

The Coming Home Network

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SPECIAL EDITION MEMBER NEWSLETTER

3rd Annual CHNetwork Conference

Deep in History... Deep in Scripture... Deep in Christ!

R The Continental Reformation

Every year, the 500th anniversary of the start of the Protestant Reformation looms closer and closer. Now in twelve years, on October 31, 2017, many non-Catholic Christians (and maybe even a few hyper-ecumenical Catholics) will be celebrating the courage of an Augustinian monk named Martin Luther who took his stand against the Church of Rome that he believed was more than corrupt, but the "whore of Babylon" led by the papal anti-Christ.

Granted, many modern non-Catholic Christians are indifferent to the events, leaders, and issues of the 16th century. Many even insist that they aren't Protestants, pointing instead to a more recent brave and inspired founder or to some mythical, secret historical thread that connects their church directly to Jesus. A growing number see no need to argue any connection to any supposed church started by Christ. To them all that is important is a personal relationship with Jesus, and "church" merely means that "two or more are gathered in [His] name."

Ironically, the same 16th century Reformers who made non-Catholic independent Christianity possible would have considered the independence of these modern non-Catholic, non-Protestant "Jesus and me only" church planters not only appalling and heretical but unthinkable. Certainly they would have been there roasting right beside Servetus!

The problem is these modern independent Christians have no sense of history. For them church history consists of the book of Acts and then on to the years, months, or even weeks of their own particular church or denomination. For most

this might be considered invincible ignorance: they've never known or been told anything else. Many others, however, should know better, but either they're too busy in their lives, work, or ministries to stop and examine the historical evidence, or too content where they are to see the need.

We believe, however, that becoming deep in history is not merely optional but crucial to a true and trustworthy understanding of Jesus Christ, of the Church he planted in his Apostles, and of the redemption he won for those who believe in him by grace. We believe with John Henry Cardinal Newman that, "To become deep in history is to cease to be Protestant." We also believe, though, that the flip-side is equally true: to cease to be deep in history is to become Protestant, or one of the thousands of "Jesus and me only" independent non-Catholic, non-Protestant modern believers.

For all these reasons and more, the CHNetwork staff and I are excited to invite you to attend the 3rd Annual *Deep in History, Deep in Scripture, Deep in Christ Conference*. Our focus this year is *The*



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Continental Reformation, which includes the major reform movements and leaders in Germany, France, Holland, and Switzerland. Our team of well-respected speakers will discuss:

- **The Roots of the Reformation: Why it Happened;**
- **Precursors to the Reformation: The Reformers before the Reformers;**
- **The Protestant Reformers: Luther, Calvin, Zwingli, Simmons, and others;**
- **The Effects of the Reformation, particularly on family, faith and science;**
- **The Catholic Response: What does this mean for us today?**

As in our past conferences, these presentations will focus on history and Scripture, instead of pure apologetics, and based on past attendance, we presume

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Clergy on the Journey

Scholarship Fund by Jim Anderson



Jim Anderson is Coordinator of Primaries and has worked at CHN for over 4 years.

As we prepare for our 3rd Annual *CHNetwork Conference*, we ask that you consider a special request on behalf of some of our clergy who want to attend the Conference. We do not want financial difficulties to prevent anyone from attending this wonderful opportunity to learn more about the Continental Reformation.

A number of our Primary members have made great sacrifices by following the lead of the Lord Jesus into full communion with His Catholic Church. Many of them have experienced strained and even broken relationships with friends and family members. Almost as hard to endure are the financial difficulties which result from leaving the full-

time Protestant ministry and entering the Church. Many people trained for ministry have found difficulty finding new employment. The financial pressure can be very stressful. We know of one *CHNetwork* member who had the mortgage on his house foreclosed.

It is unfortunate that the *CHNetwork* cannot provide a free conference to all of its members. We really wish we could. We have created a **Scholarship Fund** for those members who have special financial needs and would benefit from attending the conference. A full scholarship includes conference registration (\$50.00), meals-including social (\$85.00) and motel room for two nights (\$178.00), totaling

\$323.00. We also are offering partial scholarships to members who are able to contribute a portion of the expenses.

In order to offer these Conference Scholarships, we need members—who feel so led—to contribute to the **Conference Scholarship Fund**. All such donations will be earmarked to this fund alone. Your support of these clergy will be greatly appreciated. Also, I encourage those clergy members who wish to attend the *CHN* Conference, but are held back by financial restraints, to contact our office for a **Conference Scholarship application**. All information on the application will be kept strictly confidential.

