

Proposed Parish Reorganization Mergers · Clusters · Closings

According to the archdiocesan newspaper, *The Record*, the new Parish and Regional Planning process that began in 2005 has grown from the bottom up rather than the top down.

“In the past when change has come to the Archdiocese of Louisville, it has usually flowed from the top down.”

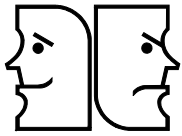
Dr. Brian Reynolds, chancellor and chief administrative officer for the archdiocese:

“Individual Catholics may not have been directly consulted about the proposed changes... but the genesis and energy to create an archdiocesan-wide plan of reorganization came from the parish level.”

“Everywhere I’ve been, everyone has said ‘yes, let’s do it; let’s plan for the future.’ No one has said ‘why are we doing this?’”

- Do you wonder why the archdiocese is rushing to merge, cluster, or close when the appointment of a new archbishop is just a matter of time?
- Do you know what input your particular parish council had in this process?
- Do you care?
- If you would like to know more, contact your parish council or call Dr. Reynolds at the Chancery, 585-3291, and ask if and when he visited **your** parish.

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Smile & Grimace

Madonna's Message the same as Jesus' Message?

A Vatican Cardinal has called for the pop-singer Madonna to be formally excommunicated, calling her plan to perform a blasphemous mock crucifixion in the Eternal City an open act of hostility.

"This concert is a blasphemous challenge to the faith and a profanation of the cross. She should be excommunicated, said Cardinal Tonino, whose statements the *Daily Mail* says were approved by Pope Benedict XVI.

Cardinal Ersilio Tonino called for Madonna's excommunication after finding out that during her routine she appears crucified, descending from a suspended mirrored cross.

The Confessions Tour will be held at Rome's Olympic Stadium, less than 2 miles from the Vatican.

"To crucify yourself in the city of the pope and the martyrs is an act of open hostility," said Cardinal Ersilio Tonino according to the daily *La Stampa* "It's a scandal created on purpose by astute merchants to attract publicity."

The pop-star's spokeswoman, Liz Rosenberg, claimed in an email to the Associated Press that "Madonna does not think Jesus would be mad at her, as his teaching of loving thy neighbor and tolerance is Madonna's message as well."

Quick Route to St. William's Website

A visit to the official Archdiocese of Louisville's website may prove to be a quick link to St. William's parish. Click on 'local Catholic organizations', click on Crossroads Ministry and you will find yourself at the St. William site.

St. Williams continues to use the picture which Catholics In Action had previously titled, "get your elbows off the table." Check it out.

Call To Action (CTA) Marks 30 Years

The following appeared recently on the Call to Action website. As most faithful Catholics know, Call to Action calls for reform in the Church, including, acceptance of homosexuality, reproductive freedom, women priests, etc, etc.

Responding to Vatican Council II and Pope Paul VI's "Call To Action", the U.S. Catholic Bishops called laity, priests, religious and bishops to a two-year consultative process that culminated in a U.S. bicentennial year conference, "With Liberty and Justice for ALL, A Call to Action" in Detroit, October 1976. The bishops asked the delegates: what is the charism, what should be the character of the Catholic Church in America? Guided by the Spirit, the conference described a Church of inclusion, justice and account-ability. At the conclusion, Detroit's Cardinal John Dearden implored the delegates, "This weekend we have experienced a new way of being Church. Go home and keep us bishops accountable."

This challenge gave rise to the CTA organization in Chicago the following year. Always careful (in their opinion) to pursue justice both in the church and in society, CTA, expanded in members and in projects. After sponsoring "The Call for Reform of the Catholic Church" signature ad in the New York Times on Ash Wednesday, 1990, CTA members emerged in all 50 states. For the 20th anniversary in 1996, the national conference drew a record 5,000 participants in Cobo Hall, Detroit, where Dearden had hosted the inaugural convention in 1976. As was fitting, CTA in its 25th year saw its membership crest at 25,000. Today 53 local CTA chapters and cooperating organizations are hard at work for a just Church. Join the Lay Synod movement. See the New Church Coming to Life.

Catholics loyal to the Holy Father and the Magisterium need to be working just as hard to protect the Deposit of the Faith! What are you doing?

