



Catholics United for the Faith

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St. Gregory VII Chapter
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Come and hear Dr. Duke Pesta tell the truth about "The Crusades" Sunday, May 20

Dr. James "Duke" Pesta, a Professor of Literature at UW-Oshkosh, is a well-known speaker on Renaissance Literature and topics pertaining to education. Dr. Pesta received his M.A. in Renaissance Literature from John Carroll University, and his Ph.D. in Shakespeare and Renaissance Literature from Purdue University. He has also taught courses on the Bible, Russian Literature and Christian Apologetics. He was raised in Catholic schools and taught for some time in a Catholic high school. **Dr. Pesta is also the academic director of Freedom Project Education, an online, home school curriculum, rooted in Judeo-Christian values.**

Among his students, Duke Pesta is a very popular and engaging teacher. An internet search found this quote from one of Dr. Pesta's students: "I have always despised having to take English classes, so I was pleasantly surprised when this class quickly became my favorite and one of the best classes I have ever taken." Our readers are encouraged to come and bring young family members – high school students and young adults – who might enjoy a very interesting bit of history, told by an excellent speaker. **Please come, with family and friends, to hear Dr. Pesta explain,**

"The Crusades – The Truth"

WHERE: St. John the Evangelist Church Hall

(Enter from north parking lot.)

WHEN: Sunday, May 20

TIME: 2:00 p.m. – Program

1:45 p.m. ~ Rosary

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A few thoughts from our National President, Philip Gray

Writing in the February 2, 2018 issue of the "Lay Witness Newsletter," Philip Gray reminds us that, "Apostolic activities of CUF members must support the efforts of the Teaching Church; defend the efforts of the Teaching Church, and advance the efforts of the Teaching Church...At a practical level, our efforts will focus on supporting those good priests, those good bishops, and uniting ourselves with those good laity who are living virtuous lives...Intrinsic to CUF membership are the CUF Chapters. For too long, the Chapters have been neglected. They often became indistinguishable from a parish Bible study or prayer group...This was not the case in the early years, and it is not the case of our remaining Chapters today. Over the years, the CUF Chapters have played a significant role in the North American Church. For example, the Denver Chapter made significant contributions to the development of the first, post-conciliar catechetical directory for the United States, "Sharing the Light of Faith." **The Milwaukee Chapter** has always, and continues to, evaluate local and national catechetical materials for orthodoxy and pedagogy. Other Chapters have their own history and story with significant contributions locally, regionally or even nationally...In the mid 1990's, then CUF President Curtis Martin developed Information Services. He is the one who hired me to run it...In the near future, I hope to reinstate the 1-800-MY FAITH number...for now, if you have any question about the Faith, call 740-283-2484 and ask your question."

This Chapter Newsletter is not published in June, July, or August. The next issue will be sent in September.

Election of officers for 2018-19 will be held at the May meeting

The annual election of officers will be held at this upcoming May meeting. The candidates are: **President**, Al Szews; **Vice President**, Jerry Schmutte; **Secretary**, Nancy Kormanik; and **Treasurer**, Ann Taucher. For questions, or to submit nominations, contact the **Nominations Committee Chairman, Larry Schmidt**, at 414-774-2824. Nominations can also be taken from the floor at the time of the election. The Officers, the Spiritual Advisor and Newsletter Editor are ex-officio members of the Chapter's Board of Directors, which meets monthly at the home of Al and Margo Szews.

Please mark your calendar for October 14 and join us to honor Fr. Belmonte, S.J.

Let us again remind you to mark your calendar for the Chapter's annual "Msgr. Alphonse Popek Award Dinner," and plan to join us as we honor **Fr. John Belmonte on Sunday, October 14**. Because Fr. Belmonte was principal of **Marquette University High School** from 2004 to 2010, we ask you to share this information with friends and relatives who may have had children at MUHS during that time. **Fr. Belmonte is currently the Superintendent of Schools in the Diocese of Joliet, IL**

Mark your calendar to hear Michael Voris on Nov. 11 at the Country Springs Hotel

Michael Voris, found on the Internet at **Church Militant**, and his daily message, "**The Vortex**," will be speaking on **Sunday, Nov. 11** at the **Country Springs Hotel** (soon to be known as "Ingleside") in Pewaukee. The speaking event is scheduled from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. This is not sponsored by our Chapter, but will serve as our **November meeting**. Additional information will be available as it is received. For questions call 262-210-1958.

Pro-Life Mike Pompeo is confirmed as the nation's Secretary of State!

Praise be to God! The confirmation of **Mike Pompeo**, a former congressman from Kansas who ran the Central Intelligence Agency, to be our nation's new **Secretary of State** is a blessing for our country. He holds a **Law Degree from Harvard**, and in 1986 **Pompeo graduated first in his class from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point**. He attends an Evangelical Presbyterian Church, and in 2011, he voted to **prevent funding to the U.N. Population Fund** - a pro-abortion group.

Catechetical Corner: Why is the Resurrection the greatest of Christ's miracles?

The Resurrection is the greatest of Christ's miracles because all He taught and did is confirmed by it and depends upon it. He promised to rise from the dead and without the fulfillment of that promise we could not believe in Him. (*Baltimore Catechism Three*, #406, page 83.)

