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Journeys Home

From the World to the Word:
My Miraculous Journey Home

by

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I was raised in the Methodist faith in a small town in North Carolina. The only Catholic Church in town was a block away from my house and a large brick home which served as a convent was just around the corner. I would often see the nuns, dressed in their habits, walking to the Catholic school which adjoined the church. Whenever I saw them I felt a great sense of respect. I considered them to be very holy, although, I knew nothing about the Catholic faith.

When I was 12 years old I heard our pastor state in a homily that in the “end days” most people would turn away from Jesus and become “worldly” -- following the antichrist, who he explained was the devil. I don’t recall the devil being mentioned very often in our church and so this statement immediately got my attention. I was perplexed; I couldn’t imagine people turning away from Jesus and following the devil. This was very upsetting to me so I made a promise to God that I would never do that – no matter what everyone else did; I pledged never to turn away from Him and certainly to never follow the Antichrist! I obviously didn’t realize what it meant to become worldly and consequently just three years later at age fifteen I was already headed in that direction. Gradually, Jesus was replaced by someone more important to me – myself. Like most teenagers, I had become self-centered, materialistic, and absorbed in the ways of the world, i.e., worldly.

It was when I was fifteen that a strong storm slammed the shores of the Outer Banks which was just an hour’s drive

from us. It was reported that many houses that were on the beachfront were demolished by the high waves and strong winds and that nearby Jockey’s Ridge (the largest sand dune in the eastern United States) was littered with broken furniture and household items. I knew several families who owned property there and it so happened that the next day at school one of those friends invited me to go with her family to their beach house the following weekend. They had gotten reports from others in the area that their house was not damaged due to the fact that it was further from the ocean but they wanted to go and check things out for themselves. I didn’t get many opportunities to spend much time at the beach and so it was with great excitement that I rushed home to ask permission that day. My mother reminded me that was Mother’s Day

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weekend but knowing how much this meant to me, she consented. It was to be the first Mother's Day I had ever spent away from my mother and I knew that saddened her but I was too excited to think about that; all I could think about was myself.

We decided to spend our last day at the beach, which was Mother's Day, climbing Jockey's Ridge and seeing for ourselves what was there. As we were trudging up the dune, our feet sinking deep into the soft sand, something shiny caught my eye. I picked it up, looked at it and although it had an inscription on it, it didn't make any sense to me so I just put it in my pocket. It so happened that I had a new charm bracelet with very few charms on it yet, so I put this new "charm" on my bracelet even though I wasn't sure just what it was. I'd never seen anything like it but I was intrigued by it. My mother later told me that she thought it was something Catholic, like a St. Christopher "charm". (Many non-Catholics are only familiar with St. Christopher and/or St. Francis and then only by name).

I'll fast forward now 30 years when I was 45 and at a point in my life when things were at their lowest. I was miserable even though we had just built a new house, thinking that might make me happy. It didn't. I was finally realizing that material things weren't the answer I was seeking. Unfortunately, I didn't even realize I was seeking an answer or even what the question was. I just knew that nothing seemed to make me happy any more.

One night when I was at my lowest point, I fell on my knees and prayed for the first time in many years. It was a very short prayer. "Lord," I said, "I can't handle my life anymore; I want you to take over my life." That was all I said and I went to bed.

The next morning I awoke a brand new person. I couldn't stop talking about Jesus. I was filled with love, peace, and joy. The first thing I did was look for my Bible. I wasn't really familiar with the Bible, only picking it up occasionally to look for a certain verse to add in a sympathy card or some words of encouragement for a depressed friend. Unlike my Baptist cousins, I was never taught to memorize verses in Scripture nor did I ever attend a Bible study. However, it was truly the Holy Spirit Who led me to the Bible that day because I was supernaturally led to verses that spoke directly to my heart and explained what was happening to me.

The very first verse that He led me to was Ezekiel 36:26 where it says "A new heart I will give you and a new spirit I will put

within you; and I will remove your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh." When I read it I started crying tears of joy, because I knew that He had done just that. I truly had a new heart.