Call To Action Award Goes to Cindy Sheehan - "Peacemaker"

Call To Action presented its 2006 Leadership Award to America's best known mother of a U.S. soldier killed in Iraq, Cindy Sheehan.

Ms. Sheehan, who claims to be a practicing Catholic, served for eight years as her parish youth minister. Sheehan grieves for her son, Casey, 24, an Army Humvee mechanic killed by insurgents on April 4, 2004, Palm Sunday, three weeks after arriving in Iraq. Casey had been an altar boy for 10 years, a Eucharistic minister, and an Eagle scout. He was the oldest of Cindy's four children. **He had re-enlisted after serving one stint in the Army because he thought it was the right thing to do** (emphasis added). Cindy who was arrested in front of the White House last September, gave the keynote address at the World Social Forum in Caracas in January, and was arrested at Bush's 2006 State of the Union address. Ms. Sheehan spoke Saturday evening and received the CTA award at the Sunday plenary session.

San Francisco's Catholic Charities Compromise

Remember the sense of pride felt when Boston's Catholic Charities showed courage by removing itself from the adoption process rather than place children with homosexual partners?

Well...Brian Cahill, the head of San Francisco's Catholic Charities, said recently that their staff members will now work with a nonprofit adoption agency with no moral qualms about placing children in homosexual households.

Cahill says he believes this compromise, with what the Vatican sees as a "grave evil", will be in keeping with Catholic directives not to be "directly involved in the placement" of a child in a gay household.

Archbishop George Niederauer said that he believed sending Catholic Charities employees to help homosexuals adopt children was a matter of "remote cooperation."

Is remote cooperation with evil okay?

Proposed Reorganization for Archdiocese

The August 31, 2006 issues of *The Record* proposed significant changes for parishes in the archdiocese. These changes include merging or clustering some parishes and closing others.

According to the planning timeline, the proposal was released on **August 29, 2006**. Regional meetings of pastors and parish councils will take place from **September 1st** until **October 18th**. **October 20th** is the final date for submission of feedback from regions. **On October 24th** the Planning Commission will prepare a draft plan for reorganization. This plan will be presented to the Louisville Pastoral Council on **October 28th** and the Priests' Council on **November 20th**. **Archbishop Thomas C. Kelly is to approve the plan in December.**

Anyone desiring to know more about the plan for a particular parish should pay close attention to the timeline (September 1st - October 18th) for parish council consideration. This is the time to make sure that your parish council is adequately representing the interest of your parish.

Proposed Mergers

- St. Timothy, Our Lady Help of Christians, St. Clement, St. Polycarp, and Our Lady of Consolation would merge into one parish.
- Mother of Good Counsel and Transfiguration would become one parish. A new parish could be built near Norton Commons.
- St. Luke and St. Rita would merge and provide a worship space for the growing Hispanic population in the area.
- St. Helen, St. Dennis and St. Matthias would become a single parish.
- St. Jerome and St. Mary would combine.
- Or Lady, St. Cecelia, and perhaps St. Anthony would become one parish.
- Parishes in Region 6 would reduce the number of parishes by one.
- In Hardin County a proposal suggests creating a single "worship space" for St. Brigid, Vine Grove; St. Christopher, Radcliff; St. James, E-Town; St. John, Rineyville and St. Ambrose in Cecelia.

Proposed Clusters

(These parishes would share a pastor or pastoral administrator and perhaps share staff.)

- St. Augustine and St. Martin de Porres
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Thomas Moore
- Holy Name Most Blessed Sacrament, and SS. Simon and Jude
- St. Athanasius and St. Bernard
- Incarnation and St. Paul
- Our Mother of Sorrows and St. Stephen Martyr
- St. Elizabeth of Hungry and Holy Family
- St. Boniface and St. Martin of Tours
- Holy Spirit and St. Leonard
- St. Bartholomew and St. Ignatius Martyr
- Also suggested - the feasibility of one worship space for St. Barnabas, St. Pius and St. Martha

- Immaculate Conception, LaGrange and St. John, Eminence
- St. Ann, Howardstown; St. Charles, St. Mary; St. Francis Xavier, Raywick

(There are refinements and stipulations too numerous to mention concerning the staffing and pastoral care of the parishes mentioned in some of the clusters. Check *The Record* of August 31st for details.)

Among Parishes to Remain "as is"

(At least no mention was made of them in the extensive coverage provided by The Record.)

