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JASON S. JONES, CO-EXECUTIVE PRODUCER OF "BELLA" TO SPEAK MAY 21

Our Chapter is fortunate to have this opportunity to enjoy a presentation by **Jason S. Jones**, a convert to the Catholic faith, and the co-executive producer of the movie, "**Bella**," the winner of the 2006 Toronto International Film Festival People's Choice Award. He has also produced several documentaries, including serving as associate producer of, "**Dead in the Water**," a documentary that aired nationally in the fall of 2007 on EWTN.

Jason is also the founder of "**Whole Life America**," a non-profit organization that promotes the dignity of the human person regardless of ability, age, status, race or geography. His pro-life work has included serving as National Youth Director for the "American Life League," and serving as the Public Relations Director for "Human Life International." His appearances on local, nationally syndicated, and international radio and television programs include ABC's "Politically Incorrect" and numerous talk shows and news programs. His pro-life work began while attending the University of Hawaii, where he formed the Pro-Life Student Union, was chairman of Young Americans for Freedom-Hawaii, and was chairman of the Hawaii Young Republicans.

Jason acquired his experience in media by running political campaigns at the local, state and national level. In 2004 he worked for the Republican National Committee, and in 2007 he was asked to serve as National Grassroots Director for "Brownback for President." JOIN US AND BRING A FRIEND to hear **JASON S. JONES** explain his trip:

"TO ROME THROUGH THE STORM"

WHERE: Blessed Sacrament Church Hall

South 40th St. and Oklahoma Avenue

(enter door at SE corner of Church)

WHEN: THURSDAY, May 21 (Thursday, NOT Sunday)

TIME: 7:00 p.m. - Meeting (6:45 p.m. - Rosary)

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

The annual election of officers for the Board of Directors will be held at the May meeting. The nominees are:

President: Al Szews; **Vice President:** Dirk Wichgers; **Secretary:** Jerry Schmutte; and, **Treasurer:** Ann Taucher

FR. JOHN CORAPI REPORTED TO BE IN GOOD HEALTH, AND TRAVELING AGAIN

According to the May 3-9, 2009, issue of *The National Catholic Register*, there is good news from Fr. John Corapi. He has recovered from his illness and "will preach publicly for the first time in nearly two years," speaking on "The Lord and Giver of Life!" at an August 15 conference in Buffalo, N.Y. In the interview, Fr. Corapi explains that after seeing eleven area physicians, he went to the Mayo Clinic where they "did diagnose a parathyroid tumor," a diagnosis that eventually turned out to be false. It was finally determined that he suffered from two things: chronic sleep deprivation, and also, acute vitamin D deficiency, which "left him mostly bedridden." Fr. Corapi pointed out that vitamin D deficiency "is epidemic in northern climates" due to lack of sun in the winter. He said massive doses of vitamin D, and much needed sleep "made me feel incredibly better within about a month."

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THANK YOU, BISHOP BRUSKEWITZ, FOR YOUR LETTER TO NOTRE DAME PRESIDENT

Reverend and dear Father Jenkins,

April 3, 2009

Permit me to add my name as well to the long list of Bishops of the Catholic Church who are utterly appalled at your dedication to immorality and wrong-doing represented by your support for the obscenity called "The Vagina Monologues" and your absolute indifference to the murderous abortion program and beliefs of this President of the United States.

The fact that you have some sort of past connection with the State of Nebraska makes it all the more painful that the Catholic people here have to see your betrayal of the moral teachings of the Catholic Church.

I can assure you of my prayers for your conversion, and for the conversion of your formerly Catholic University. I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ Jesus,
The Most Reverend Fabian W. Bruskewitz
Bishop of Lincoln

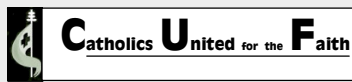
BISHOP ROBERT CARLSON NAMED ON APRIL 19 TO HEAD ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS

Sincere congratulations to Bishop Robert Carlson who will succeed Archbishop Raymond Burke in St. Louis, Missouri. Carlson, 64, has been the Bishop of Saginaw, Michigan, for the past four years, and during that time he has ordained eight priests. Five more men will be ordained this spring, and there are twenty-four seminarians in the pipeline, an excellent record in a diocese of 132,00 Catholics. According to the April 30 edition of *The Wanderer*, "Carlson himself described the ideal, effective bishop in an article he wrote in 1999 in *Lay Witness* magazine." He stated that, "Bishops must, before all else, be men of faith, outstanding witnesses of the life of the Holy Spirit." He also appears to be dedicated to Catholic education. He recently called Saginaw's twenty-three Catholic grade schools and three Catholic high schools, institutions where the faith is "taught boldly," Catholic identity is "at the core," and the "curriculum is cohesive from the very beginning through 12th grade."

