



Catholics United for the Faith

Affirming Authentic Catholicism in Milwaukee

St. Gregory VII Chapter
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Blaine Hechimovich, Director at UW-Plattville Newman Center to speak Nov. 17

Born and raised in rural Wisconsin, Blaine Hechimovich was blessed with the opportunity to learn at a Catholic grade school, attend the Madison Diocesan Catholic Summer Camp (Camp Gray), and travel to World Youth Day throughout his youth. Blaine's young adulthood was highlighted by serving as a counselor at Camp Gray, teaching and directing Confirmation programs, chaperoning a pilgrimage to Medjugorje, serving on the core team of Love Beings Here (Madison Diocese Mission Trip Program), and spending seven years working professionally in youth and young adult ministry. As an alumnus of the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, and current Development Director for St. Augustine University Parish and Newman Center at that same University, Blaine is championing the need for strong college Catholic outreach and education.

Those of you who attended our May, 2019, meeting will recall that the speaker was Fr. John Del Priore, the chaplain of the Newman Center at UW-Platteville, and Pastor of the St. Augustine University Parish on the campus. He explained that Newman Centers and college students are the future of the Church. In addition, the program is blessed with FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) missionaries. Please come, and bring a friend to hear Blaine discuss,

"Newman Centers – Good for College Catholics"

WHERE: St. John the Evangelist Church Hall

(Enter from north parking lot.)

8500 W. Cold Spring Road

Greenfield, WI 53228

WHEN: Sunday, Nov. 17

TIME: 1:45 p.m. – Rosary

2:00 p.m. ~ Program

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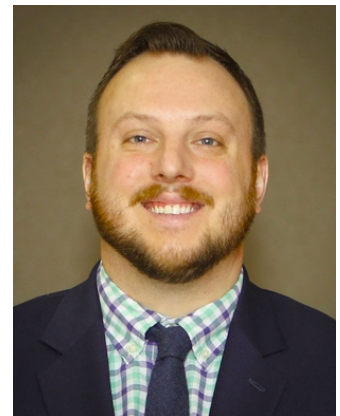
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"Thank you" to all who attended the Msgr. Alphonse S. Popek Award Dinner!

With sincere gratitude, we thank all those who joined us on Saturday, October 19, to honor Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano for his willingness to suffer the consequences of doing what was right for the good of the Church. We also thank John-Henry Westen for taking a weekend out of his very busy schedule to accept our Award for Archbishop Vigano. John-Henry had nothing but praise for the people he met during the weekend, and for our Chapter. He thanked us for our Catholic apostolate, and his new friends! In addition, we must also thank Archbishop Vigano for taking the time to send the very gracious, typewritten page of gratitude and pastoral care to our Chapter, by way of John-Henry. We were also pleased to have Therese Valentine, a representative from the CUF International Office in Steubenville, Ohio, with us at the dinner. The wonderful ChurchMilitant report of the dinner, written by Christine Henzig (who lives in West Allis, and is a member of St. John's Parish), is on page 3. The LifeSiteNews.com story about the dinner, posted on Oct. 21, contains John-Henry's excellent presentation, for which we again thank him! We are also grateful to John-Henry, and the remarkable work LifeSiteNews is doing for Christ's Church. Please keep both John-Henry and Archbishop Vigano in your prayers. The greeting to our Chapter, from Archbishop Vigano, can be found on LifeSiteNews.com and ChurchMilitant.com websites.

Thank you, Bishop Paprocki, for accepting the 2020 “Msgr. Alphonse S. Popek Award”

It is with great pleasure that we congratulate Most Reverend Thomas Paprocki, Bishop of Springfield, Illinois, and thank him for honoring our Chapter by so graciously accepting the 32nd Annual “Msgr. Alphonse S. Popek Award.” The Award dinner will be held on **Sunday, October 18, 2020**. Mark your calendar now! Bishop Paprocki was born in 1952 in Chicago, the third of nine children, and studied from 1974 to 1979 at St. Mary of the Lake Seminary. He was appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago in 2003, and Bishop of Springfield in 2010. **He is a strong, pro-life leader for the Church.**

A reminder to check with WISN for a meeting cancellation in bad weather

To determine if a CUF meeting has been canceled due to snow or bad weather, go to www.wisn.com or WISN TV 12. A cancellation would be made, most likely, on the morning of the event. For questions, call Al Szews at 414-321-9377. **In addition, please make sure that we have contact information, a phone number and/or email address, for our First Class Newsletter subscribers.** A year ago, when a Sunday meeting had to be canceled at the last minute, due to the illness of the speaker, it was discovered that we did not have contact information for a number of our members. **If you suspect that we might be missing yours, please give us a call or send an email** – our contact numbers are in this Newsletter.

