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Father John Corapi, SOLT Keynote Speaker for 6th Annual Call to Holiness Conference Set for Oct. 5 - 7, 2001

Father John Corapi, SOLT will be the keynote speaker for this year's conference, themed *Family Life, Pro-life, Respect for Life*.

Fr. Corapi's academic credentials are quite extensive. He received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Pace University in the seventies. Later in life, he returned to the university classrooms in preparation for his life as a priest and preacher. On May 26, 1991, he was ordained a priest by His Holiness, Pope John Paul II, at St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican City.

CTH is also honored to have Archdiocese of Detroit Auxiliary Bishop Kevin Britt participate once again. He will give the conference invocation and will be the main celebrant at Mass on Sunday.

Since Sunday is both the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary and LIFE CHAIN Sunday, CTH will close this year's conference with a LIFE CHAIN outside the conference center.

A registration form is printed on the inside of this newsletter, and a handy return address envelope is included.

Confirmed speakers include:



Fr. John Corapi, SOLT - Known for his appearances on EWTN, he is widely sought as a lecturer and apologist.



Jeff Cavins - EWTN's talk show host of *Life on the Rock*, returns for his fifth CTH conference as master of ceremonies.



Stephen Wood - Convert to Catholicism after 12 years as a Protestant minister, founder of *St. Joseph's Covenant Keepers*, and author of several books.



Bishop Kevin Britt - Auxiliary bishop for the Archdiocese of Detroit and member of CTH's Advisory Board.



Al Kresta - Nationally syndicated Catholic radio talk show host based in Ann Arbor, author and apologist.



Kathryn Jean Lopez - Associate editor at *National Review* where she writes, edits, and has an Internet column (www.nationalreview.com).



Fr. Richard John Neuhaus - Convert from the Lutheran Church and publisher of *First Things*, author of several books.



Rita Marker - Director of the International Anti-Euthanasia Task Force, author of *Deadly Compassion: The Death of Ann Humphry*.



Fr. Peter Stravinskis - Contributing editor for the *National Catholic Register* and author of 21 books and more than 500 articles.



Thomas Nash - Information specialist for *Catholics United for the Faith*, award-winning journalist and editor of several books.

Conference Dry Run Set for Sept. 27

The 2001 conference dry run is scheduled for Thursday, 9/27/01 at 7:30 p.m. at the Sterling Best Western Conference Center. All volunteers, or those interested in signing up, are invited to attend. This is a great opportunity to discuss the conference scheduled events, so bring along your suggestions. As usual, refreshments will be served. For additional information, call (800) 427-2024 or (313) 839-8243.

CTH, Ave Maria Foundation Form Unique Partnership

Call to Holiness is getting a major promotional boost thanks to a new partnership with Ave Maria Radio and Credo, the independent Catholic weekly newspaper.

Ave Maria radio will be collaborating with CTH in this year's conference.

Ave Maria Radio includes two radio stations: WDEO (990AM-Detroit and Ann Arbor) and WMAX (1440AM-Saginaw) with a combined signal area that extends from Toledo to Saginaw Bay. Credo publishes about 40,000 copies weekly and is distributed to 23 ZIP codes, mostly in Washtenaw and western Wayne County.

The partnership is set for one year and calls for Ave Maria radio to broadcast interviews with CTH speakers and broadcast advertisements about CTH before the conference. Ave Maria will also broadcast live from the conference and contribute financially to support CTH.

In addition, Ave Maria will record conference speakers and make those recordings available during the conference.

CTH will provide space in the vendor area during the three-day conference for some of the many entities of the Ave Maria Foundation, which include the Ave Maria School of Law, Ave Maria College, Thomas More Law Center, Spiritus Sanctus Academies and the Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist.

Domino's Pizza founder Thomas Monaghan is chairman of the Ave Maria Foundation, and has been a supporter of CTH since its founding in 1996. Monaghan has attended all but one of the CTH conferences and was the keynote speaker for CTH's first benefit dinner two years ago.

