



# Catholics United for the Faith

Affirming Authentic Catholicism in Milwaukee

St. Gregory VII Chapter  
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## JERRY SCHMUTTE WILL REVIEW CONTINUING MISUSE OF CCHD COLLECTIONS

On Sunday, May 15, Jerry Schmutte will discuss and explain the many questions regarding the corruption and misuse of funds collected by the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). The CCHD collection takes place annually in Catholic churches throughout the country, and, unfortunately, a great deal of the money is awarded to groups acting in violation of Church teaching. In this diocese, the CCHD will be part of a Combined Collection that is scheduled to be taken the weekend of June 11 and 12. Anyone who is considering a donation to this effort should come to hear what Jerry has discovered in his months of researching this issue.

Jerry is the secretary of our St. Gregory VII Board of Directors. He spent thirty years working as a corporate business executive, the last twenty in Milwaukee. He is a dedicated student of history, and has also been a teacher of history in a number of area private schools. PLEASE JOIN US, and BRING A FRIEND, to hear Jerry Schmutte's most interesting and well-researched presentation of this very sad and scandalous situation:

### "CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT - THE FACTS"

WHERE: Blessed Sacrament Church Hall (enter SE corner)

South 40<sup>th</sup> Street and Oklahoma Avenue

WHEN: Sunday, May 15

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

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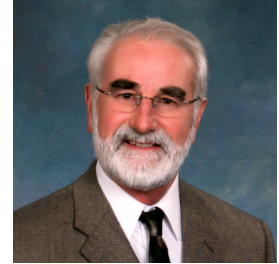
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## SEE INSERT - "SUMMARY VERSION" OF CCHD LETTER TO ARCHBISHOP LISTECKI

Please notice that, included below this newsletter, is a "summary version" of a 7 page letter our St. Gregory VII Chapter Board of Directors delivered to Archbishop Listecki's office on March 15 (no reply as of this writing). The letter also included 71 pages of documentation for the 31 exhibits cited in the letter. (The complete letter and links to the exhibits are at [www.cufmilwaukee.org](http://www.cufmilwaukee.org).) As noted in the enclosure, our in-depth analysis has revealed that, through CCHD, "the Catholic Church is spending millions of dollars each year to undermine its own teaching regarding moral absolutes."

It should be noted that as long ago as 1994, author Paul Likoudis revealed that the Campaign for Human Development (then known as "CHD") was "a funding mechanism for left-wing...organizations; a political mechanism bonding the American Church to the welfare state..." (*The Legacy of CHD*, p. 64) Likoudis explained that, since its founding in 1970, the Campaign for Human Development has been heavily influenced by Saul Alinsky, who "essentially lived off Catholic money." (p. 16) Sadly, Likoudis reported in 1994 that, by that time, CHD had already given ACORN "more than 1 million Catholic dollars." (p.37) Unfortunately, recent reports reveal that CCHD has given ACORN more than 7 million dollars. The vast majority of Catholics believe that CCHD money should only be given to those organizations that support Catholic moral teaching, not "left-wing" causes. Reports that CCHD has been "cleaned up" are simply not true.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS TO BE HELD AT MAY MEETING

The annual election of officers for the Chapter will be held at the May meeting. The candidates are: **President:** Al Szews; **Vice President:** Dirk Wichgers; **Secretary:** Jerry Schmutte; and **Treasurer:** Ann Taucher. Nominations will be taken from the floor at the time of the election. For questions and/or other nominations, call Larry Schmidt at 414-774-2824.

## BISHOP FABIAN BRUSKEWITZ CALLS POPE JOHN PAUL II "A CONTINUAL INSPIRATION"

According to the April 21, 2011, edition of *The Wanderer*, Most Rev. Fabian Bruskewitz, Bishop of Lincoln, issued the following statement regarding the **Beatification of John Paul II**:

"It is a source of joy and deep happiness to have learned about the coming beatification of the Servant of God, John Paul II (Karol Wojtyla) scheduled for May 1, 2011. The learning, holiness, zeal, and labors of this great Pontiff will be acknowledged by the Catholic Church and the entire world. Having been privileged to know Pope John Paul II both when he was the Archbishop of Krakow and then as the Bishop of Rome, I always considered myself honored and grateful to be in his presence, to speak with him, dine with him, and to share ideas and thoughts with him. His wisdom and prayerfulness, along with his constant resignation to the will of God, affection for the Catholic Church, and devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary remain with me as a continual inspiration."

