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*Election Does Brings* <br />Good! Now the  
United States needs to get back to the Right. Our survival as a nation depends on it.

***“Change”...***

*Restriction on paying for overseas abortions...lifted*

*Regulations to protect doctors and nurses who refuse to  
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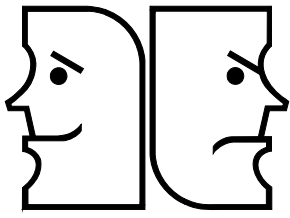
*FOCA (Freedom of Choice Act) which will make abortion  
for any reason, even more firmly established in law...  
promised*

*Appointment of several tax dodgers to oversee various high  
level governmental positions...done*

*Attorney who argued against stronger pornography laws...  
appointed Deputy Attorney General*

*ACORN which submitted thousands of fraudulent bal-  
lots...\$4.1 billion earmark in the economic stimulus bill*

.....Much more to come



# Smile & Grimace

## Third State Approves Assisted Suicide

Montana is officially the third state to allow assisted suicide, according to a ruling by Helena District Judge Dorothy McCarter. She moved to allow the practice in December and again in January, dismissing a request for an injunction during an appeal. Judge McCarter decided in December that the terminally ill patient Robert Baxter can self-administer lethal drugs provided by a physician. Since this case sets a precedent, what's legally permissible for Mr. Baxter is automatically legal for all.

Montana State Attorney General Mike McGrath filed an appeal of the decision and requested an injunction – to prevent others statewide from attempting assisted suicide – while the appeal is considered. McCarter rejected the appeal, and her ruling means assisted suicides can move ahead as of last month without patients or doctors fearing prosecution on charges of murder.

## A 'porn lawyer' to be Deputy Attorney General?

David Ogden has been proposed as the United States deputy attorney general. It's his pro-porn stance that concerns special counsel Pat Trueman of the Alliance Defense Fund. Criminal prosecutions is one of the areas Ogden would be responsible for.

"The reason David Ogden is going to be trouble is that he is a pornography lawyer prominently involved in the Playboy cases representing Playboy, Penthouse, other cases," says Trueman. "he has fought against keeping public libraries free of pornography to protect children."

In other words, he says, Ogden opposed using Internet filters. The pro-family group Fidelis picks up that argument.

"Ogden has opposed filters on library computers protecting children

from Internet smut, and successfully defended the right of pornographers to produce material with underage children," charges Fidelis president Brian Burch.

"Ogden's record is nothing short of obscene," Burch continues in a press release. "He is a hired gun from Playboy and the ACLU. He can't run from his long record of opposing common-sense laws protecting families, women, and children."

When confirmed by the Senate as deputy attorney general, Ogden would be placed in a position of great influence over the policy of the Department of Justice, second only to the attorney general, whom he would "advise and assist ... in formulating and implementing Department policies and programs.

## Obama to Review Bush Abortion Rule

Feb. 28, 2009 - President Barack Obama plans to repeal a Bush administration rule that has become a flash point in the debate over a doctor's right not to participate in abortions.

The regulation, instituted in the last days of the Bush administration, strengthened job protections for doctors and nurses who refuse to provide a medical services because of moral qualms. A Health and Human Services official said yesterday the administration will publish notice of its intentions early next week, opening a 30-day comment period for advocates on both sides, medical groups and the public.

"It would be a horrible move. These regulations were a long time coming," said Tom McClusky, a vice president at Family

Research Council. "What they seek to do is protect patients, nurses, doctors and other health-care professionals from being forced to violate their consciences."

McClusky and other abortion opponents said the Bush regulation clarified federal policies and raised awareness about the rights of medical providers to follow their consciences. But abortion-rights advocates said it was vague and overly broad, and could reduce access to other services.

The Bush administration's rule adds a requirement that institutions that get federal money certify their compliance with laws protecting the rights of moral objectors. It was intended to block the flow of federal funds to hospitals and other institutions that ignore those rights.

