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ERIC SZATKOWSKI WILL ADDRESS INTERNET DANGERS ON JAN. 16

ERIC SZATKOWSKI has been a Special Agent with the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation, since 1991. He is currently assigned to the state's Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force in Milwaukee. Since 1999, Eric has become one of the nation's leading officers in apprehending sexual predators who use the Internet to seduce or exploit children. He has been responsible for the arrest of approximately 150 men from Wisconsin and around the nation, most of whom have traveled various distances, to meet what they believe to be an underage boy or girl. Some of Eric's cases have been featured in major media outlets, including "Cold Case Files," *People Magazine*, and "MSNBC Investigates."

Eric's dynamic presentations have been seen by more than 170,000 people in Wisconsin and the U.S. Audiences include police officers, prosecutors, child welfare advocates, correctional and social workers, civic groups, business professionals, doctors, parents, and middle and high school students. His interviews, regarding Internet predators, have appeared on national television programs, local radio and television stations across the Midwest, and in countless newspapers. Eric also appeared on "Living Our Faith" with our (then) bishop, Most Rev. Timothy Dolan. In addition, Eric was heard this past June on *Relevant Radio* (100.1 FM) in a long interview with *Drew Mariani*.

Due to the content, this meeting will be limited to **ADULTS ONLY**. Come and bring a friend (especially if you missed Eric last year) to hear him discuss:

**"THE DARK SIDE OF DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY:
INTERNET, CELL PHONES AND SOCIAL MEDIA"**

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2322 South 106th Street (106th ST. and Lincoln Ave.) go to "GYM/HALL"

WHEN: Sunday, January 16

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

PLAN TO ATTEND PRO-LIFE WISCONSIN'S 2011 ROE V. WADE "RALLY FOR LIFE" JAN. 15

This 2011 "Rally for Life" will be held at Three Holy Women Church - St. Rita's Campus - 1601 N. Cass Street in Milwaukee. It will begin with a Rosary at 8:10, followed by an 8:30 a.m. Mass, celebrated by **Fr. James Kubicki, S.J.** After Mass there will be prayer and witness at the Affiliated abortion center. A Potluck continental breakfast will be held at St. Rita's at 10:30 a.m. If you plan to attend, please bring a dish of treats to pass. For more information, call **Pro-Life Wisconsin** at 262-796-1111, or toll free at 877-463-7945.

2011 WOMEN OF CHRIST CONFERENCE TO BE HELD JANUARY 29 IN WEST BEND

The third annual "Women of Christ Conference" will be held on **Saturday, January 29** at Fair Park and Ziegler Pavilions in West Bend. Women are invited to recognize their baptismal call by God to holiness. The conference theme is "Healing Through the Hope of Jesus." There will be an opportunity for confession and Eucharist Adoration, and guest speakers will be heard throughout the day. Lunch will be provided. Mass will be celebrated at 4:00 p.m. with Archbishop Jerome ListECKI presiding. To register, or receive more information, visit www.WomenOfChrist.net, or call 262-337-3413.

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POPE ISSUES POST-SYNODAL APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION, "VERBUM DOMINI," NOV. 11

On Nov. 11 Pope Benedict released the post-synodal apostolic exhortation, *Verbum Domini* (the Word of the Lord), the most important Church document devoted to sacred Scripture since the Second Vatican Council's Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation (*Dei Verbum*) in 1965. *Verbum Domini* follows the 12th ordinary general assembly of the Synod of Bishops, which took place in 2008 and was devoted to "The Word of God in the Life and the Mission of the Church." Although released on Nov. 11, *Verbum Domini* was dated Sept. 30, the feast of St. Jerome.

Well-known Catholic educator, Dr. Scott Hahn, explains in his Jan., 2011 *St. Paul Center Newsletter*, that *Verbum Domini* was his biggest Christmas present! He said, "I devoured it at once. And the more I read, the more excited I was to read more." According to Hahn, The Word of God is Pope Benedict's highest priority, as he recently set it out for the world's bishops: "Leading men and women to...the God who speaks in the Bible: this is the supreme and fundamental priority of the Church and of the Successor of Peter at the present time."