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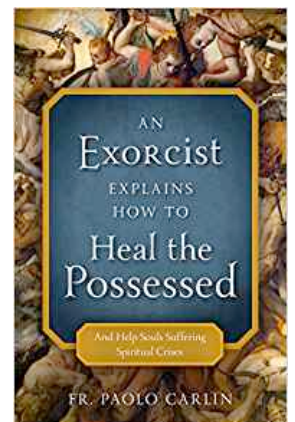
Book of the Month: *An Exorcist Explains How to Heal The Possessed*

Author: By Fr. Paolo Carlin

Publisher: Sophia Institute Press, 2017

"From one of the world's leading exorcists comes this eye-opening book to help you recognize genuine cases of diabolical possession - and know what to do when your friends or family show behaviors that leave you suspicious...You'll learn the special conditions that facilitate the work of the Devil - particularly the ones that appeal to the youngest and most defenseless among us. Armed with knowledge of the antics of Satan, Fr. Carlin also enumerates the many spiritual weapons that our Lord has placed at our disposal. Best of all, you'll learn to employ each one effectively to keep the Devil and his army of fallen angels at bay. Finally, Father will show you how to distinguish between mental illnesses and diabolical attacks, as well as how to determine when you must turn away from amateur efforts and urgently seek the expert help of an official exorcist."

Contributors of \$12 or more per year to the Chapter receive discounts on books displayed at CUF meetings, and receive the Newsletter by First Class Mail.



Cardinal Brandmueller Warns Catholics Not To Heed "Majority"

By Diane Montagna
The Wanderer, April 19, 2018

ROME (*LifeSiteNews*) – The history of the Church teaches us that “truth is not necessarily found with the majority,” but rather in the “minority which has truly lived and witnessed to the faith,” Walter Cardinal Brandmueller, one of the four *dubia* cardinals, said April 7 in Rome.

Speaking at the symposium “Catholic Church: Where Are You Heading?,” Cardinal Brandmueller said that “when Catholics en masse consider it legitimate to remarry after divorce or use contraception...this is not a mass witness to the faith, but a mass departure from it.”

In his reflection, Brandmueller, president emeritus of the Pontifical Committee for Historical Sciences, emphasized the laity’s role in matters of doctrine, and sought to distinguish what is a true *sensus fidei* (sense of the faith) of believers and what is not. “In the history of the people of God, it has often been not the majority but rather a minority which has truly lived and witnessed to the faith,” he said. “The experience of the Church shows that sometimes the truth of the faith has been conserved not by the efforts of theologians or the teaching of the majority of bishops but in the hearts of believers.”

The *sensus fidei fidelium*, Brandmueller continued, is expressed much more authentically through initiatives like the “Manifpourtous” mass demonstrations in France, the one million faithful who petitioned Pope Francis to clarify the confusion that arose after the publication of *Amoris Laetitia*, the March for Life in the United States, and the human rosary chain in Poland and other places around the world. It is time that the Magisterium paid due attention to this witness of faith,”

he said. Other speakers at the conference included Raymond Cardinal Burke, Bishop Athanasius Schneider, and Joseph Cardinal Zen.

Following is the Final Declaration of the Rome Conference on Confusion in the Church: “Therefore We Testify and Confess...”

Due to contradictory interpretations of the Apostolic Exhortation, *Amoris Laetitia*, growing discontent and confusion

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are spreading among the faithful throughout the world. The urgent request for a clarification submitted to the Holy Father by approximately one million faithful, more than 250 scholars and several cardinals, has received no response.

Amidst the grave danger to the faith and unity of the Church that has arisen, we baptized and confirmed members of the People of God are called to reaffirm our Catholic faith.

The Second Vatican Council authorizes us and encourages us to do so, stating in *Lumen Gentium*, n.33: “Thus every layman, in virtue of the very gifts bestowed upon him, is at the same time a witness and a living instrument of the mission of the Church itself ‘according to the measure of Christ’s bestowal’ (Eph. 4:7).” Blessed John Henry Newman also encourages us to do so. In his prophetic essay “On Consulting the Faithful in Matters of Doctrine” (1859),

he spoke of the importance of the laity bearing witness to the faith.

Therefore, in accordance with the authentic tradition of the Church, we testify and confess that:

- 1) A ratified and consummated marriage between two baptized persons can be dissolved only by death.
- 2) Therefore, Christians united by a valid marriage who join themselves to another person while their spouse is still alive commit the grave sin of adultery.
- 3) We are convinced that there exist absolute moral commandments which oblige always and without exception.
- 4) We are also convinced that no subjective judgment of conscience can make an intrinsically evil act good and licit.
- 5) We are convinced that judgment about the possibility of administering sacramental absolution is not based on the imputability of the sin committed, but on the penitent’s intention to abandon a way of life that is contrary to the divine commandments
- 6) We are convinced that persons who are divorced and civilly remarried, and who are unwilling to live in continence, are living in a situation that is objectively contrary to the law of God, and therefore cannot receive Eucharistic Communion.

Our Lord Jesus Christ says: “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free” (John 8:31-32). With this confidence we confess our faith before the supreme pastor and teacher of the Church and before the bishops, and we ask them to confirm us in the faith.

THE SPRING-FALL-WINTER SCHEDULE:

- May 20** **THE CRUSADES—THE TRUTH**, by Dr. James (Duke) Pesta (at St. John Church Hall)
- September 16** **MEET SAINT AUGUSTINE**, by Dr. James (Duke) Pesta
- October 14** **MSGR. POPEK AWARD DINNER**----Recipient: Reverend John Belmonte, S.J.
- November 11** **MICHAEL VORIS SPEAKING EVENT**---for information call 262-210-1958
- December 9** **MSGR. POPEK BIRTHDAY/CHRISTMAS DINNER**
- January 20** **TO BE ANNOUNCED**
- February 17** **TO BE ANNOUNCED**
- March 17** **AFTERNOON OF RECOLLECTION**, by Fr. James Kubicki, S.J. (at Sacred Heart Church)
- April 15** **TO BE ANNOUNCED**



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Join us September 16 to hear Dr. James (Duke) Pesta “Meet Saint Augustine”

Come and hear

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Professor of Literature, UW-Oshkosh
Academic director, Freedom Project Education

discuss

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