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Rev. Edmund McCaffrey
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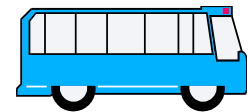
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**In order to prepare properly, the sponsoring organizations ask
that you reply by January 18th.**

34TH ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE

WASHINGTON D.C.
JANUARY 22, 2007



Right To Life will once again sponsor bus trips to the **March For Life** in Washington, D.C. on January 22nd. Below are the locations and itineraries.

Friday, Jan. 19 – bus departs from Lexington at 10:30 p.m. – Contact Penny Logan (859) 253-1993

Saturday, Jan. 20 – buses depart from the following areas:

Brandenburg - 6:30 am – Contact Marie Curran (270) 828- 2233

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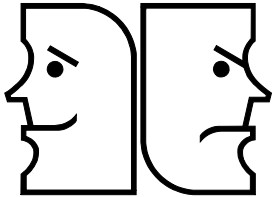
Louisville - 8 am – Contact Jerry Durbin (502) 231-2349

Sunday, Jan. 21st – Tour Arlington Cemetery and other points of interest

Monday, Jan. 22nd – attend the Congressional Breakfast and the March for Life Rally

Buses depart for Kentucky at 3 pm and arrive in Kentucky at 6 am on Tuesday, Jan 23rd.

Contact the RTL office (502) 895-5959 for more information.



Smile & Grimace

Kwanzaa Celebration Held December 27th

The annual citywide Kwanzaa Celebration was held beginning at 5 p.m. Dec. 27 at the Catholic Enrichment Center, 3146 W. Broadway. The event, sponsored by the Archdiocese of Louisville Office of Multicultural Ministry, was open to people of all ages.

How did Kwanzaa come to be celebrated by Catholics?

When Catholics try to "Catholicize" Kwanzaa they are making a mistake. Kwanzaa is not an African-American tradition. In fact, it is not a tradition at all. It was invented in 1966 by an avowed anti-Christian for the express purpose of, among other things, diverting attention from Christmas.

The father of Kwanzaa, Ron Everett, began his career as a black separatist and follower of Malcolm X. After Africanizing his last name to "Karenga," Everett formed a group called "United Slaves". He even spent time in jail for assault.

The Archdiocese of Louisville appears to hold the celebration of Kwanzaa in high regard. Without doubt, African American Catholics have contributed much to the Catholic Church through the years. Perhaps it would be better to honor them than to allow the Christmas season to be invaded by a fake made-up tradition.

"Gay" Nativity

Two leftists in Italy's ruling coalition outraged fellow lawmakers by placing four dolls representing homosexual couples near the baby Jesus in the official nativity scene in parliament.

The two parliamentarians from the small "Rose in the Fist" party said their gesture was to promote the legalization of gay marriage and granting legal recognition to unmarried couples. Bruno Mellano and Donatella

Poretti placed the Barbie and Ken-type dolls in the parliamentary nativity scene, each couple lying down embraced among the shepherds witnessing the birth of Jesus.

Each of the two doll couples, which parliamentary ushers removed after a few minutes, wore miniature placards with slogans in favor of gay rights.

Peace Activist Named Director of Louisville's Interfaith Center

Last October Jan Arrow became the first executive director of the Cathedral Heritage Foundation since it changed to its new name. She said that she and the Center's board will decide in the coming months what her initial priorities should be. "It may very well be anti-violence, anti-poverty or global warming. I was very interested in this position because of their commitment to action."

Board member Christy Brown said that Ms. Arrow is "able to bring the methodology on board to make that commitment a reality." Wouldn't it be wonderful if Christy Brown and other board members had the commitment to make the Catholic Cathedral of the Assumption and the Cathedral Heritage Foundation, which they represented, well known as a bastion of respect for all human life.

Blasphemous Play - Funny?

The Department of Theatre, Arts and Dance of the University of Minnesota is planning to stage a blasphemous play called *The Pope and the Witch* starting on March 1, 2007.

