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On Feb. 16, Anthony LoCoco will discuss "The Equality Act," pending in the U.S. Senate

Attorney Anthony LoCoco is a graduate of Harvard Law School and holds a B.A., *summa cum laude*, in economics from the University of Dallas. He served as law clerk to the Honorable Annette Kingsland Ziegler, of the Wisconsin Supreme Court, for two terms and then worked as a business lawyer at Foley & Lardner LLP in Milwaukee. He is currently Deputy Counsel at the Wisconsin Institute for Law & Liberty, and will explain the problems with the "Equality Act."

"The Equality Act," a federal bill which passed the U.S. House of Representatives in May of last year and is now pending in the U.S. Senate, poses a substantial threat to religious liberty and free expression in America. The bill adds sexual orientation and gender identity as protected characteristics to federal civil rights laws, and leaves no room for accommodation of those with differing religious or philosophical beliefs. **The Act would seriously infringe upon constitutional rights in countless areas of American society** where views on sexual orientation and gender identity are varied, including employment, education, adoption, and healthcare, to name just a few." He resides in Brookfield with his wife, son and daughter. **Come, and bring a friend, to hear Attorney Anthony LoCoco discuss:**

"The Equality Act: Putting the Name to the Test"

WHERE: St. John the Evangelist Parish Hall

8500 W. Cold Spring Road (Enter north side door #13.)

Greenfield, WI 53228

WHEN: Sunday, February 16

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

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Gerhard Cardinal Mueller spoke at FOCUS Student Leadership Summit on Jan. 1

Gerhard Cardinal Mueller, former prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, spoke at the 2020 Student Leadership Summit, hosted by the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS), on January 1 in Phoenix, Arizona. According to an article in the January 9, 2020 issue of *The Wanderer*, Cardinal Mueller told the thousands of students gathered in Phoenix that, **"The crisis in the Church is man-made and has arisen because we have cozily adapted ourselves to the spirit of a life without God...The poison paralyzing the Church is the opinion that we should adapt to the Zeitgeist, the spirit of the age, and not the spirit of God, that we should relativize God's Commandments and reinterpret the doctrine of the revealed faith...He cautioned that even a number of people in the Church are 'longing' for a kind of Catholicism without dogmas, without sacraments, and without an infallible Magisterium."**

In his homily at the **Jan. 1 Mass for the Solemnity of Mary**, he reminded the students that, "The one who hopes will not reach for drugs. The one who loves is not after the lust of this world...[and] **the one who loves God and his neighbor finds happiness in the sacrifice of self-giving.** We will be happy and free when in the spirit of love we embrace the form of life to which God has called each one of us personally: in the Sacrament of Marriage, in celibate priesthood, or in religious life according to the three evangelical counsels of poverty, obedience and chastity...The antidote to secularization within the Church is a life of faith, lived in the enduring truth of Christ. **God, who is eternal cannot be changed by the whims of society...[Jesus Christ] is 'the way, the truth and the Life,' in person."**

(FOCUS missionaries are active in the Newman Centers at UW-Madison, UW-Platteville, UW-LaCrosse, and UW-Oshkosh.)

Have you heard?

A former Chapter Board member, Jerry Pokorsky, was one of the three founders of *Adoremus Bulletin* when it was first published twenty-five years ago! The other two were Fr. Joseph Fessio, S.J. (founder of Ignatius Press), and Helen Hull Hitchcock (wife of Church historian, Dr. James Hitchcock). In 1984, Jerry was elected Chapter president, and Al Szews was elected vice-president – believing that Jerry would continue as the Chapter president. But a couple months after the May election, Jerry announced he was off to the seminary – and Al became president. Years later, in November of 1995, the first 8-page issue of *Adoremus Bulletin, For the Renewal of the Sacred Liturgy*, was published. Although Helen died in 2014, she, along with Fr. Fessio, S.J., and Fr. Pokorsky, are still identified as the “Executive Committee” in the current 12-page edition. Originally published as a quarterly, it is now published every two months. Visit: adoremusbulletin.com