Of added interest is the fact that our Spiritual Advisor, Fr. James Kubicki, S.J. has, for these past four years, been making periodic trips to Saginaw to help Bishop Carlson with his ministry to the diocese. And, another area priest, Fr. Will Prospero, S.J., who graduated from St. Jude's Grade School, MUHS, and Marquette University, has been living in Saginaw these past four years working for Bishop Carlson. Fr. Prospero was ordained a Jesuit, at Gesu Church, in 1998.

Offer a prayer to Pope St. Gregory VII on May 25, his Feast Day.

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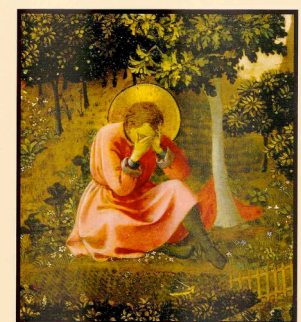
Book of the Month: "Saints for Sinners" Author: Archbishop Alban Goodier Publisher: Sophia Institute Press, 1959, 2007

"Christ came not to call saints, but to make them - often out of weak, stupid, and sinful men. That's why the saints are not only models of holiness for us to imitate; they're reminders that God's grace can outshine every human flaw.

As Alban Goodier's classic *Saints for Sinners* shows us, even the greatest saints had to battle the same stubborn vices, temptations of the flesh, and bouts of spiritual dryness that afflict you and me today."

The Most Rev. Alban Goodier (1869-1939) was a Jesuit who served as archbishop of Bombay, India.

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Nine Desolate Souls
Made Strong by God

Archbishop Alban Goodier

FORMER AMBASSADOR TO VATICAN DECLINES NOTRE DAME INVITATION

April 27, 2009, Letter from Mary Ann Glendon to Rev. John I Jenkins, C.S.C., President University of Notre Dame

Dear Father Jenkins,

When you informed me in December 2008 that I had been selected to receive Notre Dame's Laetare Medal, I was profoundly moved. I treasure the memory of receiving an honorary degree from Notre Dame in 1996, and I have always felt honored that the commencement speech I gave that year was included in the anthology of Notre Dame's most memorable commencement speeches. So I immediately began working on an acceptance speech that I hoped would be worthy of the occasion, of the honor of the medal, and of your students and faculty.

Last month, when you called to tell me that the commencement speech was to be given by President Obama, I mentioned to you that I would have to rewrite my speech. Over the ensuing weeks, the task that once seemed so delightful has been complicated by a number of factors.

First, as a longtime consultant to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, I could not help but be dismayed by the news that Notre Dame also planned to award the president an honorary degree. This, as you must know, was in disregard of the U.S. bishops' express request of 2004 that Catholic institutions "should not honor those who act in defiance of our fundamental moral principles" and that such persons "should not be given awards, honors or platforms which would suggest support for their actions." That request, which in no way seeks to control or interfere with

an institution's freedom to invite and engage in serious debate with whomever it wishes, seems to me so reasonable that I am at a loss to understand why a Catholic university should disrespect it.

Then I learned that "talking points"

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issued by Notre Dame in response to widespread criticism of its decision included two statements implying that my acceptance speech would somehow balance the event:

1) "President Obama won't be doing all the talking. Mary Ann Glendon, the former U.S. ambassador to the Vatican, will be speaking as the recipient of the Laetare Medal."

2) "We think having the president come to Notre Dame, see our graduates, meet our leaders, and hear a talk from Mary Ann Glendon is a good thing for the president and for the causes we care about."

A commencement, however, is supposed to be a joyous day for the graduates and their families. It is not the right place, nor is a brief acceptance speech the right vehicle, for engagement with the very serious problems raised by Notre Dame's decision - in disregard of the settled position of the U.S. bishops - to honor a prominent and uncompromising opponent of the Church's position on issues involving fundamental principles of justice.

Finally, with recent news reports that other Catholic schools are similarly choosing to disregard the bishops' guidelines, I am concerned that Notre Dame's example could have an unfortunate ripple effect.

It is with great sadness, therefore, that I have concluded that I cannot accept the Laetare Medal or participate in the May 17 graduation ceremony.

In order to avoid the inevitable speculation about the reasons for my decision, I will release this letter to the press, but I do not plan to make any further comment on the matter at this time.

Yours Very Truly,

Mary Ann Glendon
April 27, 2009

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