

CATHOLICS IN ACTION

GOLDSMITH OFFICE BUILDING. P.O. BOX 5336. LOUISVILLE, KY 40205-5336
www.catholics-in-action.org

NO. 69

November-December, 2005

Vol.12

How Dissenters Plan to Remake the Church

A Synopsis of the Talk by Dr. Brian Clowes, PhD

Given at Catholics In Action Annual Meeting, September 16, 2005

Catholics In Action hosted a seminar by Dr. Brian Clowes on Friday evening, Sept. 16th, at the Executive West. All those in attendance (and there were many) received an inoculation against the virus of dissent that is infecting much of our beloved Church at present.

Dr. Clowes gave a masterful overview of dissent in the Church. He demonstrated, using the words of the dissenters themselves, how they look to the day "when the cathedral is destroyed." They seek to undermine and ultimately overthrow the Church by attacking its four characteristic marks: One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic. Using excerpts from the "Constitution of the Catholic Church" that the ARCC (Assoc. for the Rights of Catholics in the Church) proposes, he shows that dissenters attack the Church's oneness by detaching freedom of conscience from truth, so that it becomes impossible to distinguish licit from illicit freedom. Basically, this devolves into "if you feel okay about whatever you're doing, then it's okay." This is what the Holy Father talked about in one of his first talks after his election as the new Pope, when he referred to subjective relativism being so prevalent. We are asked to trade the Truth for many little subjective truths. Dissenters want a Vatican III, after which every country, diocese, and parish can write its own constitution. "Authority is not conferred by God, but by people." Goodbye oneness.

The attack on the "Holy" centers on the treatment of sin. Dissenters see no need for the sacrament of confession. There is no need for a call to repentance. Capitulate to sin, rather than resist it. A real hallmark of dissent is the movement away from personal sin to a sense of collective sin. Since all are guilty, tolerance becomes the mantra. Some groups of dissenters, in their attack of the holiness of the Church, actually promote worship of Sophia and engage in satanic worship. Catholics for Free Choice, which has a hymn to Satan, also promotes an abortion liturgy, to confirm a woman in her choice of abortion.

Dr. Clowes went on to show that the attack on the Church's catholicity or universality by dissenters is actually a psychological lure to experience new things, rather than

"that same old thing" that is Catholic liturgy. It calls people away from worship to entertainment. It focuses on Human experiences It even promotes alternative elements for the liturgy: saltine crackers; milk; cranberry bread; etc., etc.

The dissenters' last front in the battle is their attack on the Apostolic character of the Church. They attack the sacrament of Holy Orders, by trying to create a crisis that doesn't exist, so that the dam will be broken, and the nature of the ordained priesthood will disappear in a sea of self-consecrated laity. Call To Action actively seeks to pull people away from Mass, into small faith communities that focus on dissent. Voice of The Faithful, very visible in the Archdiocese of Louisville, promotes the motto: "Keep The Faith; Change the Church."

In order to prevail in the battle against dissent in our Church, Dr. Clowes (himself an ex-Green Beret) told us that we need to remember that we are members of the Church Militant. We must "...be persevering, fully engaged in the work of the Lord." (1 Cor.15:58). We must be "...on the watch against those who cause dissension and scandal..." (Romans 16:17). We are expected to be soldiers for Jesus. If we do that, we will have the right attitude. Next, we must identify the dissenters; study their beliefs and their tactics; take action against them. (Faith, Dr. Clowes reminded us, involves risk.) Lastly, we should properly catechize and evangelize them. We do not want our brothers and sisters to go to hell. We want them to be with us in heaven. We need to bring them back to the true faith; we need to take Ezekiel 3:18 to heart: "If I say to the wicked man, You shall surely die; and you do not warn or speak out to dissuade him from his wicked conduct so that he may live: that wicked man shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death." In order to prevail, we must get the POPE with us:

POPE = Pray; Organize; Plan; Expose.

Lincoln diocese boasts highest number of priests to Catholics

By MIKE FRITZ
Reprinted from the Daily Nebraskan

Today, Catholic priests are in short supply throughout the entire world. However, with the nation's highest ratio of priests to Catholics, the Diocese of Lincoln has managed to avoid this problem.

According to the Official Catholic Directory of 2005, the authoritative guide to the Catholic Church in the U.S., there are 121 active diocesan priests in Lincoln and 89,236 Catholics.