Plan to Attend Women's Support Center's "Celebrate Life! Banquet" on Feb. 22

The 9th annual “Celebrate Life! Banquet,” sponsored by the Women’s Support Center, will be held on Saturday, Feb. 22, 2020 at the Ingleside Hotel, 2810 Golf Road in Pewaukee, WI 53072. The Cocktail Hour will begin at 5:00 p.m. with dinner at 6:15 p.m. Cost is \$60/person, and/or \$550 for a table of 10. Priests and Religious are Free. The Keynote speaker is Stephanie Gray, who has given over 900 pro-life presentations around the world, and has given hundreds of media interviews. Please register by Feb. 12 at 414-934-8888, or online at <http://www.wscmil.org/events/>

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Catechetical question: Why do Catholic Bibles have more books than Protestant Bibles?

Answer: When Martin Luther translated the Bible into German, he chose to leave out the Old Testament books that were not originally written in Hebrew: Tobit, Judith, Wisdom, Sirach, Baruch, 1 and 2 Maccabees and parts of Esther and Daniel. However, the Catholic Church, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, confirmed that the books are divinely inspired and chose to keep them. (CCC #120) *The Council of Trent* (1545-1563) affirmed the current composition of the Bible.



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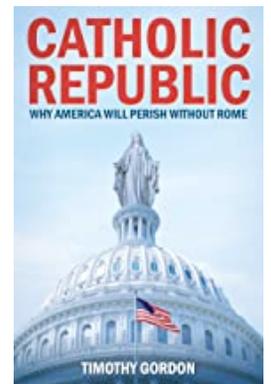
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Book of the Month: “Catholic Republic”

Author: Timothy Gordon

Publisher: Sophia Institute Press, 2019

“Philosopher Timothy Gordon explains here that while anti-Catholic bias kept America’s founders from admitting their reliance on Aquinas and the early Jesuits, our Protestant and Enlightenment Founding Fathers secretly held Catholic views about politics and nature. Had they fully adhered to Catholic principles, argues Gordon, the ‘Catholic republic’ that is America from its birth would not today be on the verge of social collapse. The instinctive Catholicism of our founders would have prevented the cancerous growth of the state, our subsequent loss of liberties, the destruction of families, abortion on demand, the death of free markets, and the horrors of today’s pervasive pagan culture. In *Catholic Republic*, Gordon recounts our nation’s clandestine history of publicly repudiating, yet privately relying on, Catholic ideas about politics and nature. At this late hour, America still can be saved, claims Gordon, if only we soon return to the Catholic principles that are the indispensable foundation of all successful republics.”



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“Vigano comes out of hiding to protest German Bishops’ ‘synodal path’ of destruction”

In first public appearance since McCarrick report in 2018, Archbishop Vigano participates at Munich prayer event

LifeSiteNews, January 18, 2020, by Maike Hickson

January 18, 2020, (LifeSiteNews) In his first public appearance since going into hiding over a year ago, Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano joined other prominent Catholics in Munich today in prayer and protest against the German Episcopal Conference and its President Cardinal Marx. The Vatican whistleblower joined Catholic laity to oppose the German prelates’ plan to embark on a “synodal path” that critics say would create a “new church” that departs from Catholic teaching on priestly celibacy, contraception, homosexuality, and fornication. Vigano had gone into hiding after he published on August 25, 2018, his McCarrick report accusing Pope Francis of ignoring Pope Benedict XVI’s earlier restrictions on then-Cardinal Theodore McCarrick on account of McCarrick’s preying upon and abuse of seminarians. Vigano said that Francis should resign.

