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Seminarian Dan Tracy to discuss Blessed Solanus Casey on Sunday, April 15

Seminarian Dan Tracy attends St. Francis de Sales Seminary for the Diocese of Superior, Wisconsin. He is a native of the city of Superior, where the recently beatified, Blessed Solanus Casey, spent several years of his life. Tracy took a special interest in Casey's life after moving into St. Francis de Sales Seminary in August, 2017, and learning of Casey's time as a seminarian there. He and his brother seminarians also attended Casey's beatification in November, 2017.

Dan Tracy received a B.S. in Journalism and Psychology from Iowa State University in 2013, and an M.S. in Sport Administration From Ball State University in 2015. Leaving behind a career of sports journalism and high school football coaching, Tracy spent the next two years serving as a missionary with the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS), one of the fastest-growing apostolates in the Catholic Church. He served for two years as a missionary at St. John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota before entering the seminary this past fall. FOCUS, readers may recall, was a program initiated in the late 1990s by the then International CUF president, Curtis Martin and his friend, then Chairman of the CUF board, Scott Hahn. As the apostolate grew, Curtis eventually left CUF to work full-time with FOCUS. Come, and hear Dan Tracy discuss Solanus Casey!

"Solanus Casey: A Model of Divine Confidence and Charity"

WHERE: St. John the Evangelist Church Hall
8500 W. Cold Spring Road, Greenfield 53228
(Enter from North parking lot.)

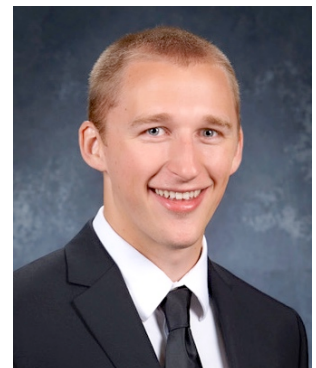
WHEN: Sunday, April 15

TIME: 2:00 p.m. - Program 1:45 p.m. ~ Rosary

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Mark your calendar for the Oct. 14 Msgr. Popek Dinner with Fr. John Belmonte, S.J.

Plan to come and help us honor Fr. John Belmonte, S.J. on Sunday, October 14, at the new "Four Points Sheraton" (located in the same building that was formerly "The Clarion Hotel," across from Mitchell Field on Howell Avenue, where this dinner was held for years). Fr. Belmonte currently serves as the Superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Joliet, Illinois, a position he has held since July 2010. Many of our members may have fond memories of Fr. Belmonte's years as Principal of Marquette University High School, from 2004 to 2010, during which time he directed the construction of the very beautiful chapel located on the first floor of the school. He grew up in suburban Chicago, and graduated from Marquette University in 1985 with a B.A. in History, after which he entered the Society of Jesus and was ordained in 1996. In 2013 he was elected to the National Catholic Education Association board, where he continues his dedication to faithful catechetical programs. Again, we thank Fr. Belmonte for so graciously accepting our invitation, and encourage everyone to save the date, and help us honor Fr. Belmonte's dedication to Christ's Church.

Chapter elections scheduled for April will be held at the meeting on May 20

The slate of officers is still being formed. Anyone who might be interested in being a candidate for any of the board positions, should contact the Nominations Committee Chairman, Larry Schmidt at 414-774-2824, or Al Szeus at 414-321-9377.

Plan to attend the "Spring Wine Fest" May 4 and support the St. Paul Center at UW

The Ninth Annual "Spring Wine Fest," to support the St. Paul Catholic Center on the campus at UW-Madison, will be held on Friday, May 4, at the **Monona Terrace and Convention Center**, One John Nolan Drive, Madison, 53703. Wine and beer tasting begins at 6:00 p.m. with dinner served at 6:45 p.m. The cost is \$75 per person, or \$280 for a group of four. Come and support **Fr. Eric Nielsen** and this beautiful, new Catholic Center that opened in Nov. Visit: UWCATHOLIC.ORG/SWF

Come and hear Hugh Owen present "Creationism and the Culture of Life" on May 1

Join Pro-Life Wisconsin in welcoming International Speaker, Hugh Owen, Director of the Kolbe Center for the Study of Creation, who will discuss "Creationism and the Culture of Life," on Tuesday, May 1, at 7:00 p.m. at the Milwaukee Marriott West, W231 N1600 Corporate Court, Waukesha, 53186. Hugh Owen is a convert, and son of Sir David Owen, a former Secretary General of International Planned Parenthood Federation. His presentation will deepen your faith in the wisdom of God, and in the perfect harmony between natural science and divine revelation, as we work to restore the **Culture of life** in the 21st Century. **The lecture is free and open to the public.** A goodwill offering, to offset expenses, will be accepted. For questions, contact Pro-Life Wisconsin at 262-796-1111.

Education Secretary, Betsy DeVos, wants education back with local authorities

According to an article in the March 4-17 edition of the **National Catholic Register**, "Betsy DeVos, the U.S. secretary of Education, is calling for a 'paradigm shift' and a 'fundamental reorientation' of the way Americans think of school and the federal government's role in the nation's educational system. 'Equal access to a quality education should be a right for every American, and every parent should have the right to choose how their child is educated. Government exists to protect those rights, not usurp them,' DeVos said in a Jan 16 speech to the American Enterprise Institute. DeVos characterized federal efforts over the last 20 years to improve learning - centered on the Obama-era Common Core program - and to hold public schools accountable through the George W. Bush era...as a pair of top-down bureaucratic failures..." (pp. 1 and 13)

Catechetical Corner: Why do Catholics offer the sign of peace?