Al Kresta, Ave Maria Radio's host of the daily 3-hour talk show, "Kresta in the Afternoon," is slated as a speaker this year. "I've admired the good work of Call to Holiness since its inception," Kresta said. "This partnership is a natural since both Call to Holiness and all of the Ave Maria Foundation entities are deeply involved in the New Evangelization. It is going to be a great weekend and we are looking forward to working with CTH."

Orchestral Mass Honoring the Memory of Fr. John Hardon, S.J.

Sunday, October 7, 2001
at 3:00 p.m.

Assumption Grotto Church
Detroit MI
(10 miles from conference center)

FR. EDUARD PERRONE
Orchestra Conductor

FR. JOHN CORAPI, SOLT
celebrant and homilist

Everyone is welcome.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Volunteers are still needed for this year's conference! Help is especially needed in registration, security, audiotape sales and the vendor room. To those volunteers who have responded to our annual plea for help, please accept our sincere appreciation and gratitude for your faithfulness. For those who are interested in lending a hand, it isn't too late to sign up. Please call Maria Hoeflein (248) 474-7024.

Adult Volunteers are also needed for the Youth Conference. If you would like to help for 2 hours or if you can host an out-of-town student overnight, please call Debbie Bloomfield at (734) 283-9753.

About CTH

Call to Holiness, Inc., is a Michigan non-profit organization formed in 1996. We invite your comments. Write or call us at:

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Call to Holiness Mission Statement

Call to Holiness is an organization of Catholics, obedient to the Vicar of Christ, faithful to the eternal truths of Jesus Christ. Our purpose is to defend and support the Magisterium, the teaching authority of the Catholic Church, through prayer, education and evangelization.

The Sacredness of the Family, *Becoming What We Are*

by Rosalind Moss

In Familiaris Consortio, "Apostolic Exhortation on the Role of the Christian Family in the Modern World", his holiness John Paul II, 263rd successor of St. Peter, stated, "At a moment of history in which the family is the object of numerous forces that seek to destroy it or in some way to deform it...the Church perceives in a more urgent and compelling way her mission of proclaiming to all people the plan of God for marriage and the family..."

Writing to the first century Christians who, persecuted for their faith, were dispersed throughout the world, St. Peter, our first pope, wrote words that would be echoed by his successor two millennium hence:

"Beloved, I beseech you as aliens and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh that wage war against your soul...Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution...(f)or it is God's will that by doing right you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish men...wives, be submissive to your husbands...husbands, live considerately with your wives...all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love of the brethren, a tender heart and a humble mind. Do not return evil for evil or reviling for reviling; but on the contrary bless, for to this you have been called, that you may obtain a blessing."

(1 Peter 2:11-3:9)

That's the way the plan of God would be proclaimed to all people? Through Godly living, wives to husbands, husbands to wives, family by family? Yes. Such has always been God's plan, from day one, that the earth would be populated, and the kingdom established, through the family. Not just any family--but families wholly set apart for God, consecrated, sacred, holy families, obedient to the covenant out of love for the One who gave His all for us.

To be consecrated, sacred, and holy is not what we hope to be one day. It is what we are. The very fact that we belong to God makes us so. The Christian life can be described as "becoming what we are"--living in accord with our new nature as God's children--becoming holy, even as we are holy.

And it is the family that is God's primary means for our sanctification, for our becoming holy. To the first century Christians of Jewish heritage, the home--even in the midst of Roman persecution and slavery--was a sanctuary, a place of love and respect, of loyalty, where children were taught and nurtured.

It should be so for us. If wives do not love their husbands and husbands do not love their wives (as Christ loved the Church), children will not learn to love. Children must see love. If parents do not take seriously their responsibility as the primary educators of their children (CCC #2223), they are abandoning their calling. God never intended the Church or the schools to raise our children. It is we who ultimately are accountable to God for our children's education and formation.