According to *The New York Times*: "The witch, in nun's habit, turns up as an aide to the doctor summoned to treat the pope, and before long the Holy Father is seized with a paralytic affliction that, among other names, is known as 'a crucifixion stroke,' leaving him with his arms outstretched."

The pope figure is also portrayed as a greedy heroin addict, while the Church is accused as being responsible for world poverty and hunger because of Her doctrines against abortion and contraception.

In a review, *The Yale Herald* stated: "**The blasphemy aspect of**

the production adds another layer of prickly humor..."

Don't Forget!

Editor of INSIDE the VATICAN to be Speaker at the next *Catholics In Action's* General Meeting

On Friday, April 13, 2007 *Catholics In Action* will host Dr. Robert Moynihan.

Dr. Moynihan is editor-in-chief of *Inside the Vatican* magazine. Dr. Moynihan is an American and veteran Vatican journalist with knowledge of five languages. He obtained his B.A. from Harvard and his Ph.D. from Yale

Published ten times a year, *Inside the Vatican* provides a comprehensive, independent report on Vatican affairs with occasional special supplements.

Plan now to attend the April 13th meeting.

We Want to Hear From You



This year Archbishop Thomas C. Kelly will celebrate 25 years as Archbishop of Louisville.

He will mark his 25th jubilee with seven regional Masses of thanksgiving set in January and February.

In July 2006 he submitted his resignation to the Vatican and is now awaiting his successor.

How will you remember the man who served the Louisville Archdiocese for 25 years?

What do you think will be his legacy?

Please send your sincere, respectfully written thoughts and comments to

Catholics In Action

PO Box 5336 · Louisville, KY · 40205
or e-mail cia@catholics-in-action.org.

A page in the next newsletter will be reserved for your observations.

Local Pro-life Candidate Defeated in the November Election – Did Local Catholic Churches Play a Part?

Prior to last November's political election several Catholic Churches in the Archdiocese of Louisville attempted to "clarify" the Church's position on voting.

From one parish bulletin of November 5, 2006:

"Please remember your civic duty and vote in the election this week. For information sake - The Roman Catholic Church neither endorses nor condemns any particular candidate or political party. The Roman Catholic Church encourages our Catholic Faithful to examine all the issues on the ballot before casting your vote. The Roman Catholic Church **condemns holding any one issue as a "litmus" test* for candidates.** (*Emphasis added*) Rather the faithful citizen is asked to study the issues and then vote, based upon all the issues of a particular candidate or party, for the candidate that best supports the common good.**

* Does the Catholic Church really condemn you if you refuse to vote for a candidate who supports killing innocent babies?

** It would seem that having a respect for all human life, no matter the age or condition, would best support the common good.

Perhaps this parish bulletin should have included the following quote from Pope John Paul II:

"Above all, the common outcry, which is justly made on behalf of human rights – for example, the right to health, to home, to work, to family, to culture – is false and illusory if the right to life, the most basic and fundamental right and the condition for all other personal rights, is not defended with the maximum determination."

(*Christifideles laici*, 38)

Or this quote from Pope Benedict XVI:

*"As far as the Catholic Church is concerned, the principal focus of her interventions in the public arena is the protection and promotion of the dignity of the person, and she is thereby consciously drawing particular attention to principles which are **not negotiable** (emphasis added). Among these the following emerge clearly today:*

- *Protection of life in all its stages, from the moment of conception until natural death;*
- *Recognition and promotion of the natural structure of the family as a union between a man and a woman based on marriage and its defense from attempts to make it juridically equivalent to radically forms of union which in reality harm it and contribute to its destabilization, obscuring its particular character and its irreplaceable social role;*
- *The protection of the rights of parents to educate their children"*

While there are other issues to be considered in the political arena, those listed above are, according to Pope Benedict, "non-negotiable".

Another parish actually placed copies of "**Voting for the Common Good - "A Practical Guide for Conscientious Catholics"**" in the pews on a Sunday prior to the election.

