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DAVE ARCHIBALD, MUHS RELIGION TEACHER, TO SPEAK ON MARCH 21

St. Gregory VII Chapter
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DAVE ARCHIBALD has been a member of the religion faculty at Marquette University High School since 2005. He is currently teaching "Church History," "Scripture," and "Sexuality and the Christian Vocation." He is also the faculty leader of "Hilltoppers Defending Life," a group he founded in 2005. He has, for the past few years, taken this pro-life group to the January "March for Life" in Washington, D.C. Dave has also done a great service to Catholic High School education in Milwaukee by introducing his students to the excellent "Didache Series" of religion textbooks, recently published for Catholic High Schools. The Didache books he is using have been well received by both students and parents.

Dave attended St. Alphonsus Grade School and graduated from Marquette University High School. In 2003, he graduated from St. Norbert College with a BA Degree in Religious Studies, and he earned a Master of Education Degree from Notre Dame University in 2005. During those two years, from 2003 to 2005, Dave taught at Memphis Catholic High School. He is currently completing a Masters in Christian Doctrine at Marquette University. Dave and his wife, Jennifer, are the proud parents of their new baby boy, Timothy Michael. PLEASE COME and BRING A FRIEND to hear DAVE ARCHIBALD DISCUSS HIS,

"EXPERIENCES IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION"

WHERE: Blessed Sacrament Church Hall

South 40th Street and Oklahoma Avenue

(enter door at SE corner of Church)

WHEN: Sunday, March 21

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

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PRO-LIFE WISCONSIN'S SPRING AWARDS DINNER TO BE HELD APRIL 17 IN LA CROSSE

State Senator Glenn Grothman will receive the "Legislator of the Year Award," and Ron Putzer will receive the "Activist of the Year Award" at Pro-Life Wisconsin's Spring Awards Dinner to be held on Saturday, April 17, at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse, Wisconsin. The event begins at 6:00 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. Seats are \$35 each. Sister Christa Marie, director of the Shrine, will give the keynote address on the Shrine's Memorial to the Unborn. Please call (262) 796-1111, ext 10, for reservations.

PLEASE NOTE NEW DATE - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 - FOR MSGR. POPEK AWARD DINNER

When it was announced in the December, 2009, edition of this newsletter that Most Rev. John W. Yanta will receive the 2010 Msgr. Alphonse Popek Award, it was also stated that the award dinner would be held in October. Since then, due to a scheduling conflict, the date for the dinner has been moved to Sunday, September 19, 2010. Please make a note of this on your calendar. We again thank Bishop Yanta for honoring us with his acceptance of our annual award.

As was indicated in the previous newsletter, after his appointment as Bishop of Amarillo in 1997, Bishop Yanta and his Respect Life director, Rita Diller, began a campaign to expose the work of Planned Parenthood and shut down their offices in the diocese. By the end of the campaign, a total of 19 Planned Parenthood facilities had closed, and the remaining two had disaffiliated from the Planned Parenthood Federation. After 12 years, the Diocese of Amarillo was free of Planned Parenthood's corrupt influence. Thank you, Bishop Yanta, for your determined defense of the unborn.

GRATITUDE TO BISHOP VASA, WHO HAS ENDED CHURCH'S SPONSORSHIP OF HOSPITAL

According to an article in the February 28, 2010, issue of the *National Catholic Register*, "The Diocese of Baker has ended the Church's official sponsorship of central Oregon's largest medical center, citing the hospital's refusal to adhere to some Catholic teachings...The main point of contention is tubal ligation, a form of permanent female reproductive sterilization...Mass will no longer be celebrated in the hospital's chapel and all items considered Catholic will be removed from the hospital and returned to the Church." Bishop Robert Vasa explained that, "St. Charles Medical Center in Bend 'gradually moved away' from Church ethical and religious standards and can no longer be called Catholic." Writing in the February 18 edition of the diocesan newspaper for Portland and Baker, the *Catholic Sentinel*, Bishop Vasa stated that, "As bishop, I am responsible for attesting to the full Catholicity of the hospitals in my diocese, a responsibility which I take very seriously, and I have reached the conclusion that I can no longer attest to the Catholicity of St. Charles [hospital]." We extend our gratitude to Bishop Vasa for this courageous decision.

SEE PAGE 3 -- WOULD YOU LIKE TO READ GEORGE WEIGLEL'S COLUMN EVERY WEEK?

There are many Catholics who look forward to reading George Weigel's weekly comments on some aspect of Catholicism. Since his column is no longer printed in the local *Catholic Herald*, (although he would like to be published in Milwaukee), loyal fans might want to subscribe to the *Southern Nebraska Register*, where his column appears weekly. To subscribe, write to: *Southern Nebraska Register*; Attn. Circulation Dept.; P.O. Box 80329; Lincoln, NE 68501. Or, visit: snr@inebraska.com. The cost is \$20 per year for those outside the Diocese of Lincoln.

PRAISE TO BISHOP RICKEN, WHO HAS SUSPENDED LENTEN CCHD COLLECTION THIS YEAR

According to a Feb. 26 news story, posted on LifeSiteNews (LSN), Bishop David Ricken, from the Diocese of Green Bay, has become the seventh U.S. bishop "to have decided against taking up the collection for the national **Catholic Campaign for Human Development** since the controversy over the organization erupted again this fall." Stephen Phelan, communications manager for **Human Life International** responded that this decision is a "model of prudence" and it is "what faithful Catholics want...confidence that their money is being well spent, in accordance with Church teaching..."