Soon after leading me to Scripture the Lord starting leading me to other books – lots of books. Again, this was all supernatural; no human being ever mentioned any of these books to me nor had I ever heard of any of them. The Lord just led me to them one by one over a short period of time. I went through these books like a starving person, devouring every word, yet I never realized that all the books I was reading were Catholic, until one day while reading "Miracles Do Happen" by Sr. Briege Mckenna. I came to a chapter where she was talking about something called a miraculous medal. I was thoroughly intrigued and determined to get myself one of these amazing medals. I remembered that there was a Catholic bookstore in Charlotte, so I looked it up in the telephone book and called the

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store, asking if they had these and then for directions to the store. After hanging up I was standing in the middle of my bedroom and glanced over all the books I'd recently been reading, stacked high beside my bed. All of a sudden the thought came into my head, "All these books are Catholic!" Then out loud I said, "God, I can't believe I never realized that these books were all about the Catholic Church. Are you trying to tell me something? Do you want me to become Catholic? If that's what you want Lord, please make it very clear to me. Have someone say to me 'Would you like to become Catholic?' and then I'll know for sure that's what you want."

Twenty minutes later I walked into the Catholic bookstore and then realized that I had no idea what a miraculous medal looked like or how to find it, so I stopped a woman walking by. "Excuse me" I said. "I'm not Catholic and I'm looking for something called a miraculous medal, could you help me?" "Oh," she said, "Would you be interested in the RCIA?" "What? I..." but before I could even finish speaking she was already rushing off, saying "just a minute; wait right there!" I stood there wondering what in the world had just happened and she was talking about. "Did she say ROTC?" I wondered. Then she reappeared, handing me a piece of paper saying, "Here's Sister Barbara's phone number, I'm sure that..." I interrupted, "Excuse me, but I have no idea what you're talking about. What is the R...?" "Oh," she said, "I'm sorry. What I'm trying to say is, would you like to become Catholic?" I couldn't believe what I was hearing – just twenty minutes ago I had asked the Lord, if he wanted me to be Catholic, to have someone say those exact words to me! I couldn't get home fast enough to call the

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My Dear Brother and Friend: Part IV

A Letter from Father John Thayer

This is a continuation of a truly amazing letter written nearly 220 years ago! See July-September newsletters for parts I-III. The letter is amazing for several reasons: the author, Father John Thayer, originally a staunchly anti-Catholic Puritan Congregational minister from Boston, who served as chaplain to the forces under John Hancock in the American Revolution, eventually converted to the Catholic faith while on a trip to Europe and became the first American born clergy convert. As far as we know, Father John Thayer is the first clergy convert to become a priest!

His own account of his conversion was published in 1787 and reissued in several editions in the United States, London, and Ireland. It was also translated into French and Spanish, and created a great controversial sensation at the time.

Eventually he would return to America with the following conviction:

“This is the prevailing wish, this is the only desire of my heart, to extend as much as lies in my power, the dominion of the true faith, which is now my joy and comfort. I am ambitious of nothing more; for this purpose I desire to return to my own country, in hopes, notwithstanding my unworthiness, to be the instrument of the conversion of my countrymen; and such is my conviction of the truth of the Roman Catholic Church...”

Before returning to America, however, he received a letter from his still very anti-Catholic Puritan brother, Nathaniel, despairing of John’s salvation. Here is Father Thayer’s loving, brotherly defense of the Faith.

(This is also amazing because this letter was written fourteen years before John Henry Newman was born!)

21. If you communicate this letter, as I hope you will, to any one of your Ministers, I pray you be not content with any kind of answer, write it down with your own objections; and after having reflected well upon them, compare them with what you have just read. In the principles and reasoning which I have brought to your mind you will find the most solid answers, the most satisfactory solutions for any man who examines and discusses with sincerity. The more you will read and meditate on the Bible, the more you will see into the truth and the harmony of our principles on the one side, and on the other the incoherence and contradiction of those of your ministers. What I desire also, My dear Brother, is that you will converse with them and deliver my sentiments to them without passion, or without exciting them against me. How rejoiced I should be could I only be there to do it myself! They would soon see that I am not actuated by passion or by any spirit of party, but only by a love of truth and a desire to make that true faith known to them which the Lord has been pleased to direct me to embrace.”