Pope Francis abolished the pontifical secret with regard to sex abuse cases in December 2019. He issued a decree according to which the pontifical secret binding Church officials to confidentiality in specific matters, “does not apply to accusations, trials and decisions” concerning sexual abuse of adults, minors and vulnerable persons, and the production, possession and distribution of pornography (cf. Vos estis lux mundi, art. 1). This will enable a person who files an accusation of sexual abuse, for example, as well as “the person who alleges to have been harmed and the witnesses shall not be bound by any obligation of silence with regard to matters involving the case.” It is perhaps in light of this new decree that Archbishop Vigano feels less restrained

in appearing in public. In any event, he continuously raised his voice with regard to important moral and doctrinal aspects of the current Church crisis, such as the clerical sex abuse crisis, some problematic developments during and since the Second Vatican Council, the important role of the Blessed Virgin Mary, as well as the recent 6-27 October 2019 Amazon Synod in Rome.

Catholic laity protest Cardinal Marx, call him to repent for leading German church down schismatic ‘synodal path:’

“They came to Munich, the place of residence of Cardinal Reinhard Marx, in order to protest the German bishops’ ‘Synodal Path’ whose first assembly is to take place at the end of January.”

An international coalition of lay Catholic faithful, the *Acies Ordinata*, met in Munich today in order to pray in silence, in “firm protest against the German Episcopal Conference and its President.” About 100 Catholics stood quietly for an hour in prayer in front of the Theatinerkirche at the center of Munich. Among the participants were Professor Roberto de Mattei, **John-Henry-Westen**, Alexander Tschugguel – who is known for having removed the Pachamama statues – as well as Michael Matt from the Catholic newspaper, *The Remnant*. As the organizers of this event explain in a press release, they came to Munich, the place of residence of Cardinal Reinhard Marx, in order to protest the German bishops’ “Synodal Path” whose first assembly is to take place at the end of January. They explain that “the German Bishops, after promoting the Synod on the Amazon, ideologically and financially, today con-

stitute the most advanced place of the Revolution in the Church.” Under the guidance of Cardinal Marx, who is the President of the German Bishops’ Conference, the German bishops are undermining binding Church teaching with regard to such important matters as priestly celibacy, female ordination, contraception, cohabitation, homosexuality, and gender theory. The German bishops had agreed upon this synodal path at their spring assembly in 2019, and there are so far only two German bishops – Bishop Rudolf Voderholzer of Regensburg and Cardinal Rainer Woelki of Cologne – who warn against this process which might very well, in the words of Bishop Voderholzer, lead to a “path of destruction.”

At a press conference today, six speakers and participants of the Munich prayers assembly discussed and criticized different aspects of this synodal path, for example their idea of promoting women in the Church (Jeanne Smits); parallels in German history where German Catholics were pressured to adapt to the spirit of the times (Michael Matt); the danger of the Church’s becoming an NGO (Alexander Tshugguel); legal problems of the synodal path (Jose Antonio Ureta); Cardinal Marx’s personal encouragement of homosexual and other immoral acts (John-Henry Westen); as well as the call upon German Catholics to stop paying the obligatory Church tax (Professor de Mattei). The full texts of their speeches can be found at:

<https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/catholic-laityprotest-cdl-marx-call-him-to-repent-for-leading-german-church-down-schismatic-synodal-path>

THE WINTER – SPRING - FALL SCHEDULE:

- January 19 **NO MEETING**
- February 16 **THE EQUALITY ACT: PUTTING THE NAME TO THE TEST, by Attorney Anthony LoCocco (at St. John Church hall)**
- March 15 **AFTERNOON OF RECOLLECTION, by Fr. James Kubicki, S.J. (at Sacred Heart Church)**
- April 19 **CREATION vs. EVOLUTION, by Hugh Owen (at St. John Church hall)**
- May 17 **TO BE ANNOUNCED**
- September 13 **TO BE ANNOUNCED**
- October 18 **MSGR. POPEK AWARD DINNER---Recipient: Bishop Thomas Paprocki**
- November 15 **TO BE ANNOUNCED**
- December 13 **MSGR. POPEK BIRTHDAY/CHRISTMAS LUNCH**



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Afternoon of Recollection

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**Attorney Anthony LoCoco
discuss**

**“The Equality Act:
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