



Catholics United for the Faith

Affirming Authentic Catholicism in Milwaukee

St. Gregory VII Chapter
September, 2018

Dr. Duke Pesta invites his audience to "Meet St. Augustine," on Sunday, Sept. 16

Dr. James "Duke" Pesta, a Professor of Literature at UW-Oshkosh, is a well-known speaker on Renaissance Literature and topics pertaining to education. No matter what you know about St. Augustine, you can be sure this will be an interesting and informative presentation. In his early years St. Augustine was away from the Church, and his mother, St. Monica, prayed for him, and rejoiced with him when he reordered his life in 386, at age thirty-two. According to *Butler's Lives of the Saints*, St. Augustine "was baptized by St. Ambrose on Easter-eve in 387." In 2014 popular Catholic author, **Phil Lawler**, quoted from **St. Augustine's sermon On Pastors**: "The defects of the sheep are widespread. There are a very few healthy, fat sheep - that is, those that are made strong by feeding on the truth, by God's gift making good use of the pastures - but they are not safe from the bad shepherds. Those shepherds not only do not look after the sick, the weak, the wandering and the lost, but they do as much harm as they can to the strong and sleek among the flock."

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 also taught courses on the Bible, Russian Literature and Christian Apologetics. **Dr. Pesta is the academic director of Freedom Project Education, an online, home school curriculum, rooted in Judeo-Christian values.**

"Meet Saint Augustine"

WHERE: St. John the Evangelist Church Hall

(Enter from north parking lot.)

WHEN: Sunday, September 16

TIME: 2:00 p.m. - Program

1:45 p.m. ~ Rosary



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Celebrate 50 years at CUF's "Uniting the Faithful" Conference Oct. 5-7 in Ohio

Catholics United for the Faith (CUF) was established in 1968 by convert, **Lyman Stebbins**, in response to an invitation by Vatican II for the laity to become more active in the "call to holiness." Others involved in the founding of CUF include **Jim Likoudis**, who has been a valuable resource for this writer, and many others, during these past 50 years. Fortunately, Jim will be a speaker at this conference to be held from Friday, October 5 to Sunday, October 7, on the grounds of the **Apostolate for Family Consecration (AFC)** in Bloomingdale, Ohio. In addition to our president, **Philip Gray**, other participants include **Alan Zimmerer**, **Douglas Bushman**, **Fr. Abt. Philip Anderson OSB**, and **Fr. Joseph Tuscan OFM Cap.** The cost for the weekend is \$350 and includes all five meals.

The conference will open with Mass at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, followed by a "welcome" at 6:30 p.m., and a dinner and social at 7:00 p.m. Saturday talks will include the three **Visible Bonds of Unity** within the Church: "**The Bond of One Faith**," "**The Bond of Common Worship**," and "**The Bond of Apostolic Succession**," given by **Jim Likoudis**. Confession will be available during the day on Saturday, from 9:00 a.m. until dinner is served at 6:00 p.m. A traveler's Mass will be offered at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, and a Chapter Information Meeting will be held at 8:00 p.m. in the evening. **You can learn more, register for the conference, and sign up to receive conference updates to your email at: cuf.org.**

Cardinal Burke says "It's not wrong to ask Pope to resign," as Ab. Vigano has done

According to the 9-6-18 edition of *The Wanderer, La Repubblica*, a high-circulation Italian daily, asked Raymond Cardinal Burke if it is wrong to ask for Pope Francis' resignation. Cardinal Burke replied, "I cannot say it is wrong...The request for resignation is in any case licit...but the facts need to be verified...I was deeply shaken because the entire document is most grave."

Please use the enclosed Registration Form to help us honor Fr. Belmonte on Oct. 14

Let us again invite you to mark your calendar for the Chapter's annual "Msgr. Alphonse Popek Award Dinner," and plan to join us as we honor Fr. John Belmonte on Sunday evening, October 14. Because Fr. Belmonte was principal of Marquette University High School from 2004 to 2010, we ask you to share this information, especially with those who have, or have had, family or friends at MUHS. Fr. Belmonte is currently the Superintendent of Schools in the Diocese of Joliet, IL.

Mark your calendar to hear Michael Voris on Nov. 11 at the Country Springs Hotel

Michael Voris, found on the Internet at Church Militant, with his daily message, "The Vortex," will be speaking on Sunday, Nov. 11 at the Country Springs Hotel (now known as "Ingleside") in Pewaukee. His talk title is "Holy Mother Church and the Cultural Crisis." The speaking event is scheduled from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. This is not sponsored by our Chapter, but will serve as our November meeting. For questions call 262-210-1958 and/or see the attached flyer.