So too with spiritual formation. The responsibility of teaching our children the faith does not belong to the parish or parochial school but to the mother and father in the "domestic church", the home. Like love, the best way for our children to learn the faith

is to see it lived. If a family prays together, the child will learn to pray. If a family makes visits to the Blessed Sacrament, the child will learn that Jesus is always present with us, that He is worthy of our time and worship, and that there is not a care we will ever have that we cannot bring to Him. If a family reads the Bible together, the child will learn that the Scriptures are indeed God's words to us, to be revered and obeyed for our immediate good and for our eternal happiness. If parents go regularly and often to the sacrament of Penance, the child will learn the importance, the humility, the life-giving grace of that sacrament. If priests and religious are respected and prayed for in the home, children will be drawn to the holy and sacrificial character of such vocations and perhaps recognize God's call in their own lives.

We must strive toward these ends. And by our striving we encourage and strengthen one another. Will we fail at times? Yes, it's the path to growth. But we can't give up. We must strive also, as a family, to reach out to the orphaned, the widowed, the destitute.

The family is not an archaic idea whose time is past. It is not one among many choices for living together in the 21st century. The family unit is God's holy, unchanging, sacred calling to all of mankind for populating the earth, for spreading His Kingdom to the hearts of all men, women, and children, and for making us saints.

"For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with might through his Spirit in the inner man, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have power to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God." (Ephesians 3:14-19)



Truth That Transforms: RICHARD JOHN NEUHAUS



Richard Neuhaus

Seven years ago, my friend Richard Neuhaus lay near death. Doctors told him a few months before that he had intestinal cancer. Surgery to remove the tumor had not gone well. As he puts it, it was "an unspeakable mess."

He started to hemorrhage right after coming out of surgery. So, the doctors had to open him up again and risk his dying on the table.

Fortunately -- providentially -- Neuhaus survived. Then, the next night, while lying in his room, he was "jerked into an utterly lucid state of awareness." He sensed that there were two "presences" there with him. And he heard someone say, "Everything is ready now."

My friend has never doubted that he was visited by angels that night, who were prepared to take him home. But he was allowed to stay here, and I think God graciously did that because there is still so much we have to learn from Father Neuhaus.

For nearly four decades, Richard John Neuhaus has been setting an example of how Christian faith can transform not only individuals, but society as well. In the 1960s, the Canadian-born minister was the pastor of a mostly black and Hispanic church in Brooklyn. His commitment to biblical standards of freedom and equality led him to become an active participant in the Civil Rights movement, marching alongside Martin Luther King.

In the 1970s, Neuhaus, then a Lutheran pastor, was one of the first religious leaders to denounce both the Supreme Court's decision in *Roe v. Wade*, and the direction that America's embrace of abortion was heading.

In the 1980s, as people denounced the increasing role of Christians in public life, Neuhaus wrote what has now become a

classic, *The Naked Public Square*. In it, he argued that the belief that America is a "secular society" is both "demonstrably false" and "exceedingly dangerous" to the health of American democracy.

In the nineties, Neuhaus worked with other Christians, including me, to point out the perilous state of American democracy. His magazine, *First Things*, featured a controversial symposium called "The End of Democracy?" that challenged the judiciary's usurpation of functions the Founders intended for "We the People" working through our elected representatives.

That symposium led to a joint declaration entitled "We Hold These Truths." Fourteen Christian leaders, both Protestant and Catholic, wrote that if American self-government was to survive, it would have to adhere to the moral truths of the Declaration of Independence.

We pointed to the "bitter consequences" of separating liberty from moral truths on abortion, crime, drug abuse, pornography, family disintegration, and neglect of the poor.

Neuhaus is one of those intellectual leaders who are leading a Christian counter-attack against the entrenched secular mindset in academia and other centers of cultural influence. His powerful books and articles have earned him the title of "the modern-day C. S. Lewis," and his writings are being widely read across America.

