



# Catholics United for the Faith

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## Unfortunately, the Sept. 20 talk by Hugh Owen has been canceled

This meeting with Hugh Owen has been canceled due to the ongoing COVID crisis. It was first scheduled for last April, but was canceled and moved to this September date, hoping it would work. But unfortunately, the virus is still a threat. Mr. Owen is the **convert son** of Sir David Owen, the first secretary general of International Planned Parenthood Federation. **He directs the Kolbe Center for the Study of Creation** which provides a forum for Catholic theologians, philosophers, and natural scientists all over the world who defend the traditional Christian doctrine of creation as the only firm foundation for a culture of life. As previously stated in this newsletter, Hugh Owen and his colleagues have participated in conferences on creation and evolution at major academic centers in Europe, including a conference at Gustav Siewerth Akademie in Germany, which received the explicit blessing and encouragement of Pope Benedict XVI. Mr. Owen's presentation will deepen your faith in the wisdom and goodness of God and in the perfect harmony between science and revelation. We hope we can schedule him at some point in the future.

## Oct. 18 "Msgr. Popek Award Dinner" is postponed

After consulting with Bishop Paprocki's office in Springfield, Illinois, it was determined, finally by the Bishop himself, that the best option is to simply postpone the award dinner until next year. Again, God bless Bishop Paprocki for his decree that Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan and Senate President John Cullerton, due to their 2017 leadership in the passage of Senate Bill 25 (permits abortion to the moment of birth) and House Bill 40 (legalized taxpayer funding of abortions) have been barred from receiving Holy Communion in the Diocese of Springfield, along with any other Catholic lawmakers who voted for either of these two bills. The new date for the "Msgr. Popek Award Dinner" in Oct. 2021, will be announced.

## President Trump Hails Archbishop Vigano's June 6 Letter

According to the June 18 edition of *The Wanderer* newspaper, "President Donald Trump has responded to Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano's open letter to him, published June 6 by LifeSiteNews. See front page of [this issue]. Doug Mainwaring reported on Trump's response in LifeSiteNews for June 10. 'So honored by Archbishop Vigano's incredible letter to me,' wrote the president in a Tweet. 'I hope everyone, religious or not, reads it!' he added. In his powerful letter, Archbishop Vigano, who rose to international prominence in 2018 as a Vatican whistleblower, warned the president that the current crisis over the coronavirus pandemic and the George Floyd riots are a part of the eternal spiritual struggle between the forces of good and evil. The archbishop encouraged the president to continue the fight on behalf of the 'children of light.' **The letter has been viewed nearly 2.5 million times** on LifeSiteNews. Within a half-hour, the president's Tweet had already been liked nearly 30,000 times. Vigano, who served as papal nuncio to the United States from 2011 to 2016, made headlines around the world when he published an explosive testimony in LifeSiteNews in August 2018 implicating Pope Francis and several senior prelates in covering up Archbishop Theodore McCarrick's alleged sexual abuse of seminarians and priests. Although [Archbishop Vigano] found it necessary for his own safety to go into hiding, he has continued to be an important voice in the Church, offering insights into the inner workings of the Catholic hierarchy - including the Vatican - that only a man who has reached such a high stature in the Church could offer. In his letter to the president, Archbishop Vigano interpreted recent events facing the nation, the Church, and the presidency in spiritual terms, calling attention to the ancient biblical battle between 'children of light' and the 'children of darkness.' He commented to the president that forces of darkness are now clearly revealing themselves."

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## Plan to attend Pro-Life Wisconsin's "Love for Life Gala" on Thursday, Oct 22

Pro-Life Wisconsin's annual "Love for Life Gala" will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 22, at the Brookfield Conference Center, 325 S. Moorland Road, Brookfield 53005 (located at the south end of the Brookfield Square Mall). The Keynote speaker will be His Excellency Donald J. Hying, Bishop of Madison. He is known throughout the state and world as a pro-life champion for his unwavering support of all human life and our religious freedoms. He is also a priest of the Milwaukee Archdiocese who has many friends here in Milwaukee. God bless him for all he is doing for Christ's Church and the country.