- St. William
- St. Joseph, Louisville
- Epiphany

Any reasonable assessment of the archdiocese would find there are indeed parishes which can no longer keep up with operating expenses due to a very small number of parishioners regularly attending Mass and/or financially supporting the parish. Clustering or merging these parishes is understandable. But certain question must be asked.

- Why no mention of closing, merging or clustering St. William which has only 286 registered households?
- Why is St. Joseph, Butchertown to become St. Jose, ministering to the Hispanic community when St. Rita/St. Luke is already providing ministry to this community?
- Is proposing the feasibility of a single worship space for St. Brigid, St. Christopher, St. James, St. John and St. Ambrose (all in the Fort Knox area) due to the growing population, an attempt to begin a Catholic version of "mega churches" like Southeast Christian?

According to Dr. Brian Reynolds, all the suggestions on mergers, clusters and closings came from "the bottom up, not the top down." Exactly who is "the bottom"? It would seem reasonable, that in the hierarchical system, parishioners are "the bottom". Have these parishioners been adequately represented by their respective parish councils? Have the parish councils had sufficient opportunity to express their concerns?

Yes regional meetings were held, but large open meetings do not allow for independent opinions or even a consensus of opinion from those attending. As a rule, attendees are separated into small groups where notes are sometimes recorded. These notes often end up in "file 13". It would be somewhat comforting if these elusive notes/minutes of the small groups were published and parishioners received a complete accounting of their parish council's involvement in the process. Perhaps then the will of the people would be known and it could be said that the proposal truly came "from the bottom up."

If you have any questions or doubts about the fate of your parish, **now is the time to ask those questions.** Remember, **October 20th** is the final date for feedback from each region.

The Critical Importance of the 2006 Elections and the Catholic Responsibility

Contributed by Earl and Lela Kalkbrenner

We must understand the stark reality of what abortion is and what we as Catholics must do. According to Father Hardon, grace and free will are the answers to stemming the homicidal global tide that is plaguing the world as never before seen in human history. Father Hardon 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 and the practice of virtue.

To obtain the superabundance of God's grace that is needed to rid our world of the evil of abortion and euthanasia, to free ourselves from this culture of death that is rampant in one nation after another, prayer is of the utmost importance. Jesus said, "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened." We must believe Jesus. We must take Jesus at His words. We must believe Jesus means what He says. We must believe that Jesus will do what He says He will do. Therefore, we must respond to Jesus' call. Two ways that we can respond to Jesus' call are prayer and the Sacraments.

We will first talk about prayer. We must pray, pray often and even pray constantly. We must ask God for an end to abortion and euthanasia. We must beg God for an end to the culture of death. However, the Lord requires us to have faith and to have total and absolute trust in Him, that He has the power to change countless hearts from hearts that harbor a culture of death to hearts that consist of selfless love for the unborn, the aged, the sick and the handicapped that are vulnerable to being euthanized. Important prayers for invoking God's grace are the Holy Mass, Eucharistic adoration, the Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Assisting at Mass as often as possible is strongly encouraged. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is most necessary. We should all try to make a Holy Hour at least once per week in expiation for the sin of abortion and that this evil will end. Those who cannot do this are encouraged to at least make brief visits to the Blessed Sacrament for these intentions. Attendance at Mass and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament cannot be stressed enough. Father Hardon has said many, many times over the years that without the Holy Eucharist, it is not possible for the scourge of abortion to end. It is imperative that we heed his warning.

We now want to say something about the Sacraments. We should all receive Holy Communion frequently, everyday if it is possible. For those who cannot assist at daily Mass, attending Mass once, twice or more per week outside of our regular obligation is urgently recommended. We should receive the Sacrament of Confession often. Once per month would be ideal. For some, twice per month or even weekly would be great.

In the "Voter's Guide for Serious Catholics" which was published in 2004 by Catholic Answers based in El Cajon, California, are listed five non-negotiable issues. They are abortion, euthanasia, fetal stem cell research, human cloning and homosexual "marriage." Paragraph 2240 of the Catechism of the Catholic Church says, "Submission to authority and co-responsibility for the common good make it morally obligatory to pay taxes, to exercise the right to vote, and to defend one's country." Therefore, Catholics and all Christians (in fact, all citizens) have a grave obligation to vote and to participate in the political process. We as Catholics must vote for persons running for public office in an informed manner that is consistent with Catholic moral teaching. Any politician who votes for laws that legalize any of the above five non-negotiables and who support or promote any of these five non-negotiables should be considered as not being qualified for holding public office at any level, national, state or local; we should not vote for them. Please obtain a copy of the "Voter's Guide for Serious Catholics" for additional information and guidance. You may do this by calling Catholic Answers at 1-888-291-8000.