## PLAN TO SEE NEW MOVIE "THERE BE DRAGONS" -- COMING TO LOCAL THEATERS IN MAY

This new film, by "Motive Entertainment," is widely acclaimed to be an epic portrayal of faith, forgiveness, and redemption. "*There Be Dragons*" is a powerful story of relationships torn apart by war, secrets, and personal dragons. Set during the tumultuous era of the Spanish Civil War, this new movie tells the story of friends and families ravaged by division and war, and the redemptive, mysterious forces that reunite them. While researching a soon to be sainted Spanish priest named Josemaria Escriva, a young journalist, Robert, struggles to reconnect with his own estranged father, Manolo, only to discover that the lives of both men intertwine in deep, dark, and mysterious ways, bestowing on the journalist a far greater gift than the story he came looking for. The movie was directed by Roland Joffe, the acclaimed director of "*The Mission*" and "*The Killing Fields*." For more information visit [www.DragonsResources.com](http://www.DragonsResources.com)

## JOIN FR. DON HYING IN HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS ON 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

Join Fr. Don Hying, Rector of St. Francis de Sales Seminary, to offer a **Holy Hour** for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life, for our seminarians and for the seminary. It is held at the **St. Francis Seminary** every second Sunday of the month, in **Christ King Chapel at 2:00 p.m.** The event is sponsored by the St. Francis de Sales Seminary, "Roses for Our Lady," and the Vocations office of the Archdiocese. The hour concludes with coffee and cookies.

## KEEP IN TOUCH WITH CATHOLIC MEDIA DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS

During the coming summer months, don't forget our valuable Catholic media: EWTN TV, Relevant Radio (at 100.1 FM), and also Michael Voris, who provides valuable information on "The Vortex" at: [www.RealCatholicTV.com](http://www.RealCatholicTV.com)



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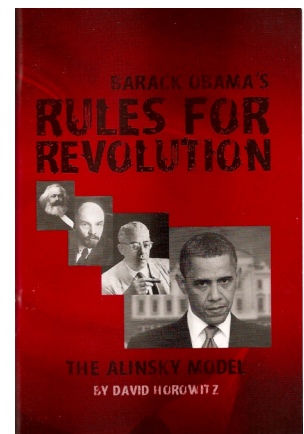
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## Book of the Month: "Barack Obama's Rules for Revolution" Author: David Horowitz Publisher: David Horowitz Freedom Center, 2009

"Barack Obama is an enigma. He won the 2008 presidential election claiming to be a moderate and wanting to bring Americans together and govern from the center. But since he took office, his actions have been far from moderate. He has apologized to foreign dictators abroad for sins he alleges his own country committed and appointed a self-described communist (Van Jones) and an admirer of Mao Zedong to top White House posts... To understand Obama's presidency, Americans need to know more about the man and the nature of his political ideas. In particular, they need to become familiar with a Chicago organizer named Saul Alinsky and the strategy of deception he devised to promote social change."

Contributors of \$12 or more per year to the Chapter are entitled to discounts on all books displayed at CUF meetings.



# Santa Fe Archbishop Tells Cohabiting Catholics to Stop 'Living in Sin'

***Southern Nebraska Register, April 22, 2011, p.10***

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (CNS) – The archbishop of Santa Fe in a pastoral letter admonished unmarried Catholic couples who are living together, those who are not married but are in a civil union and divorced Catholics who remarry without an annulment, warning them not to receive Holy Communion.

Archbishop Michael J. Sheehan said it was up to the church and its pastors to emphasize that with regard to sexual unions, “there are only two lifestyles acceptable to Jesus Christ for his disciples: a single life of chastity, or the union of man and woman in the sacrament of matrimony. There is no ‘third way’ possible for a Christian.”

He reminded Catholics that the Bible and the Catholic Church oppose same-sex unions and teach that marriage is between one man and one woman. The church also teaches that any sexual activity outside of marriage is sinful.

Catholics living in one of the three relationships he described “are objectively living in a state of mortal sin,” Archbishop Sheehan said.