Verbum Domini is divided into three main parts: Part One - *Verbum Dei*, The God who speaks; Part Two - *Verbum in Ecclesia*, The Word of God and the Church; and Part Three - *Verbum Mundo*, The Church's Mission to Proclaim the Word of God to the World. (The complete English translation of this Apostolic Exhortation is accessible on the *Adoremus Bulletin* web site: <http://www.adoremus.org/BXVI-VerbumDomini.html>)

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW USCCB PRESIDENT, ARCHBISHOP TIMOTHY DOLAN

According to the December 5-18 issue of the *National Catholic Register*, the election of Archbishop Timothy Dolan over vice-president Bishop Gerald Kicanas, was "a historic upset." In a front page article titled, "Bishops' Baltimore Bombshell," reporter Tim Drake explains that: "Previously, since the conference's creation in 1966, no sitting vice-president who had run for the presidency had ever been defeated...The unexpected upset drew a variety of responses. Some described it as the Church's 'tea party,' while others called it a 'sea change.'" Bishop Robert Vasa, of Baker, Ore., said that "while it was rare for the bishops to break with precedent he was 'pleased with the results.'" According to Tom Roeser, writing in the Nov. 25 edition of *The Wanderer*, "a warm statement of endorsement" from the militant homosexual advocacy organization "Rainbow Sash," suggesting that Bishop Kicanas be elected "because he is susceptible to a change of mind on same-sex marriage and abortion...unintentionally detonated Bishop Kicanas' candidacy." Roeser explains that Bishop Kicanas figured prominently "as rector of St. Mary of the Lake Seminary, Mundelein, in a national scandal involving a pedophile priest who was arrested and is now serving a five-year term for violating a male youth." Kicanas had approved ordination of the "pedophile priest," despite "allegations of consensual sexual misconduct" by the priest when he was still in the seminary.

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Book of the Month: "Christ In His Fullness"

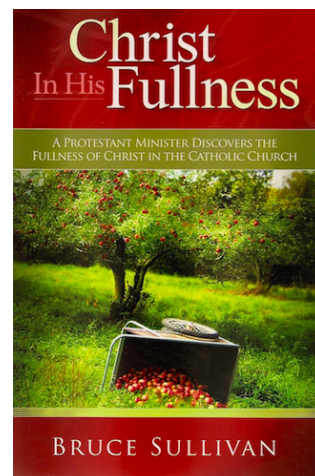
Author: Bruce Sullivan

Publisher: CHResources, 2007

"With *Christ in His Fullness*, Bruce Sullivan reinforces my long-standing conviction that such gifted converts are truly instruments of the Holy Spirit, breathing new life into the Catholic Church in America by effectively communicating their passionate love for Christ and their intensely enthusiastic appreciation for the inexhaustible treasures of grace and timeless truth they have discovered within His Mystical Body. *Christ in His Fullness* is not just another conversion story. It is a roadmap for those who sincerely seek the Apostolic Faith in its totality, and a resounding reveille for cradle Catholics who have taken our precious faith for granted for far too long."

Fr. William Casey, C.P.M.
Fathers of Mercy

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"Catholic Hospitals vs. the Bishops"

***The Wall Street Journal*, December 31, 2010, p.A9**

"Houses of Worship," by Anne Hendershott

The severing of ties last week between the Catholic Church and St. Joseph's Hospital in Phoenix, Ariz., is the latest example of the fraying relationship between the bishops and Catholic hospital administrators. In recent years, some Catholic hospitals have taken greater liberties, authorizing abortions and sterilization procedures that the church strictly prohibits. Earlier this year, for instance, Rev. Robert Vasa, bishop of the Diocese of Baker, Ore., ended the church's sponsorship of St. Charles Medical Center in Bend over the hospital's performance of tubal ligations.

But the Phoenix case breaks new ground. In explaining his decision, Rev. Thomas Olmsted, bishop of the Phoenix Diocese, was the first to explicitly point to the role played by Catholic theologians in providing theological cover for "a litany of practices in direct conflict with Catholic teachings."