These voting guides were put out by *Catholics in Alliance for the Common Good*. This group also put out flyers entitled "Some things are as simple as Right and Wrong" which contained the following information:

- Abandoning the poor is **WRONG**

- 45 million Americans without health care is **WRONG**
- Torture is **WRONG**
- Government corruption is **WRONG**
- War without a plan for peace is **WRONG**

What's Right - a government that serves the Common Good.

What did the flyer forget to say?

- **Abortion** is **WRONG**
- **Euthanasia** is **WRONG**
- **Homosexual marriage** is **WRONG**

It also seemed to forget to mention that Catholics may never legitimately promote or vote for any law that attacks innocent human life.

Interestingly, an internet search of the group "*Catholics for the Common Good*" reveals that the leader of the group played a leadership role in the presidential campaign of John Kerry. (Similar literature was used by this group in Kerry's presidential bid to dilute his pro-abortion stance among Catholics.)

Catholics have a right and a duty to be truly informed on the duties of Catholic involvement in the future of our nation. Living a Catholic life means being "Catholic" in every aspect of one's daily life, including politics. In order to become truly informed we recommend that each Catholic get a copy of "*Catholics in the Public Square*" by Reverend Thomas J. Olmstead.

Bishop Olmsted explains what is appropriate in today's secular world and how we should seek to influence our nation and the political process, in light of our Catholic faith.

You will learn the answers to these important issues and more:

- How to fight against secularization in our society and the misrepresentation of faith in public.
- How Catholics can contribute to a culture of life.
- What role Catholic doctrine should play in the public square.
- What issues can ban Catholics from Holy Communion.
- What the "non-negotiable" issues are for Catholics involved in politics.
- What main responsibilities Catholics have to family and society.

For a copy of this informative booklet, contact:

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111 Ferguson Court, Suite 102
Irving, Texas 75062
Call 1 800-933-9398
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***Catholics in the Public Square* (\$4.95)**

Most Reverend Thomas J. Olmsted

About the Author:

Most Reverend Thomas J. Olmsted was installed as Bishop of Phoenix in 2003, after serving as the Bishop of Wichita, Kansas. He is a member of Jesus Caritas Fraternity of Priests, thus being deeply influenced by the Blessed Charles de Foucauld. For sixteen years, Bishop Olmsted lived in Rome, obtaining a Master of Arts in Theology and a Doctorate in Canon Law, and worked nine years in the Secretariat of State of the Holy See.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD

Contributed by Earl and Lela Kalkbrenner

What is Planned Parenthood? Planned Parenthood describes itself as “the world’s oldest and largest voluntary reproductive health care organization.” Its origins began, “thanks” to Margaret Sanger, in 1916 with a clinic in New York. Planned Parenthood is dedicated to the principle that every individual has the fundamental right to choose when or whether to have children.

Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA) operates 800 “health centers” in the United States. They perform more abortions per year than any other single entity in the U.S. It is the leading abortion advocacy organization in the world.

These clinics offer their services to anyone, regardless of age. They offer all forms of birth control, including abortion at some of the clinics. Your children can go in any one of their offices and obtain services without your consent or knowledge.

Planned Parenthood is also well known for its sex education programs, which are implemented in many school districts throughout the country. It makes perfect business sense to get kids interested in sex so that they will need birth control products, which are easily attainable at Planned Parenthood clinics. Then, if a birth control product doesn’t work, the “problem” of an unplanned and unwanted pregnancy can also be serviced by its own clinics.

In Planned Parenthood’s 2000-2001 Annual Report, they list “fetal tissue donation” as a new service that will be provided at its clinics. While federal law prohibits the sale of fetal tissue, abortion clinics can make additional profits by renting out space on their premises to private fetal tissue collectors, who make money by charging researchers fees for procuring and shipping the tissue. The terminology they use “fetal tissue donation” sounds ambiguous, doesn’t it? That is not by accident. Verbal engineering is at work here. Fetal tissue is comprised of parts from a dead baby - a baby that was purposely killed for money.

