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#### JERRY SCHMUTTE WILL DISCUSS, "MARY AND THE MUSLIMS," NOV. 15

St. Gregory VII Chapter October-November, 2009

**JERRY SCMUTTE** is the secretary of our St. Gregory VII Board of Directors. He spent thirty years working as a corporate business executive, the last twenty in Milwaukee. He is a dedicated student of history, and has also been a teacher of history in a number of area private schools.

His November 15 presentation will provide evidence for the belief among many Catholics that the Blessed Virgin will play a key role in the eventual conversion of the Muslims to the True Church. This multimedia presentation is based primarily on Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen's 1952 book, *The World's First Love*, which built the case, using logic, history, Scripture and Tradition, that Mary continues to influence world history through her role as Mother of the Church.

Please come and bring a friend to hear Jerry Schmutte's very interesting discussion of this timely topic that should be of interest to all Catholics. Enjoy Jerry's well researched, multimedia presentation on:

#### "MARY AND THE MUSLIMS"

WHERE: Blessed Sacrament Church Hall

South 40th St. and Oklahoma Avenue

(enter door at SE corner of Church)

WHEN: Sunday, November 15

TIME: 2:00 p.m. - Meeting (1:45 p.m. - Rosary)

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#### BISHOP MORLINO WELCOMES NEW ORDER OF "TRADITIONAL" PRIESTS FROM SPAIN

According to a front page story in the September 20 edition of Madison's, *Wisconsin State Journal*, Bishop Robert Morlino, in 2006, invited priests from a Spain-based order, the Society of Jesus Christ the Priest, to serve in the diocese of Madison. On July 31 of this year, Bishop Morlino ordained three more priests of the same order to serve diocesan parishes. According to the newspaper article, the priests "have thrilled some and dismayed others with their staunch Catholicism and tough-love approach. Five of them now lead a five-parish cluster in the Sauk City area, with three more priests from the society expected this fall. They have brought considerable change in the way the parishes approach worship services."

"The priests no longer let girls be altar servers, and they have dispensed with the common Catholic practice of using trained lay people to assist with Communion. They have greatly increased opportunities for confession – some complain they nose around too much – and added many Masses celebrated only in Latin, which some parishioners find divine and others alienating."

The article, by reporter, Doug Erickson, also points out that "supporters say the priests have brought richness to the faith and much-needed discipline to followers who too often water down church teachings. 'They tell us what we need to hear, not what we want to hear,' said Kay Ringelstetter, a St. Aloysius member who calls the changes beautiful. 'We see their love for Jesus Christ and the joy in everything they do, and we desire it.'"

The society is based in Murcia, Spain, and was officially recognized by the Catholic Church in 1980. According to the article, the society currently has 25 priests, 13 consecrated women, two laymen and 12 seminarians studying for the priesthood. In addition to the Diocese of Madison, there are four society priests serving in the Diocese of Metuchen in New Jersey. In 1991, the society founded a middle and high school in Murcia, to, according to the school's Web site, provide young people with "a total formation based in Catholic values and tradition." Bishop Morlino plans to move the school to Sauk City, where it will operate as a middle school. With eight priests, and 13 consecrated women, the Madison diocese will have more members of the society than any other diocese in the world, including Spain.

#### THE 2010 CONTRIBUTION FORM IS INCLUDED AS AN "INSERT" FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

In previous years, the annual financial appeal has been typed as part of the Newsletter, but this year we are including it as an insert, making it easier for our members to return the form without having to "cut it out." We thank you for your continued and faithful support as we work to provide Catholic news, and activities, for our membership. Note that the clergy and religious are **not expected** to contribute financial support for their Newsletter.

#### JOIN US FOR THE "MSGR. POPEK BIRTHDAY"/CHRISTMAS DINNER ON DEC. 13

Mark your calendar for the Dec. 13 Christmas dinner, when we also remember Msgr. Popek, whose birthday was December 9. The Chapter regularly celebrated his birthday by taking him out to dinner, a tradition we have continued, since his death in 1986, as a "Christmas dinner." Registration information will be in the December Newsletter.

#### INTRODUCING THE MILWAUKEE CUF CHAPTER'S "SPEAKERS BUREAU"

Do you need an interesting and topical speaker for your church, school, or Bible study group? St. Gregory VII Chapter now offers free, multimedia presentations affirming authentic Catholicism in the Milwaukee area. Speakers currently available include Jerry Schmutte, who can tell you about "Mary and the Muslims," "Anti-Catholicism in Standard History Curricula," "Planned Parenthood's Plan for Your Children," or he can take you "From Adam to the Catholic Church." Fr. James Kubicki, S.J., will discuss "What it Means to 'Live the Eucharist,'" "The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius," "The Practical Spirituality of the Morning Offering and the Apostleship of Prayer," or "The Sacred Heart of Jesus." For information, or scheduling, call Jerry Schmutte at: 262-646-8031. More information will be in the next Newsletter.