God in his sovereignty is raising up some mighty warriors like Neuhaus -- armed with a biblical view of life and a keen intellect to contend for Christian truth. And this is one reason I think we'll experience a great Christian renewal in this century.

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Father Thomas Euteneuer of Human Life International Remarks on President Bush's Decision on Federal Funding of Embryonic Stem Cell Research

"Thursday night the President asked the question, "are these frozen embryos human life and therefore something precious to be protected?" Of course! The fact that we as a nation cannot answer that question is the most deeply disturbing aspect of this whole debate. Human life begins at fertilization, Mr. President! Human life is precious! And even though the Government is not funding the killing of these embryos, it is now funding their killers.

President Bush also asked a second question: "if they are going to be destroyed anyway, shouldn't they be used for a greater good?" The fact that we even ask this question means that we have not accepted the sanctity of all human life. America's recent history of abortion on demand, the wanton destruction of innocent children in the womb, is a testimony to our wholesale rejection of the dignity of the human person. Human life is an end in itself, there is no greater good than its protection; it is not a commodity to be used even for the most compassionate of reasons. When we lose sight of this fundamental truth we are sliding further down the road to barbarism. We have an obligation to protect all human life!

For this reason we cannot endorse any decision that funds research on human beings, albeit limited in scope. The President's decision to fund embryonic research, even in this limited fashion, undermines the fundamental principle of the sanctity of human life and devalues the very life that we are hoping to assist through medical science.

Father Thomas Euteneuer is President of Human Life International, the world's largest pro-life, pro-faith and pro-family organization, with chapters in the United States a network of international branches and affiliates around the world.

Call to Holiness LIFE CHAIN

Sunday, October 7, 2001

"Sanctity of Life Sunday"

1:00 - 2:00 p.m.



- Stand up for LIFE and be counted with thousands of Pro-Lifers in Metro-Detroit, and across the U.S.A.
- Stand up for LIFE from the moment of conception to the last natural breath.
- Signs will be provided (suggested 25¢ donation per sign).
- Everyone welcome, even those not attending the CTH conference.
- **Bring your whole family.**
- Life Chain will form on both sides of Van Dyke & 15 Mile, in the form of a cross.

Please join us after the conference ends in a silent, peaceful, prayerful witness to the sanctity of pre-born human life.

Pick up your sign in the lobby following the closing Mass.

*To volunteer, call Debbie Bloomfield at (734) 283-9753.



Call to Holiness 4th Annual Youth Conference

Celebrating 300 Years of Catholic Faith in Detroit

SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

- Bishop Kevin Britt
- Al Kresta
- Thomas Nash, Sr.
- Paul Sullivan
- Jeff Cavins,
- Bud MacFarlane
- Fr. Peter Stravinskias
- Steve Wood

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS:

- Group activities
- Confessions Saturday in our facility
- Saturday night Talent Show
- Sunday program in the main conference hall talk by Fr. John Corapi
- Adoration available
- Catholic Book Sale & Exhibits
- Plan for World Youth Day in Toronto 2002
- Three (3) meals on Saturday plus snacks
- LIFE CHAIN on Sunday 15 Mile & Van Dyke

Youth Conference tickets are \$30. Send checks payable to Call to Holiness, P.O. Box 212, Eastpointe, MI 48021-0212

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* **Make Checks Payable to: Call to Holiness**
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* **All CTH nonrefundable reservations \$65;**
(\$75 at the door)

* **Youth conference reservations \$30**

* **Check or money order must accompany registration.**

Number of tickets ordered at \$65 each: _____

Number of youth tickets at \$30 ea. _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

I would like to volunteer to help with the conference.

