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FR. JAMES KUBICKI, S.J., TO GIVE DAY OF RECOLLECTION FEB. 17

St. Gregory VII Chapter
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Our Chapter's Spiritual Advisor, Rev. James Kubicki, S.J., will give our afternoon of recollection on Sunday, February 17. Fr. Kubicki is the national director of the Apostleship of Prayer, a 160 year-old organization that is sometimes called "The Holy Father's Prayer Group." The Apostleship directs attention to the Pope's monthly prayer intentions and encourages devotion to the Sacred Heart, especially through the "Morning Offering" prayer. In addition, Fr. Kubicki is frequently heard on Relevant Radio.

As part of his work at the Apostleship, Fr. Kubicki travels throughout the country giving talks, retreats, and parish missions. We are very fortunate that he has accepted our invitation to provide us with a spiritual message that will help make our Lenten experience more meaningful. PLEASE JOIN US to hear Fr. Kubicki discuss:

"LENT: A TIME OF HOPE"

WHERE: SACRED HEART CHURCH (Not Parish Hall)

917 North 49th Street (one block north of Wells St.)

WHEN: Sunday, February 17

TIME: 2:00 p.m. - Meeting

1:45 p.m. - Rosary

REGISTER FOR THE "MEN OF CHRIST" CONFERENCE ON SATURDAY, FEB. 23

The second annual Men of Christ Catholic Conference will be held on Saturday, February 23, at the Wisconsin Expo Center at STATE FAIR PARK. It will begin with a 7:00 a.m. Mass, and conclude at 4:00 p.m. with Mass and a homily by Archbishop Dolan. There will be two talks in the morning, starting at 9:00 a.m., by Fr. Larry Richards (heard on Relevant Radio), who will discuss "God the Father," and Fr. Richard Heilman, who will speak on "Healing Our Spiritual Paralysis." The afternoon talks will be given by Sean Forrest, who will relate his conversion story, and Fr. Phillip Chavez, who will discuss "The Catholic Journey, Without Apology."

The cost is \$50 per person until Feb. 18, and \$60 thereafter. For a group of 5 or more, the cost is \$40 per person until Feb. 18, and \$45 per person thereafter. Students can register for \$20 per person until Feb. 18, and \$30 thereafter. A ham, turkey, or veggie sub box lunch is included with the registration fee. There will be food available in the morning that can be purchased. For more information visit: www.menofchrist.net, or call 414-297-9729.

PLAN TO ATTEND INSTITUTE ON RELIGIOUS LIFE CONFERENCE MARCH 28-30

The Annual Meeting of the Institute on Religious Life will be held at the St. Mary of the Lake Archdiocesan Seminary in Mundelein, Illinois, on March 28-30. This excellent meeting is located only an hour from Milwaukee. The speakers will include Most Rev. Robert Morlino, who will celebrate Mass Friday afternoon and speak Friday evening, Mr. Tim Drake and Mrs. Ann Carey who will speak on Saturday afternoon, and Mr. Jerome Coniker, who will speak on Sunday. In addition, Francis Cardinal George will celebrate Mass Saturday afternoon, and Most Rev. Thomas Doran will celebrate Mass on Sunday. One-day registration rates are \$30 for Friday (includes lunch), \$40 for Saturday (includes lunch only), and \$30 for Sunday (includes lunch only). For registration information call 847-573-8975.

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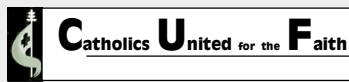
UPDATE ON REGISTRATION FOR MSGR. POPEK DINNER ON OCTOBER 12

Mark your calendar for Sunday, October 12, when our Chapter's Annual Msgr. Popek Award will be presented to Rev. John Corapi, SOLT, in recognition of his faithfulness to the Church, zeal for the priesthood and leadership of the laity. Registration information will be mailed out to those on our "First Class" mailing list, probably in April, and subsequently, to our "Bulk" mailing list.

CATHOLIC HERALD'S "MY FAITH" FOR YOUTH IS A BIG DISAPPOINTMENT

After much fanfare the first issue of "MyFaith" has been delivered. It is an occasional supplement to the diocesan Catholic Herald "for young adult Catholics." The cover story of this first issue, "Cohabitation: Why the church says it's still wrong," covers two full pages, plus a "sidebar" of opinions. Unfortunately, the entire article follows the secular method of teaching moral relativism known as "values clarification," in which various opinions, both right and wrong, are given, and the student decides which one to accept. The author, "MyFaith" editor Cheri Perkins Mantz, points out that your grandparents may have called it "living in sin," and your parents may say it's "shacking up," but the Catholic Church "calls it "cohabiting" and teaches that it is a sin. Sadly, her young readers are never told that it is a "mortal sin of fornication," which causes the loss of one's immortal soul if not absolved before death. Consequently, the author never explains that the cohabiting couple may not receive Holy Communion until absolution is obtained in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Even if they go to confession every Saturday, to receive Communion on Sunday, there is the mortal sin of scandal in their apparent public approval of, and promotion of, fornication, which makes a mockery of the Sacrament of Marriage. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #2284) Additionally, this attempt to use confession as the solution is problematic because there does not appear to be a "firm purpose of sinning no more in the future," which is required for absolution (CCC #1490).

