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FR. "ROCKY," HEARD ON RELEVANT RADIO, TO SPEAK SUNDAY, APRIL 18

Fr. Frank Hoffman, well-known as "Fr. Rocky," has been associated with Opus Dei for over 30 years, and was ordained a Priest for Opus Dei in 1992 by John Paul II. He holds a doctorate in Canon Law from the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross (Rome), a B.A. in History from Northwestern, and an M.B.A. from Notre Dame.

Since September, 2009, Fr. Hoffman has been Senior Director of Mission, Programming, and Development at **Relevant Radio** (100.1 FM). For the previous eleven years, Fr. Hoffman served as Chaplain of **Northridge Preparatory School** in Niles, Illinois, a college prep school for boys in grades 6-12. For over 30 years he has worked closely with youth, and since 1996, in education. For the past 15 summers he has been Chaplain for the YSI (Youth Service International) Mexico Summer Service Projects in isolated and impoverished areas of Mexico.

Fr. Hoffman's column appears regularly in *The Catholic Answer* (Our Sunday Visitor) and *The Catholic New World*. He is heard weekly on the **Relevant Radio Network** where he hosts "Go Ask Your Father." He also has appeared on radio and television networks, including ABC, NBC, CBS, the BBC and WGN. COME AND BRING A FRIEND TO HEAR FR. ROCKY DISCUSS:

"VERITATIS AESTUS: THE EXCITEMENT OF TRUTH"

WHERE: Blessed Sacrament Church Hall

South 40th Street and Oklahoma Avenue

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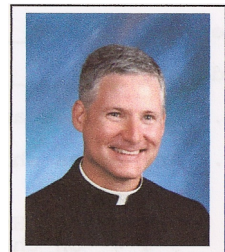
WHEN: Sunday, April 18

TIME: 2:00 p.m. ~ Meeting (1:45 p.m. ~ Rosary)

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS TO BE HELD AT MAY MEETING

The annual election of officers for the Chapter will be held at the May meeting. Anyone interested in being on the ballot, or suggesting nominees, should contact Julie Sarnowski at 414-282-9920. The positions are president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer.

JOIN "MISSIONARY SERVANTS OF THE HOLY FAMILY" TO PRAY FOR FAMILIES APRIL 25

"The Missionary Servants of the Holy Family" is sponsoring a Holy Hour on Sunday, April 25, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the St. Francis Seminary Chapel, to pray for the restoration and preservation of the sanctity of marriage and the family, and to make reparation for and pray for, an end to the sins committed against the family. Under the direction and guidance of Fr. Don Hying, and the leadership of Maryclare Stephens, this recently formed group of Catholic lay people will sponsor a Holy Hour every fourth Sunday of the month to pray for families throughout the world. All those who are interested in praying for the preservation of the family are invited and encouraged to attend this Holy Hour every month, and the social that follows.

If it is God's will, "The Missionary Servants of the Holy Family" may eventually result in the formation of a religious order of contemplative nuns whose mission will be to pray for the preservation of the sanctity of marriage, and an end to the sins committed against the family. The group's leader, Maryclare Stephens, is the daughter of CUF members, Mike and Jeannie Stephens. For more information email Maryclare at: jmjmssf@gmail.com

DVD OF FR. KUBICKI'S "FATIMA AND LENT" TALK IS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

If you missed Fr. James Kubicki's "Afternoon of Recollection" on February 7 (or, if you attended), you will want to take advantage of this introductory offer to purchase a DVD for \$14.95. The title of the talk is "Fatima and Lent: A Call to Prayer and Penance." It is an excellent presentation that includes a fascinating "time line" of Fatima events, from the early 1900s to the present, covering almost 100 years. To purchase a copy, call Sylvester Markowski at (414) 762-1991.