I would like to distribute CTH materials in my parish

In addition to my above order, I wish to donate \$ _____
to help sponsor a priest/religious

I will not be able to attend, but I wish to donate \$ _____
to help sponsor a priest/religious

On November 7, 2000, Cardinal Jorge Arturo Medina Estevez, prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments, sent a response to the questions of an American bishop about the new regulations for the celebration of Mass [Institutio Generalis Missalis Romani]. The questions [dubia] concerned the posture and gestures of the people at Mass, and placement of the tabernacle. A facsimile of the response, written in English, appears below.



CONGREGATIO DE CULTU DIVINO
ET DISCIPLINA SACRAMENTORUM

Prot. n. 2372/00/L

Responses to Dubia

1. Is it the case that the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, by No. 43 of the Institutio Generalis Missalis Romani, intends to prohibit the faithful from kneeling during any part of the Mass except during the Consecration, that is, to prohibit the faithful from kneeling after the Agnus Dei and following the reception of Holy Communion?

Resp.: *Negative.*

2. Does the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments intend by Nos. 160-162, 244, or elsewhere in the Institutio Generalis Missalis Romani, that the people may no longer genuflect or bow as a sign of reverence to the Blessed Sacrament immediately before they receive Holy Communion?

Resp.: *Negative.*

3. Does the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments in the Institutio Generalis Missalis Romani Nos. 314-315, or elsewhere, intend that a separate chapel for the reservation of the Most Blessed Sacrament within parish churches is to be preferred to a prominent and central location within the main body of the church, thus visible to the faithful during the celebration of the Mass?

Resp.: *Negative, et ad mentem.*

Mens: Within the norms specified by law, it pertains to the diocesan Bishop, in his capacity as moderator of the Sacred Liturgy in the particular Church entrusted to him, to exercise judgment regarding the most appropriate place for the reservation of the Most Blessed Sacrament, bearing foremost in mind the purpose of encouraging and enabling the faithful to visit and adore the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Vatican City, 7 November 2000

Jorge A. Card. MEDINA EST...VEZ,
Cardinal Prefect

Francesco Pio Tamburrino
Francesco Pio Tamburrino
Archbishop Secretary

Call to Holiness - Call to Prayer

Please pray for the success of our Call to Holiness conference by offering one hour a week in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament.

"Holiness is a disposition of the heart that makes us humble and little in the arms of God, aware of our weakness, and confident -- in the most audacious way -- in His Fatherly goodness."

- St. Therese of the Infant Jesus

Call to Holiness Congratulates EWTN and Mother Angelica as they celebrate their 20th Anniversary!

CTH sends our prayers and congratulations to EWTN as they celebrate their 20th anniversary. Please join us in showing our thanks by keeping EWTN between the "gas and electric bills". Visit EWTN's website at <http://www.ewtn.com> for more information about spreading the Eternal Word or making a donation.

Bishop Raymond Burke Joins Advisory Board

Bishop Raymond Burke of LaCrosse, WI has recently been named to the Advisory Board of Call to Holiness. Bishop Burke, head of the Marian Catechist organization, joins Bishops Fabian Bruskwitz of Lincoln, NE, James Sullivan of Fargo ND, Emilio Allue, auxiliary of Boston, and Kevin Britt, auxiliary of Detroit.

Bishop Burke attended The Catholic University of America, and studied theology at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 29, 1975, at St. Peter's Basilica by Pope Paul VI.

In 1980, he returned to Rome to study Canon Law at the Pontifical Gregorian University. In 1989, Pope John Paul II named him Defender of the Bond of the Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signatura. On Dec. 10, 1994, he was appointed Bishop-Elect of the Diocese of La Crosse by Pope John Paul II.

Bishop Burke's Episcopal ordination by Pope John Paul II took place at St. Peter's Basilica on Jan. 6, 1995, and he was installed as diocesan bishop on Feb. 22, 1995.



*Bishop
Raymond Burke*

Call to Holiness is honored to have Bishop Burke as a member of our advisory board.

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