## 2009 Culture of Life Movie Awards

**Winners Include "Juno" and "Bella"**

MADRID, Spain, FEB. 25, 2009([Zenit.org](http://Zenit.org)).- This is the week for movie awards, and the results are out for the best picture, actors and screenplay, from the perspective of a culture of life.

The Madrid archdiocesan weekly magazine, Alpha and Omega, distributed by the newspaper ABC, gives special awards for the production of major films in defense of life.

The Alpha and Omega awards highlighted five pro-life films released in 2008, four related to abortion and one to euthanasia: "Juno"; "Bella"; "4 months, 3 weeks and 2 days"; "The Diving Bell and the Butterfly"; "The Princess of Nebraska."

The magazine director, Miguel Angel Velasco, said: "Given the tendency to reward movies that represent the 'culture of death', [we] wanted to reward others that, in one way or another, defend the 'culture of life.'"

## ACORN Gets Reward

Last year, a considerable amount of time and resources worked to expose the activities of the Association for Community Organization for Reform Now (ACORN), a group that submitted thousands of fraudulent voter registration forms in our Commonwealth alone. This group is reportedly under Federal investigation and played a vital role in helping Barack Obama get elected last year. To reward and pay this organization back, the President and Democrats in Washington, D.C. inserted an earmark of \$4.1 billion in the economic stimulus bill for ACORN.

# Priest/Catholic U President: "Abortion is Not an Infallible Teaching"

This article is courtesy of [LifeSiteNews.com](http://LifeSiteNews.com). by [Kathleen Gilbert](#)

The President of the Catholic Assumption University of Windsor told LifeSiteNews.com (LSN) in an interview, that the Catholic Church's position on abortion "is not an infallible teaching."

Fr. Paul Rennick, who is also Vice Chancellor of the school, gave the remarks when LSN sought comment regarding the school's decision to invite Cokie Roberts, a pro-abortion Catholic news analyst who has criticized the Church for preaching against homosexuality and contraception, to address the school as part of the "Christian Culture" lecture series.

Fr. Rennick told LSN that he had "personally vetted" the selection of Roberts and chose her because she was "a woman of faith," a "well known Catholic" and "successful as an individual Christian."

LSN asked Fr. Rennick, "Do you think there is a possibility of scandal from the fact that she has professed very pro-abortion views and has criticized Catholic bishops for teaching Church doctrine on homosexuality and contraception?" The President of the Catholic University replied, "No, I don't."

Asked to elaborate, Fr. Rennick said: "If you look at the catholic population, you'll find a whole variety of positions on all of those topics. It seems to me that disagreement on a particular position doesn't disqualify one from being a Catholic. Unless, of course, that position is whether Jesus is the Christ."

"Abortion is not an infallible teaching. It never has been proclaimed infallibly," he said. "This attempt to put everything that the Church teaches in this one set of categories, it seems to me, is not a proper Catholic position, not according to the history of our church," he added.

LSN sought comment about Fr. Rennick's remarks from London Bishop Ronald Fabbro who is Chancellor of Assumption University. Mark Adkinson, Director of Communications for the diocese, told LifeSiteNews.com he would not be able to have the bishop comment. Asked if there would be a better time to contact the bishop, Adkinson replied, "No, because I don't view LifeSite as a legitimate news source."

LSN then sought clarification from the Canadian Catholic Conference of Bishops (CCCCB), who referred to the Catholic Organization for Life and Family (COLF). COLF Assistant Director Lea Singh noted that the Catechism reads: "Since the first century the Church has affirmed the moral evil of every produced abortion. This teaching has not changed and remains unchangeable." (CCC 2271).

"As an 'unchangeable' teaching, it does indeed seem to be an infallible teaching," said Singh. "Over the years the CCCB has repeatedly spoken out strongly against abortion." She quoted a 1990 CCCB document which stated: "Catholic teaching on abortion is clear and unequivocal. Abortion is a moral evil because it involves the destruction of human life. Direct killing of an unborn child is never justified."

Cokie Roberts, a political commentator for ABC News and a senior news analyst for National Public Radio, has characterized the federal ban on partial-birth abortion as "off the track" and "cynical game-playing" by pro-life activists, and found the Supreme Court decision to uphold the ban "offensive as a woman."