“These people are objectively living in a state of mortal sin and may not receive holy Communion. They are in great spiritual danger. At the best – and this is, sadly, often the case – they are ignorant of God’s plan for man and woman. At the worst, they are contemptuous of God’s commandments and His sacraments,” he said. His pastoral letter, dated April 3, was posted on the archdiocesan website,

[www.archdiocesesantafe.org](http://www.archdiocesesantafe.org), in a news section titled “Awakening Faith.” He said the pastoral letter was getting about 16,000 hits a day on the website.

Of the three groups he described, “the first two have no real excuse,” he said. “They should marry in the church or separate. The

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third group, those who were married before and married again outside the church, can seek a marriage annulment and have their marriage blessed in the church.”

Archbishop Sheehan reminded Catholics that divorce is no reason to refrain from receiving holy Communion, as long as they have not “entered into another marriage or sinful relationship. Many Catholics are confused on that point.”

He urged the pastors of his archdiocese to preach on the gravity of sin and its evil consequences, as well as the sacramental nature and

meaning of Christian marriage. Popular American culture is often in conflict with the teachings of the Catholic Church, Archbishop Sheehan said.

Catholics in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe who live in “sinful relationships” may not be commissioned as extraordinary ministers of holy Communion, become sponsors for baptism or confirmation, or consider themselves to be a “practicing Catholic.”

“Can anyone be seriously called a practicing Catholic who is not able to receive the sacraments because they are living in sin?” Archbishop Sheehan asked.

As far as allowing these Catholics to be involved in parish ministries and organizations, he said, it was best to leave that decision to the pastor, but urged prudence and said any occasion of scandal must be avoided.

“Many of these sins are committed out of ignorance,” he said. “Often their plea is...‘what difference does a piece of paper make?’ – as if a sacramental covenant is nothing more than a piece of paper! Such statements show religious ignorance, or a lack of faith and awareness of the evil of sin.”

He said the church’s role was to make it clear to those living in sin that their “unions are not in accord with the Gospel,” and to help Catholics in such situations “do whatever they must do to make their lives pleasing to God.”

## **Catholic Campaign for Human Development Update – May, 2011**

Extensive research by reform groups during 2009 and 2010 revealed that dozens of Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) grants were going to organizations which either directly or indirectly opposed Church teaching. An in-depth analysis of CCHD's mission, strategies and actions, conducted in March, 2011 by the St. Gregory VII Chapter of CUF, shows that no sustainable progress has been made to reform CCHD in the last year. We believe that CCHD's mission statement is fundamentally flawed, and as a result, the Catholic Church is spending millions of dollars each year to undermine its own teaching regarding moral absolutes.

Objectionable CCHD grants fall into two essential groups: 1) those that support organizations which directly oppose Church teaching concerning the sanctity of life and/or heterosexual marriage, and 2) those that support such organizations more indirectly via political activity or membership in coalitions.

Beyond the problems associated with these organizations, we are appalled by the deceptiveness and lack of transparency which CCHD has demonstrated in responding to the recent criticism concerning the direction of its grants. Let us outline four aspects of this critical issue:

### **1) CCHD'S MISSION STATEMENT**

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' website states that CCHD's mission is "to address the root causes of poverty in America through promotion and support of community-controlled, self-help organizations and through transformative education."

Although the website does not specifically identify these "root causes" of poverty, the selection of community-controlled, rather than Church-controlled, organizations as the preferred vehicles for addressing root causes infers that the solution to poverty in America will come from the earthly "community." We believe that it most assuredly will not.

Sin resides in "poor" communities as well as affluent communities. The belief that specific secular communities can solve the problem of poverty is an essentially Marxist notion.

### **2) ORGANIZATIONS WHICH DIRECTLY OPPOSE CHURCH TEACHING**

At least six groups receiving grants during 2010 oppose Church teaching directly via their actions.

Two of these groups, Southwest Organizing Project (SWOP) and Intercommunity Justice and Peace Center (IJPC), were funded in 2009 and their actions were reported by reform groups at that time. SWOP continues to participate in Elev8 Chicago which sponsors "pro-choice" health clinics in area schools. IJPC merely scrubbed its website to cover up evidence of its direct support of pro-death, pro-homosexual "friends and colleagues".