ARCHBISHOP DOLAN ENCOURAGES WEEKLY MASS ATTENDANCE FOR EVERY CATHOLIC

According to an article in the April 11, 2010, issue of the *National Catholic Register*, Archbishop Dolan has used his first pastoral letter, issued March 17, to call Catholics to "keep the Lord's day holy," and "make Sunday Mass once again the heart of your week!" We hope that he included, in his pastoral, the warning in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, which states that "Those who deliberately fail in this [Sunday Mass] obligation commit a grave sin." (CCC, #2181 As faithful Catholics know, a "grave" sin is also called a "mortal" sin.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS EVERY SECOND SUNDAY AT ST. FRANCIS SEMINARY'S CHAPEL

You are invited to join Fr. Don Hying in a Holy Hour, held every second Sunday of the month from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life, for our seminarians, and for our seminary, in the St. Francis de Sales Seminary's Christ the King Chapel. The event is co-sponsored by the "Roses for Our Lady" organization, St. Francis de Sales Seminary, and the Vocations Office of the Archdiocese, and is followed by a light social.

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF LINDA SCHMIDT

On behalf of the Officers, Board members, and membership of this St. Gregory VII Chapter, we extend our deep sympathy and many prayers, to Board Member, Larry Schmidt, and his family, for the untimely death of his wife, Linda, on March 2. As you know, Linda was a faithful Catholic and a long time leader of the pro-life movement. We are all grateful for her generous dedication to all aspects of the life issue, and her constant concern for others. Needless to say, she will be missed by many. We pray that her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, may rest in peace.

LEARN ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT ON MAY 16

Mark your calendar now for the next meeting, on May 16, when the topic will be the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). Details are still being worked out, but we hope to present some history and important information regarding this controversial, 40 year old fund raising program conducted by the Catholic Bishops.



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Book of the Month: "Simon, Called Peter"

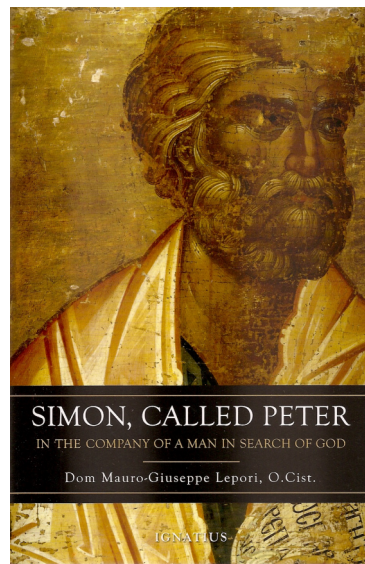
Author: Dom Mauro Giuseppe Lepori, O.Cist.

Publisher: Ignatius Press, 2010

"Abbot Lepori's profound meditation on the relationship between Our Lord and St. Peter invites us to consider our own relationship with Christ. As he imaginatively retells the well-known stories from the Gospels, he revivifies them and makes them present to us, deepening our understanding of the calling each of us has received from Jesus and strengthening our confidence that the Lord will, indeed, bring to completion the work of love He has begun in us.

"Simon Peter, the fisherman who was both attracted to Jesus and repelled by his own weakness, who in faith walked on the water and in fear began to sink; who promised to die for His Lord and then moments later betrayed Him...is he not a model for many of us who desire to love and trust the Lord completely, yet who struggle daily to pick up our own crosses and follow Him?"

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



"Pill-Cancer Link Confirmed "

National Catholic Register

January 31 – February 13, 2010, p. 1

By Tim Drake, Register Senior Writer

SEATTLE – Though research confirming a strong connection between the use of oral contraceptives and a particularly aggressive form of breast cancer has been public for nine months, some people are asking why news about it is just coming out now. They say the mainstream media and cancer groups have been silent about the connection. The study, authored by Jessica Dolle and other researchers at the Seattle-based Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, appeared in the April 2009 issue of *Cancer Epidemiology, Biomarkers and Prevention*. It shows a strong connection between the use of oral contraceptives and the deadly "triple-negative breast cancer." The study found that the connection was highest among women who began using oral contraceptives while they were teenagers.