The following information has been provided by American Life League, obtained through Planned Parenthood’s 2004-2005 annual report. Planned Parenthood (PP) has received \$3.9 billion dollars in taxpayer money since 1987. PP is an \$882 million business that made \$63 million in profits last year. PP does 180 abortions for every one adoption referral. PP performed 19.8 percent of abortions in the US in 2004. Over 3.8 million babies have died in PP facilities since abortion was decriminalized. Abortion business provides 31 percent of its clinic income. American Life League has prepared a document giving the detailed financial and service statistics of Planned Parenthood for the last five years. You can obtain a free copy of that document by sending an e-mail to stopp@all.org and putting the words “PP statistics” in the subject line.

Why are we telling you about this? Because Planned Parenthood must be known for what it really is. This entity is definitely a large factor in our *culture of death*. They are very powerful, they have lots of money,

and many are pro-active in promoting their causes. They have weaseled their way into our schools’ educational systems, have made themselves very accessible, and offer products and services that make it easy for our children to get themselves into deep trouble.

Planned Parenthood teaches that there are no “rights” or “wrongs” with any sexual activity so long as there are no “victims.” Most affiliates sell and/or recommend the books *Changing Bodies, Changing Lives* (for adolescents) and *It’s Perfectly Normal* (for ten year olds). Visit your local library and see for yourself what these books are teaching your children. (The authors of this article did so; it would be worth your time to do so too.)

Planned Parenthood’s greatest ally has been ignorance of its activities and what it really stands for. The greater the public education about the organization, the better prepared we are to face the danger they may impose in our own particular area. That is why we encourage you so strongly to investigate your school classroom curriculum to make certain that Planned Parenthood does not get the opportunity to corrupt your children.

Now we will let Planned Parenthood speak for itself:

- “Our alternate solution, is to be ready, as educators and parents, to help young people obtain sex satisfaction before marriage. By sanctioning sex before marriage, we will prevent fear and guilt.” Dr. Lena Levine, Planned Parenthood Federation of America seminar, May 1953.
- “The solution (to “negative” early sexual experience) ...is to teach young people how to experience sexual pleasure, instead of teaching them to not have sex.”-- *Bulletin*, Planned Parenthood Federation of Canada, summer 1996.
- “Telling people just to practice abstinence is like telling a depressed person to cheer up.”-- Pamela Maraldo, then president of PPFA, AP wire story, August 10, 1993.
- “Over the years, we have taken unequivocal and courageous stands on many hard issues: working for minors’ access to abortion and contraception, fighting the Title X “gag rule,” and leading the way for abortion.”—Floria Feldt, President of PPFA, *Insider*, Spring 1997.
- “Planned Parenthood opposes any limitations or restriction on the access of adolescents to confidential reproductive health services, including contraception and abortion.”—*Mission and Policy Statements*, PPFA, 1990.
- “The fetus becomes a baby at birth.”—*How to Talk with Your Teen About the Facts of Life*, Planned Parenthood Federation of America, 1995.
- “By age five, children should understand the concept that a woman does not have to have a baby unless she wants to.”—*Human Sexuality: What Children Should Know and When They Should Know It*, Planned Parenthood Federation of America, 1996.

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VATICAN UPHOLDS EXCOMMUNICATION OF “CALL TO ACTION”

It was great news to hear that the Vatican has upheld the excommunication of the radical: “**CALL TO ACTION**” organization. Our local *Catholic In Action* (CIA) was largely formed to counter Trojan Horse groups such as *Call to Action*. (Please do not confuse CTA and CIA)

In early 1996, Bishop Fabian Bruskewitz received a letter notifying him that a local Call to Action (CTA) chapter had been formed in the Diocese of Lincoln, Neb. Two weeks later, on March 19, Bishop Bruskewitz issued a statement of Extrasynodal Legislation, which was published in the Southern Nebraska Register.

