



# Catholics United for the Faith

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St. Gregory VII Chapter  
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## Usama Dakdok will discuss a Christian ministry to Muslims on September 15

Founded by Usama Dakdok in 2001, the Straight Way of Grace Ministry travels throughout the United States and Canada equipping Christians to be effective witnesses of Jesus Christ to their Muslim neighbors, as well as ministering to Muslims directly. Mr. Dakdok explains that there are many resources available to Muslims to help them come to know the true Lord, Jesus Christ. He points out how Christians, who may want to learn more about the religion of Islam, might effectively reach out to Muslims with the word of our Savior. He believes that every American needs to learn the truth about Islam and how it is destroying the entire Muslim world and quickly infiltrating the West. He invites interested people to visit his website to help understand the hope that is found only in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. As Christ said, if you love me, keep my Commandments. Let us remind our readers to check out our April, 2018, "Book of the Month," *From Islam to Christ*, by Derya Little, detailing her trip out of the Muslim world and into Christianity and the Catholic faith.

His sincere desire is that Muslims "would come to know the love of God, and to experience the forgiveness of sins that He provides through Jesus Christ. God promises eternal life for all those who will put their trust in the perfect sacrifice of Jesus." Usama can be heard at VCY America and online at [www.vcyamerica.org](http://www.vcyamerica.org). Please come and bring a friend to hear Usama Dakdok explain how we can,

### "Reveal the Truth about Islam"

WHERE: St. John the Evangelist Parish Hall

8500 West Cold Spring Road

Greenfield, WI 53228 (Enter from North Parking lot.)

WHEN: Sunday, September 15

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

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## Please try to include this paragraph about our Popek Dinner in your parish Bulletin

Because our options for publicity are limited, it would be helpful if you could try to have the following announcement placed in **your parish Bulletin** sometime in September, before the Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> discount date. Contact us (414-321-9377) if you would like copies of the dinner registration flyer for your Church. **Our Bulletin suggestion is as follows:**

Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano, former apostolic nuncio to the U.S., will receive the 31<sup>st</sup> annual Msgr. Alphonse S. Popek Award, given by the Milwaukee Chapter of Catholics United for the Faith. In August of 2018, Archbishop Vigano released an 11-page testimony exposing a cover-up, at the highest levels of the Catholic Church, of sexual misdeeds by clergy, and specifically, then-Cardinal McCarrick. Because Archbishop Vigano is now in hiding, fearing for his life, the award will be accepted by **John-Henry Westen, co-founder and editor of [LifeSiteNews.com](http://LifeSiteNews.com)**. The title of Westen's talk is "Archbishop Vigano, a Man of Courage Working for the Good of the Church." The Award dinner will be held Saturday, Oct. 19, at the Best Western Plus Milwaukee Airport Conference Center, 5105 S. Howell Avenue. The cost is \$45 per person if mailed by Sept. 30, and \$50 after that date. For questions, call 414-321-9377 or visit [cufmilwaukee.org](http://cufmilwaukee.org). Come, and help us thank Archbishop Vigano for being willing to suffer the consequences of doing what is right for the Church!

## Did you know that...?

The best and most faithful set of catechetical books for Catholic grade schools is the “Faith and Life Series,” developed originally in 1985 as a cooperative effort between the **International Office of Catholics United for the Faith**, and **Ignatius Press**. In a *National Catholic Register*, 1988 article, author Peter Kreeft pointed out that these books have “great Christian art,” and present the entire “fullness of the faith...handing on the message of God in its entirety and purity.” The books, now in a 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, are available from **Ignatius Press** and are used in many Catholic grade schools around the country. Kreeft closes with the instruction to “tell your pastor” that these are the books you want your kids to have.

