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St. Gregory VII Chapter
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Plan to attend the "Msgr. Alphonse Popek Award Dinner" with Fr. Boquet Oct. 1st

Fr. Shenan J. Boquet travels around the world spreading the Gospel of Life as president of Human Life International (HLI). He was ordained in 1993 and is a priest of the Houma-Thibodaux Roman Catholic Diocese in Louisiana, his home state, where he served before joining HLI in August 2011. Fr. Boquet has traveled nearly a million miles to over 60 countries, working with bishops and Church leaders mentoring priests and seminarians, offering guidance to civil leaders, and speaking at numerous international conferences, spreading the Catholic Church's teachings on Life and Family as part of HLI's global mission to build a Culture of Life. Fr. Boquet has given hundreds of talks at conferences and in parishes across the United States on issues ranging from the dignity of the human person, to marriage, justice, and moral theology. Fr. Boquet has been a guest on several EWTN television and radio programs, Catholic Answers Live and other media outlets. His writings have appeared in publications such as LifeSiteNews, LifeNews, Catholic Exchange and CNSNews.

Please join us as we honor Fr. Shenan Boquet for his faithful dedication to Christ's Church. Please R.S.V.P. by Sept. 25. For questions, call 414-321-9377.

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"The Role of the Priest in Building a Culture of Life"

WHERE: Clarion Hotel and Conference Center

5311 South Howell Avenue (across from the airport)

WHEN: Sunday, October 1

TIME: 5:00 p.m. - Social Hour

6:00 p.m. ~ Dinner



To make your reservation for the Msgr. Popek Award Dinner, clip and return this form

Indicate dinner choice(s) and number: Beef Tenderloin Tips:___ Roasted Chicken:___ Cod Florentine:___

\$49 per person (\$29 per student)

Amount enclosed: \$_____

\$75 "Angel" donation (includes dinner ticket)

Amount enclosed: \$_____

\$150 "Papal Tiger" donation (includes two dinner tickets)

Amount enclosed: \$_____

() Yes () No: Name listed in program as a "Papal Tiger" or "Angel" donor?

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$_____

Sorry I cannot attend. Enclosed is a donation to help with expenses: \$_____

(Make checks payable to: "St. Gregory VII - CUF")

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For questions, call Al Szews at 414-321-9377

The October, 2017, Prayer Intention published by Pope Francis

During October, Pope Francis has asked that we pray for: **Workers and the Unemployed.** That all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good. For information regarding the Apostleship of Prayer, call 414-486-1152, or visit: apostleshipofprayer.org

The October All Night Vigil to be at St. John the Evangelist, in Greenfield, Oct. 6 & 7

The October Eucharist All Night Vigil of Reparation and Prayer will be held on Friday and Saturday, October 6 and 7, at St. John the Evangelist, 8500 W. Cold Spring Road, Greenfield. Confessions will be available from 7:00 p.m. until Mass begins at 8:00 p.m., and after each priest speaker. Mass will be followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the evening, with the rosary and other devotions until the closing Mass at 5:00 a.m. on Saturday morning. The Vigils are open to the public. Please come, bring a friend, and stay all night if you can. For questions, call 414-254-2790.

The 9th Annual "Women of Christ Conference" will be held on Saturday, November 4

The 2017 Women of Christ Conference, titled "Joy: Consider it All," will be held on Saturday, Nov. 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Washington County Fair Park, located at 3000 Pleasant Valley Road in West Bend. Speakers will include Jeff Cavins, Fr. Larry Richards, Donna-Marie Cooper O'Boyle, Leah Darrow, and Archbishop Jerome ListECKI. The program will include Mass, confessions, adoration, speakers, a vendor market, Eucharistic procession and the Milwaukee Mercy Choir. For questions, or to register, call 262-384-8414, or visit womenofchrist.net

Check out these excellent books for your parish, high school, Religious Ed program

Published in 2013 and 2014 by Midwest Theological Forum, the eight books in the "Parish Edition" of the Didache Series were developed especially for a one-hour-a-week, high school, religious education class. These books are thoroughly orthodox, contain beautiful religious art, and are reasonably priced at \$14 each. Using one book per semester, the eight books cover the four years of high school, or a religious education director can select specific books for a three-year program. The book titles are: *The Sacraments, Understanding Scripture, Our Moral Life in Christ, The History of the Church, Faith and Revelation, The Blessed Trinity, The Mystery of Redemption,* and *The Church.* If your parish is currently using popular, but confusing, books such as, *The Catholic Faith Handbook for Youth,* or *Catholic Essentials,* you really need to suggest that your Director of Religious Education adopt these excellent "Parish Edition" books from Midwest Theological Forum.

Catechetical Corner: Is drunkenness always a mortal sin?

