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St. Gregory VII Chapter
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Dr. Duke Pesta will discuss "The World of G.K. Chesterton" on Sunday, Sept. 17

Dr. Duke Pesta, a professor of Literature at UW-Oshkosh, will discuss "The World of G.K. Chesterton," on Sunday, September 17. Chesterton, an English poet, essayist and novelist, who lived from 1874 to 1936, was one of the most forceful British writers of his time. A convert to Catholicism in 1922, at age 46, Chesterton's writings were described in *The Collected Works of G.K. Chesterton, Vol. 1*, as "Christianity with a strong Catholic bias," due to his "emphasis on authority as against the emphasis on private judgment which the Reformation introduced" (p.33). In 1900, Chesterton met Hilaire Belloc, who gave him his first contact with the Catholic Church when he accompanied Belloc to Midnight Mass that year.

Dr. Pesta received his M.A. in Renaissance literature from John Carroll University and his Ph.D. in Shakespeare and Renaissance literature from Purdue University. He has taught courses on Shakespeare, Renaissance literature, Russian literature, the Bible, Christian Apologetics, and C.S. Lewis. According to the 4-13-14 edition of the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, UW-Oshkosh students refer to Dr. Pesta as, "engaging and popular" and "easily in the top five professors I've had." Please come, and bring a friend to hear Dr. Duke Pesta describe...

"The World of G.K. Chesterton"

WHERE: St. John the Evangelist Church Hall
8500 W. Cold Spring Road
(enter from north parking lot)

WHEN: Sunday, September 17

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



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Plan to attend the "Msgr. Alphonse Popek Award Dinner" with Fr. Boquet on Oct. 1

Plan to attend the 2017 "Msgr. Alphonse S. Popek Award Dinner," honoring Fr. Shenan Boquet, president of Human Life International (HLI), which will be held at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday evening, October 1, at the Clarion Hotel, across from Mitchell Field at 5311 S. Howell Avenue. Since Fr. Boquet joined HLI in 2011, he has traveled nearly a million miles to over 60 countries working with bishops, Church leaders, priests and the laity to protect life from conception to natural death. Please return the enclosed registration form, and help us honor the life-saving work being done by Fr. Boquet, and Human Life International. Note the early, registration discount before September 11.

See the complete invitation/reservation form at cufmilwaukee.org

The next All Night Vigil will be held at St. Francis de Sales Seminary on Sept. 1 and 2

The September, Eucharistic All Night Vigil of Reparation and Prayer will be held Friday and Saturday, September 1st and 2nd, at St. Francis de Sales Seminary, 3257 South Lake Drive. Confessions will be available from 7:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., and after each priest speaker. The opening Mass begins at 8:00 p.m., and will be followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the evening. There will also be talks on the Vigil theme: Rosaries, and various other devotions. The Vigil concludes with a 5:00 am Mass on Saturday morning. These All Night Vigils began in September of 1965 to answer our Lady's call at Fatima ~ to encourage prayer and penance for World Peace, and the conversion of sinners. The Vigils are open to the public. Please come, bring a friend, and stay all night if you can. For questions, call 414-254-2790.

The September, 2017, Prayer Intention published by Pope Francis

During September, Pope Francis has asked that we pray for: **Parishes**. That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen. For information regarding the **Apostleship of Prayer**, call 414-486-1152, or visit: apostleshipofprayer.org

"Learn How to Evaluate Catholic Education" – Lecture is free and open to the public

On September 15, at 7:00 p.m., Patrick Reilly, of the Cardinal Newman Society, will discuss "*Catholic and Classical: A Two-fold Renewal*," including: 1) Criteria for Good Education, 2) Catholic Identity in Education, 3) Latest Developments and Threats, 4) Exciting Renewal Underway, and 5) Development Strategies for the Future.

