



Catholics United for the Faith

Affirming Authentic Catholicism in Milwaukee

St. Gregory VII Chapter
December, 2014

Plan to attend the annual Christmas/Birthday Dinner on Sunday, Dec. 14

Our annual "Christmas/Birthday" get-together is an extension of a custom that began as a celebration of Msgr. Alphonse Popek's December 9th birthday during the time he was the Spiritual Advisor of this Chapter. The tradition has continued since his death on December 16, 1986.

There will not be a formal address, or "speaker," but there will be a short time after dinner, for anyone who wishes, to share a fond memory of this holy priest who touched the lives of many during his generous service to Christ's Church. We will also hear a short "State of the Chapter" report from Al Szews.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR DINNER ON SUNDAY, DEC.14

WHERE: Meyer's Restaurant and Bar

(Cold Spring Road and Forest Home Avenue)

WHEN: Sunday, December 14

TIME: 4:30 p.m. - Cash Bar

5:30 p.m. - Dinner

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YOUR DINNER RESERVATION MUST BE POSTMARKED BY TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

If you plan to attend this dinner on December 14, please fill out the registration form and mail it by Dec. 9 to:

ANN TAUCHER
6235 Walnut Lane, Unit A12
Cudahy, WI 53110

Merry Christmas from your friends at Catholics United for the Faith. May Our Lord bring you much love, laughter, and many blessings during this Holy Season, and always.

NAME (please print): _____ DATE: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

Dinner includes: Chicken, Roast Beef, Salad, Mashed Potatoes/gravy, Sage Dressing, Vegetable, Cranberry Sauce, Bread, Dessert, and Coffee, tea or milk.

Number of dinners: ___ Dinner(s) @ \$20 per adult: \$ _____

___ Dinner(s) @ \$16 per student: \$ _____

___ and/or Chapter donation: \$ _____

Total enclosed: \$ _____

Make check payable to: "St. Gregory VII - CUF"

For questions, call Al Szews at 414-321-9377

The December, 2014, Prayer Intentions published by Pope Francis

During December, Pope Francis has asked that we pray for two intentions: 1) **Christmas, Hope for Humanity.** That the birth of the Redeemer may bring peace and hope to all people of good will, and 2) **Parents.** That parents may be true evangelizers, passing on to their children the precious gift of faith. For information, visit: apostleshipofprayer.org

Fr. Dennis Kleinmann to receive the 2015 Msgr. Alphonse S. Popek Award

Congratulations to Fr. Dennis Kleinmann, who has graciously accepted the Chapter's Twenty-seventh Annual Msgr. Alphonse S. Popek Award for the year 2015. This award is given every year to a priest who exhibits the same zeal for the priesthood, leadership of the laity, and loyalty to the Holy Father and the Magisterium as that shown by Msgr. Popek, who was a founder of this Chapter in 1978 and the Chapter's spiritual advisor until he died in 1986. Fr. Kleinmann, a priest of the Diocese of Arlington, Virginia, is the pastor of St. Mary's Church in Alexandria. Fr. Kleinmann is from the Beaver Dam area of Wisconsin, and when he entered the Arlington seminary, in the late 1980s, he was a faithful member of Catholics United for the Faith, and the secretary/treasurer of our St. Gregory VII Chapter. We thank Fr. Kleinmann for honoring the Chapter with his acceptance, and we look forward to welcoming him "home" on Oct. 11, 2015.

Increasingly popular "Gay and Straight in Christ" parish programs must be opposed

A 10-19-14 *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* article announced that three more parishes, St. Mary's in Hales Corners, Our Lady of Lourdes, and St. Joseph's in Grafton have implemented a GLBT outreach, apparently modeled after a program at Good Shepherd Parish. This is unfortunate, and these programs must be opposed. According to the article, the group at St. Mary's "read about" Sr. Jeannine Gramick, even though she has been "permanently prohibited" by the Vatican from "any pastoral work" with homosexual persons. Instead of simply affirming these participants in their perceived sexual orientation, our parishes should offer the "Courage" program, created by Fr. John Harvey, for Catholics with same-sex attraction.

A reminder to check with WISN for a meeting cancellation in bad weather

To determine if a CUF meeting has been canceled due to snow or bad weather, go to www.wisn.com or WISN TV12. A cancellation would be made, most likely, on the morning of the event. For questions, call Al Szews at 414-321-9377.

"Catechetical Corner"

Question: What is meant by the Cardinal virtue of Fortitude, which can also be called courage?

Answer: Fortitude is the moral virtue by which we resist temptations and overcome obstacles. A person with fortitude will even be able to sacrifice his or her own life, in defense of a just cause. A courageous person will face what is necessary in life.