22. If you are convinced of the truth of the Catholic religion, by the arguments I have placed before you, do not, O my dear friend, be ashamed to confess it; it is the property of a noble to acknowledge its error and to retract it. Besides, yours will be not so much your error as that of your education, if after having discovered the vice and poison of it,

you make it not by a voluntary attachment and an obstinate resistance to the known truth, your own personal error. Remember these words of Jesus Christ; that those who will not confess him before men, he will disown before assembled nations.

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23. Here is a reflection, my dear brother, which now presents itself to my mind, and which appears to me to establish a very strong presumption in favour of our religion; This religion is the only true, the only divine one, and which alone inspires sacrifices truly heroick and above the ordinary strength of nature. Now, allow me to say it, the Catholic religion affords me examples of this kind which I should look for in vain among all the Protestant Societies. I have often seen, and even now daily see persons of the most distinguished birth and of the first consideration in the world, Ladies of a feeble and delicate health, renouncing the pleasures, the riches and honours of the world in order to devote themselves, some to the service of the sick and dying, the Hospitals, that is to say in the midst of infection, and others to the most austere penance within the narrow Cloisters of a Monastery. Among these last, Madam Louise, the Aunt of the king of France, and beloved daughter of Lewis, the fifteenth, holds the first rank; she has been seen bidding Adieu to the most brilliant Court in Europe and at a mature age burying herself in the obscurity of a Convent of Carmelites, in which the most austere

rules are observed, in order that she might there be con-founded with the meanest of her religious Sisters, and exer-cise the lowest functions of domestic life, such as to sweep the house, wash the dishes, etc. and all this to honor and to imitate the humble life of here divine Jesus, who though sover-eign Lord of the Universe condescended to take upon himself the form of a slave, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. She has declared to me herself, that she never enjoyed amidst all the grandour and pleasures of the world purer delights than those which she enjoyed then in the poverty, the penance, the obedience and humiliations of the Cloister.

24. I cannot conclude my letter without adding one word more upon the Catholicity, that is to say, upon the Universality of the Church. You acknowledge, equally with ourselves, this mark in the Apostles Creed, and we see it clearly expressed in the Church (Gen. c. 18 & 22, Ps. 2 & 7, Acts c. 1. V 8) etc.

This universality applies surely to no other Church than to ours. She is so spread over and so visible in all the most remarkable countries of the world, that she cannot be hidden from those who sincerely desire to seek and to know the truth. She has a considerable number of Bishops and Missionaries in the East Indies. There are reckoned millions of Catholics in China; and even in the very inclosure of the imperial Palace of Pekin we have a spacious Church. To deny all these facts, or to call them in question would be the height of folly;—they are too public and notorious. All know, at Paris, the Seminary which is founded for the education and main-tenance of foreign Missionaries; and at Rome the one called De propaganda fide

in which I myself have seen a great number of young men of all nations who, after having received holy-Orders are sent into their respective countries to preach the Gospel to their rela-tions and fellow countrymen. At this very time the only Son of the king of Cochinchina is in Paris brought hither by a Mis-sionary Bishop of his country, who had been brought up here in the Seminary of the foreign Missions, etc. I leave you now to reflect upon all this before the Lord, and in the sincerity of a heart that wishes not either to deceive or to be deceived.”

25. My dear Brother, why can I not produce the same im-pressions upon you which I myself feel, since the day when the hand of God was pleased to withdraw me from the way in which we both walked owing to the misfortune of our birth and our education. I cannot see you still in it, and think with-out shuddering that, by being thus separated, as we now are, in religion, one of the other of us will assuredly be lost forever.