Citing Call to Action, Call to Action Nebraska, and ten other organizations, Bishop Bruskewitz wrote, “**Membership in these organizations or groups is always perilous to the Catholic faith and most often is totally incompatible with the Catholic faith.**”

Catholics who had such memberships were invited to remove themselves from the organizations and seek the Sacrament of Reconciliation so that they could return to full communion with the Catholic Church. Those who refused to do so within a month were automatically excommunicated.

Local CTA members objected strongly to the bishop’s instruction and appealed his decision, but Bishop Bruskewitz remained steadfast in his desire to lead the people under his pastoral care away from organizations perilous to the faith.

“Parents have to tell children that they can’t test everything in the medicine cabinet or drink everything under the sink”, the bishop explained. “The Church is our mother and gives us these instructions as protection against dangers we might not perceive...It is liberating, not enslaving.”

CTA Nebraska then appealed to the Holy See to reverse the legislation, but the appeal was rejected. A November 24 letter from Giovanni Battista Cardinal Re, head of the Congregation for Bishops, confirmed that the Holy See agrees with Bishop Bruskewitz’s ruling on the matter.

The Vatican’s response was no surprise to Bishop Bruskewitz, who was confident that his actions were correct. “I received nothing but 10 years of support from officials of the Holy See, including our previous Holy Father, Pope John Paul II and our current Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI,” he said, according to a report in the December 8th Southern Nebraska Register.

In his letter, Cardinal Re stated, “The judgment of the Holy See is that the activities of *Call to Action* in the course of these years are in contrast with the Catholic faith...Thus to be a member of this Association or to

support it, is irreconcilable with a coherent living of the Catholic faith.”

The Social Changes Proposed by *Call To Action*:

Here is a partial listing of the Call to Action Organization for Renewal. The social changes promoted by these groups are self-explanatory:

Catholic for a Free Choice (pro-abortion)

Conference for Catholic Lesbians (homosexual advocacy)

Friends of Creation Spirituality (Matthew Fox’s neo-pagans)

Core of Retired Priests United for Service (Married priesthood advocacy)

Dignity (Homosexual advocacy)

Future Church (promotes feminist theology, including destruction of a patriarchal hierarchy)

New Ways Ministry (Homosexual advocacy)

Pax Christi (women priesthood advocacy, among other things)

Women’s Ordination Conference (women priesthood advocacy)

Association of Rights of Catholics in the Church (advocated elected priests and bishops, contraception, Self-determined divorce and remarriage, and homosexual relationships)

Dr. Brian Clowes (Twice a speaker at Catholics In Action general meetings) said it best in his book *Call to Action or Call to Apostasy?*

“It is obvious that CTA-style small faith communities (SFC) are antithetical to the apostolic mission of the Roman Catholic Church because they cause people to turn in towards themselves instead of directing their energies towards evangelizing the world. Every dissenting small faith community will be as unique as the beliefs of its members, and in no case will these beliefs reflect those of the One True Faith or further the cause of evangelization of the world.

While the official excommunication applies only to Catholics in Bishop Bruskewitz’s diocese, one must ask the following question.

If as Cardinal Re stated; “The judgment of the Holy See is that the activities of *Call to Action* in the course of these years are in contrast with the Catholic faith...Thus to be a member of this Association or to support it is irreconcilable with a coherent living of the Catholic faith”, what about those Catholics in the Archdiocese of Louisville who belong to this group?

Cathedral Heritage Foundation is Renamed

“Center for Interfaith Relations”

On September 21, 2006 the archdiocesan newspaper, *The Record*, announced that the Cathedral Heritage Foundation of the Cathedral of the Assumption had changed its name to the “Center for Interfaith Relations”.

“This name change embodies the new mission of the organization and helps it to continue to fulfill one of its most important reasons for development - to promote understanding and cooperation among all houses of worship and faith traditions within the Louisville area,” said Christy Brown, co-founder of the Cathedral Heritage Foundation. (Readers of this newsletter will note that this is the same Ms. Brown who continues to be a financial supporter of Planned Parenthood.)