Koinonía by Jim Anderson

A major element of ministry is relationships amongst the brothers and sisters in Christ. At many Protestant seminaries koinonia (the Greek word for fellowship or 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* 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 the second annual *Deep In History Conference* we again picked up our tradition of luncheons for our clergy members. With about thirty fellow non-catholic

clergy in attendance, both those on the journey as well as converts, we enjoyed good food and wonderful fellowship in the Holy Spirit. It was an excellent opportunity to get to know one another, to share what the Lord Jesus has been doing in our lives and to encourage those of us who were having struggles.

This year we are again offering this opportunity for koinonia by inviting all non-catholic clergy in attendance—both converts and those on the journey—to come to a free luncheon at noon on Saturday. Please do not miss this opportunity to be blessed with great fellowship, not to mention good food.

Helping 'em Home

Helpers Luncheon *by Rob Rodgers*



Rob Rodgers

is Coordinator of the Helpers Network & Co-Coordinator of CHN Events. He has worked at CHN for almost 3 years.

Each November, the Coming Home Network hosts the Deep in History Conference in Columbus Ohio. This annual Network event offers an ideal time for Helpers to meet and discuss fellowships through the Network. For inquires to meet others looking over the Tiber, finding the personal touch to this journey ahead. Personally, I find great joy in meeting each and every one of you who once only existed as sound and/or characters to my screen.

Not only do I gain a better understanding in your relationships with Christ, but I find myself recharged and more focused to the road ahead, as hundreds attend this annual event, finding the fellowship I speak of, leaving to better spread the truth of our Catholic faith.

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

I have attended the Coming Home Network Convention for the last two years. I have been impressed by deep faith of the participants who attend and their dedication to the Catholic Faith. I have respected the quality and expertise of the speakers and have always taken home with me a few challenges. It is a chance to discuss my Faith with other Catholics and Christians who wish to grow in their relationship with the Lord. There are many other services offered, e.g., a fine display of books,. CDs, and tapes.

—Father Emmanuel Bertrand

Absolutely exhilarating! A weekend established for converts to sit and converse with one another about their journey home to Rome. A true gift to those still on the journey, those who have completed the journey, and fantastic support for those still coming home.

—Father Frank Darling

Awesome! Not only was I able to sit and talk with so many others who made their journey to Rome, I was a able to meet my "dream team" at the Coming Home Network who walked beside me as I found my way to Rome; thanks Jim and Rob.

—Julie Crosby

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2005 Schedule

Friday, November 4

4:00	Travelers Mass
5:00 – 6:30	Dinner break
6:30 – 7:00	Conference Opening
7:00 – 8:00	Marcus Grodi <i>Roots of the Reformation</i>
8:00 – 9:00	Dr. Scott Hahn <i>The Forerunners to the Reformation</i>
9:00	CHN social

Saturday, November 5

8:00 – 8:30	Morning Prayer
8:30 – 9:30	Mass
9:30 – 11:00	Breakfast
11:00 – 12:00	Paul Thigpen <i>Luther</i>
12:00 – 1:00	Dr. Kenneth Howell <i>Calvin and the Radicals</i>
1:00 – 2:30	Lunch
2:30 – 3:30	Kimberly Hahn <i>The Reformation's Affect on the Family</i>
3:30 – 4:30	Bishop Frederick Campbell
4:30 – 5:00	Concert - Marcus Grodi
5:00 – 6:30	Dinner
6:30 – 7:30	Dr. Kenneth Howell <i>The Reformation's Affect on Church and Science</i>
7:30 – 8:30	Msgr. Frank Lane <i>Secularism in the Church as a Result of the Reformation</i>
8:30 – 9:30	Holy Hour & Exposition

* Sacrament of Reconciliation 1:00 - 3:30 & 4:00 - 6:30

Sunday, November 6

7:30 – 8:00	Morning Prayer
8:00 – 9:30	Mass
9:30 – 11:00	Breakfast
11:00 – 12:00	Fr. William Casey <i>One Holy, Catholic & Apostolic Church</i>
12:00 – 1:30	Panel Discussion
1:30	Marcus Grodi <i>Closing</i>