When I compare this text of St. Paul, One faith, with this other of the same Apostle, without faith it is impossible to please God, and consequently to be saved, I feel the most poignant grief at the thought of this eternal separation which will take place between us, if one of the other does not change his re-ligion, for only one of us can be in the right, since our faith at present is entirely opposed. If it be I who have gone astray, come, I beseech you, fly to my succour; what can you have dearer in the world after your own salvation, than the salvation of a brother who loves you and whom you love? If it be you who walk in the way of perdition, do not deny me the liberty and consolation of rendering you the greatest of all services, by recalling you in the name of the true Spouse of the Saviour, the only one that can bring forth the Elect of God, to the way of truth. United in the arms of this tender mother, we shall afterwards use our exertions to obtain of God, that he will also bring back to himself him through whom he has given us life,

that is to say, that we shall unite our zeal to become, in some sort, the fathers of our father, by procuring him a far more precious life than that we have received from him. This, my dear brother and my very dear friend, is what I desire most ear-nestly through the bowels of the charity of our heavenly Father and his Son Jesus Christ. Reflect upon it, as you would at the hour of your death, I beseech you, and give this proof of your friendship to a brother who only lives for you, for our dear father and our fellow countrymen. I embrace you with all the tenderness of a heart wholly devoted to you.

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Thayer
Paris, May 1st 1787. At the Seminary of St. Sulpice. To M. Nathaniel Thayer, Boston.

* Excerpt from *“Memoirs to Serve for the Future, An Ecclesiastical History of the Diocese of Boston”* pages 49-52, (U.S. Catholic Historical Society, Yonkers, 1978).

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DEEP IN SCRIPTURE LIVE RADIO PROGRAM WITH MARCUS GRODI & GUESTS WEDNESDAYS LIVE AT 9:PM EST



Following our Holy Father's call to rediscover the inspiration of St. Paul and his writings, our *Deep in Scripture* live radio programs will be featuring guests discussing their favorites verses from Saint Paul.

Starting October 1, the live broadcast of the program will move to **WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AT 9 PM EST**. Marcus Grodi and his guest will be taking your calls and emails about the text from St. Paul they will be discussing.

Go to www.deepinscripture.com for more information and especially to **WATCH THE PROGRAM LIVE VIA WEBCAM!**

October 1
Dr. Paul Thigpen

October 8
Kevin Lowry

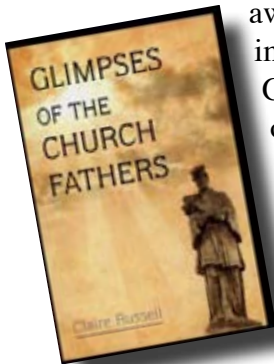
October 15
Steve Wood

October 22
Patrick Madrid

October 29
Dr. Thomas Howard

Featured Resources

Glimpses of the Church Fathers by Claire Russell



In recent years there has been a growing awareness among lay people of the importance of Tradition within the Catholic Church. A primary source of this Tradition is the collection of what the Fathers of the Church had to say in Her early history. This selection of writings covers a wide range of topics, and is presented in easily readable units, suitable for the busy working man and woman.

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When non-Catholics start quoting Bible verses to "prove" that Catholic teachings aren't biblical, reach for this powerful Bible-based explanation and defense of the Catholic Faith! *Where Is That in the Bible?* shows you how to deflate standard objections to Catholicism - and how to use Scripture to bring people into (or back into) the Church.

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Please pray ...

✦ CLERGY ✦

✦ For Frank, an Air Force chaplain, and his family that the Lord would successfully guide them through the process of transition into full communion with the Catholic Church.

✦ For Gerald, a Baptist minister, that he would continue to follow the lead of the Holy Spirit.

✦ For Al, a former Lutheran pastor from Buffalo, who came Home to the holy Catholic Church, that he may find employment.

✦ For Carl, a Baptist minister in California, that the Lord Jesus would fill his heart with his light and life.

✦ For Charles, a former Bible Church pastor in California, that the Lord Jesus would assist him in overcoming the obstacles he encounters on his journey to full communion with the Catholic Church.

