



Catholics United for the Faith

Affirming Authentic Catholicism in Milwaukee

St. Gregory VII Chapter
September, 2016

Dr. Duke Pesta to discuss "Dante's Divine Comedy: A World Surrounded by Laughter"

On SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, Dr. Duke Pesta, a professor of Literature at UW-Oshkosh, will treat us to a discussion of another important literary figure, Dante (Alighieri), the Italian poet who gave us the *Divine Comedy*. Born in 1265, Dante was a great poet of the Middle Ages. As Dr. Pesta explains, "the *Divine Comedy* is one of the world's great masterpieces, written by the world's greatest Catholic poet. In the *Divine Comedy*, Dante takes the reader on a journey through the afterlife, visiting Hell, Purgatory, and Paradise. Along the way, he offers up profound insights into human nature and the place of spirituality in human existence. Dante is among the world's most profound psychologists of the soul, offering remarkable insights on faith, sin, damnation, grace, and salvation."

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 taught courses on Shakespeare, Renaissance literature, Russian literature, the Bible, Christian Apologetics and C.S. Lewis. 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. Please come and bring a friend to hear Dr. Duke Pesta discuss,

"Dante's Divine Comedy: A World Surrounded By Laughter"

WHERE: St. John the Evangelist Church Hall

(Enter from north parking lot.)

WHEN: Sunday, September 18

TIME: 2:00 p.m. - Program

1:45 p.m. - Rosary



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A reminder to mark your calendar to hear Fr. Nielsen at the Oct. 16 "Popek Dinner"

Included with this newsletter is a registration flyer for the 28th Annual Msgr. Alphonse S. Popek Dinner. The after-dinner address by Rev. Eric Nielsen, is a "must" for local diocesan personnel who are, in any way, involved with the youth of their respective parishes. This would include directors of religious education, especially at the high school level, catechists who are teaching teenagers, directors of youth activity programs, plus pastors and those who may be counseling teens planning to attend college. Fr. Nielsen is the director of the St. Paul Catholic Center on the campus of the University of Wisconsin in Madison. His talk will reveal why it is important for those students attending secular colleges to become involved in the campus, Catholic "Newman Center" (the name by which most are identified), and to make sure that the secular college being chosen does, indeed, offer a Catholic Center for students. Fr. Nielsen's program on the Madison campus is probably the best in the country, and would be a good reason for a student to choose UW-Madison over a university that does not operate a Catholic student center. Also, if a campus "Newman Center" includes missionaries from the Fellowship Of Catholic University Students (FOCUS), a faithful program can be presumed. There are many who believe that the quality of the undergraduate Catholic education provided at the St. Paul Center in Madison is greater than that found at liberal, Catholic colleges, such as Marquette University. Finally, parents who have students at UW, or students planning to attend UW-Madison, are also urged to attend Fr. Nielsen's presentation, "Living the Faith in a Declining Culture."

The September 2016 Prayer Intentions published by Pope Francis

During September, Pope Francis has asked that we pray for two intentions: 1) **Centrality of the Human Person.** That each may contribute to the common good and to the building of a society that places the human person at the center, and, 2) **Mission to Evangelize.** That by participating in the Sacraments and meditating on Scripture, Christians may become more aware of their mission to evangelize. For information regarding the **Apostleship of Prayer**, contact **Fr. James Kubicki, S.J., Director**, at 414-486-1152, or visit: apostleshipofprayer.org

Plan to attend "Love for Life Gala" on Saturday, Oct. 22, at the Hyatt Regency

Matt Walsh, pro-life blogger at **The Blaze**, will be the featured speaker at Pro-Life Wisconsin's 2016 "Love for Life Gala" to be held at the **Hyatt Regency**, 333 W. Kilbourn Avenue, on Saturday, October 22. The evening will include a Wine Pull and Reception with **Hors d'oeuvres at 5:30 p.m.**, and **Dinner at 7:00 p.m.** The cost is \$75 per person, or \$700 per table of 10. To register, call 262-796-1111, ext. 10, or visit ProLifeWI.org

Dan Miller to speak at St. John the Evangelist in Greenfield on Thursday, Sept. 15

Dan Miller, president of Pro-Life Wisconsin, will discuss, "Glory Stories, Miracles Happen Even in the Darkest Hours," based on his years of sidewalk counseling, at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 15, at **St. John the Evangelist Parish**, 8500 W. Cold Spring Road. Refreshments will be available at 6:30 p.m. For questions, call Kathy at 414-329-0991.