St. Ignatius of Loyola

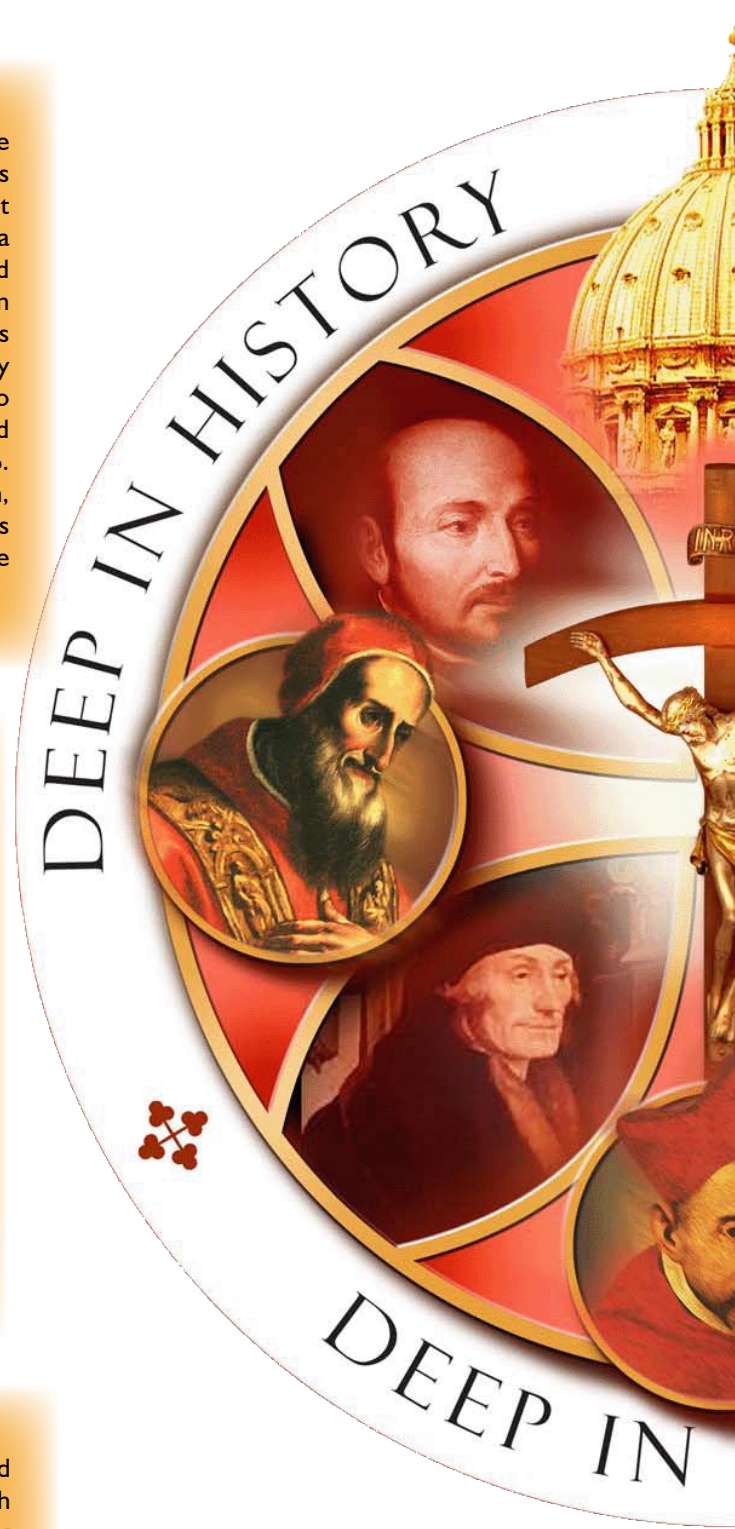
Born, in 1491, at the castle of Loyola, Spain, Ignatius was of noble birth. During a convalescence, in 1521, from a military wound, he was converted through reading a life of Jesus. Ignatius's strength lay not in scholarship but in spiritual direction. His Spiritual Exercises are a series of reflections, examinations of conscience, and prayers, grouped according to a traditional set of four steps leading to mystical union with God. He and six followers took vows of poverty and chastity. This group was the nucleus of the future Society of Jesus, or Jesuits. They were ordained, in 1537, and received by the pope, who set them to work in Italy. Ignatius was elected general of the new order, in 1541, and remained its leader, with headquarters in Rome, until his death, in 1556. Although the Jesuits became a major force in the Counter Reformation, the society was not founded for that purpose. Ignatius's great interests were foreign missions and the education of youth. He desired all his life to imitate Christ. He was canonized in 1622. His feast day is July 31st.

St. Pope Pius V

Pope Pius V an Italian originally named Michele Ghislieri, was born, in 1504, in Bosco. He was ordained a priest in the Dominican order in 1528 and became celebrated for his austerity. Pope Paul IV made him cardinal in 1557. On his election to the See of Peter in 1566, he set about putting the decrees of the Council of Trent into effect. St. Pius was the first pope after the Reformation to effectively respond to the Protestant reformers. He excommunicated Queen Elizabeth I, in 1570. He made at least two meditations a day in presence of the Blessed Sacrament. In his charity he visited the hospitals, and sat by the bedside of the sick, consoling them and preparing them to die. He burst into tears when he heard of the victory of the Christians in the Battle of Lepanto against the Turks, on October 7, 1571. In memory of this triumph he instituted for the first Sunday of October as the Feast of the Holy Rosary. He died May 1, 1572 and was canonized by Pope Clement XI in 1712. His feast day is May 6th.