What has happened since our Cathedral became an interfaith center? Let's look at this year's *Festival of Faiths*. Among the subjects discussed at the 2006 Festival of Faiths were the environment and various views on death.

Wednesday, November 8, 2006 – More than 120 high school students took a crash course in religion and “found many common themes” in different religions.

- Shaykh Hamza Yusuf-Hanson, a leading spokesman for Islam, told them that religion is about how you carry yourself in the world.
- Pravrajika Vrajaprana, a nun at the Sacred Convent of the Vedanta Society introduced the concept of Brahman. “It doesn't have knowledge, it is knowledge. It doesn't have bliss, it is bliss.”
- Dharma Master Heng Sure, director of the Berkely Buddhist Monastery recounted how he spent 3 years walking 800 miles, taking three steps, then bowing to the ground before continuing. That's when, he said, he realized that all actions have consequences.

Friday, November 10, 2006 –Chief Arvol Looking Horse, of the Lakota Sioux Nation planted a “tree of Life” His wife, Paula Horne-Mullen said their main concern is the environment. Chief Looking Horse said, “By honoring the sacred tree we are honoring ourselves.”

Saturday, November 11, 2006 – Festival of Faiths looks at the idea of pets going to heaven.

Bob Stenger, a U of L law professor said – Once people start believing that animals have souls, it raises other questions about animal rights.....“raising the question, who are you to prioritize life?” Perhaps this would have been a good time to discuss the “slaughter of the innocents”. A Catholic explanation of the evil of taking millions of innocent human lives through abortion seems to be as appropriate a topic as “will my dog go to heaven”.

As Christians we are called to love all our brothers and sisters as Christ loved us. Seeking to understand other religions and beliefs is not necessarily a bad thing. Nevertheless, as Catholics we should remember our directive from Christ:

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

Kelly is 'very confident' in church reorganization

As reported by Peter Smith in the **Louisville Courier Journal**, Archbishop Thomas C. Kelly announced plans to merge 17 Catholic parishes into six, to close one rural mission and to have 34 congregations form closer working relationships as “clusters” of two or more parishes.

The consolidation comes after a year-long planning process that supposedly drew on recommendations from parishioners, priests and archdiocesan officials.

The consolidations will be phased in over the next five years, although some of the changes in rural areas may take even longer. The changes include clustering the Cathedral of the Assumption with St. Boniface, another historic urban church.

Kelly said in an interview that he's “very confident in what we have come up with.” “I've heard often from parishes that they felt very engaged in the process,” he said. “Even if they did not agree with the end result, they really felt consulted and heard.”

Archbishop Kelly submitted his resignation to the Vatican in June upon his 75th birthday and is awaiting word on his successor. He said he was glad to have completed the process while still in office, saying it would have been a difficulty for a new archbishop. But he said there could be changes.

“It still remains in many ways ... in the discretion of my successor,” he said. “That's very important, too. We've given him a plan. He can use it or not. It takes into account everything I know and that my colleagues in the archdiocese know” about current parish and staffing issues.

From *The Record* of December 9, 1993

THE RECORD, LOUISVILLE, KY., DECEMBER 9, 1993



Historic agreement

A lease was signed recently by representatives of the Cathedral Heritage Foundation and the Cathedral of the Assumption giving the foundation the right to use the 141-year-old Cathedral's property for 50 years. Because the foundation is a community board which oversees activities and restoration work at the Cathedral of the Assumption, 443 S. Fifth St., the lease secures the foundation's role in the development of the historic structure. Seated from left are Archbishop Thomas C. Kelly, Christ! Brown, chairwoman of the foundation board, and Father Ronald Knott, Cathedral pastor. Standing, from left, are Tim Martin, attorney; Trish Pugh Jones, executive director of the foundation; and Walter Wagner Jr., member of the foundation board of directors.