Following are some disturbing statistics: The electorate in our country is at least 25% Catholic. Percentage-wise, more Catholics than Protestants vote in elections. Catholics are more likely than Protestants to vote for political candidates who support one or more of the above five non-negotiables. Approximately two-thirds of Catholics favor keeping abortion legal. Well over 50% of Catholics support euthanasia. Over one-third of Catholics support fetal stem cell research. Forty-seven percent of Catholics support homosexual "marriage." Finally, 55% of American Catholics do not attend Mass on a regular basis. Something is seriously wrong. We have the True Faith, and if we do not live up to our Faith and the Gospel of Jesus Christ, then we will have to render an account to our Judge, Jesus Christ, when we pass from this life. The Lord tells us in the Gospel to whom much is given, much will be required. The foregoing statistics are at least two years old and are based on information from the Gallup Organization, and these statistics show that the Catholic vote can make or break an election. We cannot hope to save our beloved United States from self-destruction if we Catholics continue to vote for these moral evils. We must educate ourselves and understand that it is a serious sin to vote for something that is morally wrong. We must also understand that it is a sin to vote for candidates for public office who support these evils.

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FERTILIZATION TO NATURAL DEATH---NO
MATTER HOW YOUNG OR OLD; HOW WEAK OR
STRONG.**

At Church Teaches Forum ...

Arinze Says New Evangelization Needs Sacred Music

*By Paul Likoudis **

The essential key for the new evangelization — for practicing Catholics, as well as for slack and lapsed Catholics and for non-Catholics — is the restoration of sacred music, especially Gregorian chant, to Sunday Mass, said Francis Cardinal Arinze at the 21st annual Church Teaches Forum, held here July 14 and 15.

The Nigerian-born cardinal, who is prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, told some 400 Catholics from the South and Midwest that there is a worldwide hunger, especially among younger Catholics, for the restoration of sacred chant to the Mass. At the same time he delivered a blistering critique of contemporary church music, which he described as "banalizing" and "cheap."

The cardinal opened his address, sponsored by the Bardstown, Ky.-based Eternal Life apostolate, by recalling the teaching of the Second Vatican Council in *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, the Sacred Constitution on the Liturgy, particularly chapter VI on sacred music. It states: "The musical tradition of the universal Church is a treasure of inestimable value, greater even than that of any other art. The main reason for this pre-eminence is that, as sacred song united to the words, it forms a necessary or integral part of the solemn liturgy."

"Therefore sacred music is to be considered the more holy in proportion as it is more closely connected with the liturgical action, whether it adds delight to prayer, fosters unity of minds, or confers greater solemnity upon the sacred rites. But the Church approves of all forms of true art having the needed qualities, and admits them into divine worship.

"Accordingly, the sacred council, keeping to the norms and precepts of ecclesiastical tradition and discipline, and having regard to the purpose of sacred music, which is the glory of God and the sanctification of the faithful, decrees as follows.

"Liturgical worship is given a more noble form when the divine offices are celebrated solemnly in song, with the assistance of sacred ministers and the active participation of the people.....

The treasure of sacred music is to be preserved and fostered with great care. Choirs must be diligently promoted, especially in cathedral churches; but bishops and other pastors of souls must be at pains to ensure that, whenever the sacred action is to be celebrated with song, the whole body of the faithful may be able to contribute that active participation which is rightly theirs. . . .

"The Church acknowledges Gregorian chant as specially suited to the Roman liturgy: Therefore, other things being equal, it should be given pride of place in liturgical services.

...

"The typical edition of the books of Gregorian chant is to

be completed; and a more critical edition is to be prepared of those books already published since the restoration by St. Pius X....

"Religious singing by the people is to be intelligently fostered so that in devotions and sacred exercises, as also during liturgical services, the voices of the faithful may ring out according to the norms and requirements of the rubrics."