The break began more than a year ago, when a Catholic nun and long-time administrator of St. Joseph's Hospital gave permission for doctors to perform an abortion. She claimed the pregnancy was terminated to save the life of the mother. Sister Margaret McBride's decision drew sharp criticism from Bishop Olmsted. After excommunicating Sister McBride, the head of the diocese then turned his attention to the role of the hospital itself.

In a Nov. 22 letter to Lloyd H. Dean, president of Catholic Healthcare West, the hospital's parent company, Bishop Olmsted wrote that he would be moving to revoke the Catholic status of the hospital unless certain conditions were met by hospital administrators. Among other things, the bishop demanded that hospital officials acknowledge in writing that

the abortion performed was a violation of Catholic directives for healthcare institutions. But hospital officials have defied the bishop and refused to meet his conditions. Rather than acknowledge that an illicit abortion had been performed at his hospital, Mr. Dean attempted to support Sister McBride's decision by pointing out that "many knowledgeable moral theologians have

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reviewed this case and reached a range of conclusions." In a July 6 letter to Bishop Olmsted, Mr. Dean asserted that "this is a complex matter on which the best minds disagree." Citing the opinion of Marquette University Professor M. Therese Lysaught on the permissibility of the abortion performed at St. Joseph's, Mr. Dean appeared to suggest that the teaching authority of the Phoenix Bishop was just one more "opinion" on a "complex matter."

This case points to the real problem in the church. For too long, the authority of bishops has been limited to issuing mere opinions. This is especially true at Catholic colleges and universities, where bishops have little affect [sic] on the culture and curriculum.

In the recent health-care debate, it was these same Catholic theologians who joined Sister Carol Keehan, head of the Catholic Health Association, to defy the bishops over the legislation in Congress. Cardinal Francis George, president of the United

States Conference of Catholic Bishops, criticized Sister Keehan and her organization for supporting a bill that did not contain provisions to protect life. President Obama was so grateful for Sister Keehan's help in shepherding the bill through Congress that he awarded her one of the 20 pens used in the law's signing ceremony at the White House.

Many theologians, like Prof. Nicholas Healy of St. John's University in New York, write that theologians comprise "an alternative magisterium" to the teaching authority of the bishops. And in cases like the one at St. Joseph's, the alternative magisterium often trumps the true Magisterium of the church. Catholic colleges and hospital administrators now "shop" for theologians who will support their decisions.

Bishop Olmsted has refused to allow this to continue. In his letter responding to Mr. Dean, the bishop wrote: "You have only provided opinions of ethicists that agree with your own opinion and disagree with mine."

Concluding that "there can be no tie so to speak in this debate," Bishop Olmsted said, "it is my duty as the chief shepherd in the diocese to interpret whether the actions at St. Joseph's meet the criteria of fulfilling the parameters of the moral law as seen in the Ethical and Religious Directives."

For faithful Catholics, there is relief that the tie between the theologians, the administrators and the bishops seems finally to have been broken. But there remains a sadness that yet another Catholic institution has been lost.

Ms. Hendershott is professor of urban studies at the King's College in New York City. She is the author of "Status Envy: The Politics of Catholic Higher Education" (Transaction Books, 2009).

THE 2010-2011 SCHEDULE of EVENTS:

- January 16** **THE DARK SIDE OF DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY: INTERNET, CELL PHONES AND SOCIAL MEDIA, by Eric Szatkowski** (at Mary Queen of Heaven)
- February 20** **ADDRESSING HISTORICAL ISSUES – THE CRUSADES, by David Archibald**
(at Blessed Sacrament)
- March 13** **AFTERNOON OF RECOLLECTION, by Fr. James Kubicki, S.J.** (at Sacred Heart)
- April 17** **PRAYING WITH THE FATHERS, by Fr. Cliff Ermatinger** (at Sacred Heart)
- May 15** **to be announced** (at Blessed Sacrament)
- October 9 (2011)** **MSGR. POPEK AWARD DINNER, Fr. Joseph L. Cunningham, Recipient**



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