Roberts also publicly attacked Pope Benedict XVI as "really lacking in the theological virtue of charity," and accused bishops who refuse to open adoption agencies to homosexual couples of "using the remnants of their clout to go after the weak."

The Christian Culture Series has previously invited other public dissidents, including pro-abortion Catholic Prime Ministers Jean Chrétien and Paul Martin Jr., and radical feminist nun Sr. Sandra Schneiders, all of whom were given a Christian Culture medal for being "outstanding exponents of Christian ideals."

Schneiders, who was awarded in 1994, wrote that "every aspect" of the Catholic faith "is not just tainted but perverted by the evil of patriarchy. It is not that the tradition has some problems; the tradition is the problem."

## Milwaukee Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan to be Archbishop of New York

Dolan will take over an archdiocese of 2.5 million Catholics in what many consider the highest-profile position in the U.S. Catholic Church. The appointment all but ensures that Dolan ultimately will be named a cardinal.

A Missouri native who came to Milwaukee in August 2002, Dolan established himself as an openly devout bishop with a sharp intellect. A church historian who speaks three languages and reads three more, he nevertheless developed a reputation for speaking plainly to his flock, whether it was asking them to return to the practice of making confession or to give to his annual fund appeal.

Dolan is credited with working to heal and reinvigorate the local church, home to 682,000 Catholics. He has drawn accolades for his support of Catholic schools, priests and seminarians. Enrollment at St. Francis de Sales Seminary is at a 20-year high, which many attribute to Dolan's example and emphasis on vocations.

**Catholic critics complain that Dolan toes the Vatican line and does not abide dissent.**

"Archbishop Dolan, like most bishops, has a my-way-or-the-highway mentality," said Nancy Moews, coordinator of the local chapter of Voice of the Faithful. "His reign has produced assaults on freedom of thought, speech and the primacy of personal conscience."

Dan Maguire, a Marquette University professor of moral theology and former priest, called Dolan "a back-slapping autocrat. Under that affable exterior is an arrogant and steely conservative," said Maguire, who was rebuked by Dolan in 2006 after he sent a letter to U.S. bishops suggesting Catholics may rightfully dissent on issues of abortion and same-sex unions, and that bishops don't have the last word on moral debate. Shortly after, Maguire said, he was banned from speaking at local parishes. Dolan's chief of staff, said the archbishop asked priests not to allow Maguire to speak because his views were at odds with Catholic teachings.

"I've been here for 38 years, and no other archbishop has taken that kind of action," Maguire said.

# Pro-Abortion Pelosi Has Audience with Pope



Congresswoman  
**Nancy Pelosi**

San Francisco, California - 8th District



VATICAN CITY (AFP) —2-18-09

Pope Benedict XVI admonished visiting US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, a Catholic who advocates abortion rights, that "all Catholics" should uphold the Church's teachings on life.

Benedict "took the opportunity to speak of the requirements of the natural moral law and the Church's consistent teaching on the dignity of human life from conception to natural death," the Vatican said in a statement. These "enjoin all Catholics, and especially legislators, jurists as well as those responsible for the common good of society to work in cooperation with all men and women of good will in creating a just system of laws capable of protecting human life at all stages of its development," the statement said. Pelosi, the highest-ranking US official to see the pope since President Barack Obama took office last month, describes herself as an "ardent" Catholic while advocating reproductive rights.

The top lawmaker drew fire from the US Catholic Church last August after she appeared on NBC's "Meet the Press" when, responding to a question about when human life begins from anchor Tom Brokaw, she said: "The doctors of the Church have not been able to make that definition... We don't know." She added: "The point is, is that it shouldn't have an impact on the woman's right to choose."

Cardinal Edward Egan of New York expressed "shock" over the comments, saying, "What the speaker had to say about theologians and their positions regarding abortion was not only misinformed; it was also, and especially, utterly incredible in this day and age."