Outlining the "obstacles and challenges" to an "authentic liturgy," the cardinal zeroed in on contemporary music, observing that "not every piece of music parading as 'sacred music' displays the high potential to evangelize that it should have.

"Some musical compositions," he added, "are poor in theological content, not firmly rooted in tradition, have little or no scriptural overtones, and do not build up the faith of those who sing them or listen to them.

"Ordinary people who hold that missalette may not be the best judge of the theological quality. Also, as music, some compositions are poor as art. They would not pass the test of a serious musicologist. Some others are downright trite, banal, cheap, lacking in unction, banalizing....

"True," he continued, "some of the music may be suitable for the parish hall, for the theater, for recreation, for a lakeside picnic. But such music has no place inside a church or within a liturgical celebration."

While Cardinal Arinze gave no hints of a coming crackdown by the Holy See on liturgical abuses or a long-sought restoration of sacred music to the Mass, especially in the English-speaking world, his talk certainly fueled speculation that a dramatic change is coming, as he outlined his concerns.

"Great care is needed at Mass for weddings and funerals," he said. "And it is a big mistake to imagine that at a children's Mass a type of leveling down is [proper]. Young people want to lift up their hearts. They do not need banalization, desecralization, and a do-it-yourself music concert mentality. They have enough of that as well.

"Music composers," he continued, "need to be encouraged, formed, and informed in the authentic Catholic spirit and faith so that they can produce what Church authorities can approve for Church use.

"Choirs need to be given greater attention. We need choirs, not only in cathedral churches but in small village churches and mission stations."

"Also, choir directors have the right to be introduced to the requirements of the sacred liturgy. This will help them avoid the temptation of the choir to monopolize the singing and forget to associate the congregation with it...."

"Entertainment has its place, but not at Mass. People do not go to Mass to be entertained. When people want entertainment, they know where to go. They don't need a priest for that."

continued

The word **ACTS**, the cardinal continued, can remind Catholics what the Mass is: **A**doration, **C**ontrition, **T**hanksgiving, **S**upplication.

"That's the reason for religion, and the Mass: To adore God, to ask pardon for our sins, to ask God for what we need.

"If we need entertainment, there is a parish hall for that."

The challenges to restore sacred music to the liturgy can be met, the cardinal continued, if a diocese, an ecclesial region, or an episcopal conference has a good liturgical commission, and if the commission gives a bishop's permission before compositions are used at Mass. "What can be done?" he asked.

"First, Church documents and directives must be studied, and studied deeply, and they have to be understood more than what you get from a newspaper clipping. Faith, humility, and love for the Church will lead to liturgical celebrations being carried out with transparent devotion, unction, dignity, and respect for the liturgical norms.

"If all that is done, the liturgy will nourish the people's faith, and, wonderfully, the people will be interested, and at the end of the Mass they will ask for the only thing that is as great as the Mass — another Mass!

"With reference to sacred music, there are many papal documents, the motu proprio of Pope Pius X restoring Gregorian chant, and Pope John Paul II's chirograph on sacred music, published for the 100th anniversary of Pope Pius X's letter.

"Second, bishops' conferences and regions need to do more to ensure that music sung at Mass has the bishop's approval. A practical way to do that is to publish an official Catholic hymnbook — as many parts of the world have already done.

"One can say that if liturgical celebrations and music are done as they should be done, if they nourish and express the people's faith, they contribute to the depth of the liturgical celebration and therefore the depth of Christian life among God's people — then the Church will function more and more as the leaven, the light, the city on the mountaintop.

"Then the Church will show herself as a divine institution... The Church will be — and will be seen to be — an authentic and powerful force for evangelization.

"It is a privilege for us that in our liturgical celebrations and through sacred music we can be evangelized, the faith of the practicing Catholic can be strengthened, the shaky and uncertain faith of a struggling Catholic can be awakened, the lapsed can be brought to tears, and those who say they are religiously indifferent can be shaken from their slumber and attracted to come again to the Mass."

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Who will be Louisville's new Archbishop?

Francis Cardinal Arinze told a group of local Catholics: "The new archbishop will be the person the Holy Father names."