Tickets are \$74.99 per adult, with package prices for purchase of a table. Tables will seat 6 people, unless indicated otherwise (maximum of 10/table). Hand sanitizer will be available upon entry and at each table as well. Masks are optional, unless otherwise directed by government orders. Check, [prolifewi.org/upcoming-events](http://prolifewi.org/upcoming-events) for details. Reservations are requested by Oct. 12. For questions, call 262.796.1111 ext. 110, or email at: [office@ProLifeWI.org](mailto:office@ProLifeWI.org)

### We are the St. Gregory VII Chapter. Who was Saint Gregory VII?

According to the Magnificat daily Missal, "Born in the Tuscan region of Italy, Hildebrand was elected to the chair of Peter as Gregory VII in 1073. Gregory faced many challenges, calling councils inside and outside Italy to enact reforms. When controversy erupted over Berengarius' teaching on the Eucharist, Gregory required him to take an oath: 'I believe in my heart and openly profess that the bread and wine that are placed on the altar are, through the mystery of the sacred prayer and the words of the Redeemer, substantially changed into the true and proper and lifegiving flesh and blood of Jesus Christ our Lord...and not just as a sign...but in the very truth and reality of their substance.' Gregory taught priestly holiness by his own example, maintaining the integrity of the papacy when forced to flee Rome after the siege of Emperor Henry IV. He died in 1085."

### Catechetical Corner: Is there a special prayer for grandchildren?

Yes, it is titled *Grandmother's Prayer*. "Infant Jesus and Mary our Queen and Mother, we come before you to place our grandchildren in your protective arms. Shield them from the evil spirits and the worldliness that is all about them. O, Jesus, cover them with your precious blood. We plead with you to grant them the graces to know their vocation you have chosen for them and the graces for them to follow it. Send their guardian angels to protect them always. St. Joseph, guide them. St. Anne, Grandmother of the Infant Jesus, watch over our grandchildren. We thank you. Amen."

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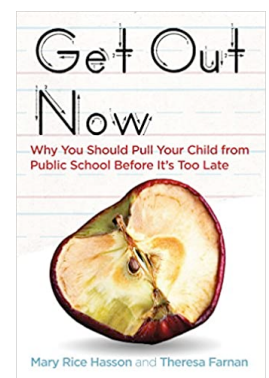
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### Book of the Month: "Get Out Now"

Author: Mary Rice Hasson (daughter of the late Charlie Rice)

Publisher: Regnery Gateway, 2018

"Should we stay or should we go? Millions of parents with children in public schools can't believe they're asking this question. But they are. And you should be asking it too. Almost overnight, America's public schools have become toxic - morally, intellectually, and politically. With the most recent outrage - the imposition of gender ideology from kindergarten through high school - we're left with a system designed to turn the hearts and minds of children away from faith in God, love of country, and plain old common sense. Is it really that bad? Consider [a few] facts: The lunacy of pretending that you can choose your 'gender identity' at every level of the educational system. Decades of court-imposed atheism in public schools have produced the most godless generation in American history. Relentless indoctrination in moral relativism has left more than two-thirds of young people without a belief in truth or objective right and wrong...Why not stay and be part of the solution? Because your own children are at risk. Public education is beyond repair, and there are no do-overs on childhood..."