Besides SWOP and IJPC, the 2010 awards list includes at least 4 new groups who directly support positions that are counter to Church teaching. These groups are Desis Rising Up and Moving, NYC Aids Housing Network, Philadelphia Unemployment Project, and Youth United for Change. The first two of these groups endorsed a Transgender Day of Remembrance sponsored by an organization that supports the "life choices" of people who "do not choose

monogamy.” The second two co-sponsored a voters’ guide that called Roe v. Wade “a framework for access to safe and legal abortion in this country based on protecting women’s health.”

### 3) ORGANIZATIONS WHICH INDIRECTLY OPPOSE CHURCH TEACHING

During 2009 and 2010, reform groups identified close to 60 CCHD-funded organizations that oppose Church teaching more indirectly through de facto political action and/or membership in coalitions/partnerships with anti-life, anti-marriage agenda. Although many groups in this category were defunded in 2010, other objectionable groups have been added to the grant list, and the net improvement has been minimal at best.

Two aspects of the activities of these “indirect” groups bear examination. First, when reform groups began to publish accusations concerning CCHD funding in 2009, CCHD responded by accusing the reform groups of “McCarthyism,” especially with regard to the utilization of “guilt by association” tactics. Nevertheless, Bishop Zubik’s “Review and Renewal” document, approved in September, 2010 by the USCCB Administrative Committee, rightfully recognized that membership in anti-life, anti-marriage coalitions is indeed a cause for defunding. Quoting from the Zubik document:

“CCHD funds cannot go to groups that knowingly participate in coalitions that have as part of their organizational purpose or coalition agenda, positions or actions that contradict fundamental Catholic moral or social teaching.”

At least four dozen current CCHD grantees are members of anti-Catholic coalitions, including Center for Community Change, Mobilize the Immigrant Vote California, California Partnership, Health Care for America Now, National People’s Action Network, U.S. Human Rights Network and Jobs with Justice.

The second troublesome aspect of the activities of the “indirectly” problematic grantee group goes straight to the heart of the CCHD mission statement. Again, the CCHD's mission, as rubber-stamped by the Zubik Study, is "to address the root causes of poverty in America through promotion and support of community-controlled, self-help organizations and through transformative education." The "project" that CCHD’s website mentions first on its list of recommended CCHD efforts is "voter registration." Nothing in the Zubik document suggests that these criteria will change.

It is hard to deny that when community-organizing groups in “poor” communities register voters, nearly all these voters vote for Democrats, and the Democrat Party has taken a clear, anti-Catholic, stand on the cornerstone of Catholic teaching, the sanctity of life.

Leading up to the 2008 election, national CCHD gave \$7.3 million to the supposedly "non-partisan" ACORN, which observers from both major political parties believe played a major role in the 2008 Democrat landslide by registering 1.3 million voters. Whatever else might be said about the politics of community organizing groups, one of their practical effects is to elect pro-abortion Democrats.

While ACORN was eventually defunded by CCHD, at least ten supposedly “non-partisan” community-organizing groups in the Gamaliel network continue to receive major national grants, as do almost two dozen groups in Saul Alinsky’s Industrial Areas Foundation network.

#### 4) CCHD'S DECEPTION AND LACK OF TRANSPARENCY

It gives us great pain to say this, but the USCCB/CCHD reaction to accusations concerning CCHD grants has been appallingly deceptive, even arrogant.

In 2009, CCHD coordinated website scrubbing with Center for Community Change to remove evidence of their alliance. Meanwhile, the list of 2009 grantees was removed from the USCCB website and Bishop Morin, then the head of CCHD, declared: "Personally I think (the claims) are totally ridiculous."

When the Zubik Study finally addressed CCHD misconduct, problems were downplayed and blamed on Internet communication and polarization. And in November 2010, the bishops decided to proceed with that year's CCHD collection despite the fact that they were unwilling to publish the list of earlier 2010 recipients.

Meanwhile, a reformer was fired from his directorship of CCHD in Chicago, and numerous conflicts of interest were revealed concerning CCHD leaders and Church teaching concerning moral absolutes. The most recent revelation involved the current CCHD director, Ralph McCloud, who was treasurer for the pro-abortion campaign of a Texas Senate candidate while leading CCHD.

#### Summary

Upwards of five dozen of the 217 national CCHD grants for 2010 remain problematic, even by the standards of the Zubik study. Recent "reform" has been half-hearted at best. Moreover, the deceptive behavior and the left-leaning ideologies of CCHD's current leaders give us little hope that reform has been embraced by USCCB. We call for a complete revamping of CCHD's mission and strategies.