Archbishop Kelly has been in the news lately after he prepared and sent to the Vatican a letter of resignation on July 14th, the day of his 75th birthday. Archbishop Kelly has reported that retirement isn't likely to become official for 18 to 24 months. However, no one knows for sure (including Kelly) if his replacement will come next week, next month or in two years. The retirement, and the steps to name the next Archbishop of Louisville, will be processed by the Vatican's Apostolic Nunciature and Pope Benedict XVI will make the final decision. As previously reported in a recent *Catholics In Action* newsletter, over 20 other Dioceses are in line for the naming of a new Bishop.

In an interview with the Courier Journal's Peter Smith, published July 30, Archbishop Kelly said that the clerical sex scandals and Episcopal cover-ups that erupted into public view in January, 2002 were the "greatest heartbreak" of his life. The Catholic Wanderer recently made some expanding remarks concerning the Peter Smith interview with Kelly. The paper mentioned that the Courier-Journal reporter — apparently did not ask Kelly about his role, while he was assistant general secretary at the NCCB/USCC, in facilitating the annulment of future Dallas priest Rudy Kos (whose wife divorced him because of his pedophilic orientation). The annulment was granted so Kos could join the priesthood. Later lawyers representing clients abused by Kos sued the NCCB/USCC for conspiracy. This cost the Diocese of Dallas an estimated \$23 million (the jury originally awarded eight altar boys abused by Kos \$119 million.) Kos was defrocked by John Paul II and the ex-priest is now serving a life sentence in a Texas prison.

One of Kelly's successor's main challenges will be boosting the number of priests, because as Smith reported "The archdiocese has ordained three priests or fewer per year since 2001. It has less than half the number of active parish priests it had in 1970 and is projecting an additional 20 percent drop in the next five years.

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PRO-LIFE PAGE



Kudos to a "Pro-Life" Priest



Woman meets priest who donated life-saving stem cells -

Father Ken Riley and Lee Ann Collins had a surprise meeting at a June 9 Rally for Life in Adair County, Ky. Three years ago, the Kansas City, Mo., pastor donated his adult stem cells to aid Collins in her battle with leukemia.

Father Riley's inspiration for becoming a donor came from two sources, a second grade student at Our Lady of the Presentation School, and his father. The second grader's name was Tommy Eberle and he, too, suffered from leukemia.

"We held a bone marrow drive for him and I was one of the donors to get on the registry," Father Riley said. "I spent the day there holding other people's hands who were less-than-liking the needle prick for a blood donation." In the spring of 2003, Father Riley filled out the consent forms to be a donor for Lee Ann Collins. Only, he didn't know her name.

With the stem-cell debate raging across Missouri and the world, Father Riley thought this would be a good time to clear up misconceptions about stem-cell research and the Catholic Church's position on the issue.

"Catholics are not anti-stem-cell," Father Riley said, the tone of his voice rising with each word. "It makes for a good sound bite on the news, but nothing could be further from the truth."

"Catholics are very much for stem-cell research and the treatment options developed from adult stem cells, placenta blood, umbilical cord blood.

"The only time the church is anti-stem-cell is when embryonic stem-cells are used because we believe that is a human life and all human life has dignity. Therefore, to destroy an embryo to save another person, is destroying life, which we don't believe in," he said.

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Abortionists have never been able to deal in the public forum with the basic facts of abortion; namely, that abortion kills a preborn human being in existence at fertilization. They will not discuss the principle that a society cannot tolerate murder, because in such a discussion they could not win an argument, convince anyone to engage in abortion, or exonerate their own involvement in the slaughter of the innocents. Thus, abortionists are constantly dragging in controversial and diversionary subjects to get the discussion and argument away from torturing and killing a preborn child. They focus on their view of the plight of a pregnant mother, and use phrases such as a woman's control over her own body, pro choice, who decides, and right to privacy. They impose their immorality of murder on us, and try to put us on the defensive by charging proliferers as imposing morality, legislating one religion (Catholic) into the Constitution, outlawing artificial contraception, forcing compulsory pregnancy, and a host of similar non sequiturs.

Many of the abortionists' arguments were effective for a while, because proliferers tried to take each argument seriously and respond with correct information. However, most proliferers no longer try to reason with abortionists, who try to turn murdering preborn babies into a virtue and right. No one can reason with abortionists who dictate hate and immorality.