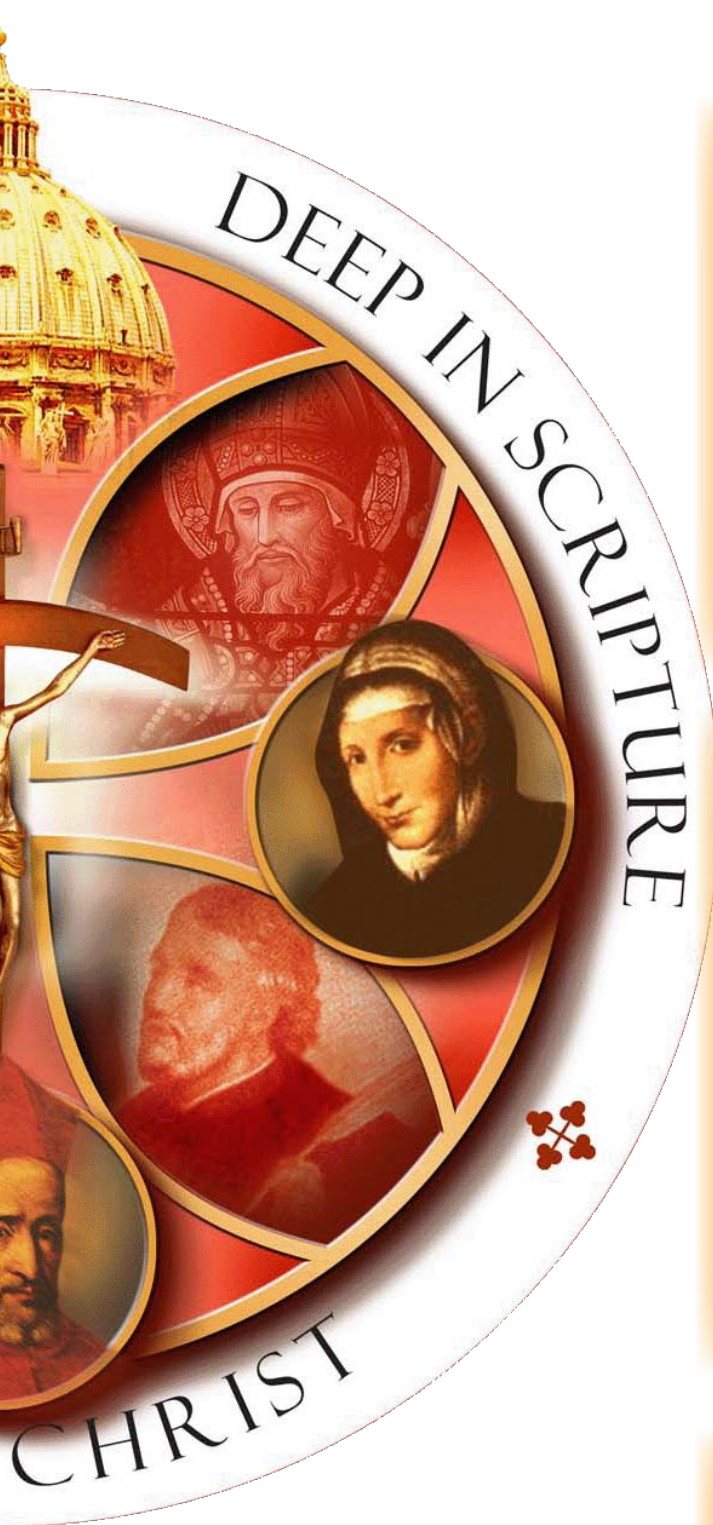
Desiderius Erasmus

Desiderius Erasmus was born about 1466 in Rotterdam. He was ordained a priest and studied at the University of Paris. He was acquainted with most of the scholars of Europe with many friends in England; including Thomas More, John Colet, and Henry VIII. His editions of Greek and Latin classics and of the Church Fathers were his chief occupation. His Latin edition of the New Testament was based on the original Greek text. Erasmus combined vast learning with a fine style, a keen and sometimes sharp humor, moderation, and tolerance. His position on the Reformation was widely denounced, especially by Martin Luther, who had first looked on Erasmus as an ally because of Erasmus' attacks on clerical abuse and lay ignorance. Though eager for church reform, Erasmus remained all his life within the Catholic Church. As a humanist he deplored the religious warfare of the time because of the intolerant atmosphere and cultural decline that it induced. Erasmus was finally brought into open conflict with Luther and attacked his position on predestination in *On the Freedom of the Will*. He died in Basle, Switzerland, in 1536.