The Vatican often appeals to Catholic lawmakers, doctors and judges to consult their consciences when making decisions bearing on life and death. Nearly 70 percent of Italian gynaecologists refuse to perform abortions on moral grounds, the health ministry reported last year.

Pelosi released a statement saying that she had met the 81-year-old Benedict "with great joy" and offered praise to the Catholic Church for its "leadership in fighting poverty, hunger and global warming."

Pelosi also hailed "the Holy Father's dedication to religious freedom and his upcoming trip and message to Israel," the statement said, referring to Benedict's plan to travel to Israel, probably in May.

Obama's Democratic administration is at odds with the Vatican over abortion, stemcell research and other bio-ethical issues.

Senior Vatican officials slammed Obama's rapid overturning of a ban on US government funding for family planning groups around the world that carry out or facilitate abortions.

Obama signed an executive order canceling the eight-year-old restrictions imposed by his predecessor George W. Bush on the third full day of his presidency.

The Vatican has also criticized the approval of US authorities for the first human trials using embryonic stem cells of a therapy to help paralyzed patients regain movement.

White House adviser David Axelrod said that Obama would issue an executive order soon allowing federal funding for embryonic stem cell research, also reversing a 2001 ban imposed by Bush.

## Archbishop Chaput weighs in on Pelosi:

Archbishop Charles Chaput of Denver expressed his support in an interview with Fox News for Pope Benedict XVI's message to pro-abortion "Catholic" House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, in which the Pope enjoined the Speaker to protect human life from conception.

"Every Catholic, whether you're famous or anonymous ... has a responsibility to be faithful to what our Church believes about human life, and we believe human life is sacred and precious from the moment of conception," said Chaput during the interview. Chaput also said he was happy that the Pope "took the occasion to remind her of something very important."

Asked to expand on Church teaching on abortion, Chaput said "there's no doubt" that the Church has always taught the sacredness of life from the moment of conception, and that "abortion is always wrong in all circumstances."

In an appearance on Meet the Press last August, Speaker Pelosi had attempted to justify abortion in light of her Catholic faith by citing St. Augustine's discussion of when the soul enters the living human fetus. She concluded that "the doctors of the Church have not been able to make that definition" on when human life begins.

"It's not a fairly black-and-white issue, it's a clearly black-and-white issue," said Chaput. "The Church without doubt believes that human life begins at conception."

Cavuto then pressed the archbishop: "Would you grant her [Pelosi] Communion in your church?" Chaput responded, "I would like to talk to her if she were coming to a church in the Archdiocese of Denver. I would say to her what I would say to anyone: again, if you don't accept what the Church teaches, you shouldn't present yourself for Communion, because Communion means you're in agreement with what the Church teaches."

# PRAYER WITHOUT ACTION IS NONPRODUCTIVE

## THE JOURNEY OF



Less than a year ago Lifehouse was still under construction, yet with action it was getting closer to completion. With faith and action the dream became a reality in April when our first resident moved in.

Not only is this dream a reality, but we have already had four babies born to mothers in our program and our next busy month is May when we have four more babies due. We are planning our first adoption as well.

Let me share a little about some of the young women who have come to Lifehouse. Almost all of them came to us after first seeking to have an abortion. They chose life for their child because of Lifehouse.

One mother made 10 appointments for an abortion before she learned of our mission. This young woman gave birth to our very first Lifehouse baby. What a joy and celebration we had as we held this first bundle of joy. Her mother had a college education but was struggling with many issues that were unrelated to her pregnancy. Lifehouse was here to give her the help she needed to choose life for her child.

Because of our scholarship program, one of our young residents is working full time and going to college three nights a week as she awaits the birth of her child. She is the young woman that is making an adoption plan for her child.