Those numbers indicate there is one priest for every 737 Catholics, which is far greater than the total national statistic of one priest for every 4,723 Catholics. The New York Times reported Oct. 7 that in 2003, there was nationally one priest for every 2,677 Catholics, meaning the U.S. priest shortage has nearly doubled in the last two years.

In Omaha, with one priest for every 1,755 Catholics, the diocese is slightly behind Lincoln but still far above the national average.

The directory also shows that some of the lowest ratios of active priests to Catholics tend to occur in larger dioceses.

The Diocese of Los Angeles has only one priest for every 12,217 Catholics, and the Diocese of El Paso, Texas, has one priest for every 11,927 Catholics.

The Rev. John Folda, rector for Saint Gregory the Great Seminary in Seward, said the Lincoln diocese does nothing magical or unique in terms of recruitment that would contribute to the high number of priests.

Folda said the proximity of the seminary to Lincoln helped ease some of the initial worries possible candidates might face when training for priesthood.

"It's helpful that these young men don't have to go across the country," Folda said, "just to figure out if this whole thing is for them."

The Rev. Robert Matya, pastor at the St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church/Newman Center near the University of Nebraska-Lincoln City Campus, said typically the diocese has anywhere from eight to 12 men who join the seminary in Seward annually. Last year, nine students entered and have begun taking classes in theology.

The Lincoln diocese long has been considered one of the most conservative in the country.

Though many dioceses throughout the country have allowed women to become altar servers or administer the sacrament of communion, Matya said the Lincoln diocese continues to prohibit such practices.

In 1996, the Most Rev. Fabian Bruskewitz, bishop of Lincoln, ordered all parishioners to dissolve any affiliations with a number of reform groups, including Catholics for a Free Choice and the lay organization Planned Parenthood, or face potential excommunication.

The Vatican in Rome upheld the order by Bruskewitz, saying the groups were in discord with Catholic doctrine.

Matya attributes the abundance of candidates for the Lincoln diocese to a number of factors, but said the traditional orthodox makeup of the diocese plays little role in influencing possible candidates.

"It's not that we try to be overly conservative," Matya said. "But as a diocese, we do try to act how God wants us to be, and I think that is very appealing to a lot of these young men."

Matya, who also teaches a religion class at Lincoln Pius X High School, said that as a whole, the only advertising the diocese does is to send out a brochure every year to all Catholics encouraging vocations.

He said the brochure probably had little effect in comparison to the community's parochial school system, though.

"Our Catholic schools have always been terrific here," Matya said. "We have also really been blessed with lots of young, enthusiastic priests ... and I believe it's easier for these kids coming out of high school to connect with that enthusiasm."

According to the New York Times article, a recent synod – a global meeting of bishops – took place in Rome at the beginning of October, and some surprising issues were brought up.

In terms of national recruitment, possible changes could take place in the future.

The bishops discussed how they would try to increase the number of priests worldwide.

Although far from becoming a reality, initial debates addressed the issue of lifting celibacy requirements and allowing married men to enter the priesthood.

The Vatican also is soon expected to release a document that will exclude gays and lesbians – even those who remain celibate – from entering the priesthood, which could result in further national shortages. (This document has now been released.)

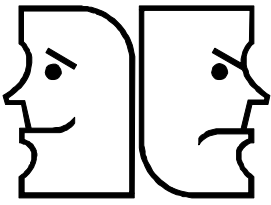
At a local level, Matya said recruitment would not change because of the recent discussions. Individual dioceses are not involved in the process of making or altering global dogma, he said, and the possible changes remain speculative.

As priest shortages continue to have an adverse effect on the global Catholic population, Folda said the Lincoln diocese is humbled and grateful by the commitment local men are continuing to make for their faith.

"Ultimately, it is God's gift to us," Folda said. "I don't know why He chose to bless us this way, but we'll continue trying to make the best of it."



A group of local Catholics has been meeting to brainstorm and offer suggestions to the Chancery on promoting and encouraging vocations in the Archdiocese of Louisville. Pray for their success.



Smile & Grimace

Notre Dame Sponsors Queer Festival

For two consecutive years, the Catholic University of Notre Dame hosted a "Queer Film Festival" promoting sodomy to students. At one session, pro-homosexual Sister Jeannine Gramick is reported to have told students:

"I'm beginning to believe that the greatest sin for lesbian and gay people is to want to be straight."
(LifeSiteNews.com, 02-14-05)

Next year's "Queer Film Festival" has already been approved by Notre Dame's board of directors. In a board meeting, they stated: "Such films should be shown and discussions on them should be held on a university campus."