St. Robert Bellarmine

Robert Bellarmine, born October 4, 1542 at Montepulciano, was a prominent figure in the Church during the Counter Reformation. He studied at the University of Louvain from 1569 to 1576 and was made cardinal and from 1601 to 1605 he served as a cardinal. His works, written in Latin, were polemical and widely read. His *Controversiis Christianae Fidei* (Disputations on Christian Controversies), written between 1586 and 1593, were the most influential of his day. This work called forth many Protestant responses. He was an uncompromising defender of papal authority. He died on September 17, 1621. Pope Pius XI canonized him in 1681. His feast day is May 1st.



St. Francis de Sales

Francis de Sales was a member of an aristocratic family of Savoy, into which he was born in 1567. He was trained in law, but entered the priesthood, in 1593, against his father's wishes. His first years in the priesthood were spent in the district of Chablais preaching to its Calvinist inhabitants. Credited with many conversions, he was made coadjutor bishop of Geneva in 1599 and bishop in 1602; but was forced to reside in Annecy in nearby Savoy. His fame as a preacher spread abroad, and from 1600 until his death he delivered Lent and Advent sermons in many of the great cities of France. In his diocese he set up schools and paid special attention to the poorer parishes. With St. Jane Frances de Chantal he founded the Order of the Visitation. His *Introduction to the Devout Life* is a widely read religious classic. His other major work is the *Treatise on the Love of God*. He was canonized by Alexander VII in 1665 and proclaimed Doctor of the Church by Pope Pius IX, in 1877. His feast day is January 29.

St. Catherine of Siena

Catherine was born in Siena on March 25, 1347. Catherine was the daughter of a dyer. From early childhood she had mystic visions and practiced austerities; she also showed the devotion to others and the winning manner that characterized her life. At age 16 she entered the Dominican third order. In 1370, in response to a vision, she began to take part in the public life of her time, sending letters to the important people of the day. She went to Avignon and exerted decisive influence in inducing Pope Gregory XI to end the "Babylonian captivity" of the papacy and return to Rome in 1376. In the Great Schism, she supported the Roman claimant, Pope Urban VI, and worked vigorously to advance his cause. She became the center of a spiritual revival and a formidable family of devoted followers gathered around her. Though she never learned to write, she dictated hundreds of letters and a notable mystic work, commonly called in English *Treatise on Divine Providence*, which has been much used in devotional literature. She was canonized in 1461 and declared a Doctor of the Church in 1970. Her feast day is April 29th.

St. Peter Canisius

Peter Canisius was born May 8, 1521 in the Netherlands. Educated in Cologne, Germany, he was an excellent student receiving a master's degree by the age of 19. He became a Jesuit after attending a retreat conducted by Blessed Peter Faber. He travelled and worked with Saint Ignatius of Loyola. During prayers he received a vision of the Sacred Heart, and ever after offered his work to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. He led the Counter-Reformation in German lands. He spent his life traveling widely strengthening wavering Roman Catholics, preaching, and instructing. He was one of the most vigorous of the Catholic preachers in the regions affected by Lutheranism, above all in western and southern Germany. St. Peter wrote much; his catechism was especially important and was one of the earliest popular expositions of the faith. It went through 200 editions during his life. During the Council of Trent he addressed the council fathers on the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. He died in Switzerland in 1597. He was proclaimed a Doctor of the Church by Pope Pius XI in 1925. His feast day is April 27th.

Montepulciano, Italy, was a principal influence. He joined the Jesuits in 1560 and taught at the Roman College during 1576. In 1599 he served as Archbishop of Capua. His theological views were noticed. His three-volume *Disputationes de Controversiis Christianae Fidei* (Concerning Controversies of the Christian Faith) a lucid modern exposition of Catholic doctrine of replies and prompted a dialogue with Lancelotti nearly always were, Cardinal Bellarmine was. He was an admirer of Galileo and a moderating voice. It has been translated frequently into English. He died in 1930 and declared him a Doctor of the Church in 1930.



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Bishop Frederick F. Campbell was born August 5, 1943, in Elmira, New York, the second of six children born to Edward and Dorothy Campbell. He graduated magna cum laude with a B.A. degree in History and Foreign Language from Saint Lawrence University in Canton, New York, in 1965, and earned an M.A. degree in History in 1967, and a Ph.D. in History in 1973 from The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio. Prior to entering the seminary, he taught history at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio, from 1967-1969, and taught as an assistant professor of history at California State College in San Bernardino, California, from 1970-1976. On October 14, 2004, Pope John Paul II announced Bishop Campbell's appointment as Eleventh Bishop of Columbus.



Dr. Scott Hahn, Founder and President and Chairman of the Board of The St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology, is one of the world's most successful Catholic authors and teachers.

