raymond Arroyo (of EWTN), Ann Ball (author), and Eduardo Verastegui (star of movie "Bella") will be on hand for book/DVD signings. In addition, The Drew Mariani Show, heard on Relevant Radio, will broadcast live from the dedication site on Wednesday, July 30 and Thursday, July 31. On Friday, August 1, Archbishop Burke will concelebrate a Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving with Fr. Benedict Groeschel at 8:00 a.m., and Archbishop Burke will celebrate a closing Mass on Sunday, August 3. Registration information can be obtained by calling (608) 782-5440, or downloaded from the website: www.guadalupeshrine.org. Those who are interested must respond quickly; the "Ticket Request Form" (for activities requiring tickets) is due by March 31.



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Book of the Month: "One Man, One Woman"

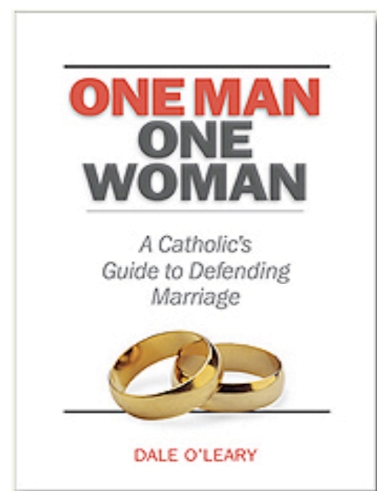
Author: Dale O'Leary

Publisher: Sophia Institute Press, 2007

"O'Leary shows how the redefinition of marriage in Europe and Canada has already taken a predictable toll on marriage rates, family stability, religious freedom, and children's well-being. And there are ominous signs that radical social engineers are plotting a similar course for the United States: toward a future in which marriage is considered a quaint anachronism, and 'intolerant' beliefs are strictly censored."

"So, whether you're trying to fight City Hall [or] answer the challenges of a relative or friend, One Man, One Woman is your single source for the facts you need to understand and defend the truth about marriage."

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Preach the Gospel to Every Creature

Editorial by Editor, George Neumayr



The Traditional Anglican Communion (TAC), a group said to represent 400,000 people, sent a letter to the Vatican last November requesting “full, corporate, and sacramental union” with the Church, according to [The Catholic Herald](#) in the United Kingdom. Sounds like good news, right? Not to Cardinal Walter Kasper, president of the Pontifical Council for Christian Unity.

“We are on good terms with the Archbishop of Canterbury and as much as we can we are helping him to keep the Anglican community together,” Kasper told the paper. “It’s not our policy to bring that many Anglicans to Rome.”

Yes, it is. At almost the very moment Cardinal Kasper made these stunning comments, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith released a “Doctrinal Note on Some Aspects of Evangelization” that dispels the religious relativism popular among some Church officials. The document says explicitly that the Church must strive to “lead all humanity to Christ in the Church.”

The long-overdue doctrinal note addresses the very ambivalent attitude on display in cardinal Kasper’s remarks – an attitude, disguised as enlightened ecumenism, that has crippled the Church’s missionary work for decades:

...For a long time, the reason for evangelization has not been clear to many among the Catholic faithful. It is even stated that the claim to have received the gift of the fullness of God’s revelation masks an attitude of intolerance and a danger to peace.

Those who make such claims are overlooking the fact that the fullness of the gift of truth, which God makes by revealing himself to man, respects the freedom which he himself created as an indelible mark of human nature; a freedom which is not indifference, but which is rather directed towards truth. This kind of respect is a requirement of the Catholic faith

itself and of the love of Christ, it is a constitutive element of evangelization and, therefore, a good which is to be promoted inseparably with the commitment to making the fullness of salvation, which God offers to the human race in the Church, known and freely embraced.

That the Traditional Anglican Communion’s eager interest in the Church is treated as a cause for fear rather than joy represents a

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measure of the twisted theology that lurks beneath false ecumenism. Did the apostles grow sad at the sight of crowds approaching Jesus to hear his words of salvation?

We live in strange times, in which some of the apostles’ successors welcome the worldly heterodox with one hand and halt orthodox searchers with the other. Notice that not long after Cardinal Kasper’s comments ecumenists in the Church were purring over former British Prime Minister Tony Blair’s conversion to Catholicism. Why didn’t that fill them with anxiety?

The disaffected Anglicans at the Church’s door wholeheartedly accept her teachings. Indeed, according to a source for [The Catholic Herald](#), Pope Benedict XVI gave “his blessing to the TAC’s plenary assembly [last] October, when 60 bishops agreed to seek full communion with Rome. Each bishop reportedly signed a copy of the Catechism of the Catholic Church on the church altar.”

Has Tony Blair signed a copy of Catechism? If so, I missed that report. Somehow the bar for entry in certain Church quarters miraculously lowers for liberals even as it rises for traditionalists. The British press reports that the controversial Dominican Timothy Radcliffe contributed to Blair’s theological formation. While it’s usually churlish to gainsay a conversion, it is not unreasonable to ask in Blair’s case (as prime minister, he supported abortion, homosexual adoption and civil unions, euthanasia, and embryonic stem-cell research): To what religion has he converted? Orthodox Catholicism? Or a left-wing facsimile of it?

If Cardinal Kasper wants something real to fear, here it is: the ecumenical temptation to compromise Christ’s Church for the sake of cheap conversions from the world of the fashionable and powerful, and the concomitant temptation to reduce the Church to a kind of global therapy center or vaguely theistic political action committee. To quote from the doctrinal note:

The Church is the instrument, “the seed and the beginning” of the Kingdom of God; she is not a political utopia. She is already the presence of God in history and she carries in herself the true future, the definitive future in which God will be “all in all” (1 Cor. 15:28); she is a necessary presence, because only God can bring authentic peace and justice to the world. The Kingdom of God is not – as some maintain today – a generic reality above all religious experiences and traditions, to which they tend as a universal and indistinct communion of all those who seek God, but is, before all else, a person with a name and a face: Jesus of Nazareth, the image of the unseen God. Therefore, every free movement of the human heart towards God and towards his kingdom cannot but by its very nature lead to Christ and be oriented towards entrance into his Church, the efficacious sign of that Kingdom.

Were the Church a man-made institution, the reluctance to convert others would make sense, for then it would be nothing more than an exercise in ideological egotism and mindless boosterism. But the Church is not our invention and we do not convert anyone. God does.

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