At Notre Dame's 2005 "Queer Film Festival," Terrence McNally, the author of the blasphemous play "Corpus Christi" was a featured speaker. McNally's "Corpus Christi" depicts Jesus and the apostles as homosexuals!

PRIEST BEATS WIFE

Some say married priests will solve the problem of the priest shortage. Maybe not

The *Daily Record* in Morris County, New Jersey blasted across the front page "Married Priest Beats Wife Twice". The story was about a former Episcopal priest who came into the church around 1984. One Catholic, identified only as A.K. was quoted as saying: Not only do we have to worry about the sex scandal in the church, now we have to worry about wife-beating priests.

MOM ARRESTED TRYING TO SAVE DAUGHTER AT ABORTION CLINIC

An Illinois woman was arrested after trying to stop her 14-year-old daughter from having an abortion. When the woman discovered her daughter was not at school, she went to the Hope Abortion Clinic in Granite City. The mother was arrested when she con-

tinued to cry out her daughter's name after she was told that she could not prove her daughter was there. The girl was reportedly taken to the abortion clinic by the mother of the man who allegedly impregnated her. The woman posed as the girl's grandmother and had her called out from school.

WHAT A GIFT

The National Organization for Women offered supporters several gift ideas for Mother's Day. One of the suggested items on www.NOW.org was a charm bracelet with the message,

"Keep Abortion Legal".

A much better suggestion could be: Say a prayer of thanksgiving each day for all the wonderful mothers who would not wear this bracelet.

HOW SAD

The *Archdiocese of Louisville Accountability Report 2005* published in the October 13th issue of *The Record* include some sad statistics.

The following were listed under "Priest Assignment and Status: All priests with a substantiated accusation of childhood sexual abuse have been removed from public ministry. All of the cases of priests with substantiated cases of childhood sexual abuse have been reported and resolved by the Holy See."

Dismissed from priesthood:

Daniel Clark
Thomas Creagh
Robert Dollinger
Joseph Herp
Louis Miller

Directed to live a life of prayer and penance :

James Hargadon (Died in 2005)
Joseph Mouser
Edwin Scherzer

Resigned from priesthood:

Joseph Stoltz



Kudos to St. James Church in Elizabethtown.

During the month of October the church installed a larger-than-life message about protecting the rights of the unborn. On Respect Life Sunday the parish displayed and dedicated a display of giant blocks that spelled "Life". The brightly painted blocks were topped with a smaller block that said "Choose". Members of St. James' youth group and respect life committee constructed the blocks.

Walgreens Gives \$100,000 to Gay Games

Walgreens has given \$100,000 to help sponsor the Gay Games in Chicago next year.

Oddly enough, Walgreens says they agreed to sponsor the Gay Games under the guise of helping prevent AIDS. But the official Gay Games web site has the following promotional statement, which promotes the very type of activity Walgreens says they are trying to prevent.

"The Gay Games Social Committee is currently in the process of gathering together Chicago's best bars and clubs, and some of the biggest and best party promoters in the country to create a Social Schedule unlike anything you've ever seen. Chicago's LGBT scene is fierce no matter what time of year it is, but during that one week in July 2006, we are committed to making sure you have the time of your life."

The gift, made to placate homosexual activists, puts Walgreens in the very top Premium Category of sponsorship. To make their sponsorship appear to be a good thing publicly, they say they are providing AIDS education. If any group should be aware of the dangers of AIDS and how to prevent it, it should be homosexual activists. Billions of tax dollars have been spent to educate the public about **AIDS**.



The Story of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Contributed by Earl and Lela Kalkbrenner

Since the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be celebrated on Monday, December 12, 2005, it is only fitting that this beautiful story be retold at this time.

Have you ever wondered why Our Lady of Guadalupe is named "*Mother of the Americas*" and "*Patroness of the Unborn?*"

