



Catholics United for the Faith

Affirming Authentic Catholicism in Milwaukee

St. Gregory VII Chapter
Nov.-Dec. 2020

Sadly, the annual Msgr. Popek "Birthday/Christmas Luncheon" has been canceled

Due to the continued threat of COVID infections, we must again cancel another event – this time our annual Msgr. Popek "Birthday/Christmas Luncheon," planned for December 13. Prior to the death of Msgr. Popek in 1986, the CUF Board members would take Msgr. to lunch or dinner to celebrate his Dec. 9 birthday, and Christmas, all at the same time. In recent years, the invitation was expanded to include all members and friends of the chapter. Of course, we pray that by this time next year we will, again, be living a normal life that allows lunch without fear. We pray our members, with families and friends, will be safe this year and able to attend Mass in Church as we welcome advent and celebrate the Birth of Christ.

"Twin Wins in High Court" reprinted from the *Catalyst*, Journal of the Catholic League for Religious and Civil rights, Sept., 2020

In the last week of its 2019-2020 term, the U.S. Supreme Court delivered two back-to-back victories for religious liberty; they were both 7-2 decisions. Catholic schools and agencies were the big winners. The Supreme Court ruled in 2012 that religious schools enjoyed a "ministerial exception" that protected them from lawsuits brought by teachers whom the school said were ministers. Now it has strengthened that decision by holding that lawsuits alleging employment discrimination – teachers at two Catholic schools claimed they were terminated for discriminatory reasons (age and disability) - are without merit. "The religious education and formation of students is the very reason for the existence of most private religious schools," wrote Justice Samuel Alito for the majority, "*and therefore the selection and supervision of the teachers upon whom the schools rely to do this work lie at the core of their mission.*"

The other case involved the right of the Trump administration to carve an exception for those with sincerely held moral or religious objections from complying with the **Obamacare mandate** that abortion-inducing drugs and contraception must be provided in all healthcare plans. The Trump administration and the Little Sisters of the Poor appealed to the high court to reverse an appeals court decision that denied the exemption. Justice Clarence Thomas, who authored the court's ruling, said the *Trump administration "had the authority to provide exemptions from the regulatory contraceptive requirements for employees with religious and conscientious objections."*

November dues notice is enclosed as an insert to this Newsletter

Our gratitude and appreciation is extended to all of you who so generously contribute to the financial needs of the Chapter. For your convenience, the return form for contributions is included as an insert to the First Class copy of this Newsletter, and as an attachment to the e-Newsletter. You might like to know that our present cost for printing and mailing each first class Newsletter is \$1.16. (We have found it necessary to discontinue the free copy through the Postal Service Bulk Mail Unit.) In addition, we also have costs related to our monthly meetings that include a fee for use of a facility, and frequently, a travelling expense and/or stipend for the speaker. There are also added costs for our annual award dinner, such as gifts for the recipient, and complimentary dinners for the priests who attend. Thus, we would also appreciate any contribution from those who receive the e-Newsletter, or are interested in our mission to "*Support, Defend and Advance the Efforts of the Teaching Church*" by "*Affirming Authentic Catholicism in Milwaukee.*"

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May Our Lord bring you much love, laughter, and many blessings during this Holy Season and always.

The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is celebrated on December 12

The feast in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe dates back to 1531 when a poor Indian named Juan Diego was walking to attend Mass in his small village near Mexico City. It was just a few decades after Christopher Columbus first arrived in the New World.

While passing a small hill, suddenly, a radiant cloud appeared before Juan, and within it stood an Indian maiden dressed like an Aztec princess. She spoke to him and asked him to be her special messenger and meet with the bishop of Mexico. Juan was to ask him to build a chapel in Mary's honor in the place where she had appeared. The skeptical bishop wanted proof of Juan's encounter so she provided two signs, a cloak full of fresh roses in December and a miraculous image of herself on Juan's cloak.

Devotion to Mary under the title "Our Lady of Guadalupe" spread quickly. It is not an exaggeration to say that the Guadalupe apparition is the greatest historical moment in the development of Christianity in America. A mere eight years after she appeared to Juan Diego, eight million people had embraced the Catholic faith in the New World. Not only did Our Lady appear as an indigenous woman, but she also recruited Juan, an indigenous native to proclaim her message.

It is hardly a coincidence that in 1945, the year that World War II ended, Pope Pius XII looked at the suffering, fragmented world and declared Our Lady of Guadalupe patroness of the Americas. Today, a national shrine stands near the apparition site and millions of faithful pilgrims visit each year.

"Hear me, my littlest one. Let nothing discourage you." – Our Lady of Guadalupe to Juan Diego.

Catechetical Corner: Praying for the Souls in Purgatory

From 1903 through 1946 lived a saintly Poor Clare Nun in Italy by the name of Sr. Maria Consolata Betrone. She had what we call a Mystical relationship with Jesus. In doing so, she also had a great devotion to the souls in Purgatory. The Lord told her in a revelation that this short simple prayer: "Jesus, Mary, I Love You, Save Souls" is a prayer that one may pray often, and each time releases souls from Purgatory. In this month of November, which is designated for us to pray for souls, let us develop a habit of praying throughout the day for men, women, and children who have gone before us asking God for their entrance into Heaven by praying: "Jesus, Mary, I Love You, save Souls."

