

Call to Fidelity: The Power of Truth

“What is truth?”

The question Pontius Pilate asked Jesus continues to echo down the centuries. These days, there are those who proclaim there are many “truths” by which people can live their lives. Out of all these voices, how does one decide which one to listen to?

But there is only one Truth, one that the Catholic Church continues to proclaim more than 2,000 years after the church was established by Jesus Christ and his apostles.

And it is truth that the Call to Holiness conference upholds as it calls Catholics to immerse themselves in teachings that have undergirded the Church for more than two millennia and are just as relevant and vibrant today.

The first Call to Holiness conference was held in 1996 to counteract another conference organized by a group called Call to Action, which claims to be made up of faithful Catholics but who deviate from Church teaching on a number of issues, including female ordination, abortion and homosexuality, among others.

Today, Call to Action is only one of a myriad of dissenting groups who have endorsed the upcoming event, which is being promoted as a Catholic “conclave” that organizers have dubbed the “American Catholic Council.”

In contrast, Call to Holiness proclaims authentic Church teaching according to the pope and the Magisterium. The upcoming three-day session, “Called to Fidelity: The Power of Truth,” will be held the weekend of Pentecost, June 10, 11 and 12, with the main session June 11. The Saturday event includes sessions with internationally known speakers and EWTN favorites Jeff Cavins and keynote speaker Johnnette Benkovic; Fr. Clement Machado; Paul Rondeau; Fr. Edmund McCaffrey; Raymond de Souza; and WDEO-Ave Maria radio host Al Kresta.

Kresta will tackle the dissenters head on with his talk, “The American Catholic Council in 4D: Dissent, Division and the Devil in the Details.”

And for those with a yen for high culture and beautiful architecture, optional events include a Friday bus tour of five historic Catholic churches (limit 200) and a Sunday session at the Detroit Institute of Arts, highlighted by a talk by Benkovic, “Communicating Truth in the

Culture of Our Day,” complete with a docent-guided tour of DIA Medieval and Renaissance Catholic art (limit 200).

Detroit Archbishop Allen Vigneron has endorsed the Call to Holiness Conference, saying that it was timely and crucial for the tumultuous times in this country and around the world.

“This conference promises to be a powerful catalyst for growth in holiness and a deepened conviction about our need, particularly in these difficult times, to persevere in fidelity to Jesus Christ, who is truth incarnate,” said the archbishop.

For more information on the conference and to download a brochure, go to the group’s website www.calltoholiness.com, call 313-451-4659, or e-mail CalltoHolinessDetroit@gmail.com.