Pro-Life Wisconsin will hold its 2018 "Love for Life" Gala on Saturday, Oct. 20

Plan to attend Pro-Life Wisconsin's annual "Love for Life Gala" on Saturday, October 20, at the Hyatt Regency Milwaukee, 333 W. Kilbourn Avenue, 53203, with a social hour beginning at 5:30 p.m. The evening will feature special guests, Ramona Trevino, who was the manager of a Planned Parenthood facility in Texas until she "reclaimed her walk with Christ" and resigned in 2011, and David Bereit, who led the first-ever 40 Days for Life campaign in College Station, Texas. He became a pro-life advocate in 1998 when Planned Parenthood came into his hometown in Texas. To register, visit Prolifewi.org

Catechetical Corner: What can we find in every Catholic Church?

Although each Catholic Church is decorated differently, you will always find: 1) a **Crucifix**, which reminds us of Christ's sacrifice made present again at Mass, 2) a **Tabernacle**, the box that contains the Eucharist. Look for the red candle light to show that it is occupied, and Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist, 3) **Statues of Saints**, which help us recall their examples of heroic virtue and love for God, and 4) **Baptismal fonts**, so that by blessing ourselves with holy water we recall our Baptism which washed us of Original Sin and made us members of the Church. (Adapted from *Growing in Faith*, Sept., 2018)

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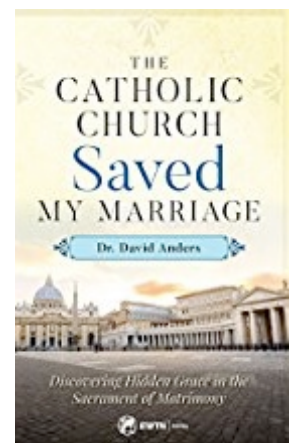
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Book of the Month: *The Catholic Church Saved My Marriage*

Author: By Dr. David Anders

Publisher: EWTN Publisher/Sophia Institute Press, 2018

"The Catholic Church saved my marriage and, quite possibly, my life." So begins David Anders in this remarkably forthright book. In it, David reports that by the early 2000s, his marriage was so painful that he and his wife had just one thing in common: contempt for each other. Today, David and his wife are extremely happy together – not because of marriage therapy, but because they came to know and fully embrace the Catholic Church's teachings on marriage. Many people who encounter the Church's teachings are shocked... Yet the Church offers much more than rules about sexual restraint; She offers a way to make marriage into something supernatural, even mystical. Here Dr. Anders shares his personal discovery and offers a robust defense of the Church's teaching on marriage – even the most controversial topics of divorce, remarriage, gay marriage, and contraception...Dr. David Anders offers a hope-filled alternative for those who live moral and spiritual lives in union with Christ and His Church."



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.

That's Exactly What Satan Wants... Tempted To Leave The Church Over The Sex Abuse Crisis?

By Peter Kwasniewski

LifeSiteNews, August 16, 2018

(Editor's Note: *LifeSiteNews* published this essay by Peter Kwasniewski on August 16. Dr. Kwasniewski is a freelance author, public speaker, editor, publisher, and composer. All rights reserved.)

(LifeSiteNews) – In the midst of the current second tidal wave of clerical sex abuse allegations and revelations – a wave likely to continue building in magnitude as it sweeps through one diocese after another and churns up decades of episcopally authorized muck – we have to guard against and help others to guard against certain popular errors that always crop up at a time like this. Years ago, I remember reading seven or eight letters to the editor in an old issue of *Time* magazine, an issue with an oil-covered seabird on the cover. These were letters written in reaction to the hierarchy's complicity with clerical abuse, about which we are rightfully indignant. Almost all of the letters reflected the liberal stance of *Time* itself, and all of them revealed a level of ignorance of basic Catholic doctrine that could only be called stupendous. One fellow's argument boiled down to this: "The Church claims to speak for Christ on earth and so to be infallible, but when the sins of the clergy are exposed, the Church says she is made up of fallible sinners. Which will it be?" How about we make some distinctions? Another lady wrote: "If my pope doesn't clean up the abuse crisis, I will gladly join all those who are leaving the Church." So, the Pope is personally responsible for all sins, and if he doesn't magically put an end to them, one should leave? Another fellow wrote that he believes in Catholic doctrine but totally rejects the authority of the Pope and the hierarchy. That's a head scratcher. And on and on it goes. Often at these times we also hear about people tempted to "go East" and become Orthodox. As if this would help one bit! While we can and should admire the liturgical traditions and mystical heritage of the Orthodox, they are as much if not far more of a disaster in the arenas of doctrine and

morals as Roman Catholics are today – and they don't have the benefit of enjoying good Popes from time to time. Faithful Catholics claim that *Amoris Laetitia* is a big problem because parts of it contradict the Gospel, or that permitting contraception contrary to *Humanae Vitae* is one step on the road to abortion, but these are contradictions under which the Orthodox have been laboring for centuries. What do these sorts of reactions among Catholics show? First of all, they show that the faith is not being taught and preached. No one knows it; what is worse,