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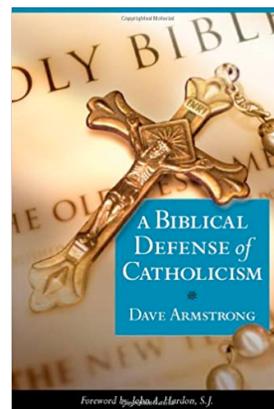
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Book of the Month: "A Biblical Defense of Catholicism"

Author: David Armstrong

Publisher: Sophia Institute Press, 2003

"This exciting book shows that, far from straying from what the Bible teaches, Catholicism is eminently and thoroughly Biblical. Indeed, Catholicism is the *only* Christian religion that is in full conformity with what the Bible says. To demonstrate this, Catholic author Dave Armstrong (a former Protestant campus missionary) focuses on those issues about which Catholics and Protestants disagree the most: the role of the Bible as a rule of faith, whether we are justified by faith alone, whether doctrine develops, what the Eucharist really is, veneration of Mary and prayer to the saints, the existence of Purgatory, the role of penance in salvation, and the nature and infallibility of the papacy. Working patiently, systematically, and, above all, charitably (and citing Church councils, the Church Fathers, canon law, and the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*), Armstrong begins his examination of each of these disputed issues with an authoritative statement and concise explanation of what the Catholic Church actually teaches...."



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“The Truth About Black Lives Matter”

By William Donohue, President, The Catholic League

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Over the summer, Raymond Arroyo interviewed me a couple times on his EWTN show, “The World Over.” On one occasion he asked me what I thought about Black Lives Matter. “There are people out there who say, ‘Well, I like the idea of black lives matter,’ and if they mean it in the innocent sense that black lives should matter to white people, I have no problem with that. If, however – and people need to get educated – you’re talking about the organization of Black Lives Matter, people should know that Black Lives Matter has the same policy agenda as the Ku Klux Klan.”

One person who needs to get educated is Gregg Popovich, the coach of the San Antonio Spurs basketball team. “People who don’t understand Black Lives Matter, or are offended by it, are just ignorant.” Really? It would be more accurate to say he has been duped. And that’s giving him the benefit of the doubt.

Black Lives Matter was founded in 2013 by three left-wing black women who previously worked for communist front groups. Patisse Cullors is perhaps its most outspoken activist. She describes herself as a “working class, queer, black woman.” No wonder the organization boasts, “We are a queer-affirming network” bent on “freeing ourselves from the tight grip of heteronormative thinking.” Cullors has admitted that she, and co-founder Alicia Garza, are “trained Marxists.” The person who most influenced Cullors is Eric Mann, a former activist of the Weather Underground, the urban terrorist organization from the late 1960s and 1970s. He introduced her to an extremist left-wing outfit he once ran, one that openly

endorsed the “pro-communist resistance to the U.S. empire.” My comparison of Black Lives Matter to the Klan was no exaggeration. Here is a thought experiment. What if you were hired to devise a plan to keep blacks down, if not destroy them altogether? For starters, you might want to adopt the Klan’s mindset. The most effective way to destroy any racial or ethnic group is to kill them. This explains why the Klan liked to lynch blacks. A more modern way would be to abort their babies. On the website of Black

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Lives Matter it says, “we demand reproductive justice that gives us autonomy over our bodies and identities.” Another way to kill a demographic group would be to aid and abet the criminal element within its ranks. There is no surer way to do this than by getting rid of the cops. “We call for a national defunding of police.” That is also taken from the website of Black Lives Matter. There are non-violent ways to keep blacks down, too, and one of them is to force black kids to attend public schools, denying them the opportunity to go to private schools. This is what the Klan did a century ago in Oregon, though their target was Roman Catholics, not blacks. In 1922, it succeeded in pushing for a state law that forced every child to attend a public school. Fortunately, it lost in the U.S. Supreme Court three years later in 1925 in *Pierce v. Society of Sisters*.

In 2016, Rashad Anthony Turner, one of the leaders of Black Lives Matter in St. Paul, Minnesota, quit the organization. “Being that I am all for charter schools and ed reform, and as someone who is seeking educational justice for students and families, I could no longer be under that banner of Black Lives Matter. Black Lives Matter has been co-opted. The movement’s been hijacked.” No racial or ethnic group is going to advance if the family crumbles. Every study on educational achievement and upward mobility confirms that children from one-parent families do not perform as well in school, or in the workplace, as children from two-parent families. This is as true of white families as it is black families. Unfortunately, one-parent families are the rule in the black community. Why is that? It has nothing to do with slavery or discrimination. The black family was far more intact in the first 100 years after slavery than it has been since the 1960s. The welfare state and the dependency it created – inviting the father to leave so his family could do better economically – is at the root of the problem.

Black Lives Matter wants to destroy the family, proudly saying, it strives to “disrupt” what it calls the “Western-prescribed nuclear family structure.” In other words, it wants to finish the job started by the Great Society’s welfare state. The Klan would be proud. John McWhorter is a black professor at Columbia University. Here is what he recently said about what’s going on. “In my life, racism has affected me now and then at the margins, in very occasional social ways, but has had no effect on my access to societal resources; if anything, it has made them more available to me than they would have been otherwise.” He hastens to add that his experience is hardly unique. Beware of the propaganda about Black Lives Matter. Its motives may be different from the KKK, but its policies ensure the same results.

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December 13 MSGR. POPEK BIRTHDAY/CHRISTMAS LUNCH----CANCELLED

January 17 TO BE ANNOUNCED

February 21 AFTERNOON OF RECOLLECTION, by Fr. James Kubicki, S.J. (at Sacred Heart Church)

March 21 TO BE ANNOUNCED

April 18 TO BE ANNOUNCED

May 16 TO BE ANNOUNCED

September 19 TO BE ANNOUNCED

October 24 MSGR. POPEK AWARD DINNER---Recipient: Bishop Thomas Paprocki

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