This lecture will be held at 7:00 p.m., on Friday, September 15, at the Schoenstatt Retreat Center in Kentenich Hall, at W284 N698 Cherry Lane, Waukesha, WI, 53188. It is being sponsored by: Pro-Life Wisconsin, Women of Christ, Men of Christ, and Schoenstatt. This is a "must" for anyone interested in Catholic education at any level. The Cardinal Newman Society, under the leadership of Patrick Reilly, has been both a brave "watchdog" and a "courageous leader" in authentic, orthodox Catholic education for many years. His analysis of contemporary Catholic education will be well worth your time.

This event is also being endorsed by the Chesterton Academy of Milwaukee, which opened in the Fall of 2016, and is located at 155 S. Executive Drive, 53005, next to Brookfield Square ~ for easy highway accessibility and within a 30 minute drive of most communities in the Greater Milwaukee Area. The school can be reached at (262) 264-8660. The mailing address is: P.O. Box 1686, Brookfield, WI, 53008, or email at office@chestertonmke.org

Of course, we hope that students and faculty from Chesterton Academy of Milwaukee will attend Dr. Pesta's presentation, "The World of G.K. Chesterton," on Sept. 17, at St. John the Evangelist Parish in Greenfield. (Free and open to the public.)

Catechetical Corner: Why is the Church referred to as "She" or "Her?"

Answer: Imagery and symbolism help describe Christ's relationship to the body of believers known as the Church. For example the Church is called Christ's "pure bride" (2 Corinthians 11:2). St. John wrote of the Church as the New Jerusalem, "prepared as a bride adorned for her husband" (Revelation 21:2). The Church is also a "mother." "Because we receive the life of faith through the Church, she is our mother" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #169). Through baptism, we become her children. (*Growing in Faith*, distributed by St. John the Evangelist Parish, July 2017, "Why Do Catholics Do That?" Success Publishing & Media, LLC)

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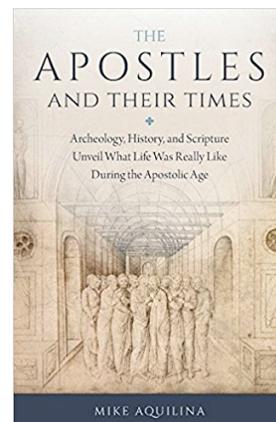
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Book of the Month: *The Apostles and Their Times*

Author: by Mike Aquilina

Publisher: Sophia Press, 2017

"Relying on ancient documents and the latest archeological findings, acclaimed author Mike Aquilina takes you on a journey through the Apostolic Age, bringing to life the ancient streets and crowded marketplaces through which Mary and the Apostles journeyed as they built a Church that lasts even to our day. You'll also discover the beliefs of the early Christians, what they taught about the Eucharist and the divinity of Christ, how their Church services resemble today's Mass, and how Rome became the spiritual center for Christianity. Read these pages, and you'll come to see that despite the best efforts of their enemies, the blood of the Apostles did not snuff out the Faith but brought forth great saints whose holy deeds and brave examples gave the besieged Church a vigor that remains today. *The Apostles and Their Times* will give you confidence that the Church is indeed Christ acting in the world, and that no matter how ruthless her opponents, she will endure to the end of time."



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“Speaker sees ‘decisive battle’ being waged against marriage and family”

(Dr. Scott Hahn, theology professor at Franciscan University, gave three presentations at the Midwest Catholic Family Conference on August 4, in Wichita, Kansas.)

**by Christopher M. Riggs
August 9, 2017**

WICHITA, Kan. (CNS) – Scott Hahn told a packed convention hall in Wichita that Carmelite Sister Lucia dos Santos, one of the Fatima visionaries, had once predicted the “decisive battle” between the Lord and Satan would be regarding marriage and family. And that battle is being fought today, said Hahn, who gave three talks during the Catholic Family Conference Aug. 4-6. One of the most popular Catholic speakers in the country, Hahn, who is a professor of theology at Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio, told of how Italian Cardinal Carlo Caffarra had received the visionary’s prediction after writing her asking for prayers. The battle is not a modern one, Hahn said, adding that the battle was initiated at the dawn of history when Satan tempted Adam and Eve. “We need to recognize the importance of this,” he said.