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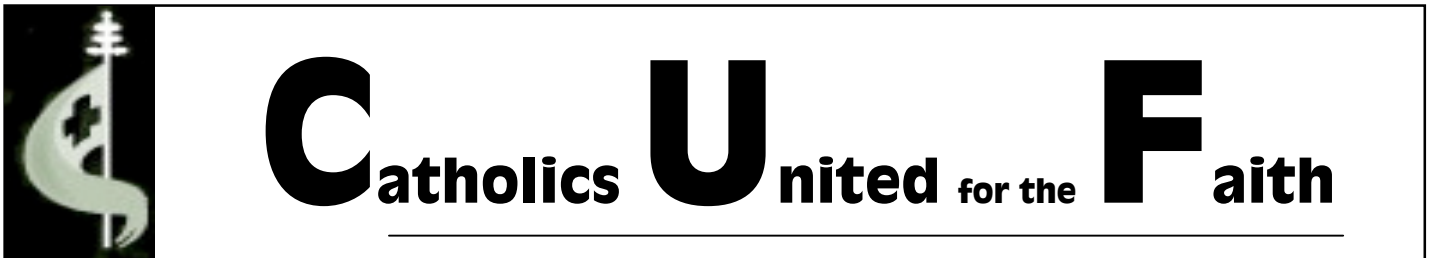
no one knows that he doesn't know it. It is the blind leading the blind. A Mormon toddler knows more about Joseph Smith's fanciful golden tablets than your average adult Catholic knows about the Blessed Sacrament or Church teaching on marriage and family. It demonstrates that many bishops and pastors have been and continue to be sleeping at the wheel and have hardly begun to assess the true magnitude of the post conciliar collapse. It is evident that catechesis is still in a state of dire crisis, indeed utter vacuity. We might start with explaining in what the Church's infallibility (and therefore the Pope's) actually consists, and in what it does not; the distinction between a man's holy office, which deserves respect, and his individual person, which may or may not be worthy of that office, and can be deserving of reproach, rebuke, and punishment; the difference between obedience and its counterfeits. We should clarify why the Catholic Church and her sacraments are necessary for salvation, and that it is Christ in whom we believe, Christ who sanctifies and saves us. And we should not ignore the terribly pressing urgency of cleaning up our own house, beginning with sacred liturgy. For the crisis through which

the Church is now passing parallels the replacement of the Traditional Mass and the other sacraments, thick and rich and full of religion, with modern "low-fat" versions that have failed to nourish and have lent themselves to every type of willfulness, banality, and abuse. Moreover, these reactions show the extent of the damage that Catholics have suffered in these decades, the pain and righteous indignation they feel, and the legitimate demands for justice they put forward. Ultimately, the only ones who can right the institutional wrongs are the members of the hierarchy itself. Lay people can investigate and accuse and even prosecute, but the systemic abuse of ecclesiastical authority will be counteracted and conquered only from the top down. We currently have a largely dysfunctional institution and it does no good to pretend otherwise. Admitting the truth is the beginning of the reform. Abandoning the Church in her hour of need is the very worst thing any believer can do. In fact, it is exactly what the Devil is looking for: people who throw out the baby with the bathwater, who lose sight of Jesus Christ and His plan for the Church, getting bogged down in the Antichrist and his counterplan for the Church. It is at just such a time of crisis that opportunities for heroic faith, prayer, sacrifice, and zeal multiply and bear the most fruit. We have grown accustomed to a world of media that spins and distorts everything it handles, indulges at whim in suppression or falsification of truth, and pushes its own agendas without the slightest qualms of conscience. We are reeling from many indications that the world of the Catholic hierarchy also spins, distorts, suppresses, falsifies, and drives the liberal agenda. Amidst such a hostile environment, all Catholics – and most of all, the bishops and cardinals who are faithful to Christ and His Church – must take to heart the words of St. Paul:

“I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word, be urgent in season and out of season, convince, rebuke, and exhort, be unfailing in patience and in teaching.” (2Tim. 4:1-2)

THE FALL-WINTER-SPRING SCHEDULE:

- September 16 **MEET SAINT AUGUSTINE**, by Dr. James (Duke) Pesta (at St. John Church Hall)
- October 14 **MSGR. POPEK AWARD DINNER**----Recipient: Reverend John Belmonte, S.J.
- November 11 **HOLY MOTHER CHURCH AND THE CULTURAL CRISIS**, by Michael Voris (at Ingleside)
- December 9 **MSGR. POPEK BIRTHDAY/CHRISTMAS DINNER**
- January 20 **TO BE ANNOUNCED**
- February 17 **TO BE ANNOUNCED**
- March 17 **AFTERNOON OF RECOLLECTION**, by Fr. James Kubicki, S.J. (at Sacred Heart Church)
- April 15 **TO BE ANNOUNCED**



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