✦ For Mark, a Lutheran pastor in Pennsylvania, that through his friendship with his Catholic priest friend he would be drawn into the very heart of the love and mercy of God in his Catholic and apostolic Church.

✦ For Dane, a Baptist minister in Texas, as he studies the history and faith of the Catholic Church.

✦ For Frank, an Anglican priest in California, that he would respond to the call of Jesus to return to the Holy Church of his youth.

In every issue we include timely prayer concerns from the membership. Each person mentioned has contacted us and is somewhere along their journey home. All members are encouraged to pray at least one hour each month before the Blessed Sacrament for the needs in general and specific of the *CHNetwork*, its members and supporters.

Please submit all prayer requests and answers to :

*CHN Prayer List
P. O. Box 8290
Zanesville, OH 43702*

You may also email your prayer requests to:

prayers@chnnetwork.org

We use only first names to preserve anonymity, and the following codes:

(QV) Quo Vadis Requests



✦ LAITY ✦

✦ For all within the Helpers Network as we create Christ based fellowships to assist those looking to understand His Catholic truth.

✦ For the Riello family in their time of need.

✦ For Dave and his various heart related issues.

✦ For Betty and her family.

✦ For all families who have loved ones who have walked away from the faith and for their re-version to the fullness of truth.

✦ For Joseph's health.

✦ For Lois' family situation.

✦ For Michael and his intentions.

✦ For Tyler and Travis.

✦ For Bonnie and her living situation.

✦ For Sarah and Joshua in their journey to the Catholic Church.

✦ For Michelle and her family.

✦ For Paul in his personal and family struggles.

✦ For Meg and Aaron as they discern their course of life together and for the conversion of his heart to Christ.

✦ For those coming to the upcoming Deep in History Conference and all the planning.

✦ For Rob and his healing.

✦ For baby Bek and his brain injuries.

✦ For all the members of Quo Vadis (QV).

✦ For Spencer, Jessica, Elena, Sarah, Carolyn, Melanie and Melissa in their search for truth (QV).

Quo Vadis: What's Happening

Quo Vadis, the *CHNI's* youth network, has been greatly blessed during these past few months. We have grown to almost 50 members and now have more youth than ever who are interested in becoming Catholic. Quo Vadis is reaching out to youth and young adults through means such as weekly chats, monthly e-newsletters, pairing youth interested in Catholicism with those who are already Catholic, an online forum and a Facebook group. Thank you so much for your continued prayers!

If Quo Vadis is something you might be interested in please visit our website www.quovadis youth.org, call Mary Clare at 800-664-5110 or e-mail her at maryp@chnetwork.org. God bless you!

Come and hear
Marcus Grodi
speak on conversion
and the truth of the Catholic Faith:



October

October 24-26 2008

CHNI's Deep in History Conference

Columbus, OH

www.deepinhistory.com

or please contact Sharon at

1-800-664-5110

November

November 13, 2008

Bowling Green State University

Bowling Green, OH

7:30 p.m. BGSU Student Union, room 308

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November

November 7 & 8, 2008

3rd Annual Northern Nevada
Eucharistic & Marian Conference

Reno, NV

Information and Registration:

www.adoregod.org

December

December 6, 2008

St. Joseph's Catholic Church

36 Melmore Street

Tiffin, OH 44883

(419) 447-5848



The Primary Luncheon at *Deep in History!*

A major element of ministry is building relationships among brothers and sisters in Christ.

At many Protestant seminaries, *koinonia* (the Greek word for fellowship and communion) is emphasized to the students as a vital aspect of Christian life. Gathering for a cup of coffee and good conversation is an opportunity for deepening relationships and growing in our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Coming Home Network International has its roots with *koinonia* in mind. One of its first gatherings was a luncheon following a conference at the Franciscan University of Steubenville in 1993. At all our *Deep in History* conferences we have continued this tradition

of inviting all non-Catholic clergy and their spouses, both those on the journey as well as converts and reverts, to enjoy a free private luncheon of good food and wonderful fellowship in the Holy Spirit.

