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Fr. John Del Priore, chaplain of UW-Platteville Newman Center, to speak on June 2

Fr. John Del Priore is the chaplain of the Newman Center at UW-Platteville, which is located on campus at the St. Augustine University Parish, where Fr. Del Priore is the pastor. He was born in 1979 in New Jersey, and completed his undergraduate degree at the University of Murcia in Spain. He earned a Ph.D. in History from the University of Navarre, writing his thesis on the "Spanish Theologians in the Council of Trent." Fr. Del Priore was ordained to the priesthood in Murcia, Spain in 2008, and has worked in Campus ministry since 2011.

The St. Augustine University Parish offers an early morning Mass, and also an evening Mass every weekday, with confession available for 20 minutes before each Mass. On Sunday, there are two morning Masses, and an evening Mass, with confession available during the Mass. Haley York is the new Director of Campus Ministry. Prior to that, she was a FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) missionary at the Newman Center for two years. FOCUS was established 20 years ago by Curtis Martin, who was at that time, president of The International CUF Office in Steubenville, OH. Curtis directs FOCUS full-time now from his office in Colorado. In January there were 17,000 people, primarily college-age students, and including almost 500 priests, at the annual, FOCUS five-day "SEEK" conference held this year in Indianapolis, the largest conference yet! Come and hear Fr. John explain why young people are the "Future of the Church!"

"Newman Centers and the Future of the Church"

WHERE: Sacred Heart School (north end of the building,
inside the green fence)

917 North 49th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53208

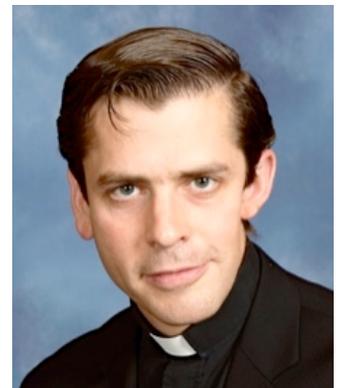
WHEN: Sunday, June 2

TIME: 2:00 p.m. ~ Program 1:45 p.m. ~ Rosary

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LifeSiteNews editor, John-Henry Westen, to accept Popek Award for Archbishop Carlo Vignano

Needless to say, we are thrilled to announce that Archbishop Carlo Maria Vignano, apostolic nuncio to the United States from 2011 to 2016, has honored our Chapter by accepting the thirty-first annual "Msgr. Alphonse S. Popek Award." John-Henry Westen, co-founder and editor of LifeSiteNews, has graciously agreed to accept the award for Archbishop Vignano. By the grace of God, we were fortunate to be put in touch with Mr. Westen through a mutual friend. Since Archbishop Vignano published his 11-page, written testament on August 25, 2018, exposing the cover-up of clerical abuse in the highest echelons of the Church, he has been in hiding, where he fears his life is in danger. There is no doubt that Archbishop Vignano more than meets the award criteria, which are: the "leadership of the laity, zeal for the priesthood, and fidelity to the Magisterium" as exemplified by Msgr. Popek. May God bless Archbishop Vignano for having the courage to suffer the consequences that have come with his resolve to do the right thing for Christ's Church. The dinner, with John-Henry Westen, will be held on Saturday, October 19, at the Best Western Plus Airport Hotel and Conference Center, 5105 South Howell Avenue, across from Mitchell International Airport. Mark your calendar now!

This Newsletter is not published during June, July and August.

Did you know that...?

The very first time Scott Hahn told his conversion story was at our CUF Chapter's May meeting in 1986. It was an evening meeting at Msgr. Popek's parish, Our Lady Queen of Peace, near South 27th Street and Oklahoma Avenue. Somehow Scott found out about our meeting, and decided that, because many of the folks he saw during his graduate school studies at Marquette University could not understand why he would want to become Catholic, maybe he should find another group of Catholics! Al was the president, and when the video of Pope John Paul II would not play, Al asked, as he frequently did, "Are there any new people here?" Scott stood up and said, "My name is Scott Hahn. I was a Presbyterian minister, and I just came into the Church at the Easter Vigil a few weeks ago." Al said, "Maybe that is why the VCR is not working; would you like to tell your story?" And that is how we met Scott Hahn! An expanded version of this story, written by Scott in 2003 for CUF's 35th anniversary issue of *Lay Witness*, is enclosed/attached.

Congratulations Most Rev. Donald J. Hying, new bishop of Madison! Welcome home!

The April 25 announcement that Bishop Donald Hying was appointed by Pope Francis to be the fifth bishop of Madison, Wisconsin, was a most welcome surprise! A West Allis native, he grew up in New Berlin and was ordained in 1989 for the Milwaukee Archdiocese. He was named Rector of the Seminary in 2007, where he served until he was appointed by Pope Benedict XVI to be the seventh auxiliary bishop of Milwaukee in 2011; and in 2014 he was named Bishop of Gary, Indiana. Of course, we take this opportunity to again thank Bishop Hying for graciously accepting the Chapter's 2013 "Msgr. Alphonse Popek Award." The Madison diocese covers eleven counties and serves close to 280,000 Catholics.