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# “Priest Dedicated to Trump’s Re-election” Rumors otherwise are exaggerated

By Kristine Christlieb, July 27, 2020

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TITUSVILLE, Florida, ([ChurchMilitant.com](http://ChurchMilitant.com).) A priest is denying Catholic media reports that he is distancing himself from the Trump campaign. At the direction of Church authorities, Priests for Life National Director Fr. Frank Pavone resigned on Friday from his advisory positions in the Trump campaign, but he is denying any and all suggestions that his support for President Trump has diminished. In a Monday press release, Pavone set the record straight. “I see headline after headline, article after article, by Catholic outlets that have given zero coverage to my years-long advocacy of the President, but now want to make it look like I’m distancing myself from him or reducing my commitment to his re-election,” he said. “Nothing could be farther from the truth.” He then took the opportunity to re-emphasize the choice the nation is facing in November. He explained why distancing himself from Trump could never be an option:

As if we are supposed to distance ourselves from the most pro-life president in history and instead embrace Biden who wants no restrictions on abortion and wants us to pay for it...As if we are to back away from the president who is supporting the freedom of the Church more than the bishops are, and instead embrace Biden who wants to restore the [Health and Human Services] mandate which various dioceses, Priests for Life, the Little Sisters and numerous others fought all

the way to the Supreme Court...As if we are to back away from the president who defends America and instead embrace the Biden-Sanders vision of socialism...As if we are supposed to distance ourselves from President Trump, who advocates for the rights of students to pray in school and speak their mind on campus and the rights of parents to send their children to Catholic schools or any other school of their choice, and [who] does countless other things that benefit the Church

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and our security and prosperity as Americans. Like hell.

According to the press release, the Vatican requested that Pavone resign his official positions on Trump’s re-election advisory boards. However, Pavone made clear that his support for the Trump campaign will continue. Pavone calls himself an independent but says he has not renounced his human right to speak on political matters. “It is a moral obligation for me and for all of us in the Church – clergy and laity alike – to point out the moral corruption of the Democrat platform. I will sacrifice my life before failing to do that,” Pavone declared.

Pavone was appointed in January to serve as co-chair of Pro-Life Voices for Trump. He was the only Catholic clergy serving on the committee of 36 prominent pro-life activists, including Ed Martin (Phyllis Schlafly Eagles), Ralph Reed, Gary Bauer (Family Research Council) and Tony Perkins (Family

Research Council). In June, Pavone joined Mercedes and Matt Schlapp, former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich, and other prominent Catholics to launch another coalition, Catholics for Trump. Pavone was asked his thoughts about President Trump holding up the Bible in front of St. John’s Church. “It was glorious,” Pavone said.

He then drew a contrast between President Trump and fake Catholic House Speaker Nancy Pelosi. “President Trump is actually implementing what the Bible says,” Pavone pointed out. “Pelosi represents a party that is doing the opposite.”

Fr. Pavone told Church Militant that for the next 99 days he will be devoting himself to the 2020 election. “I’m not only going to be campaigning for the President but for every Republican candidate,” he enthused. Pavone says the order that he resign from official service on the advisory boards came in the context of his being cleared to transfer to another diocese. “The Congregation for the Clergy has cleared me of all suspicions and smears. They asked if I had an official role in the Trump campaign, and I said ‘yes,’ ” Pavone detailed. “They simply asked [me] to resign my official role. The only thing that has changed is I’m not on the advisory boards with a title; and if anything, my activities have intensified.” Pavone believes the country hangs in the balance. “This is an unprecedented moment of choice. This [Democratic] Party is set to ruin America. I love my country. We cannot let the Democrats have one ounce of power.”

**THE FALL- WINTER - SPRING SCHEDULE:**

- September 20 **CREATION vs. EVOLUTION, by Hugh Owen---CANCELED**
- October 18 **MSGR. POPEK AWARD DINNER---Recipient: Bishop Paprocki---Postponed to 2021**
- November 15 **TO BE ANNOUNCED**
- December 13 **MSGR. POPEK BIRTHDAY/CHRISTMAS LUNCH----TENTATIVE**
- January 17 **TO BE ANNOUNCED**
- February 21 **AFTERNOON OF RECOLLECTION, by Fr. James Kubicki, S.J. (at Sacred Heart Church)**
- March 21 **TO BE ANNOUNCED**
- April 18 **TO BE ANNOUNCED**
- May 16 **TO BE ANNOUNCED**



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June, July or August.

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**“Creation vs. Evolution”**

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