#### AFTER 40 YEARS, ARCHBISHOP BURKE CELEBRATES HIGH LATIN MASS IN ST. PETER'S

Archbishop Raymond Burke, formerly Bishop of La Crosse, and Archbishop of St. Louis, and now the head of the Apostolic Signature of the Holy See, celebrated a solemn High Mass, according to the old rite, at 9:45 on the morning of October 18, in the Chapel of the Most Holy Sacrament in St. Peter's Basilica. According to an *Inside the Vatican* Newsflash article by Robert Moynihan, this "was the first time a solemn High Mass according to the old rite has been celebrated in St. Peter's Basilica since 1969, forty years ago. Many low old rite Masses have been celebrated in different chapels of the basilica over the years, especially in the past two years since the promulgation on July 7, 2007, of *Summorum Pontificum*, Pope Benedict's *motu proprio* calling for wider celebration of the old Mass. But this was the first High Mass in the old rite...The chapel was filled to overflowing. I estimated about 400 people in attendance, packed like sardines into the chapel until there was standing room only...a number of faithful who wished to attend the historic Mass were turned away by Basilica ushers due to lack of space." Wisconsin Catholics, and many in the Church, are very proud of Archbishop Burke! (see p. 3)



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## Book of the Month: "Man, Woman and the Meaning of Love" Author: Dietrich von Hildebrand Publisher: Sophia Institute Press, 2002

"With remarkable practical simplicity, Von Hildebrand shows you the great truths of love, and how to apply them to your marriage, family life, and friendships in order to make them what they ought to be in God's sight. His approach is deeply imbued with his awareness of the sacramental dignity of marriage, and of how the Church's teachings on sexuality – even the most controversial ones – all flow from her profound understanding of love."

"Von Hildebrand also exposes the many false notions of love that abound today – including an approach to love that is widespread among Christians and yet almost always ends in failure."

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### MAN, WOMAN, AND THE MEANING OF LOVE



GOD'S PLAN FOR LOVE, MARRIAGE, INTIMACY, AND THE FAMILY

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### **Archbishop Burke:** Catholic Public Figures who Scandalize Faithful Must Repent Publicly

#### Southern Nebraska Register (CNA), October 2, 2009, Page 7

Archbishop Raymond L. Burke, Prefect of the Apostolic Signatura, delivered a speech Sept. 8 discussing how to advance the culture of life in the U.S. and how to rectify the "scandal" of publicly known Catholics who confuse and distort Church teaching.

At the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Partnership Dinner of InsideCatholic.com, Archbishop Burke said that those who have publicly espoused and cooperated in gravely sinful acts lead people into confusion and error about "fundamental questions." Just as their dissent was public, their repentance must also be public.

"The person in question bears a heavy responsibility for the grave scandal which he has caused. The responsibility is especially heavy for political leaders," the Archbishop added.

Repairing the damage done by such scandal "begins with the public acknowledgment of his own error and the public declaration of his adherence to the moral law. The soul which recognizes the gravity of what he has done will, in fact, understand immediately the need to make public reparation," Archbishop Burke said.

Particular harm is done by those who profess Christianity but promote policies and laws which "permit the destruction of innocent and defenseless human life" and "violate the integrity of marriage in the family," he said.

The result of these actions is that citizens are confused and "led into error" about basic moral tenets.

Catholics who contribute to that confusion cause the "gravest harm" to their Christian brethren, and also to the whole nation, Burke added.

"In our time, there is a great hesitation to speak about scandal, as if, in some way, it is only a phenomenon among persons of small or unenlightened mind, and, therefore, a tool of such persons to condemn others rashly and wrongly," he observed.

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In the archbishop's view, it is ironic that those who experience scandal at the "gravely sinful" public actions of a fellow Catholic are accused of "a lack of charity" and of causing division within the Church.

"Lying or failing to tell he truth, however, is never a sign of charity. A unity which is not founded on the truth of the moral law is not the unity of the Church. The Church's unity is founded on speaking the truth with love," he remarked.

The contrary attitude is characteristic of a society governed by the "tyranny of relativism," one in which "political correctness and human respect" are the ultimate criteria, he said, warning that Catholics' consciences have become "dulled to the gravity of

certain moral issues." Archbishop Burke explained that the disciplines of the Church are not a judgment on the eternal salvation of someone's soul but are "simply the acknowledgment of an objective truth...that the public actions of the soul are in violation of the moral law, to his own grave harm and to the grave harm of all who are confused or led into error by his actions."

For the archbishop, it seemed clear that the inspiration for the founding of the United States came from "a declared faith in God and in the inalienable rights with which He has endowed man."

"To deny the Christian foundation of the life of our nation is to deny our very history," he added, later saying that it is a "false notion" that a Christian or any person of faith must "bracket his faith life from his political life" in order to be a true American citizen.

This habit is not true to the founding principles of the U.S. government, the archbishop stated.

"What kind of government would require that its citizens and political leaders act without reference to the fundamental requirements of the moral law?" he asked rhetorically.

When Christians fail to articulate and uphold the "natural moral law," Archbishop Burke added, they fail in their fundamental patriotic duty to love their country by serving the common good.

"Christian love does not have its foundation in blind tolerance of others and of what they think and say and do, but rather in the profound knowledge of others and their beliefs, and the honest acknowledgment of differences of belief, especially in what may compromise the life of the nation."

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