FR. FRANCIS "ROCKY" HOFFMAN WILL SPEAK AT NEXT MEETING ON APRIL 18

Fr. Francis "Rocky" Hoffman, ordained as a priest of Opus Dei in 1992 by Pope John Paul II, will discuss "**Veritatis Aestus: The Excitement of Truth**" at our April 18 meeting; mark your calendar now. Fr. Rocky was appointed in September, 2009, to be Senior Director of Mission, Programming, and Development for Relevant Radio (100.1 FM).



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Book of the Month: "Four Witnesses"

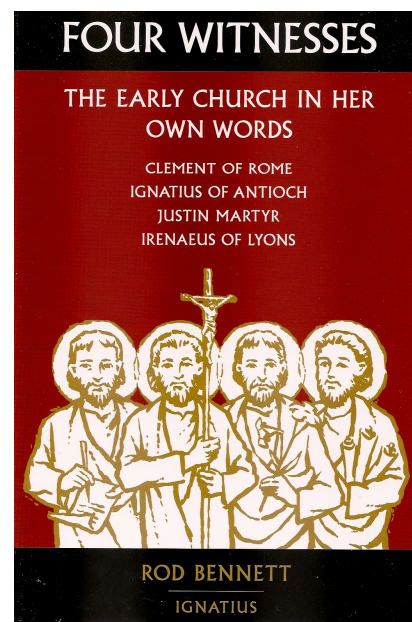
Author: Rod Bennett

Publisher: Ignatius Press, 2002

"What was the early Church like? Contrary to popular belief, Rod Bennett shows there is a reliable way to know. Four ancient Christian writers – four witnesses to early Christianity – have left us an extensive body of documentation on this vital subject, and this book brings their fascinating testimony to life for modern believers. With all the power and drama of a gripping novel, this book is a journey of discovery of ancient and beautiful truths through the lives of four great saints of the early Church – Clement of Rome, Ignatius of Antioch, Justin Martyr, and Irenaeus of Lyons...Did the first Christians believe what you believe? Buy this book, read the words of the early Church herself, and fall in love with the historic Church that Christ Himself founded."

David Currie, Author, *Born Fundamentalist, Born Again Catholic*.

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"The Catholic Difference "

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"REDISCOVERING THE SOUNDS OF SILENCE"

By George Weigel,

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We're surrounded by noise. At Miami International Airport recently, I counted five sources of noise – TSA announcements, airline announcements, airport announcements, muzak, and the ubiquitous CNN-Airport channel. And that's before we get to squawking children, loud conversations, and passengers who address their cell phones the way Hitler "talked" to the Nuremberg rallies. Stores and restaurants are full of canned music; an NBA or NHL game is an exercise in noise-pain management; there is virtually no public space, outside art museums and courtrooms, where our aural senses are not under assault.

Churches should be different. To enter the body of a Catholic Church should be to experience a change in location: to cross a portal into a different kind of space than the space in which we live our daily lives. Yet as I get around the country I can't help but notice that the contemporary American noise culture has invaded and distorted what used to be understood as space in which we sometimes listened to God speaking in the sounds of silence. Chatter, if low-key, is constant, not simply in the narthex or vestibule (which is fine), but in the body of the church before Mass. Immediately after the recessional hymn is sung, the chatter breaks out again, often louder – despite many a choir's noble efforts to sing a choral postlude. The exchange of peace is another opportunity, rarely spurned, for the chatter to recommence.

And then there are the kids. The idea that crying babies or fussing children should not interfere with the celebration of Mass seems to have been lost on an entire generation of

parents – and this, despite the (expensive) efforts of many churches to build cry-rooms. Pastors who point out that fractious children really don't belong in church during services are accused of callousness or (gasp!) insensitivity; parents have been known to leave congregations because the pastor in the kindest possible way, reminded them that the cry-room was built for a purpose. So here's a suggestion for Lent,

"Don't begin chattering with neighbors as soon as the recessional hymn ends; preserve a dignified silence as you leave the church, as a reminder that we're about to return to 'the world...' "

just around the corner: rediscover the sounds of silence in church.

Refrain from chattering with friends when you leave the narthex (I almost said "gathering space"!), and remind yourself that to cross the threshold between the vestibule and the body of the church is to pass one of those permeable borders between the natural and the supernatural that constitute the physical texture of Catholicism's sacramental imagination: that way-of-seeing-things that teaches us that the extraordinary lies just on the far side of the ordinary.

Don't begin chattering with neighbors as soon as the recessional hymn ends; preserve a dignified silence as you leave the church, as a reminder that we're about to return to "the world," as a gesture of

courtesy to fellow-Catholics who wish to offer prayers of thanksgiving after communion, and as an act of respect to the choir singing (or the organist playing) the postlude.

Parents with small children: use the cry-room, if your parish has one; take the squawking kids out of the body of the church when they start caterwauling, if there's no cry-room; or consider leaving small, fractious children at home, with the parents attending different Masses – a sacrifice, I know, but a kindness to others and a way to ensure that you actually get a chance to pray yourself.

Liturgists and organists: there is no need to fill every second of Mass with vocalized prayers, songs, or organ solos. The Roman Rite has always made room for silence; silence after communion is particularly appropriate. It doesn't have to be all noise, all the time.

Recovering a sense of sacred space is as important as rediscovering sacred time in the renewal of the liturgy. All the more reason then, to welcome a splendid new book by Denis R. McNamara of the Liturgical Institute of the University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary: ***"Catholic Church Architecture and the Spirit of the Liturgy"*** (Hillenbrand Books). Full of both insight and illustrations, McNamara's new study is a reminder of what sacred space is, and why it ought to nourish an attentive listening to the sounds of silence.

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