Unfortunately, that same reluctance to identify a sin as "mortal" is found in Fr. Jerry Herda's discussion of the weekend Mass obligation. Why does Fr. Herda fail to tell our young people the truth, as taught by the Catholic Church, that "Those who deliberately fail in this obligation [of weekend Mass] commit a grave sin" (CCC #2181), which also must be confessed before receiving Holy Communion? Fr. Herda could have further explained that there are only two kinds of actual sin, mortal and venial. And, since mortal sin must involve grave matter, a "grave sin" is actually a "mortal sin." Simply telling our young people that these things are "wrong" is negligent and irresponsible. We will be happy to recommend "MyFaith" when it honors the rights of our young to be taught the truth, including the truth of Psalm 111, that "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."



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Book of the Month: "BECAUSE THEY HATE"

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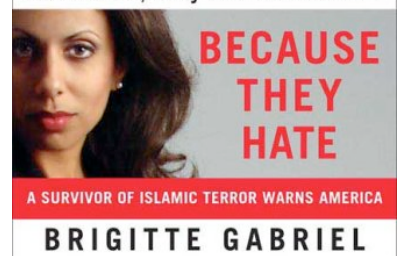
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"Brigitte Gabriel lost her childhood to militant Islam. In 1975 she was ten years old and living in Southern Lebanon when militant Muslims from throughout the Middle East poured into her country and declared jihad against the Lebanese Christians. Lebanon was the only Christian-influenced country in the Middle East, and the Lebanese Civil War was the first front in what has become the worldwide jihad of fundamentalist Islam against non-Muslim peoples."

"Because They Hate is a political wake-up call told through a very personal memoir frame." It is a "must read" book.

Contributors of \$12 or more to the Chapter per year are entitled to discounts on all books displayed at CUF meetings.

As an Arab Christian, and victim of radical Islam during the Lebanese Civil War, I refuse to stand by and let the same thing happen to my adopted country, the United States. Even after 9/11, there are those who say that we must "engage" our terrorist enemies, that we must "address their grievances." Their grievance is our freedom of religion. Their grievance is our democratic process. Islamic religious authorities and terrorist leaders repeatedly state that they will destroy the United States and Western civilization. Unless we take them at their word, and defend ourselves, they will succeed....



Concealing the facts

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A news item in the Australian Financial Review ("Real costs of breast cancer in the workplace," AFR 31/7/07) reported on the work of the Breast Cancer Network in raising funds to support women having treatment for breast cancer. The article mentioned the difficulties faced by women in juggling treatment with their careers, and focused on efforts to get high profile women from business and public life to assist in fund raising. The article noted that the fund-raising "Field of Women" event attracted 11,500 women to the M.C.G. before an AFL game (the number of women diagnosed with breast cancer in 2005) and that this year it aimed to attract 13,000 women, the current figure for diagnoses, to Telstra Stadium in Sidney [Australia]. The women wear pink ponchos and form the shape of a woman on the grounds, to raise awareness and corporate sponsorship.

The article quoted businesswoman, Barbara Cail, who was diagnosed with breast cancer a few years ago, saying that stress was a trigger [for the disease] and "now we have one in nine women in Australia diagnosed and they are getting younger and younger. The disturbing news about the breast cancer cluster at the ABC's Brisbane headquarters also highlights the impact of breast cancer on a younger age group."

While the work of the Breast Cancer Network is commendable, what is disturbing is that the Network and Cancer Councils in Australia focus only on diagnoses and research, but by failing to give women information on reproductive health factors, do little about prevention. Early di-

agnosis, is essential, but prevention is so much better.

Women cannot change their genetic history, but there are factors within their control. Most breast cancers are caused by over exposure to estrogen. If women had their first

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baby early in life and breast fed for two years as the World Health Organization recommends, they would derive substantial protection from breast cancer.

Putting career first and postponing first birth till age 30 or later increases risk, as do induced abortion and "the pill." Breast cells multiply under the surge of estrogen in pregnancy and are left vulnerable to carcinogens if the pregnancy is aborted because these cells do not stabilize as mature milk-producing cells until 32 weeks gestation.

In regard to breast cancer clusters at the ABC studios, why is the induced abortion history of the women not recorded? With over 90,000 abortions yearly in Australia, it is not surprising that the incidence

of breast cancer has risen from one in 11 to one in 9, and that it is manifesting more and more in young women. We have warned about this for the past 12 years. There are over 28 epidemiologic studies showing induced abortion increases breast cancer risk, but Cancer Councils, captives of the feminist lobby, ignore the information and rely on spurious studies to maintain there is no risk while failing to offer an alternative explanation.

Some years ago at a conference in Tasmania a cancer specialist dared to mention that if women had their first full-term pregnancy early in life instead of focusing on careers, it would reduce the incidence of breast cancer. There was such a howl from feminists that he scuttled back to his hospital in Sidney like a frightened sparrow and begged pro-lifers not to quote him. About 30,000 teenagers become pregnant in Australia each year, and about half have abortions. These hapless girls are not told their "unwanted" pregnancy in fact offers them substantial protection from a lethal disease.

Nor are women informed that the World Health Organization has listed the contraceptive pill a Class 1 carcinogen. All these high flying women executives - do they even realize that it is their careers - in so far as these prevent them from having babies and breastfeeding them, that contribute to their risk of breast cancer?

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