Celebrate "Nativity of the Blessed Mother" at St. Francis de Sales Seminary Sept. 11

"Roses for Our Lady" will celebrate the "Nativity of the Blessed Mother" at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 11, at **St. Francis de Sales Seminary**, 3257 S. Lake Drive. This special Holy Hour will include an outdoor Eucharistic Rosary Procession with **Fr. James Kubicki, S.J.**, followed by a "birthday party" with cake and coffee. The public is welcome. Please bring a non-perishable food item for donation to the **St. Hyacinth food pantry** as a birthday gift for Our Lady. Visit rosesforourlady.org/ A "Holy Hour for Vocations" is held at 2:00 p.m. every 2nd Sunday of the month at the Seminary.

Catechetical Corner: How does a Catholic make an election decision?

Fortunately, we can recommend a very well-done, small 20 page booklet published by the **Leaflet Missal Company**, ~ on the internet at www.leafletonline.com The title of the booklet is "A Brief Catechism for Catholic Voters." It was written by Rev. Stephen F. Torraco, Ph.D., who explains how to follow a correctly formed Catholic conscience. Single copies are \$1.25 each, 50 copies \$0.64 each, and 100 copies \$0.55 each. **Order at website, or call 651-487-2818.** Talk to your pastor about parish distribution, and circulate it among family and friends. We will have copies for purchase at our Sept. meeting, and Oct. dinner.

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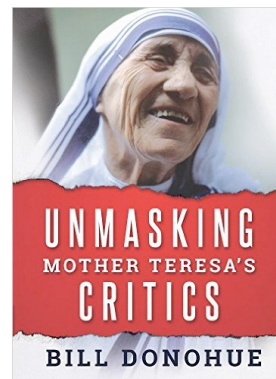
Book of the Month: *Unmasking Mother Teresa's Critics*

Author: **By Bill Donohue**

Publisher: **Sophia Institute Press, 2016**

"Mother Teresa was voted the most admired person of the twentieth century and is loved the world over. Still, she was not without her critics. This book closely examines their accusations. What virtually all of her critics have in common is an abiding disdain for Catholicism - most are militant atheists and socialists. What they abhor about Mother Teresa is her strong faith and her altruism. Mother Teresa's conviction that abortion is a violent act does not sit well with her critics. They are also contemptuous of her private, voluntary efforts to tend to the needs of the poor. They view such behavior as a deterrent to state programs ... This [book] is an invaluable resource for those who have been curious about the charges made by Mother Teresa's detractors. In these pages, Donohue unmasking her critics and puts to rest the cruel myths they promoted in order to destroy one of the Church's modern saints."

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“The silence of the shepherds on homosexuality: An interview with Robert Reilly”

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By John-Henry Westen

August 29, 2016

August 29, 2016 (LifeSiteNews) – Robert Reilly was Special Assistant to U.S. President Ronald Reagan and more recently, Senior Advisor for information Strategy in the Office of the Secretary of Defense. He is well known for his work at Voice of America and his 2010 book *The Closing of the Muslim Mind*. But his most recent book, *Making Gay Okay*, can't seem to get reviewed in the major publications where all his other works have found favor.