## Check your parish school's pre-school instructional program

A May 16, 2019, article in the *Catholic Herald*, reported that a “panel of experts,” including faculty, principals and leaders from the Archdiocese Office of Schools, presented an educational, pre-school “initiative” at an April 23-25 NCEA meeting in Chicago that proposed “intentional, teacher-guided play” that sets aside “things like flashcards and memorization” for pre-school programs in Catholic schools. It was greatly disappointing that there was no mention of teaching phonics to these young children, especially the K4 and K5 students. After years of researching reading instruction, and watching children and grandchildren show great excitement over learning to read at this early level, I can only wonder why phonics was not mentioned. Locally, the Mary Linsmeier pre-schools have taught phonics in a 4½ hours-a-week curriculum that, over the years, produced many enthusiastic K5 readers! Most private, and many Catholic diocesan schools, also teach K5 phonics.

## It appears that the “Benziger Family Life Program” is rearing its ugly head again

Although we have not seen a written directive, it appears that the diocese is requiring diocesan grade schools to implement a so-called, sex-education program, and one option is the **Benziger Family Life Program**. Even though classroom sex-education was **not required** by Vatican II, this program was introduced in 1987, and later updated in 1995. It was highly criticized by faithful Catholic reviewers (myself included), and many Catholic parents have removed their children from Catholic schools because of this program. **Briefly, it teaches:** 1) moral relativism (forbidden by the National Catechetical Directory, #101), 2) explicit, provocative sexual information, 3) feminism, 4) socialism, and 5) a broad, inclusive concept of “family,” e.g., the most healthy, **two-parent family is listed last** in the “**Family Prayer**.” My review is available on request. For sex-education research, read *The Global Sexual Revolution*, by Gabriele Kuby, published by **LifeSite** in 2015.

## Catechetical Corner: How is the Mass the same sacrifice as that of the Cross?

“The Mass is the same Sacrifice as that of the Cross because the offering and the priest are the same – Christ our blessed Lord; and the ends for which the Sacrifice of the Mass is offered are the same as those of the Sacrifice of the Cross. (*Baltimore Catechism Three*. No. 921)

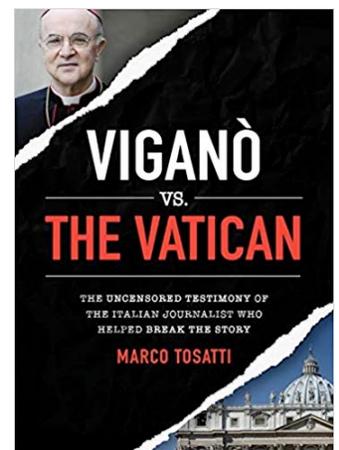
### Book of the Month: **Vigano vs. The Vatican**

**Author: Marco Tosatti**

**Publisher: Sophia Institute Press, 2019**

“In an explosive August 2018 document, Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano implicated many Catholic bishops – and Pope Francis himself – in a decades-long cover-up of the sexual crimes of the now-disgraced serial predator, former cardinal Theodore McCarrick, long the most powerful figure in the American Church. Shocking faithful Catholics world wide, Pope Francis refused to deny the accusations that Archbishop Vigano made against him... Stunned himself, Marco Tosatti, the Italian journalist who first broke the story of the cover-up, here recounts the whole sordid tale. In this alarming report, you will learn of McCarrick’s long-time abuses of seminarians and young priests, his inexplicable promotions to the highest ranks in the Church (despite wide spread knowledge of his crimes), and the scandalous cover-up that has traumatized the Catholic world and continues to this day. It is all here – the names, dates, and damning documents – details that lead many to conclude, with Archbishop Vigano, that far from finally drawing to a close, the cover-up of clerical sexual crimes continues apace and appears to reach to the very highest offices of Holy Mother Church.

Contributors of \$12 or more per year to the Chapter receive discounts on books displayed at CUF meetings, and can receive the Newsletter by First Class Mail.