This will be held at 1:00 pm on Saturday, October 25. It is an excellent opportunity to get to know one another, to share what the Lord has been doing in our lives and to encourage those of us who have been having struggles in our faith journey.

Please do not miss this opportunity to be blessed with great fellowship, not to mention good food!

Jim Anderson
Assistant Director, *CHNI*

Discover *CHNI's* Forum!

Would you like fellowship with fellow Catholics? Are you a person on the journey to the Catholic Church? Do you have questions about Catholicism? If you answered "yes!" to any of these questions, you should explore *The Coming Home Network's* online forum. It's a great place to experience fellowship, have your questions about the Catholic Church answered and to meet other people with similar backgrounds. Check the forum out at www.chnetwork.org/forums/ We look forward to seeing you there!



Deep in History MP3's!

The Coming Home Network is moving history forward this month, with past *Deep in History Conference* talks available in MP3 format through our website.

Check out www.deepinhistory.com and click on a previous year's conference page. There you will find a listing of all the talks and a link to download the desired talks. Each talk will cost \$5.

Take our Catholic history wherever you go, as we continue to make our resources more accessible to you.



The Helper's Luncheon at *Deep in History!*

Each year, our *Deep in History Conference* in Columbus, Ohio, offers an ideal time for Helpers to meet and discuss fellowships through the *CHNetwork*, for inquirers to meet others looking over the Tiber, and for finding the personal touch to this journey ahead. Personally, I find great joy in meeting each and every one of you who once existed only as data on my computer screen.

Not only do we gain a better understanding of your relationships with Christ, but we also find ourselves recharged and more focused on the road ahead. As hundreds attend this annual event, we find the fellowship I speak of, and leave to better spread the truth of

our Catholic faith.

It is for this reason that the **Saturday Helpers luncheon** took form in 2004. With humble beginnings, this time offered a chance for Helpers to meet together and share stories they have heard and experienced. Deacon Frank was instrumental in moving this luncheon forward, one that can only grow in the years to come. I eagerly await this year's event so that we can again sit and further develop this much needed time of fellowship.

Rob Rodgers
Assistant Director, *CHNI*

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number. Sister Barbara answered and I told her why I was calling. “Wonderful,” she said, “We start classes tomorrow night.” “My goodness, Lord, we’re not going to waste any time, are we?” I said to myself. And so I became Catholic. The day I was confirmed was one of happiest days of my life. I felt like a new bride. I cried often: before, during and after my “journey home” – tears of absolute joy, of course.

Three years after entering the Church, I was on the phone talking to a friend about my conversion when I remembered finding that Catholic “charm” on the sand dune 33 years earlier. “Hold on a minute,” I said. “I think I still have that charm bracelet here in my jewelry box. I want to look and see what that was that I found that day when I was 15.” I opened my jewelry box and there it was. I returned to the phone, tears running down my face. “I can’t believe it,” I said to my friend, “It’s a Miraculous Medal.” And it truly is a miracle. I was only 15 and I had already forgotten my promise to God, never to leave Him and I was already following the Antichrist in my selfishness, my materialistic goals, following the ways of the world. I had even forsaken my mother on Mother’s Day to pursue my

own selfish interests, but my heavenly Mother had not forsaken me. I believe God sent her on that Mother’s Day and that she has been with me throughout all these years, gently guiding me back to Him. It took 30 years and many wrong turns but thanks be to God, I’m finally home!

Gail Buckley is the Founder and Executive Director of Catholic Scripture Study International, the world’s fastest-growing Catholic Bible study program. CSS, as it is better known, has thousands of members throughout the U.S. and in 40 countries around the world. In addition to her work with CSS, Gail serves on the Board of Directors of Catholics United for the Faith (CUF) and on the Steering Committee for the Catholic Leadership Conference. Gail is a convert to Catholicism; her story was featured in a recent issue of Envoy magazine. She has been a speaker at several national Catholic conferences and a featured guest on many Catholic radio shows including Catholic Answers Live, Ave Maria radio: Catholic Connection with Teresa Tomeo, Al Kresta Live and others. Gail will be a guest on the Journey Home program on October 13. If you would like to invite Gail to speak, please contact info@cssprogram.net

First Annual Fellowship of St. Edmund Campion Retreat!