LSN: *In your book, you note that natural law is the basis for opposition to the culture threatening acceptance of homosexual behavior. In recent months, we've seen this particularly threaten Christians and Catholics yet few Catholic leaders dare to speak about it.*

RR: Natural law teaching is at the heart of the Catholic Church. It appears both faith and reason are being abandoned at the same time in favor of sentimentality. It seems that some Church leaders have fallen in line with this (gay) agenda, or at least have maintained complete silence in the face of it. Silence implies consent. It is very demoralizing that not more of them have stood up against this grotesque lie about humanity.

LSN: *Why the silence from Church leadership?*

RR: We can find part of the answer in St. Augustine's *City of God*. In Book One, Chapter 9, he wrote: “We tend culpably to evade our responsibility when we ought to instruct and admonish them [the ill-doers], sometimes even with sharp reproof and censure, either because the task is irksome, or because we are afraid of giving offense; or it may be that we shrank from incurring their enmity, for fear that they

may hinder and harm us in worldly matters, in respect either of what we eagerly seek to attain, or of what we weakly dread to lose.” I think this explains a lot. From history, however, we should not be too surprised at the silence or the complicity. Remember Peter Kreeft's brilliant line, “The first Bishop to accept a government grant was Judas.” Under Henry VIII, only one Bishop stayed faithful, St. John Fisher. (We are certainly doing better

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than that today, thank God!) I have been reading *My Battle against Hitler*, by the great Dietrich von Hildebrand. In it, he recounts how some Catholic bishops intellectually collaborated with the Nazis, gave into and actually promoted the rationalizations necessary to accept the legitimacy of Nazi rule.

LSN: *Don't you think it is over the top to make an analogy to the Nazi times?*

RR: I don't think it's a stretch to point to Nazi Germany in 1935 as an analogy to current events. That is when the Nuremberg Laws were passed, stripping Jews of their German citizenship and forbidding marriage between non-Jews and Jews. No doubt, there were still many fine and upstanding people in Germany at the time, including many Catholics, but from then on they had to keep their mouths shut about the Nazi racial superiority teachings because they were state law. I am sure there were many people opposed to the race theory

of history who said to themselves, as people do today regarding homosexual “marriage,” “Well, this is a losing issue. Let's leave it alone and move on.” They were probably too frightened to consider what they were moving on to, just as people today avoid thinking about the consequences of the complete denial of reality involved in homosexual “marriage.” Anyone who thinks that we are involved in a denial of reality any less profound than that of 1935 Germany is kidding themselves. Success for the LGBT dream requires the obliteration of the real and the removal of those who insist on the existence of reality.

LSN: *What do you make of the approach of some Catholic bishops who have chosen, when asked about ‘gays,’ to selectively quote from the Catechism those teachings that align with the times – those who quote only “They must be accepted with respect, compassion, and sensitivity. Every sign of unjust discrimination in their regard should be avoided.”*

RR: Of course, the real issue today is not “unjust discrimination” toward homosexuals but forced submission to the LGBT gender ideology. The largely phony discrimination issue is used as a weapon to demand complete conformity with the LGBT agenda. I tell the full story about how this enforcement is taking place in my book, *Making Gay Okay: How Rationalizing Homosexual Behavior is Changing Everything*. The people suffering discrimination today are the ones who insist on telling the truth. George Orwell remarked that, “The more a society drifts from truth, the more it will hate those who speak it.”

THE FALL – WINTER – SPRING SCHEDULE:

- May 15 TO BE ANNOUNCED
- September 18 DANTE'S DIVINE COMEDY: A WORLD SURROUNDED BY LAUGHTER, by Prof. Duke Pesta
- October 16 MSGR. POPEK DINNER & PRIESTLY ADDRESS----Rev. Fr. Eric H. Nielsen
- November 20 TO BE ANNOUNCED
- December 11 MSGR. POPEK BIRTHDAY/CHRISTMAS DINNER
- January 15 TO BE ANNOUNCED
- February 19 AFTERNOON OF RECOLLECTION, by Fr. James Kubicki, S.J. (at Sacred Heart Church)
- March 19 TO BE ANNOUNCED
- April 9 TO BE ANNOUNCED



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