BURKE APPOINTED TO CHURCH'S HIGHEST COURT

The Holy See has announced that Archbishop Raymond Burke of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, and frequent speaker at the *Church Teaches Forum*, has been appointed to the Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signatura. The Archbishop will undertake his new duties while remaining Archbishop of St. Louis.

While the Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signatura is often labeled the "Supreme Court" of the Catholic Church, the Tribunal's cases are generally rarer than those of the U.S. Supreme Court. Most Judicial appeals, which come to Rome from dioceses around the world, are decided by the Roman Rota. The Supreme Tribunal's duties include responsibility for any appeals to rulings of the Roman Rota, in addition to oversight of the Roman Rota itself.

The Tribunal is currently being asked to consider the appeal of a group of parishes in the Archdiocese of Boston, which have been closed due to restructuring in the archdiocese. The parishes are appealing to the Tribunal after their initial appeals to Rome were denied.

The Tribunal also oversees the administration of justice within the Church, examining administrative matters referred to it by the Congregations of the Roman Curia as well as questions committed to it by the Holy Father.

Archbishop Burke is known as an accomplished Canon Lawyer. Having completed his graduate studies at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, Burke was named Moderator of the Curia and Vice Chancellor of the Diocese of Lacrosse, Wisconsin. Prior to being named Bishop of La Crosse in 1994, Burke served as Defender of the Bond of the Supreme Tribunal for five years – the first American to hold such a post.

Bishop Burke has been one of the strongest voices in the American Church in recent years, speaking boldly against pro-abortion politicians who also claim to profess the Catholic faith.

BISHOP GUMBLETON "REMOVED" ?

Bishop Thomas Gumbleton, retired auxiliary bishop of Detroit, announced at Sunday Mass Dec. 17 that he was being asked to leave St. Leo's Parish in Detroit, where he has been stationed since 1983.

In January 2005, when Gumbleton turned 75, he did not submit a mandatory letter of resignation to the Vatican. Instead, he began a yearlong correspondence with the Congregation of Bishops seeking permission to continue to serve as long as he was healthy. The congregation denied this request and Gumbleton submitted a letter of resignation in January 2006.

Last year when he told his parish that he had submitted the letter, he had said the resignation "affects the canonical office of bishop only."

Bishop Gumbleton frequently dissented with Church teaching on matters such as the acceptance of the gay and lesbian lifestyle, women priests, married priests, etc. He was a principal speaker at the 2002 *New Ways Ministries Conference* held in Louisville. At this conference he happily announced that homosexual marriage would soon be made legal in the United States..."as it should be". At this conference, he also voiced his disagreement with other areas of Church teaching.

Several members of St. Leo parish spoke out concerning his removal. On one internet web site, a parishioner wrote:

"Several of us talked with him after Mass and learned that the order came from 'Rome and was a result of the Bishop speaking out on the 'priest abuse' situation. Of course Rome doesn't like his call for acceptance of gay and lesbian persons or his position on women priests and deacons, or his suggestions that the Church should speak out against War and Torture etc. etc."

Bishop Gumbleton plans to remain a columnist for the *National Catholic Reporter* and a frequent speaker at national conferences.

ST. WILLIAM'S SUNDAY MASS CREED

At St. William parish in Louisville a Sunday morning Mass program for the "32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time" contained the following creed.

Statement of Belief: Credo of a Faithful People (Dom Helder Camara)

CELEBRANT: Together let us express our faithfulness.

MEN: I do not believe in the right of the strongest, in the language of weapons, in the power of the powerful. I want to believe in the right of all people, in the open hand, in the power of the nonviolent.

WOMEN: I do not believe in racial supremacy or in wealth, in privilege or in the established order. I want to believe that all of us are human beings, that the order of force and injustice is in fact disorder.

MEN: I do not believe that I have no responsibility for what takes place far away from here. I want to believe that the whole world is my home, that all reap what we all sow.