Answer: Deliberate drunkenness is always a mortal sin if the person is completely deprived of the use of reason by it, but drunkenness that is not intended or desired may be excused from mortal sin. (*Baltimore Catechism Three*, #306)



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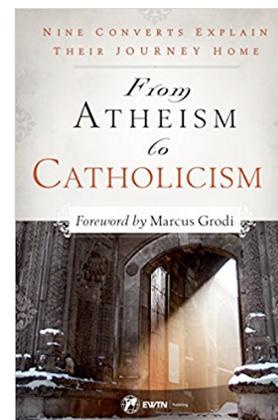
Book of the Month: *From Atheism to Catholicism*

Author: Edited - Brandon McGinley, Forward - Marcus Grodi

Publisher: EWTN Publishing, Inc., 2017

"This collection of testimonies by former atheists who've found new life in the Catholic Church is one of the most helpful tools for cultivating the Faith ever crafted! These authors don't just tell their stories – they also give you an insider's view of the fatal weaknesses of atheist thinking that lead people to deny the existence of God. Dramatic and thought-provoking, these intensely personal stories explain virtually every objection to God that atheists have – as well as the arguments that eventually led them into the Catholic Church. These converts will convince Christians who struggle with unbelief to persevere in the search for God and they'll bolster the faith of Catholics when atheist arguments start to make them doubt. Readers will come away with new gratitude for God and with a strong new tool they can use to stand proudly for that Faith."

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.



"Mic'd Up – What is ALPHA?"

ChurchMilitant.com

by Peter O'Dwyer

January 29, 2016

With excerpt from ChurchMilitant.com on 8-25-17
and excerpt from Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke on 12-3-15

There has been a slew of "hip" catechetical programs that have taken the Catholic world, but none of them have attained the success of a movement known as ALPHA

ALPHA has been introduced to thousands of Catholic parishes in 70 countries. Despite its widespread use in the Church, it turns out ALPHA isn't even Catholic; it's protestant top-to-bottom.

ALPHA has its origins in Evangelical Anglicanism, but is now widely used by many denominations. It started in the late 1970s by London curate Charles Marnham. In 1990, Anglican cleric Nicky Gumbel took over the program, and it began to grow rapidly.

ALPHA consists of a meal, a talk, and then small-group discussions. Over the course of 10 weeks, the program purports to teach the "basics of Christianity." The program is designed to appeal to as wide an audience as possible, and thus many of the fundamental teachings of numerous Christian groups are dropped. This leads to a vague experience. Core Catholic tenets like the sacraments, ecclesiology and the Blessed Virgin are omitted so as not to offend protestants. Being of protestant origin, ALPHA for Catholics has to include an appendix to add on all the Catholic teachings that are left out of the "basics."

ALPHA falls short particularly with regard to sin and redemption. This leaves a major weakness in its program, as Christ's purpose in coming and His death and resurrection is not adequately explained. The program has also come under fire for its charismatic slant. With excellent catechetical programs like the

Marian Catechists, it's an open question why so many dioceses prefer ALPHA. Since it's used by such a wide variety of Protestants, it has been suggested it's an ecumenical ploy.

ALPHA, interestingly enough, receives intense criticism from some protestant groups for its affiliation with the Catholic Church, which they claim damages its value as an ecumenical tool. Although parishes are hoping ALPHA

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will help teach the Faith and stem the hemorrhaging of Catholics from the Faith, its watered-down, protestantized program is unlikely to do so. Rather than leading people into the depths of Catholic understanding, it is a primer to lead people into Protestant denominations. As long as the hierarchy embraces these programs and ignores the rich catechesis available, the bleeding will continue.

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On 8-25-17 "Church Militant" also addressed ALPHA, including this excerpt: "The archbishop of Detroit has centered his entire renewal program around a Protestant course called Alpha – a business franchise offered by an evangelical Anglican named Nicky Gumbel, who says that Scripture is the sole authority. This idiotic heretical idea embedded in the Alpha program has been floating around Detroit for a number of years..."

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Following is an excerpt from a directive sent to "All members of the Marian Catechist Apostolate" on 12-3-15 by Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke regarding "ALPHA in a Catholic Context:"

"It has come to my attention that a program called 'ALPHA in a Catholic Context' has been recommended to some Marian Catechists. Having studied the program, both from the perspective of doctrine and methodology, I must make it clear that the program may not be used, in any form, in the Marian Catechist Apostolate and that Marian Catechists are not to become involved with it. While, like so many similar programs, ALPHA may seem to offer a more attractive and effective form of evangelization and catechesis, it does not have the doctrinal and methodological foundations required for the teaching of the Catholic Faith. Marian Catechists should continue to use the Catechism of the Catholic Church, together with the courses of the Servant of God Father John A. Hardon, S.J., and my 'Commentary on the General Directory for Catechesis'.

"I recall to all Marian Catechists the words of Pope Saint John Paul II in his Apostolic Letter 'Novo Millennio Ineunte' regarding those who think that, before the challenge of a new evangelization, the Church needs to discover 'some magic formula' or invent a 'new program': 'No, we shall not be saved by a formula but by a Person, and the assurance which He gives us: I am with you...'"

THE FALL-WINTER-SPRING SCHEDULE:

- September 17 **THE WORLD OF G. K. CHESTERTON**, by Dr. James (Duke) Pesta (St. John Church Hall)
- October 1 **MSGR. POPEK AWARD DINNER**----Recipient: Reverend Shenan J. Boquet
- November 5 **CATHOLICISM WORKS!!**, by Philip Gray (at St. John Church Hall)
- December 10 **MSGR. POPEK BIRTHDAY/CHRISTMAS DINNER**
- February 18 **AFTERNOON OF RECOLLECTION**, by Fr. James Kubicki, S.J. (at Sacred Heart Church)
- March 18 **TO BE ANNOUNCED**
- April 15 **TO BE ANNOUNCED**
- May 20 **TO BE ANNOUNCED**



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with Philip Gray

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“Msgr. Alphonse S. Popek Award” recipient,
Fr. Shenan J. Boquet, President,
Human Life International
Discuss

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