Thus abortionists' old tired cliches have been refuted time and again by the simple prolife position that in the abortion process one human being kills another, and homicide, no matter how it is argued, is anathema to a well-ordered society. Abortion was wrong, is wrong, and will be wrong.

28th Annual Walk for Life, September 9

The 28th annual 5K (3 mile) Walk for Life, sponsored by Right to Life of Louisville, will take place on Saturday, September 9. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m., followed by the Walk at 10:00 a.m., from St. Martin of Tours Church (639 S. Shelby St.). The Walk will be preceded by an ecumenical prayer service.

If you have not received a Walk flyer, which contains a Sponsor Pledge Form, or you would like additional forms, please visit www.krla.org.



2006 GOLF OUTING

OCTOBER 9

(Monday) - 8:30 a.m.- Shelbyville
Country Club

It's time once again to participate in and support the RTL Educational Foundation of KY Golf Outing! As in previous years, the 2006 Golf Outing will benefit the Educational Foundation's Media Campaign, which buys TV and radio advertising that is directed toward women facing crisis pregnancies.

Before the Golf Outing: Each golfer tries to raise \$1,500 in tax-deductible pledges or donations, using provided pledge sheets. Pledges and donations may be made on a one-time or per-hole basis. Each golfer receives a kit to help with this fundraising, along with information about the Golf Outing itself. It isn't difficult to raise these pledges or donations from family and friends, church members, business associates, etc.

After the pledge forms are turned in and the Golf Outing takes place, the RTL staff, *not the golfer*, collects the pledges.

The 2006 Golf Outing will be a fun event for a very worthy cause h LIFE -- and a great opportunity to practice your game. To sign up or find out more, please call Mike Ryan at (502) 244-7753 or the RTL office at (502) 895-5959.

From Our Readers



Sirs:

Regarding your letter about shortage of priests this might interest you. My son feels the call to the priesthood and has had contact with the Bishop of Nashville, TN and the gatekeeper for vocations in the Saint Louis Diocese.

I met the Bishop of Nashville where he was filling in for a ill priest in Manchester, TN. He seemed elated about my son and said have him call me. He did call and the Bishop said I will call you to meet me at a retreat in southern Tennessee. He never called. I wrote to the Bishop and reminded him that he might be missing a candidate. He emailed back that he would call my son this past Monday or Tuesday. He never called.

The priest in charge of the Saint Louis vocations has never called after several attempts by my son leaving messages. To be honest I don't think anybody is interested in recruitment. If this was the Army recruitment the participants would have been peeling potatoes for 90 days and reduced to private. We have abysmal leadership in the Catholic Church and it is sad.

The problem with discernment is that sometimes the potential recruit begins to think that the indolence of the gatekeepers is a signal that maybe there is no call after all.

-Tom

To the Editor:

A couple of really great articles in one of your recent CAI Newsletters on orthodoxy and about Bruskewitz and number of priests!

Keep up the good work!

- Jim

Dear Sir/Madam:

My friends and I are very frustrated. Our priest has just tried to explain to us the Archdiocese's proposed parish reorganization plan. We knew nothing about this ahead of time. (We confess that we don't often read The Record). Our parish council hasn't told us anything. (We're not sure they know anything either.) How do we find out what is really going on? If we don't like it, what can we do about it?

- Donna

Editor's Note: We suggest that you contact someone on your parish council and ask the questions suggested in this newsletter on pages 1 & 3, or contact Dr. Brian Reynolds at the Chancery and inquire about the specific plans for your parish and the rationale for that decision. Catholics do have a voice in what happens to their parish church. They cannot be afraid to use that voice to ask respectful and intelligent questions.

What Churched Youth Believe

(These statistics were gathered by *Newsweek Magazine* and The Barna Group.)

- 70 %** of churched youth do not believe absolute moral truth exists.
- 63 %** do not believe Jesus is the Son of the one, true God.
- 51%** do not believe Jesus rose from the dead.
- 65%** do not believe Satan is a real entity.
- 68%** do not believe the Holy Spirit is a real entity
- 58%** believe all faiths teach equally valid truths.
- 64%** believe a person can earn his place in heaven if they are good enough.
- 64%** believe Christ came to earth only to teach bad people how to live better.
- 68%** believe salvation can be obtained by someone who has differing religious beliefs.
- 72%** believe you can tell if something is ethically/morally right for you by whether or not it works in your life.

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