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Book of the Month: *Reclaiming Catholic Social Teaching*

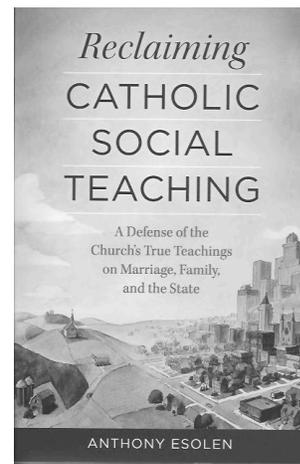
Author: By Anthony Esolen

Publisher: Sophia Institute Press, 2014

"Many claim that Catholic social teaching implies the existence of a vast welfare state. In these pages, Anthony Esolen pulls back the curtain on these false philosophers, showing how they've undermined the authentic social teachings of the Church in order to neutralize the biggest threat to their plans for secularization - the Catholic Church.

"With the voluminous writings of Pope Leo XIII as his guide, Esolen explains that Catholic social teaching isn't focused exclusively on serving the poor. Indeed, it offers us a rich treasure of insights about the nature of man, his eternal destiny, the sanctity of marriage, and the important role of the family in building a coherent and harmonious society. Catholic social teaching, explained Pope Leo, offers a unified worldview."

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.



“Abolish the CCHD”

by Rey Flores

The Wanderer

November 20, 2014, p. 1

Heads up, folks! Once again that old turkey known as the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is descending upon us, reaching into our pockets to help fortify Saul Alinsky’s disciples across the land.

The collection baskets will be passed around a second time asking us to support a variety of organizations that claim to be helping the poor in all sorts of ways. In some parishes, you may even be treated to a guest speaker at Mass who is trained to tug at your heartstrings with one hand, while reaching for your wallet with the other.

No matter how many times many people have investigated, reported, and written countless articles about this campaign, many continue to support it, trusting that the bishops have finally learned their lesson. I’m afraid to say that this is not the case and perhaps never will be. Not as long as we have so many pastors out across the land who are more community organizers than priests.

If your cup of tea is to support leftists in the ghettos and barrios of America, by all means dump your hard-earned cash into this losing proposition.

Yes, the CCHD is a dream come true for those Catholic brethren of ours who drive around with Obama bumper stickers on their cars and National Public Radio on their radio dial.

Are there any good programs that the CCHD helps? The answer is yes, but the bad organizations far outweigh the good ones. For every good worker rights program that might actually help low-wage work-

ers recover unpaid wages from an abusive employer, there are more that are out there taking your CCHD donations to register Democratic Party voters. Make no mistake about it and don’t listen to a word any of the do-gooder social justice flunkies tell you. The CCHD is a rotten apple in the USCCB barrel that is run by people who seem to have little interest in ever changing the way it conducts its operations.

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This is all about money and the community organizations that have been on the CCHD dole for decades are not about to let that money go. This past year, United Power for Action and Justice received a \$20,000 grant from CCHD in Chicago. United Power for Action and Justice is busy on a rabid anti-gun campaign that misses its target by a mile.

I have said it before and I’ll say it again, the reason why there are so many shootings in Chicago is not because we have a gun problem, but rather a sin problem!

Instead of these do-gooder priests rabble-rousing on the streets, they should be in a confessional every day, teaching the souls they are in charge of about

why their lives are riddled with bullets, violence and despair. I have had a recurring conversation with several colleagues of mine about the CCHD and other troublesome programs like Catholic Relief Services (CRS) as well. Just how many times can we write about this problem before people get it?

Some people just don’t care either way and continue to give to these campaigns despite whatever many of us have exposed about these programs. The real problem is that some people are complicit with these activities and will do absolutely nothing to change things.

If anything, they will dig their heels even deeper into the ground in their determination to keep fleecing the Church to pay for their immoral and wrongheaded activities. Saul Alinsky would be proud.

It is high time we cleaned house and threw the leftist agitators out of our parishes and dioceses! Nothing less than a complete abolishment of the CCHD will do.

Please share this information with as many people as possible. I encourage you to print or cut this article out, make copies, and get the copies to your friends.

Say no to the CCHD!

Rey Flores is a Catholic writer and speaker.

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Editor’s note: In the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, the CCHD collection occurs in June.

THE FALL-WINTER-SPRING SCHEDULE:

- December 14** **MSGR. POPEK BIRTHDAY/CHRISTMAS DINNER (at Meyer's Restaurant)**
- January 18** **C.S. LEWIS and FAITH LESSONS for an INCREASINGLY FAITHLESS WORLD, by Dr. Pesta (at St. John Church Hall)**
- February 15** **AFTERNOON OF RECOLLECTION, by Fr. James Kubicki, S.J. (at Sacred Heart Church)**
- March 15** **TO BE ANNOUNCED**
- April 19** **TO BE ANNOUNCED**
- May 17** **TO BE ANNOUNCED**
- September 20** **TO BE ANNOUNCED**
- October 11** **MSGR. POPEK AWARD DINNER----Recipient: Rev. Fr. Dennis Kleinmann**
- November 15** **TO BE ANNOUNCED**



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Join us January 18 to hear Dr. Duke Pesta discuss C.S. Lewis and Faith Lessons

Come and bring a friend to the

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Christmas/Birthday Dinner**

Sunday, December 14
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