Sacred Heart Parish to host a 2-part program on "End of Life Decisions" June 4 & 5

Sacred Heart Parish, 917 North 49th St., Milwaukee, 53208, is presenting a two-part program on, "Know and Protect your End of Life Decisions" with Joe Langfeld, the Executive Director of the "Human Life Alliance," on Tuesday, June 4th at 6:30 p.m., and Wednesday, June 5th at 9:00 a.m. He will speak on Advance Directives, Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (POLST), palliative and hospice care, Do Not Resuscitate orders (DNR), feeding tubes and comfort care. After each talk, Matt Von Rueden from Pro-Life Wisconsin will be available to go over the Wisconsin Power of Attorney for Health Care Forms. It is sponsored by: Sacred Heart Parish, with Family Life Council, Inc., Pro-Life Wisconsin, and the Milwaukee Chapter of Wisconsin Right to Life. For questions - call the parish office - 414-774-9418.

Catechetical Corner: What is necessary to make a good Holy Communion?

"To make a good Holy Communion it is necessary to be in the state of sanctifying grace and to fast according to the laws of the Church...it would be a mortal sin to receive Holy Communion after knowingly breaking the fast..." Baltimore Catechism Three, Nos.901,902



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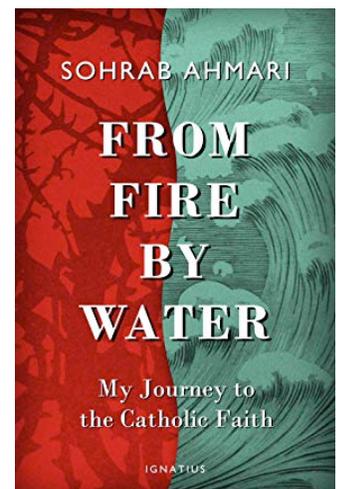
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Book of the Month: *From Fire, by Water*

Author: Sohrab Ahmari

Publisher: Ignatius Press, 2019

"Sohrab Ahmari was a teenager living under the Iranian ayatollahs when he decided that there is no God. Nearly two decades later, he would be received into the Roman Catholic Church. In *From Fire, by Water*, he recounts this unlikely passage, from the strident Marxism and atheism of a youth misspent on both sides of the Atlantic to a moral and spiritual awakening prompted by the Mass. At once a young intellectual's finely crafted self-portrait and a life story at the intersection of the great ideas and events of our time, the book marks the debut of a compelling new Catholic voice...Sohrab Ahmari is the op-ed editor of the *New York Post* and a contributing editor of the *Catholic Herald*. Previously he served as a columnist and an editor with the *Wall Street Journal* opinion pages in New York and London and as a senior writer at *Commentary* magazine. His work has also been published in the *New York Times*, the *Times Literary Supplement*, the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, the *Weekly Standard*, *First Things*, *Dissent*, and *America*."



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Pope Benedict's secretary: He who works to 'invent new Church...abuses his spiritual authority'

By Maïke Hickson

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May 1, 2019 (*LifeSiteNews*) – Archbishop Georg Ganswein, personal secretary of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI and Prefect of the Papal Household, ordained four new priests at the Sift Heiligenkreuz monastery in Austria. In his homily, he spoke of the duty of the priest to remain loyal to the “truth of the Gospels” and rebuked those within the Church who wish to “invent a new Church.” During his homily at the April 27 ordination, the German prelate first re-counted the legend of the captain of a warship who advises what he thinks is another ship but is really a “lighthouse keeper of inferior rank” to change course to avoid a collision. While the captain, with an air of superiority, continually orders the other to change course, the lighthouse keeper calmly repeats that it is the captain who must change course. The proud captain then boasts of the power of his ship and threatens to take measures to ensure the safety of his ship and crew. To this, the keeper replies that he’s running a lighthouse and that it’s impossible for him to change course.