An Aztec Indian, Juan Diego, was walking to Holy Mass on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception near what is now Mexico City in 1531. He had become a Catholic through the work of the Franciscan Friars who came to this new land after it had been conquered for Spain. Although the victory of Cortez stopped the unimaginable horror of the human sacrifices of the Aztecs to their gods, estimated by some to be tens of thousands of lives a year, many Spanish leaders unfortunately did other evils as they succumbed to the greed and oppressive power in their grasp. To many native peoples the Spanish rule did not seem much better; therefore the Spanish religion of Catholicism did not fare well. But all this was to change. As Juan Diego passed a rocky place called Tepeyac Hill, he fell to his knees dazzled by a bright light and heavenly music. Looking up he saw a beautiful Lady who smiled at him and told him: "Know for certain, my son, that I am the perfect and perpetual Virgin Mary, Mother of the True God through whom everything lives, the Lord of all things near and far, the Master of heaven and earth. It is my earnest wish that a church be built here to my honor. Here I will give all my love, my compassion, my help and my protection to the people. I am your merciful mother, the merciful mother of all of you living united in this land ("this land" referred to all of the Americas) and of all mankind, of all those who love me, of those who cry to me, of those who seek me, of those who have confidence in me. Here I will hear their weeping, their sorrow, and will remedy and alleviate all their multiple sufferings, necessities, and misfortunes. Go to the house of the bishop in Mexico and tell him what I have told you. Tell him of my desire for a church to be built on this site in my honor."

Juan Diego went immediately and told the bishop, a good and faith-filled man named Fray Zumarraga, about the message of the Mother of God. Although the Bishop listened patiently before dismissing him, Juan Diego felt that he really wasn't believed and discouraged went back to Tepeyac Hill. Our Lady was waiting there and assured him that he was the one chosen especially for this task and that she did not need or desire a noble or chief person. He was told to go and repeat her request. Still the Bishop had doubts. This could be just a made-up fictional account. After all, Juan Diego was an ordinary and poor country man, a humble villager. Could

Juan Diego bring some proof of his story that Our Blessed Lady had appeared to him and given this request?

Mary assured Juan that she would give him a sign in the morning, and he returned home joyfully only to find his uncle, with whom he lived, very ill. Because Juan took care of

his uncle all the next day, he missed meeting with Our Lady. So the following day as he went to get a priest for his dying uncle, Juan avoided Tepeyac Hill because he thought Mary would be upset with him for his not having met her the previous day. Instead, Mary met him on the path; "Listen, my son. Do not be troubled nor disturbed by anything; do not fear illness nor any grievous happening, nor pain. Are you not under my shadow, my protection? Are you not in my favor and do you not go on my errand? Do you need anything else? Do not be troubled or take thought of your uncle's illness for he will not die and is well even now. Go now to the top of the hill, and there you will find roses blooming. Pick as many as you can hold in your cloak and bring them to me."

Flowers had never been seen on this rocky area where only cactus could thrive, but Juan Diego trusted Mary and obediently went to the top of the hill where he saw a profusion of beautiful, fragrant roses. He picked as many as he could and brought them to Our Lady who arranged them herself carefully in his cloak or "tilma," as it was called.

Joyfully he went to Bishop Zumarraga who had been praying for just such a sign. As Juan Diego opened his tilma to reveal the roses, the bishop, at the same instant as the roses dropped to the ground, witnessed the appearance of the image of Our Lady on the rough cactus fabric. Falling to his knees he thanked God for this heavenly gift.

Bishop Zumarraga built the church that Mary requested, and to this day the tilma of Juan Diego with the miraculous image of Our Lady of Guadalupe is still exhibited in the Basilica in Mexico City. Millions of pilgrims visit it every year, marveling at the colors and detail of this image which has been preserved far beyond the usual life of the cactus fiber material. Besides this, the image seems to have a natural life-like quality like no other known portrait

As can be imagined, when word of this beautiful picture first began spreading among the native people, they flocked to see it. The message of the visions and the symbolism of Our Lady's portrait, as they interpreted it, had tremendous significance. In great numbers they turned to the God to whom Mary was praying. Over ten million Indians were converted over the next ten years. Never in man's history has there been such a large conversion!

Still today, as people all over the world visit this holy place, they are inspired and renewed. The brown sash around Our Lady's waist indicated to the Aztecs that she was pregnant. Therefore, Our Lady of Guadalupe has come to represent in a special way the pro-life movement. In the United States we have available blessed reproductions of this image which travel throughout the country. The purpose of the Pilgrim Image is to draw people back to the Lord in a spirit of thanksgiving for our Faith, reparation for past injuries in our Church, for healing within families to promote family and pro-life values, and to teach and spread the Good News of Our Lord Jesus Christ who is Divinely Merciful and Loving.

It has been scientifically established that the Mi-

raculous Image is not a painting. There is no under sizing or pigment in the tilma. It should have rotted after twenty years but it has not decayed after 474 years. In 1921 the tilma survived unscathed from a bomb blast set off directly underneath it by Mexican anti-Catholics.