Another of our residents literally ran from the abortion clinic, as her mother was forcing her to have an abortion. Here are some excerpts from a paper she wrote for her English Class:

### *A Blessing for a New Life*

*I'm so thankful to God and to the Lifehouse staff. These past months were very sad and harmful for me. During this time I felt like the world was about to fall in around me. I cried every day and night because of the problems that I was getting into. You, see I'm pregnant and I've been through many hard things. I never thought I would get help, but one never knows about unexpected blessings.*

*One Wednesday morning I stepped into an abortion clinic even though I didn't want to. I didn't have an abortion thanks to the words of a precious woman that was standing outside the clinic. She told me there was help for me at Lifehouse. After speaking with her, my feelings towards my unborn child grew stronger. That's why I felt brave enough to go against my family's wishes.*

*She took me to Lifehouse and that is where I live. Everyone pitches in to cook, clean and take care of the chores. We are in counseling and making plans for our future and that of our child, either to be a parent or to place our child to a loving couple, through adoption.*

*I have received so much help from the staff at Lifehouse and my baby is alive. Hopefully, there are more blessings on the horizon.*

*This is my story and I hope you too believe that God is good and he never leaves you alone. He gave me Lifehouse.*

*A Lifehouse Resident*

I believe that our Catholic prayers are being answered, but these prayers without action and sacrifice will not obtain results. We at Lifehouse must have the financial resources to take care of these mothers and their babies, born and unborn. It is not inexpensive, but how can you put a price on the saving of a human life, really two lives, the mother and her child!!!

Our utilities, food, clothing, transportation, salary for housemothers who are there 24 hours a day, and counseling is about \$298,000 a year. This is a small price to pay for the lives saved.

We ask for your prayers that God will send us the dollars we need to keep serving and saving lives. We of course need your prayers. We need prayers and action today!

Call me to take a personal tour and to find out how you can help.

897-1655.

Fondly, *Joan Smith, Executive Director*

## Archbishop Dolan on Pelosi & Biden

By Glenn Thrush

Milwaukee Archbishop Timothy Dolan recently accused House Speaker Nancy Pelosi on blundering rhetorically and erring biologically on abortion. In a Sept. 28, 2008 **Milwaukee Journal Sentinel** op-ed, Dolan took issue with comments on abortion made by the Speaker and Joe Biden made on "Meet the Press" last August.

Pelosi, who received an anti-abortion sermon from Pope Benedict XVI at the Vatican, claimed St. Augustine didn't believe abortion was homicide if it was

performed in the first 40 days of pregnancy because a fetus lacked "sensation."

Biden's comments were more a noddyne but both prompted a swift rebuke from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Dolan, a genial clerical conservative and outspoken defender of celibacy, said he felt compelled to write that Pelosi and Biden were, in effect, on the wrong side of the "premier civil rights issue" in modern times:

**It was not the bishops who started this rhubarb but House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) and Sen. Joe Biden (D-Del.), who took it upon themselves to explain Catholic teaching on abortion to the nation - and blundered badly.**

When prominent Catholics publicly misrepresent timeless Church doctrine - as Biden and Pelosi regrettably did (to say nothing of erring in biology!) - a bishop has the duty to clarify.

Abortion is hardly a religious issue at all. Women and men of every religion, or none at all, express grave reservations about our abortion-on-demand culture, insisting that it is not a theological matter but a civil rights one.

He went on to cite a pair of civil rights-era giants who raised questions about abortion: Was Robert Kennedy correct in observing that the true test of a society's mettle is how it treats the most vulnerable among us, which has to include the tiny baby in the womb?

Thankfully, a bold pastor, who never hid his religious convictions, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., prophetically demanded that this was indeed an issue of life and death that had to be confronted by a nation committed to justice.

# Catholic Law Professor Questions Human Conception in a “Retail” Setting

The dignity of the human person is easily violated, especially when reproduction technology enables a consumer mentality for the creation of children, affirmed a law professor.

Helen Alvaré, a consultor to the Pontifical Council for the Laity and a senior fellow of law for the Culture of Life Foundation, affirmed this in a statement on the foundation's Web site.

She addressed the ongoing "octomom" story, about Nadya Suleman, a single woman who gave birth to eight living babies after in vitro fertilization using donor sperm.