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# Archbishop Vigano...To Receive Award For Exposing Church Abuse Cover-Ups

By Martin M. Barillas

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MILWAUKEE (*LifeSiteNews*) – Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano will be bestowed with the “Msgr. Alphonse S. Popek Award” by Catholics United for the Faith in recognition of his leadership and fidelity for exposing cover-ups by the highest levels of the Catholic Church of sexual misdeeds by clergy.

Given annually by the Milwaukee Chapter of Catholics United for the Faith (CUF), the award is given in memory of Msgr. Popek, who was known for his priestly zeal. CUF paid tribute to Vigano, saying in a release that he is “truly a man of courage working for the Church” who is distinguished by his “willingness to suffer the consequences of doing what is right for the Church.”

At Archbishop Vigano’s request, John-Henry Westen, co-founder and editor of *LifeSiteNews*, will accept the award on his behalf in Milwaukee at a dinner to be organized by CUF. The dinner will take place on October 19. Westen’s presentation is titled, “Archbishop Vigano: A Man of Courage Working for the Good of the Church.”

In August 2018, Vigano, a former apostolic nuncio to the U.S., released on *LifeSiteNews* and other media outlets an 11-page testimony in which he recounted that he personally told Pope Francis in 2013 about the sanctions imposed on then-Cardinal Theodore McCarrick by erstwhile Pope Benedict XVI, due to

allegations against McCarrick of sexual abuse. Archbishop Vigano alleged that Pope Francis did “not take into account the sanctions that Pope Benedict had imposed on [McCarrick],” but instead made McCarrick “his trusted counselor.” It was McCarrick who advised Pope Francis on appointing several bishops in the United States, including pro-LGBT Cardinals Blasé Cupich of Chicago and Joseph Tobin of

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Newark. Having concluded that his “conscience dictates” to tell the truth about the alleged cover-up by the highest echelons of the Church of sexual abuse committed by McCarrick against minors and seminarians, Vigano asserted that “the corruption has reached the very top of the Church’s hierarchy.” He called on Pope Francis and others involved in the cover-up of McCarrick’s abuse to resign. Vigano implicated Cardinals Angelo Sodano, Tarcisio Bertone, Donald Wuerl, and Pietro Parolin.

Cardinal Wuerl became McCarrick’s successor as archbishop of Washington, D.C., in 2006. Vigano said in his missive that Wuerl was well aware of accusations against McCarrick. “I myself brought up the subject with Cardinal Wuerl on several occasions, and I certainly didn’t need to go into detail because it was

immediately clear to me that he was fully aware of it,” he wrote. He went on to say that Wuerl’s “recent statements that he knew nothing about it...are absolutely laughable. He lies shamelessly.” Vigano accused Wuerl of ignoring Pope Benedict’s order about McCarrick, allowing the disgraced prelate to reside at a Washington, D.C., seminary and thus put seminarians at risk. More recently, Vigano told the *Washington Post* that Pope Francis deliberately covered up the case of Bishop Gustavo Zanchetta, a fellow Argentine who had been accused of sexual assaults of seminarians. In light of the Pope’s praise for Wuerl’s “nobility,” Vigano asked the *Post*, “What credibility has the Pope left after this statement?”

Vigano’s present whereabouts are unknown. He is believed to be in hiding, having told an Italian Journalist in August 2018 that he was leaving Italy behind. According to EWTN journalist Edward Pentin, Vigano feared for his life.

Previous recipients of the award from CUF include Raymond Cardinal Burke; Fr. John A. Hardon, SJ; Bishop Fabian Bruskewitz; and Fr. Paul Marx, OSB.

CUF was founded in 1968 by Lyman Stebbins, a convert to the Catholic faith, to defend the Magisterium of the Catholic Church.

**THE FALL- WINTER - SPRING SCHEDULE:**

- September 15** REVEAL THE TRUTH ABOUT ISLAM, by *Usama Dakdok (at St. John hall)*
- 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** NEWMAN CENTERS—GOOD FOR COLLEGE CATHOLICS, by *Blaine Hechimovich*
- 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
- May 17** TO BE ANNOUNCED



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