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Dr. Duke Pesta to discuss "C.S. Lewis and Faith in a Faithless World" on Jan. 18

Dr. Pesta is a professor of English at the University of Wisconsin in Oshkosh. He was raised in Catholic schools, and also taught for some time in a Catholic High School. He received his M.A. in Renaissance literature from John Carroll University, and his Ph.D. in Shakespeare and Renaissance literature from Purdue University. He has taught courses on Shakespeare, Renaissance literature, the Bible, Russian literature, Christian Apologetics, and C.S. Lewis.

Dr. Pesta has pointed out on occasion that he is the only English literature professor at UW-Oshkosh who teaches "Shakespeare and C. S. Lewis." According to a 4-13-14 article in the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, "Pesta is engaging and popular; his students at UW-Oshkosh say you can give him the opening line of any section of a Shakespeare play and he can recite the next 10 lines." The article also quotes a student from Stoughton who insists that Dr. Pesta is "easily in the top five professors I've had, and I've been here [UW-Oshkosh] five years...I think the way he teaches is quite brilliant."

In addition, Dr. Pesta is the academic director of Freedom Project Education, an online home school curriculum, rooted in Judeo-Christian values. Please come and bring a friend to hear Dr. Duke Pesta discuss:

"C.S. Lewis and Faith Lessons in an Increasingly Faithless World"

WHERE: St. John the Evangelist Church Hall

(Enter from north parking lot.)

WHEN: Sunday, January 18

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

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Although most Catholics are familiar with the prayer to "St. Michael the Archangel," many may not realize that the prayer was composed in 1898 by Pope Leo XIII. The introduction to the original, long version of the prayer, on page 3, explains how this came about in the life of Pope Leo. The well-known "short version" is also on page 3, following the original, long version. The Pope eventually ordered the short version of the "Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel" to be recited daily, after Low Mass, in all the churches throughout the Catholic world. However, this practice was almost completely swept away in the 1960s by liturgical changes made in the wake of Vatican Council II. Looking at the very anti-Christian culture of death, in which we live, it would certainly be appropriate to encourage our pastors, and bishops, to reinstate this practice of saying the short version of the "Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel" after every Mass.

Check out the new, stronger Relevant Radio Station at 1640 AM

Until recently, many of our readers could only enjoy Relevant Radio, on 101.1 FM, while driving in the car. This is a reminder that Relevant Radio now has a station with a stronger signal, 1640 AM, that can easily be heard by those in the greater Milwaukee area who would like to listen - maybe in the kitchen!! This is a great gift, and answer to prayer, that will most certainly expand the voice of Catholic radio. Do tell your friends!

The January, 2015, Prayer Intentions published by Pope Francis

During January, Pope Francis has asked that we pray for two intentions: 1) **Peace**. That those from diverse religious traditions and all people of good will may work together for peace, and 2) **Consecrated Life**. That in this year dedicated to consecrated life, religious men and women may rediscover the joy of following Christ and strive to serve the poor with zeal. For information, visit: apostleshipofprayer.org

Congratulations to Most Rev. Donald Hying, the new Bishop of Gary, Indiana

It is with great pleasure that we extend our sincere congratulations to Most Rev. Donald Hying, the newly installed Bishop of Gary, Indiana. While we are sad to see him leave Milwaukee, we are sure his new friends in Gary will find him to be a wonderful blessing. His appointment as Bishop of Gary will be a great blessing to the Church, both in this country and worldwide. We again thank Bishop Hying for honoring our Chapter by accepting the Msgr. Popek Award in 2013. Realizing he would eventually be given his own diocese, we wanted to honor him while he was still here - a great example of "forward-thinking." We are glad he is still "in the area," and send our prayers and best wishes for his every success in Gary.

Interesting testimony against high school "gay/straight" outreach programs

In the December, 2014 Newsletter, we were critical of an announcement that three more Catholic parishes were offering a parish based "Gay and Straight in Christ," GLBT outreach program. Interestingly, on page 133 of *Breaking Through* (2012), edited by Helen Alvarez, a teenager who was suffering from **Same-Sex-Attraction** and decided to reject those feelings, stated that this decision was strengthened by, "...the development of new friendships that prompted me to be more outgoing, and the fact that there were no gay activist student groups in my high school allowed me to be free from SSA by the age of eighteen." (Emphasis added) Again, confirming young people in their "perceived" SSA is wrong, and can be very harmful.

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 Temperance?