He has more than one million books and tapes in print worldwide. In addition to his extensive writings and public lectures, Dr. Hahn is a professor of Theology and Scripture at Franciscan University of Steubenville. He has also lectured and served as adjunct faculty at a variety of diocesan and Vatican-sponsored seminaries and institutions of higher learning.



Kimberly Hahn, Research Fellow and Secretary/Treasurer of The St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology, is a renowned author, lecturer and Bible study leader, in addition to home schooling her six children with St. Paul Center Founder, Dr. Scott Hahn.

Mrs. Hahn has an advanced degree in Theology and her most recent book is *Life Giving Love: Embracing God's Beautiful Design for Marriage* (Servant, 2002). She is also the coauthor with Scott Hahn of the best-selling *Rome Sweet Home: Our Journey to Catholicism* (Ignatius, 1994) and *Catholic Education - Homeward Bound: A Guide to Home Schooling*, written with Mary Hasson (Ignatius, 1996).



Fr. Bill Casey is a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and a 1979 graduate of Temple University. After graduating from college, he served as an officer in the U.S. Army. Upon leaving the Army, he entered the Congregation of the Fathers of Mercy, which is based in South Union, Kentucky. He studied Philosophy at Christendom College and Theology at Holy Apostles Seminary. In 1997, Fr. Casey was appointed the Superior General of the order.

Fr. Casey is a nationally renowned speaker and a frequent guest on EWTN. A powerful, and thought-provoking speaker, his parish missions and retreats are greatly in demand.



Monsignor Frank Peter Lane presently serves as the Pastor of St. Margaret of Cortona Parish in Columbus, OH. From 1997-2002 Msgr. Lane served as Vice-Rector of the Pontifical College Josephinum. During this time as head administrator of the College of Liberal Arts, he also served as interim Academic Dean and Director of Recruitment.

Msgr. Lane received his Ph.D. in European History in 1973 from The Ohio State University, Masters of European History from The Ohio State University, Masters in Theology from Leopold-Franzens University in Innsbruck, Austria, Pre-Theology from St. Charles College University and B.A. from Ohio Northern University in Ada, OH.



Dr. Paul Thigpen is the editor of *The Catholic Answer*, a national bimonthly magazine published by Our Sunday Visitor. He is also the founder and executive director of The Stella Maris Center for Faith and Culture in Savannah, Georgia. A best-selling author, award-winning journalist, and scholar of Church history, he has published thirty-three books in a wide variety of genres and subjects. Dr. Thigpen is a board member of CHN.

Thigpen graduated from Yale University in 1977 summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, with Distinction in the Major of Religious Studies. He was later awarded the Robert W. Woodruff Fellowship at Emory University in Atlanta, where he earned an M.A. (1993) and a Ph.D. (1995) in historical theology.

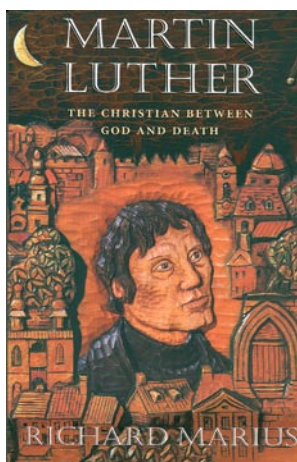


Dr. Kenneth J. Howell is Director of the John Henry Cardinal Newman Institute of Catholic Thought and Adjunct Associate Professor of Religious Studies at the University of Illinois where he teaches classes on the history, theology and philosophy of Catholicism. He has authored three books. Dr. Howell was a Presbyterian minister for eighteen years and a theological professor for seven years in a Protestant seminary where he taught Hebrew, Greek, and Latin as well as biblical interpretation and the history of Christianity. Dr. Howell also serves on the Board of Directors of the Coming Home Network.



Marcus Grodia "cradle" Protestant and former Presbyterian Pastor, is the Founder/President of the Coming Home Network International. He and his wife, Marilyn, entered the Church in 1992, and together with three sons live on a farm in Central Ohio. He hosts a weekly television program on EWTN called The Journey Home and the Thursday afternoon segment of EWTN open line radio. Marcus is the author of the novel, *How Firm a Foundation*, and also author/editor of *Journeys Home*. His articles regularly appear in the *Catholic Answer* and other Catholic publications.

Featured Resource



Martin Luther by Richard Marius

Few figures in history have defined their time as dramatically as Martin Luther. And few books have captured the spirit of such a figure as truly as this robust and eloquent life of Luther. A highly regarded historian and biographer and a gifted novelist and playwright, Richard Marius gives us a dazzling portrait of the German reformer-his inner compulsions, his struggles with himself and his God, the gestation of his theology, his relations with contemporaries, and his responses to his opponents. Focusing in particular on the productive years 1516-1525, Marius' detailed account of Luther's writings yields a rich picture of the development of Luther's thought on the great questions that came to define the Reformation.