During the Mass, we offer the Sign of Peace in preparation for receiving Communion. After his Resurrection, Jesus appeared to his disciples in the Upper Room. Although his friends had abandoned him, Jesus forgave them, saying: "Peace be with you." (John 20:19). When we offer each other the Sign of Peace, we imitate Christ. The Sign of Peace is also a sign of spiritual unity. Just as Jesus reconciled with his disciples, we are called to reconcile with each other. ("Growing in Faith," April, 2018, Success Publishing & Media, LLC)



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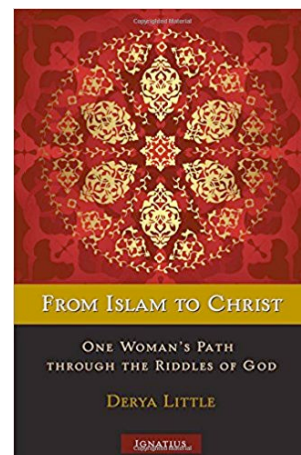
Book of the Month: *From Islam to Christ*

Author: By Derya Little

Publisher: Ignatius Press, 2017

"Born and raised in Muslim Turkey, Derya Little wandered far and wide in search of her true home. After her parents' divorce, she rejected her family's Islamic faith and became an atheist. During her stormy adolescence, she tried to convince a Christian missionary that there is no God but was converted to Christ instead. Her winding path through the riddles of God was not over, however. While attending a Turkish university and serving as a Christian youth minister, Derya began to compare the teachings of Protestantism and Catholicism, and during her doctoral studies in England, she joined the Catholic Church. Ultimately, she ended up in the United States, where she has become a citizen and has settled down to raise a family. Derya's story provides a window into both Islam and modernity. It shows that the grace and mercy of God know no bounds. Rather, the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ reaches souls in the most unlikely places."

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Trump Nominates New Pro-Life Secretary of State

By Austin Ruse

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(C-Fam) -- President Trump announced the morning of March 13 that Rex Tillerson is out as U.S. secretary of state and will be replaced by former Kansas Cong. Mike Pompeo who serves currently as director of Central Intelligence.

This will be considered good news by pro-life and pro-family advocates since Pompeo has a lengthy record in support of a right to life and in opposition to the homosexual agenda. It has never been clear what positions Rex Tillerson has on abortion and same-sex marriage, though he served on the board of directors of the Boy Scouts when the group began to allow out homosexual scout leaders.

As a congressman, Pompeo said he believed life begins at conception and ends at natural death. He co-sponsored the Sanctity of Human Life Act which said that "each human life begins with fertilization, cloning, or its functional equivalent, at which time every human has all legal and constitutional attributes and privileges of personhood."

Pompeo co-sponsored the Title X Abortion Provider Prohibition Act that called for the prohibition of federal funding to any group that performs abortions. Pompeo co-sponsored a bill that would have included the unborn child in 14th

Amendment protections. He voted to prohibit abortion information at school health centers. He voted to prohibit federal funding for Planned Parenthood and voted to defund the UN Population Fund. On the issue of LGBT, Pompeo has consistently supported the traditional understanding of marriage and has stood in opposition to the homosexual agenda. He opposed

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repeal of the Don't Ask Don't Tell policy that prevented open homosexuals from serving in the military. Pompeo supported the Defense of Marriage Act and decried its being struck down. On the *Obergefell* decision that imposed same-sex marriage on the country, Pompeo said, "Creating, out of nowhere, a federal right to marry, flies in the face of centuries of shared understanding of our Constitution. It is a shocking abuse of power. It is wrong. I will continue to fight to protect our most sacred institutions; Kansans and our nation deserve no less."

Pompeo has come under attack from the LGBT establishment for his strong views on human sexuality.

Pompeo said: "As a Kansan, I hold a deep reverence for the sanctity of life, the solidarity of family, and the solemnity of marriage. I will continue the fight to uphold these fundamental ideals each and every day. I am, and always will be pro-life and will defend life from conception to natural death. I will continue to oppose any taxpayer funding for abortion. I also fully support the traditional institution of marriage. Strong families are the most important building block of our Republic, and we must preserve them for the sake of our community and our culture."

The reason this is important to pro-lifers is that under the Democrats the U.S. became a font of radical social policy around the world and at the UN. The expectation is that Pompeo understands this and will put a stop to it.

Pompeo graduated first in his class at the United States Military Academy at West Point, and he took a degree from the Harvard Law School where he edited the *Law Review*. He came out of the very conservative Tea Party political movement and becomes the second prominent and socially conservative Kansan to take a top spot at the State Department. Former Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback now serves as U.S. ambassador for Religious Freedom.

THE SPRING-FALL-WINTER SCHEDULE:

- April 15** SOLANUS CASEY: A MODEL OF DIVINE CONFIDENCE AND RADICAL CHARITY, by Seminarian Dan Tracy (at St. John Church Hall)
- May 20** THE CRUSADES—THE TRUTH, by Dr. James (Duke) Pesta (at St. John Church Hall)
- September 16** MEET SAINT AUGUSTINE, by Dr. James (Duke) Pesta
- October 14** MSGR. POPEK AWARD DINNER----Recipient: Reverend John Belmonte, S.J.
- November 18** TO BE ANNOUNCED
- December 9** MSGR. POPEK BIRTHDAY/CHRISTMAS DINNER
- January 20** TO BE ANNOUNCED
- February 17** TO BE ANNOUNCED
- March 10** TO BE ANNOUNCED



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Hear Duke Pesta discuss
“The Crusades – The Truth”

Come and hear

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Milwaukee Archdiocese, for Diocese of Superior
discuss,
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