WOMEN: I do not believe that I can share the oppression there if I tolerate injustice here. I want to believe that right is the same here as it is there and that I am not free while one human being remains enslaved.

MEN: I do not believe that war and hunger are inevitable or that peace is unattainable. I want to believe in modest action, in the love of generous hands, in peace on earth.

WOMEN: I do not believe that all efforts are in vain. I dare to believe always and in spite of everything in the new human being.

ALL: I do not believe that humanity's dreams will go up in smoke or that death is the end of everything. I dare to believe in God's own dream: a new heaven and a new earth where justice dwells.

The same program also Lists the "Our Father" prayer as "Our Father/Our Mother"

Is each Catholic Church now allowed to make up its own creed? Is the Nicene Creed no longer applicable? Has the *Our Father* been renamed?

Planned Parenthood

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- “Babies are *not* sweet little things. They wet and dirty themselves, they get sick, and they’re very expensive to take care of.”—*The Perils of Puberty*, Rocky Mountain Planned Parenthood, 1974.
- “We see abortion as a necessary, desirable service and as an integral piece of comprehensive reproductive health care services. --”*NEWS from CAPS* (PPFA’s Coalition of Abortion Providers), October 1990.
- “We’re trying to shame the medical profession into doing its job. It’s a breach of the public trust when you are graduated and licensed as an ob-gyn not to perform abortions.”—Alexander Sanger, president of Planned Parenthood of New York City, *Kokomo Tribune* (Indiana), February, 1995.

A bit of history:

1918 to 1940—the *Birth Control Review* was printed, which included articles from Dr. Ernst Ruden, head of the Nazi sterilization program. In **1922**—In her book, *The Pivot of Civilization*, Margaret Sanger writes about working with William Ralph Inge, the dean of St. Paul’s Cathedral in London and theologian for the Church of England, about getting contraception recognized as acceptable by the church. In the 1930 Lambeth Conference, the Church of England did just that, making it the first major church to make such a statement.

1940s—PP helped to negate the Comstock laws and effectively opened the U.S. mail to sex information. Today there is a thriving pornography business because of the removal of these laws.

1965—PP instigated the court decision, *Griswold v. Connecticut*. This decision struck down all laws in the U.S. against contraception.

1973—Alan Guttmacher, M.D., while president of PP, signed *Humanist Manifesto II*, supporting the tenets of secular humanism and its rejection of God and universal morality.

1996—PP and the ACLU took the Communications Decency Act, which was designed to get pornography off the internet, to court and got it declared unconstitutional. **2000**—Laws were passed stating that any library that gets federal money has to install blocking software so pornography cannot be accessed at public libraries, PP and the ACLU took it to court and got it declared unconstitutional.

We hope you are convinced that Planned Parenthood is a major and evil component greatly influencing *the culture of death* in our society.

If you can, get involved in pro-life groups and activities. Everyone must do something. The Lord expects that of us. For many people, the immediate future for the pro-life cause does not look good given the results of the recent mid-term elections. However, we must not despair or lose hope. As important as it is to continue the fight against abortion in the political arena, the political arena is not the most important way we must fight for an end to abortion. We have gone too far in our country and in our world with the slaughter of pre-born babies to end this holocaust on our own. We need God’s help.

Father John Hardon, who died on December 30, 2000, has said that we need a superabundance of God’s grace, without which abortion will never be overcome. What are the sources of this grace? They are **prayer**, the **Sacraments**, the **practice of virtue and sacrifice**.

We must have faith and have total and absolute trust in the Lord’s divine power to change so many hearts of stone into hearts of selfless love for the unborn. There really is no other way to stem the homicidal global tide that is plaguing the world as never before in human history.

So let us all get on our knees and pray like we have never prayed before. Attend Mass as often as possible, make Holy Hours or make visits to the Blessed Sacrament, make the Stations of the Cross, pray the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet every day, and, finally, do penance. How will we face the Lord on our judgment day when He asks us, “What did **you** do for My little ones?”

Pray Daily for an End to Abortion!

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