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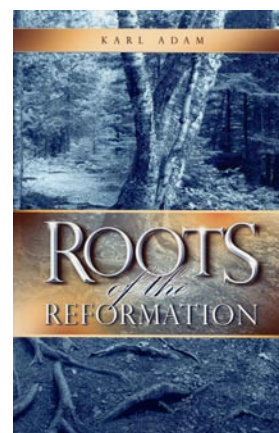
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Suggested Reading



Roots of the Reformation by Karl Adams

Most Protestants understand the Reformation from only one perspective. As a Catholic, Karl Adams gives a historically sensitive and accurate analysis of the causes of the Reformation that stands as a valid and sometimes unsettling challenge to the presuppositions of Protestants and Catholics alike. *Roots of the Reformation* is a powerful summary of the issues that led to the reformation and their implications today.

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First Homily

Sistine Chapel, April 20, 2005

Theological dialogue is necessary. A profound examination of the historical reasons behind past choices is also indispensable. But even more urgent is that 'purification of memory,' which was so often evoked by John Paul II, and which alone can dispose souls to welcome the full truth of Christ. It is before Him, supreme Judge of all living things, that each of us must stand, in the awareness that one day we must explain to Him what we did and what we did not do for the great good that is the full and visible unity of all His disciples.



Pope Benedict XVI

The current Successor of Peter feels himself to be personally implicated in this question and is disposed to do all in his power to promote the fundamental cause of ecumenism. In the wake of his predecessors, he is fully determined to cultivate any initiative that may seem appropriate to promote contact and agreement with representatives from the various Churches and ecclesial communities. Indeed, on this occasion too, he sends them his most cordial greetings in Christ, the one Lord of all.

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we will be speaking to a mixed audience: Catholic, Protestant, Eastern Orthodox, as well as Jewish and non-Christian. Our conference, as always, will be unapologetically and thoroughly Catholic. Though many of our separated brethren may be invincibly ignorant, we recognize that as Catholics called to an active part of the New Evangelization, we are called to proclaim the fullness the gospel, which includes both Jesus Christ and his Church.

The staff and volunteers are doing everything possible to make this year's conference even better than last year's—and if you missed last year's conference on the Early Church, you really ought to get the entire collection of

talks on tape or CD. Please pray for us during these last months of preparation, and especially please plan to attend if you can. I guarantee that the weekend will be an encouragement to your faith, especially to those of you still on the journey.



Marcus Grodi
is Founder and President of CHNNetwork.

Registration Form

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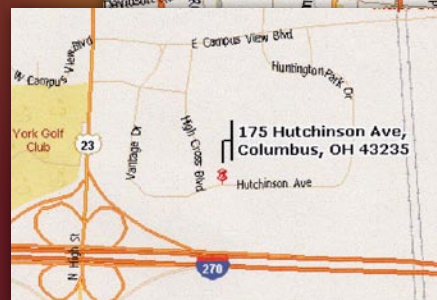
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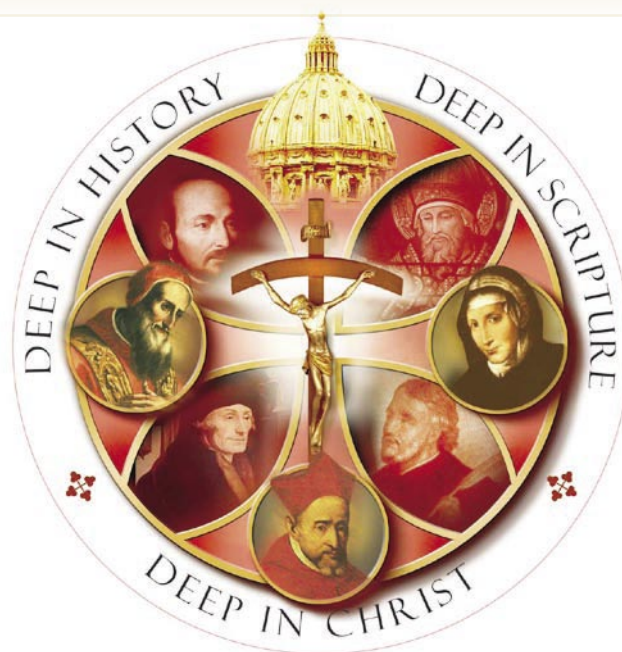
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Are you interested in helping Protestant Clergy, as well as laity and fallen away Catholics, come home to the Catholic Church?