Using this image of a lighthouse keeper, Archbishop Ganswein told the four priestly candidates that they too have to be like the lighthouse and its keeper, “because priests, too, deal with the matter of keeping the course and changing the course.” Priests, he explained, are “influencing the course of the lives of men, they steer, they change.” “Yes,” he added, “your position is similar to the second-class lighthouse keeper.” Unlike some of the powerful ships in the sea, the lighthouse itself “has no warships,” the prelate explained. So, too the priest, whose “strength does not come from external means of power.” They lead people and guide them, “by simply proclaiming the Truth that has become Incarnate in Jesus Christ,” he added. As Ganswein stated, a priest “is not strong out of his own power,” he only has strength inasmuch as he “gives witness to the truth.” People should change

their ways because they have come in contact with the “truth of the Gospels,” just as a ship has to change course when coming in contact with a lighthouse. Since God entrusted that truth to His Church, the Church may “not proclaim anything else but that truth, be it in season or out of season.” While a priest might hear voices similar to the captain of the warship ordering the lighthouse to change course, added the German archbishop, he has to give a “simple answer,” that of the “beauty and truth of the Faith,” to advise people to go to the right path to “eternal salvation.” Archbishop Ganswein advises the new priests not to teach their “own good ideas, but rather, that which God has given to us.” It is not about “our own cherished

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ideas, but about salvation,” he explained. And the “strength stems from the Sacraments.” Thus, a priest does not need to have a “striking personality,” and he will not “make the headlines” just like the lighthouse. The lighthouse keeper, Ganswein stated, “would only make headlines if he would leave his post in order to [do] something else.” “Only when the lighthouse keepers leave their posts, then there is disaster, and then there come the headlines.” “And when priests [and] bishops do not anymore have the courage,” the prelate continued, “to proclaim the Gospels with strength and in its entirety, but to merely present one’s own words of wisdom, then there comes disaster, and then there are headlines.” “Have we not had enough of that in recent times?” Ganswein asked, likely referring to the current revelations of clerical sex abuse scandals that have shaken the Catholic Church and perhaps also alluding to Pope emeritus Benedict XVI’s own letter on the moral and doctrinal root of the current abuse crisis. This is at least what Kathpress, the news website of the Austrian bishops thought. In (an) April 28 report on these words, Kathpress noted: “The background for these statements might very well have been the discussions about a controversial text of Benedict XVI, in which the retired Pope in the end presented a personal accounting and analysis of the abuse scandal and its consequences for the Church.” Kathpress also states that Heiligenkreuz, as a priestly seminary...is “among the largest places for priestly formation in Europe.” Making another indirect reference to a

recent discussion as launched by Bishop Heiner Wilmer who claimed that “abuse of power is in the DNA of the Church,” Archbishop Ganswein further stated in his April 27 homily: “And he who wishes to invent a new Church and who wants to tinker with the so-called DNA, is on the wrong track and abuses his spiritual authority.” The “holy task” is not to “draw attention to oneself,” he further explained, “not to invent anything new in order to save the Church,” but to rely on Jesus Christ Himself, something which “calls for humility, but not less courage.” The priests, Ganswein told the priestly candidates, should have an awareness that they “are being sent,” and here they may speak “much bolder than when they speak in their own name.” They “themselves did not invent the Gospels,” he added. At the same time – while remaining in humility – the new priests should also be aware “that you have a dignity which distinguishes you from all those who are not priests. But you did not acquire that dignity by yourselves.” The German prelate encouraged the new priests further by saying that “you may have the awareness to do something great, something that will not pass away.” It is important, he added, to have courage and humility and “only to do that which is to be done and said in the name of Jesus Christ.” That courage and humility “stem from the loyalty to the given Word and from the faith that you have something to give,” the speaker said, “and that goes beyond anything human and which contains the Divine.” Archbishop Ganswein reminded the congregation that a priest is not an “office holder,” who fulfills certain “functions in society.” Rather, the priest “does something that no man can do out of himself.” The priest “gives absolution for our sins in the name of Jesus Christ and speaks over the gifts of bread and wine the words of transubstantiation,” thus opening the hearts of mankind to Grace and God. “Priesthood is not simply an office,” the prelate added, “but a Sacrament.” In spite of our own human weaknesses, it is important to remember the “greatness of the priesthood.” Speaking before the ordinations in a small interview with Heiligenkreuz monastery, Archbishop Ganswein explained that such ordinations “are one of the most beautiful experiences,” in that he can administer to young men the Sacrament of Priestly Ordination.” It is emotional...theological...personal...and also something [that is] very Catholic.”

THE SPRING-FALL- WINTER SCHEDULE:

- June 2** **NEWMAN CENTERS AND THE FUTURE OF THE CHURCH. By Fr. John Del Priore
(at Sacred Heart School)**
- September 15** **A JOURNEY FROM ISLAM TO CHRISTIANITY, by Usama Dakdok (at St. John)**
- October 19** **MSGR. POPEK AWARD DINNER---Recipient: Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano
Accepting for Abp. Vigano: John-Henry Westen, Co-Founder & Editor of LifeSiteNews**
- November 17** **TO BE ANNOUNCED**
- December 15** **MSGR. POPEK BIRTHDAY/CHRISTMAS LUNCH**
- January 19** **TO BE ANNOUNCED**
- February 16** **TO BE ANNOUNCED**
- March 15** **AFTERNOON OF RECOLLECTION, by Fr. James Kubicki, S.J. (at Sacred Heart Church)**
- April 19** **TO BE ANNOUNCED**



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