The 33-year-old Los Angeles resident already lives with her six other children in her mother's three bedroom home, which may be foreclosed due to unpaid mortgage bills. Suleman reported that the hospital threatened to not release her eight newborns to her until she has better living arrangements. Her family now lives on government aid.

Alvaré asserted, "Where's the dignity of new life in this story?"

She said, "We have an impoverished, multiparous, single mother with a baby-fetish, in an impoverished extended family, who meets up with an irresponsible fertility doctor willing to implant more embryos than can ordinarily safely develop or be carried to term."

Analyzing the situation, Alvaré noted that "once law and society allow human conception to take place in a retail setting, outside of an intimate marital relationship, and thus vulnerable to the tender mercies of the 'laws' of the market and of fallible human desires, it's not at all surprising that mothers and their children so conceived would be treated as legitimate objects of public commentary, scrutiny and even scorn."

She called on U.S. lawmakers to issue regulatory mandates that will keep the reproduction "business" from being guided solely by individual "preferences."

Obscured, not destroyed

Answering her own reflection, Alvaré affirmed that "human dignity cannot be destroyed."

She continued: "We are made in God's image and likeness and can never become in essence 'contemptible.' Nadya Suleman and her children are human beings made in God's image and likeness.

"But indeed their dignity has sadly been obscured. In the case of the children, it has been assaulted from the beginning of their very existence."

Alvaré referred to the Vatican's December document "*Dignitas Personae*," saying that "the instruction reminds us that the dignity of every human person is real but fragile."

"So fragile," she emphasized, "that it is very easy for even a brilliant scientist or loving, would-be parents, to misunderstand or ignore it."

She added, "Humanity's capacity for moral understanding, and for love and disinterested sacrifice, images but cannot equal God's."

The law professor called for regulations to affirm the dignity of the person, and to "recognize the demonstrable fact that children's and parents' dignity is naturally upheld when procreation takes place via an act of love between committed, married parents."

She underlined the Vatican's instruction stating that "the desire for a child cannot justify the 'production' of offspring."

Reproduction technology, and the Suleman case in particular, manifest the risks of negating the "natural protections for dignity offered by marital procreation," she said.

Alvaré concluded, "Human beings deserve always to be brought into

*The “Heart of Our Faith”*

## *The Triduum*

The *Paschal Triduum*, often called the *Easter Triduum* or simply the *Triduum*, begins during Holy Week, and consists of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday. This includes the Great Easter Vigil, the high point of the Triduum.

The word Triduum comes from the Latin word meaning "three days." It begins the evening of Maundy Thursday and ends at Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday. Thus the Triduum consists of three full days which begin and end in the evening.

The Triduum technically is not part of Lent (at least liturgically), but Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday are still reckoned as part of the traditional forty day Lenten fast.

The Triduum celebrates the heart of our faith, salvation, and redemption: the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Thus, the Triduum commemorates the Institution of the Eucharist (the "sacrament of sacraments"), the passion, crucifixion, death of the Lord, his descent to the dead, and finally his glorious resurrection on Easter Sunday morning.

Along with the Ascension, these important events make up the *Paschal Mystery*.

Thus, even though the liturgical year begins chronologically at Advent, it reaches its culmination during the Easter Triduum, particularly at Easter, the "solemnity of solemnities," the "Great Feast." The Catholic Catechism describes the importance of the Triduum:

Beginning with the Easter Triduum as its source of light, the new age of the Resurrection fills the whole liturgical year with its brilliance.

Gradually, on either side of this source, the year is transfigured by the liturgy. It really is a "year of the Lord's favor." The economy of salvation is at work within the framework of time, but since its fulfillment in the Passover of Jesus and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the culmination of history is anticipated "as a foretaste," and the kingdom of God enters into our time (1168).

# Saint Joseph

Contributed by Earl and Lela Kalkbrenner



March 19 is the designated feast day for St. Joseph, the husband of Mary and the foster father of Jesus. He was chosen before time began to fulfill the greatest male role in history—the earthly father for Jesus.

St. Joseph is somewhat a forgotten saint among many. There is one who was in love with St. Joseph at a very young age and throughout his lifetime. His life was devoted to God and St. Joseph.