"Although the study was published nine months ago, the National Cancer Institute, the American Cancer Society, Susan G. Komen for the Cure and other cancer fund-raising businesses have made no efforts to reduce breast cancer rates by issuing nationwide warnings to women," said Karen Malec, president of the Coalition on Abortion/Breast Cancer. "Obviously, more women will die of breast cancer if the NCI fails in its duty to warn about the risks of oral contraceptives and abortion and if government funds are used to pay for both as a part of any health-care bill," Malec said.

Breast cancer is the leading cancer in women and the most common cause of cancer death for U.S. women age 20 - 59. Yet, according to several cancer researchers, women are being denied information that could help prevent one of breast cancer's risk factors. The Dolle study showed that women who start using oral contraceptives before the age of 18 multiply their risk of triple-negative breast cancer by 3.7 times. Recent users of oral contraceptives within the last one to five years multiply their risk by 4.2 times. Furthermore, the study is noteworthy because

it contained an admission of the link between abortion and breast cancer by the National Cancer Institute, which, in 2003, had concluded that "induced abortion is not associated with an increase in breast cancer risk."

"The NCI website basically says that oral contraceptives are minimally risky, yet the paper found that the risk of TNBC increased by 150% for women under age 45 who had used oral contraceptives," said Dr. Chris Kahlenborn, an internist at Altoona Hospital in Pennsylvania.

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Additionally, the study showed a 40% risk increase for women who have had induced abortions. One of the study's tables listed abortion as a "known and suspected risk factor." Previously, the National Cancer Institute had said that abortion was not a credible risk factor. Kahlenborn explained the link. "At the beginning of pregnancy there are great increases in certain hormone levels (e.g. estrogen, progesterone, and hCG) that support pregnancy," Kahlenborn said. "In response to these changes, breast cells divide and mature into cells able to produce milk. Abortion causes an abrupt fall in hormone levels, leaving the breast cells in an immature state. These immature cells can more easily become cancer cells."

Joel Brind, professor of biology and endocrinology at Baruch College of the City University of New York, described both findings as a "bombshell." "This paper provides clear support for the existence of the abortion-breast cancer link," said Brind. The National Cancer Institute did not return the Register's calls and has released a "no comment" in response to the findings.

At least eight medical organizations recognize the link between abortion and breast cancer. They include the Catholic Medical Association, National Physicians Center for Family Resources, the

American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the Breast Cancer Prevention Institute, the Polycarp Research Institute, MaterCare International, and the Breast Care Center-EAMC. A 2006 meta-analysis of 39 studies, conducted by Kahlenborn and others, was published in the *Mayo Clinic Proceedings*. It found that 21 out of 23 retrospective studies showed a 44% increased risk of breast cancer in women who took oral contraceptives prior to their first pregnancy. All of that study's authors agreed that women should be told of the potential risk of premenopausal breast cancer prior to commencing oral contraceptive use. Kahlenborn noted that the National Cancer Institute website cites a 1996 Oxford pooled analysis to claim that contraceptives show little increased risk. "This analysis used older data and included older women," said Kahlenborn. "By ignoring the most recent and comprehensive meta-analysis, they are clearly citing out-dated data, and women are being denied information in this preventable risk factor." In 2005, the International Agency for Research on Cancer classified oral estrogen-progestogen contraceptives as carcinogenic to humans. Dr. James Cerhan, who works in the Division of Epidemiology at the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine, said that more research is necessary to provide more definitive evidence. He did, however, stress the need for close evaluation of oral contraceptive use before a first full-term pregnancy. Planned Parenthood has repeatedly stated that its position is that "abortion poses no demonstrated health risks." "The link between induced abortion and breast cancer is a theory whose principal promoters oppose abortion regardless of its safety," say Planned Parenthood Affiliates of New Jersey.

The Catholic Medical Association disagrees. In a resolution approved in 2003, the Catholic Medical Association stated, "Whereas 29 out of 38 worldwide epidemiological studies show an increased risk of breast cancer of approximately 30% among women who have had an abortion...be it resolved that the Catholic Medical Association endorses the passage of state legislation to require abortionists to inform all women of their future increased vulnerability to breast cancer."

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