Scientists have been studying this tilma hoping to disprove its supernatural identity, but the more they try to disprove it, the more mystified they become. For example:

- 1) The image to this date, cannot be explained by science.
- 2) The tilma is a coarse fabric made from the threads of the maguey cactus. This fiber disintegrates within 20-60 years.
- 3) The image shows no sign of deterioration after 474 years.
- 4) A photographer enlarged a photograph of the eyes of the Image and found the faces of Juan Diego and Bishop Zumarraga miraculously reflected in the eyes of Our Lady. The distortion and place of the optical reflection in the eyes of Our Lady were identical with what is produced in a human eye. Five doctors who examined Our Lady's eyes said that they looked into a "human eye."



"Our Lady of Guadalupe, our mother and patroness of the unborn, pray for us."

Local Pro-Choice Politicians

For the past several years, *Catholic In Action* has annually printed the Kentucky "Hall of Shame" listing the voting record of Catholic **politicians who vote in favor of abortion and euthanasia.**

Surely our Kentucky Bishops must see how confusing it is to the people in the pew who are told the Church teaches abortion and euthanasia are moral evils while, at the same time, witnessing pro-abortion Catholic politicians active in local parish work and even receiving honors and accolades.

Hurray for Judie Brown!

(Featured Speaker at Catholics In Action's 2004 General Meeting)

Judie Brown, President of American Life League, called on the American Bishops to "Do Something About EMILY'S List Of Pro-Abortion Catholics!"

EMILY'S LIST is a political organization whose members are dedicated to building a progressive America by electing pro-choice Democratic women to office.

Five pro-abortion female public officials were honored at a 20th anniversary luncheon held in Washington, D.C. on October 17th. These women who claim to be Catholic, all adamantly defy the Church, said Mrs. Brown. "It would be my hope that each of their bishops contact them as soon as possible to remind them that it is impossible to be Catholic and pro-abortion".

U.S. Sen. Barbara Mikulski, Cong. Nancy Pelosi, Cong. Rosa DeLauro, Gov. Jennifer Granholm and State Sen. Joan FitzGerald all claim to be Catholics in good standing despite their continued support of legalized abortion.

"Several bishops say they are involved in ongoing private dialogue with pro-abortion public figures, and that is an excellent first step. However, the apparent reluctance of many bishops to publicly rebuke these pro-abortion Catholics is a source of confusion, not only for their fellow Catholics, but for all Americans who would benefit from a clear understanding of Catholic teaching on the sanctity of human beings' lives."

Brown said the message is simple. "Abortion is an intrinsic evil that is always wrong. The Catholic Church clearly teaches this. Therefore, it is unacceptable for any Catholic, especially known public figures, to claim to be good Catholics while supporting or promoting the violence of abortion. Why is it so hard for some bishops to say so regarding specific individuals?"

The EMILY'S LIST event demonstrates how much work has yet to be done in order to fully explain to people in the pews why a pro-abortion political stance is inconsistent with Catholic teachings, Brown said. However, the topic is not included in the news release listing highlights of the bishops' discussions at the annual United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' meeting in Washington, D.C.

"It's a question we must ask with all respect," said Brown, "but it's a question we must ask: Why is this critical topic not mentioned as one of the highlights of the November meeting? It is only when the bishops make the scandal of pro-abortion 'Catholics' a primary concern that we will begin to see any change from those who condone abortion while claiming to be followers of Jesus Christ."

Orthodoxy Sells

By
William A. Donohue

Forbes magazine published an article in September about an attempt by lay Catholics to help the Church reorganize and get on firm financial ground. That's a noble goal. But when I was interviewed for the piece, I was asked whether the answer to matters like declining vocations and declining attendance at Mass could be solved via "modern management techniques." This was not the answer. I said, "we need a return to orthodoxy."

Vocations and church attendance have to do with cultural matters, not managerial ones. The way to increase the numbers is to tap into the cultural reasons why some seminaries are doing well while others are not; it also makes sense to get a profile of those Catholics who attend Mass on a weekly basis.

Regarding vocations, *Catholic World Report* published an excellent article on the subject in July. Generally speaking, the smaller dioceses tend to be doing better than the larger dioceses, and the more orthodox dioceses tend to be doing better than the more progressive ones. Regarding the latter, Charles R. Morris found the same phenomenon to be true when he wrote his 1997 book, *American Catholic*: the more progressive the diocese, the less successful they were in attracting young men to the priesthood. Not surprisingly, the same pattern is evident among religious orders of priests and nuns: the more orthodox they are, the less problem they have in garnering new recruits.