Hahn, whose talks centered on Mary and St. Joseph, said he first heard about Our Lady of Fatima on his fifth wedding anniversary. On the day they were planning a dinner celebration, Hahn said his wife, Kimberly, went into labor and instead of going to a five-star restaurant, they drove to a Grove City, Pennsylvania, hospital. To pass the time he turned on the television and heard the distinctive voice of Ricardo Montalban narrating a documentary about Our Lady of Fatima. “I was transfixed, but Kimberly was having contractions and said, ‘Would you help me and quit watching TV!’” In the documentary, Montalban talked about the miracles of Fatima and how they were witnessed by thousands, Hahn said.

“I had never heard any of it.” It was published in the Lisbon newspaper. “Nobody could deny the miracle of the sun!” That turn of events led Hahn, a former Presbyterian, and later his wife, to become Catholic. After he became Catholic in 1986, which he discusses in his book “Rome Sweet Home,” Hahn said he began thinking about ways to build bridges to the church for “our separated brothers and sisters.” Mary was one of the challenges. But, she was the perfect follower of Jesus,

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Hahn said, she is the perfect model, adding that the faithful should follow Mary as she follows Jesus. “When we behold the Blessed Virgin, we behold the masterpiece of Jesus,” he said. “Jesus is the light of the world, but she is the perfect prism, she is Jesus’ most perfect work.” Mary was the last impediment to him becoming Catholic, Hahn said, taking years of study and struggle to overcome. And today the rosary is his favorite prayer. “I studied the Bible but I didn’t really know it until I read it through her eyes.”

In another presentation, Hahn talked about the Holy Family, how Jesus is common in the earthly trinity with Mary and Joseph, and the eternal Trinity with the Father and the Holy Spirit. “Jesus is the earthly image of God the Father,” he said. “God takes his place in the earthly, holy family and invites

each of us to find our place in it as well,” Hahn said. When Jesus cried out on the cross to his Father, he said, he gave us the spirit of sonship so that we, too, can cry out ‘Abba!’, he said. “Nobody looked in the mirror this morning and said, ‘Finally, I’m holy!’” he said. “On earth all of us are saints in the making.” In fact, Hahn added, we are on “probation,” working to stay in a state of grace and using the sacrament of confession to return us to that state of grace when we sin.

“Heaven is not another denomination,” he said. “There aren’t two churches ... The angels and the saints above are united to us.” “This is why we’re here, this is the reason we were made. Heaven right now is thriving, it’s not some kind of retirement community. They’re asking us to look up to them.” The love that our friends and family have in heaven is what God has perfected, he said. “They understand in ways that we can’t. They have moved on, moved up, and moved in. Talk about having friends in high places!” Hahn said we on earth are the “church militant” because we are in a battle. Those in heaven, “you might say, are the high command.”

“The church on earth is not a nursery, it’s more like a boot camp, like a field hospital,” he said. “The saints are simply those who graduated from the school of suffering. Those in hell are those who chose to drop out.” “We are members of one body,” Hahn said, “they are members of the same body. God loves us more than we can possibly imagine. He’s given us families to give us a foretaste of what it will be.”

THE FALL-WINTER-SPRING SCHEDULE:

- September 17 **THE WORLD OF G. K. CHESTERTON**, by Dr. James (Duke) Pesta (St. John Church Hall)
- October 1 **MSGR. POPEK AWARD DINNER----**Recipient: Reverend Shenan J. Boquet
- November 19 **CATHOLICISM WORKS!!**, by Philip Gray (at St. John Church Hall)
- December 10 **MSGR. POPEK BIRTHDAY/CHRISTMAS DINNER**
- February 18 **AFTERNOON OF RECOLLECTION**, by Fr. James Kubicki, S.J. (at Sacred Heart Church)
- March 18 **TO BE ANNOUNCED**
- April 15 **TO BE ANNOUNCED**
- May 20 **TO BE ANNOUNCED**



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Academic Director, Freedom Project Education

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