Alfred Bessette was born near Montreal, Canada in 1845. He was a prayerful young boy and, although very sickly, never complained but did his very best at everything asked of him.

He joined the Congregation of the Holy Cross in Montreal and was assigned as the doorkeeper at Notre Dame College, a position which he held for forty years. He was a very small man who did very big things in the name of St. Joseph.

His love for the sick led to numerous miracles of healing. He visited the ill in Montreal four times each week to cheer them, to pray with them, and he would rub the sick person lightly with a bit of oil taken from a lamp burning in front of St. Joseph's statue in the college chapel.

Brother Andre was in his early thirties when the first cures occurred. "People who suffer have something to offer to the good God," Brother Andre often said. The little brother spoke with words of encouragement to all. "Do not seek to be spared trials," he advised; "ask instead for the grace to bear them well." He disclaimed any part in the cures. "It is God and St. Joseph who have helped you." He would often say, "Accept sickness, God will have an eternity to console you."

Rarely did anyone keep an accurate count of cures, but the piles of crutches, braces, canes and other devices the pilgrims left behind indicate many hundreds. Four hundred and thirty five cures were recorded for the year 1916.

Brother Andre secretly cherished a dream of erecting a place of prayer in honor of St. Joseph for many years. His dream came to fruition when friends and offerings from the faithful built the Oratory which grew to become the most important pilgrimage center dedicated to St. Joseph in the world.

Brother Andre died January 6, 1937 during his 92<sup>nd</sup> year of life. "I will never see the completion of the Oratory," he often remarked, "but the work will be done. It is not my project anyway," he would add with a twinkle in his eye, "it is St. Joseph's."

Newspapers reported that over a million people attended his wake and funeral. Pope John Paul II beatified Brother Andre in May 1982.

St. Joseph Oratory rises 506 feet above street level and 856 feet above average sea level. It is the highest point in Montreal, Canada. For information on St. Joseph's Oratory, go to [www.saint-joseph.org](http://www.saint-joseph.org).

## What Is "Catholics In Action"?

### Who Are These People?

**Rabble Rousers? Disgruntled Catholics? Catholics disloyal to the local hierarchy? NO! Members of *Catholics In Action* are true to the Faith, loyal to Church leaders, and desirous only of promoting and preserving the truths of the Catholic Faith. Just as Catholics involved in other varied ministries within the diocese meet and organize to better promote their various causes, so too our members meet and organize to promote and to educate fellow Catholics as to the truths of our Faith.**

### Mission Statement

Catholics In Action, Inc. exists to conduct a Christian Witness among the people of the Archdiocese of Louisville and the Roman Catholic Church in general. The purpose of this witness will be to encourage the truth as revealed in Scripture, tradition, and the teaching authority of the Roman Catholic Church, and to work to restore the primacy of traditional family values in the lives of the people and of the Church.

The specific mission of this organization is to be supporting orthodoxy and to expose and oppose error and to provide a forum for communication and mutual support among Catholic laity and clergy in the Archdiocese of Louisville.

In furtherance of these goals, Catholics In Action, Inc. will hold periodic meetings for its members and guests; release public commentary on events and statements of Catholic positions on issues; publish a newsletter; and build a network to enable grassroots lay response to events in the Archdiocese.



**Be an angel. Help us continue our mission.**

Our motto in *Catholics In Action* has always been: "The Lord will provide for our needs", and through you, our angels, He has done just that.

Your generosity has kept the office equipment, website and other expenses up to date. It has allowed us to provide you the opportunity to hear excellent Catholic speakers. An opportunity you may not otherwise have.

Although we do send a reminder letter each September, members join at various times during the year, we leave it to you to know when it is time to "renew" your membership. Several of you donate small amounts whenever you can and for this we are especially grateful.

***No one connected with Catholics In Action receives any compensation whatsoever. Everyone volunteers for the love of God and Holy Mother Church.***

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Support the Holy Father  
Pray for Priests and Bishops  
Become more knowledgeable in the Faith  
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