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The *Coming Home Network International* was established in 1993 to help inquiring clergy as well as laity of other traditions return home and then be at home in the Catholic Church, by providing:

Contacts, Assistance, and Fellowship for those who are considering coming into full communion with the Catholic Church,

Continued **Fellowship** and **Encouragement** for those who have entered the Church, and want to live fully Catholic lives.

Opportunities for these new Catholics to share with the Catholic Church ideas for renewal and evangelization which the Holy Spirit had blessed in their previous experiences.

Advocacy with the Church hierarchy to help them discern and discuss how they are to continue serving once they have come home.

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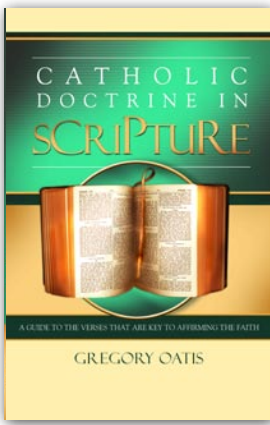
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Catholics And Papal Infallibility: Is It An Unbiblical Innovation? by Gregory Oatis

THE CHALLENGE: In asserting the “infallibility” of a man, Catholics are imposing god-like status on a mere creature, the pope. Infallibility is an unbiblical invention introduced by the Church in the nineteenth century. It cannot be defended from a biblical or historical standpoint.

In truth, there is a solid biblical foundation of the Church’s teaching on papal infallibility.

To begin with, St. Paul takes great pains to tell us that the Church is the Mystical Body of Jesus (1 Cor. 12: 12-27) as well as “the pillar and foundation of truth” (1 Tim. 3:15). Jesus puts it even more succinctly when he says to his apostles, “Whoever listens to you listens to me” (Lk. 10:16). Clearly, the apostolic Church speaks with the voice of the Lord.

So, if the Church is not infallible in her solemn pronouncements on faith, it must mean that Jesus could potentially mislead his sheep. Viewed from that perspective, we might well ask ourselves, how could infallibility *not* be true?

But there are other, more direct affirmations of infallibility in the Bible.

For example, Jesus himself acknowledges the authority of even the corrupt Pharisees because they teach from the chair of Moses: “... Jesus spoke to the crowds and to his disciples, saying, ‘The scribes and the Pharisees have taken their seat on the chair of Moses. Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example’” (Mt. 23:1-3).

This ‘chair of Moses’ was the seat of spiritual authority in the temple in Jerusalem. It was the precursor to the chair of St. Peter, the seat of authority which the pope occupies today and

which is represented by the papal throne in the cathedral of St. John Lateran in the Vatican. The one who sits on the chair of Peter – the pope – is protected from error by the Holy Spirit in the solemn exercise of the teaching office of the Church, just as the Bible suggests the high priest of the Jews was protected from error in Jesus’ time.

We see an excellent example of this in the Gospel of John, where Caiaphas, the high priest who connived to have Jesus condemned, actually demonstrates the principle of inspired speech even as he argues for Jesus’ death. John tells us:

“...Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, ‘You know nothing, nor do you consider that it is better for you that one man should die instead of the people, so that the whole nation may not perish.’ He did not say this on his own, but since he was high priest for that year, he prophesied that Jesus was going to die for the nation, and not only for the nation, but also to gather into one the dispersed children of God” (Jn. 11:49-53).

Caiaphas’ statement was true in ways that were totally beyond his comprehension. Indeed, his words were not his own – or, more accurately, his words were not his alone.

Why? St. John tells us it was because Caiaphas was high priest. Caiaphas was the one who occupied the chair of Moses, so that even when he intended

to plot evil, his words were guided to the profoundest truth.

If, as the scriptures tell us, the Holy Spirit spoke through the unbelieving conspirator Caiaphas, protecting him from error, how is it he cannot do the same for a pope?

It is a fact that, since ancient times, the faithful have viewed the pronouncements of the pope and the Magisterium as being issued by God himself. In the works of the great St. Athanasius, written in the fourth century A.D., we find this affirmation: “...The word of the Lord which came through the Ecumenical Council at Nicaea remains forever.”

At the First Vatican Council, in 1870, the Church merely defined – or explained – its teaching on infallibility. It did not “invent” it or introduce it.

Indeed, the teaching is as old as the New Testament itself. For it was Jesus who pledged to the apostles, “...When he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth” (Jn. 16:13).

His promise is “all truth,” not just part of the truth or even most of the truth. The fact that the Church has remained doctrinally consistent for two thousand years – often in the face of severe pressure from secular authorities and trends of popular thought – is evidence that our Lord has kept his promise.

To deny infallibility would require us to believe that Christ would lead his little ones into error – in obvious contradiction to his promise, as well as to his divine Nature itself.

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