Who: Specifically for Clergy converts and their spouses.

When: October 26-29, 2008. Sunday afternoon through Wednesday noon.

Where: St. Teresa’s Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad St., Columbus, Ohio.

Retreat Leader/Speaker: Fr. Andrew Apostoli, CFR.

Tentative Schedule

Sunday afternoon/evening: Check in, evening prayer, social.

Monday & Tuesday: Morning prayer, breakfast, sessions with Fr. Apostoli, Mass, lunch, sessions, Evening prayer, dinner, sessions, fellowship.

Wednesday morning: Morning prayer, breakfast, sessions, Mass, lunch, checkout.

Cost: Room and board FREE! (Call or email for details) Just get there.*

*(scholarships available for transportation costs).

For information or to register: Call 1-740-450-1175
or email: fsec@chnetwork.org.



The Battle for the Faith: North America 1700-1900

6th Annual CHNetwork
Deep in History Conference
Columbus, OH
The Hilton at Easton
October 24th-26th, 2008

The *Deep in History* Conferences began with the Early Church Fathers, moved to the Reformation, and in 2007 focused on the spread of the Catholic faith here in the New World. In 2008, we set our sights to the Battle for the Faith: North America 1700-1900.

With the rise of denominations in North America, the Catholic faithful faced a seemingly endless growth of new churches. The continent was dotted with new Protestant faiths all claiming a hold of the truth of Christianity. At the same time Catholics, in many regions, faced persecution for their faith as radical groups sought to extinguish the ancient Church.

Once again, Marcus Grodi, the *Coming Home Network International*, and a host of others invite you to join us at the Hilton Easton, Columbus, Ohio: October 24th through the 26th 2008.

To register for the conference online
please go to

www.deepinhistory.com

For more information or to register by
phone please call 1-800-664-5110

To reserve your room please contact:

The Hilton at Easton

Special Conference Rate: \$139.99

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The image shows a screenshot of the CHNetwork.org website. At the top, a yellow banner reads "Please Visit CHNetwork.org and check out our newly designed website!". Below this is the website's header with the logo and the URL "www.chnetwork.org". The main navigation menu includes "Home", "Information", "Members", "Media", "Library", "Events", and "Catalog".

The main content area features a welcome message: "Welcome, Brothers and Sisters in Christ.....". Below this are two bullet points:

- Are you a non-catholic minister interested in Catholicism? We understand the seriousness of such considerations and the elements of sacrifice that they imply. We've been there. The *Coming Home Network International* was founded to stand beside you on your journey of faith. [Continue](#)
- Are you a non-catholic lay person interested in Catholicism? Our *Helper's Network* is a fellowship of current Catholic inquirers and past converts. [Continue](#)

On the right side, there is a profile for "Marcus Grodi, Founder" with a photo and a call to action: "Join our founder and president for the following live media programming:". Below this is a "Members" section with a "Why Become a Member?" sub-section, which includes a "Join" button and a "Live Media" section for "The Journey Home Program".

An inset browser window shows the "CHNI Media" page. The address bar displays "http://www.chnetwork.org/Media.htm". The page content includes:

CHNI Media

The Coming Home Network International works with the [Eternal Word Television Network \(EWTN\)](#) to provide the *Journey Home Program* and *Deep in Scripture Radio*. In addition CHNI provides a variety of books, tapes, CDs, and downloadable material which can be accessed here or purchased from the Coming Home Resources Catalog (CHR). In the near future CHNI will be expanding its involvement with print, audio, and visual media.

At the bottom of the browser window, a note states: "This Page is still under construction! - Bookmark/check out the [Members](#) page for updates on the site, resources, and upcoming events."