Annual, November dues notice is enclosed as an insert to this Newsletter

Our gratitude and appreciation is extended to all of you who so generously contribute to the financial needs of the Chapter. For your convenience, the return form for contributions is included as an insert to the paper copy of this Newsletter, and as an attachment for those who receive the Newsletter by email. You might like to know that our present cost for printing and mailing each first class Newsletter is \$1.05. In addition, we also have costs related to our monthly meetings that include a fee for use of a facility (usually \$100), and frequently, a travelling expense and/or stipend for the speaker. There are also added costs for our annual award dinner, such as gifts and travel expenses for the recipient, and complimentary dinners for the priests who attend. Thus, we would also appreciate any contribution from those who receive the Newsletter by e-mail, or are interested in our mission to “**Support, Defend and Advance the Efforts of the Teaching Church**” by “**Affirming Authentic Catholicism in Milwaukee.**” Thank you!

Catechetical Corner: What prayer could be said at Mass during the Consecration?

Although there is no specifically required prayer, it would be appropriate to say, “O Sacrament most Holy, O Sacrament Divine, all praise and all thanksgiving be every moment Thine” (at the elevation of the Host), and “Blessed be Jesus in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar, now and forever, Amen” (at the elevation of the Chalice).

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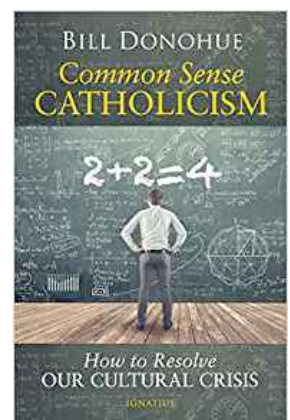
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Book of the Month: “Common Sense Catholicism”

Author: Bill Donohue

Publisher: Ignatius Press, 2019

“This work analyzes how the three key elements of a democratic society – freedom, equality, and fraternity – have been misconstrued by intellectuals and policy makers who do not respect the limitations of the human condition. Their lack of common sense has resulted in social and cultural problems rather than solutions to them. By contrast, the social teachings of the Catholic Church mesh nicely with the demands of human nature, and as such they offer the right remedy to our cultural crisis. Freedom defined as radical individualism has eclipsed the understanding that real rights are tethered to responsibilities. Equality defined as radical egalitarianism yields little in the way of equality and much in the way of state-sponsored social discord. And fraternity without the foundation of familial bonds and religious communities leaves people isolated and disoriented. Catholic teaching offers much wisdom to remedy our insufficient understanding of the elements needed for a free and flourishing society...”



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Whistleblowing Catholic Group Honors Rome's Whistleblower – Vigano

Milwaukee Chapter of Catholics United for the Faith presents highest annual award to former papal nuncio

By Christine Henzig

ChurchMilitant.com 10-20-19,

Milwaukee (ChurchMilitant.com) –The Milwaukee Chapter of Catholics United for the Faith (CUF) - which has blown the whistle on the local Catholic hierarchy for green-lighting LGBTQ activities within the archdiocese - has given its highest annual award to the Catholic Church's most prominent whistleblower of late: Abp. Carlo Maria Vigano. Archbishop Vigano, a former papal nuncio to the United States who has accused "the very top of the Church's hierarchy" of covering up systematic homosexual predation, was honored Saturday by 100 attendees of the Milwaukee CUF chapter with an award recognizing "zeal for the priesthood, leadership of the laity and fidelity to the Magisterium."

John-Henry Westen, co-founder and editor of LifeSiteNews, accepted the CUF chapter's 31st annual Rev. Msgr. Alphonse S. Popek Award on Vigano's behalf. Vigano has been living in hiding since releasing an 11-page testimony in August 2018 that detailed "who knew what when" as part of the Church's homopredation scandal. The testimony, in part, urged Pope Francis to resign. Vigano is now on a Vatican's most-wanted list of sorts. Vigano "only stood to lose in a worldly sense from doing what he did," Westen said, adding: But he did it out of love for the Church and for the Pope because - as Bp. Athanasius Schneider said - the real friends of the Pope are not those giving him adulation, not those encouraging him in the confusion he is causing, but those asking for and demanding clarity.