Answer: Temperance is the moral virtue by which we moderate our desire for pleasurable goods. Temperance helps us control our enjoyment of sensual pleasures. A temperate person moderates the sexual drive, and does not eat or drink too much. Bill Donohue, in *Why Catholicism Matters* explains that "abstinence, chastity, and modesty are known as the three subordinate virtues of temperance." He adds that, without temperance, "individuals self-destruct, and so may society." p.220

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Book of the Month: "Abandoned"

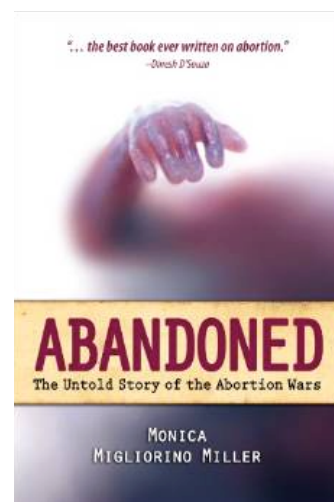
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Publisher: St. Benedict Press, 2012

"*Abandoned* is the profound, breathtaking, and often daring journey of one woman, but it is much more than that. It is a history of the Pro-Life movement since Roe vs. Wade, a suspenseful, true-life tale of life and death, an insightful look into the unique and terrible horror of abortion, and a plea for the protection of the most helpless and innocent members of the human family."

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“Original Prayer to St Michael the Archangel”

by Pope Leo XIII

Roman Raccolta, July 23, 1898, supplement approved July 31, 1902

London: Burnes, Oates & Washbourne Ltd., 1935, 12th edition

One day, after celebrating Mass, the aged Pope Leo XIII was in conference with the Cardinals when suddenly he sank to the floor in a deep swoon. Physicians who hastened to his side could find no trace of his pulse and feared that he had expired. However, after a short interval the Holy Father regained consciousness and exclaimed with great emotion: “Oh, what a horrible picture I have been permitted to see!” He had been shown a vision of evil spirits who had been released from Hell and their efforts to destroy the Church. But in the midst of the horror the archangel St. Michael appeared and cast Satan and his legions into the abyss of hell. Soon afterwards Pope Leo XIII composed the following prayer to St. Michael, which is the original version:

“O Glorious Prince of the heavenly host, St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in the battle and in the terrible warfare that we are waging against the principalities and powers, against the rulers of this world of darkness, against the evil spirits. Come to the aid of man, whom Almighty God created immortal, made in His own image and likeness, and redeemed at a great price from the tyranny of Satan.

“Fight this day the battle of the Lord, together with the holy angels, as already thou hast fought the leader of the proud angels, Lucifer, and his apostate host, who were powerless to resist thee, nor was there place for them any longer in Heaven. That cruel, ancient serpent, who is called the devil or Satan who seduces the whole world, was cast into the abyss with his angels. Behold, this primeval enemy and slayer of men has taken courage. Transformed into an angel

of light, he wanders about with all the multitude of wicked spirits, invading the earth in order to blot out the name of God and of His Christ, to seize upon, slay and cast into eternal perdition souls destined for the crown of eternal glory. This wicked dragon pours out, as a most impure flood the venom of his malice on men of depraved mind and corrupt heart, the spirit of lying, of impiety, of blasphemy, and the pestilent breath of im-

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“These most crafty enemies have filled and inebriated with gall and bitterness the Church, the spouse of the immaculate Lamb, and have laid impious hands on her most sacred possessions. In the Holy Place itself, where the See of Holy Peter and the Chair of Truth has been set up as the light of the world, they have raised the throne of their abominable impiety, with the iniquitous design that when the Pastor has been struck, the sheep may be.

“Arise then, O invincible Prince, bring help against the attacks of the lost spirits to the people of God, and give them the victory. They venerate thee as their protector and patron; in thee holy Church glories as her defense against the malicious power of hell; to thee has

God entrusted the souls of men to be established in heavenly beatitude. Oh, pray to the God of peace that He may put Satan under our feet, so far conquered that he may no longer be able to hold men in captivity and harm the Church. Offer our prayers in the sight of the Most High, so that they may quickly find mercy in the sight of the Lord; and vanquishing the dragon, the ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan do thou again make him captive in the abyss, that he may no longer seduce the nations. Amen.

V. Behold the Cross of the Lord; be scattered ye hostile powers.

R. The Lion of the tribe of Judah has conquered the root of David.

V. Let Thy mercies be upon us, O Lord.

R. As we have hoped in Thee.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

Let us pray.

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we call upon Thy holy Name, and as supplicants, we implore Thy clemency, that by the intercession of Mary, ever Virgin Immaculate and our Mother, and of the glorious St. Michael the Archangel, Thou wouldst deign to help us against Satan and all the other unclean spirits who wander about the world for the injury of the human race and the ruin of souls. Amen”

SHORT PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL:
St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the malice and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

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