It would be hard to find a more orthodox—and courageous—bishop in the nation than Fabian Bruskewitz, the bishop of Lincoln, Nebraska. If orthodoxy sells, then he should be smiling. In fact, he's

beaming: the ratio of Catholics to seminarians in Lincoln puts Bishop Bruskewitz at the top of the class—Lincoln has the best record of any diocese in the nation.

Progressive Catholics are certainly aware of such data, but it has had little effect on them. Take, for example, Peter Steinfels, the religion writer for the *New York Times*. Two years ago, he wrote a book warning that if the Church did not become more modern in its teachings, it would risk going south. This struck many orthodox Catholics as bizarre: hadn't the Church been going south for the past generation precisely because it became unhinged from its traditional moorings? So why would it want to compound the problem by going back to the same well that made us sick in the first place? Since Steinfels' book appeared, Joseph Ratzinger was named Pope Benedict XVI, thus ending the suspense about the future direction of the Catholic Church.

Regarding Mass attendance, we know from many surveys that those Catholics who attend Mass on a weekly basis tend to be the most orthodox; progressive Catholics—those who dissent from many Church teachings, especially on sexuality—generally attend Mass much less often. Which means that the bread and butter of the Catholic Church are not found among the ranks of the dissidents: the ones who pay the bills are also the most loyal to the teachings of the Magisterium.

Orthodoxy works for Protestants, too. This is what David Shiflett reports in his new book, *Why Americans are Fleeing Liberal Churches for Conservative Christianity*. The trendy churches are taking a beating: the United

Churches of Christ lost approximately 15 percent of its members in the last decade; the United Methodists are down by almost 7 percent and the Episcopalians have declined by 5 percent (the drop off is even worse when the last few decades are calculated). The orthodox Christians, on the other hand, are booming: the Evangelical Free Church is up 57 percent; Conservative Christian Churches and Churches of Christ have increased by 40 percent; the Assemblies of God are up 18 percent; and the Church of God has surged by 40 percent.

Why does orthodoxy sell? Because it contrasts sharply with moral relativism that colors the dominant culture and the pabulum served up by progressive Christians. The pursuit of Truth is what orthodoxy is all about; Christians who fancy themselves as modernists have a hard time even acknowledging the existence of Truth. In other words, there is no bright line between what progressive Christians believe and what progressive secularists believe.

Most important, orthodoxy should matter because the teachings of Christ and the Catholic Church are not mere opinions: they are the Truth. Unfortunately, there are legions of Catholics who think that to embrace orthodoxy is to surrender one's conscience. Ironically, such persons are under the illusion that their rejection of orthodoxy makes them independent thinkers, when in reality it makes them conformists.

The so-called progressives have it backwards: it takes far more guts to go against the masses than to be absorbed by them.

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.



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, phone line 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.

Because 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.

Officers/Members

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

**Protect the Gift of Life
Support the Holy Father
Pray for Priests and Bishops
Become more knowledgeable in the Faith
JOIN CATHOLICS IN ACTION!**

Individual Member.....\$20
Sustaining Member.....\$50
Family Membership.....\$25
Corporate Sponsor.....\$100
Other.....

Send name, address, phone number and number in family to:

Catholics In Action P.O. Box 5336
Louisville, KY 40205-5336

WLRC AM 1040

Support Catholic Radio

Do Your Part to Keep Catholic Programming Available in the Louisville Area!

Contact

**WLRC AM 1040
3600 Goldsmith Lane
Louisville, KY 40220**

Advertising Information
Call Lynn Ray at (502) 451-9527

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow!

As we approach the Thanksgiving Holiday, remember to take time to thank God for your many blessings, especially the gift of life. Pray for those who are not as fortunate, especially those who have suffered this year due to natural disasters. Also, pray for the valiant men and women who serve our country in the armed forces.

Prepare for the Coming of the Infant Jesus



During the season of Advent, make time to pray. During the hustle and bustle of the busy season don't forget to prepare yourself for the coming of our Lord.



If you would like a tape of Dr. Clowes talk, send \$10.00 to cover cost, postage & handling to:
Catholics In Action P.O. Box 5336
Louisville, KY 40205-5336

If you purchased a tape at the General Meeting and found that it was not good quality, send a note to the above address and the tape will be replaced.