Vigano's Message to Attendees

In a written greeting shared with attendees, Vigano said he considered it his duty to offer his testimony "out of love for the Church and the Pope." He also expressed gratitude for the prayers that have supported him "in this time of terrible trial which is facing our beloved

Church, which is reaching its climax in these days in the Amazon Synod. Bishops and cardinals and even the one who more than any other would have had to protect the Bride of Christ from the attacks of the Devil have been responsible for abominable acts of profanation and apostasy," he wrote. "Our faith in the Risen Christ present in our midst, and the protection of Mary Most Holy, at the forefront as an army deployed in battle, reassure us, console us and ask us for our commitment to persevere firm in the faith and do our part to protect the sound doctrine transmitted to us by the apostles and martyrs," Vigano's message

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continued. The greeting also urged attendees to intensify prayers, acts of reparation, recitation of the Rosary, prayers for vocations and vigilance over doctrine and discipline in the seminary. "As people of God, as good Christian fathers and mothers, you have the right to claim from those who are in charge of the formation of your young people to teach them sound doctrine and how to live according to the heart of Jesus, the Good Shepherd," Vigano concluded.

The Award's Namesake

The award is named after Msgr. Alphonse S. Popek, who in 1978 founded the St. Gregory VII (Milwaukee) Chapter of CUF, a lay apostolate whose mission, according to the CUF website, is to support, defend and advance the efforts of the teaching Church. CUF Chapter President Al Szews, who presented Vigano's award to Westen, explained that it was at Popek's funeral that the celebrant, then-Msgr. Fabian W. Bruskewitz, [now retired Bishop of Lincoln, NE] described Popek's impact, capturing the spirit of the award:

Undeterred by obstacles, unflattered by success, unweakened by status, unimpressed with wealth, with an indomitable will and an unconquerable faith and a small stature...he (Popek) came forward like a contemporary John the Baptist to tell the Herods of Church and State the things they dreaded to hear and hated him to say.

"Vigano - like Popek - called it like he saw it," Szews said. "Vigano decided he had to blow the whistle on what he saw as a lack of spiritual faith that was not only harming vocations but driving lay Catholics from the faith out of disgust and bewilderment."

Whistleblower Warnings

In June, Vigano said that "a corrupt 'mafia' has taken control of many institutions of the Church, from the top down," and that this mafia has "a shared interest in protecting and advancing one another professionally and in sabotaging every effort to reform the sexual corruption." In August, Vigano warned that "Christ is absent" from the Amazon Synod's working document, and in September, he cautioned that the "new paradigm" associated with Pope Francis is a strategy to create a "new church."

The Milwaukee Chapter of CUF has chastised Milwaukee Abp. Jerome Listcki for not using "episcopal authority to stop or even condemn destructive LGBTQ-related activities within the Archdiocese" and for having "actively promoted the normalization of homosexuality within the Church." ChurchMilitant reported in February that the pro-gay groups Abp. Listcki condones preserve a veneer of tolerating orthodoxy while still undermining the Church's teaching on homosexuality. Abp. Listcki said in December 2017 that it is not contrary to Church teaching for a "gay" priest to publicly "come out" in his parish.

THE FALL- WINTER - SPRING SCHEDULE:

November 17 **NEWMAN CENTERS—GOOD FOR COLLEGE CATHOLICS**, by *Blaine Hechimovich*

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

January 19 **TO BE ANNOUNCED**

February 16 **THE EQUALITY ACT: PUTTING THE NAME TO THE TEST**, by *Attorney Anthony LoCocco*

March 15 **AFTERNOON OF RECOLLECTION**, by *Fr. James Kubicki, S.J. (at Sacred Heart Church)*

April 19 **TO BE ANNOUNCED**

May 17 **TO BE ANNOUNCED**

September 13 **TO BE ANNOUNCED**

October 18 **MSGR. POPEK AWARD DINNER---***Recipient: Bishop Thomas Paprocki*



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December 15

Come and bring a friend to hear

Blaine Hechimovich

Director of Development – Newman Center
UW-Plattville
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