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THE COMING HOME NETWORK INTERNATIONAL

The 7th Annual Deep in History Conference



Columbus, OH - The Hilton at Easton October 23rd-25th

Since the *Deep in History* Conferences began we have journeyed together from the time of the Early Fathers to the beginning of the Catholic Church here in North America. This fall's conference marks a new beginning in our journey to the past as the *Deep in History* Conference turns to the theme of the History of Catholic Doctrine.

Once again the focus of these weekends is to assist both Catholics and non-Catholics in their understanding of what it means to be *Deep in History, Deep in Scripture* and *Deep in Christ.* This fall we will begin on the "rock" looking to understand the question of Authority: The Pillar and Bulwark of the Truth.

Authority is at the root of Catholic discussion with our separated brethren, and in 2009, we will take an in-depth look at where true and authentic authority lies. Marcus Grodi and *The Coming Home Network International* are bringing together another exciting list of speakers as we tackle the issue of authority - examining its scriptural and historical roots.

We look forward to seeing you again in October 2009 as we ask "by what authority?"

FRIDAY – OCT. 23rd

3:30 Travelers Mass ~ Fr Ray Ryland 5:00 Dinner

- 5:00 Dinner
- 7:00 The Verse I Never Saw ~ Marcus Grodi
 8:15 Jewish Roots of the Papacy ~ Dr Brant Pitre
 9:15 Social
 - SATURDAY OCT. 24th
 - 8:00 Morning Prayer*
- 8:30 Mass
- 9:30 Breakfast
- **11:00** Peter and the Keys ~ *Steve Ray*
- **12:00** The Issue of Authority in Early Christianity ~ *Dr Kenneth Howell*
- 1:00 Lunch
- **2:30** Authority through the Trinity ~ *Msgr Frank Lane*
- 3:30 Spiritual Authority—Who Needs It? ~ Dr Paul Thigpen
- **4:30** The Issue of Authority in the Protestant and Catholic Reformations ~ *Dr Kenneth Howell*
- 5:30 Dinner
- **7:30** What Connects Nicea and Vatican II: Ecumenical Councils and the Magisterium ~ *Archbishop Michael Sheehan, Archdiocese of Santa Fe*
- 8:30 Understanding our Father: The Power of Prayer and the Eucharist ~ *Dr Scott Hahn*
- 9:45 Adoration

SUNDAY — OCT. 25th

- 8:00 Morning Prayer*
- 8:30 Mass ~ Archbishop Michael Sheehan
- 9:30 Breakfast
- 11:00 Cardinal Newman and Papal Authority ~ Fr Ray Ryland
- 12:00 Panel Discussion
- 1:30 Finish
- *Morning Prayer: In the Ballroom from the Magnificat **There is a ten-minute break between each talk

CONFESSIONS Saturday 1:00–3:00 & 5:00–6:30 During conference hours in the chapel

If you would like to assist the *Coming Home Network Intl*. by helping to sponsor a speaker, please contact Rob Rodgers at rob@chnetwork.org



The **Pillar & Bullwark** of the Truth

2009 SPEAKERS

Marcus Grodi

and his wife Marilyn were both "cradle Protestants." Marcus received his BS degree from Case Institute



of Technology in Polymer Engineering and worked for six years as an engineer. During this time he was involved in a variety of Protestant youth and music ministries. He then received his Master of Divinity Degree from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary and was ordained to the Protestant pastoral ministry. During more than fifteen years of youth, young adult, and pastoral ministry, his main emphasis was church and lay spiritual renewal.

Marcus, his wife Marilyn, and their sons, Jon Marc (21) and Peter (18) were received into the Catholic Church on December 20, 1992. Their third son, Richard (13) entered through baptism.

Marcus is the founder and the President/ Executive Director of *The Coming Home Network International*. He hosts the weekly live television program on EWTN called *The Journey Home*, and a weekly live radio program, *Deep in Scripture*. He is the author of the novel *How Firm a Foundation* and editor of the book *Journeys Home*. Marcus' website is www.marcusgrodi.com

Archbishop Michael J. Sheehan is the 11th Archbishop of Santa Fe. He did his Theological Studies at



the Gregorian University where he received his S.T.L. Degree in 1965. He then returned to Rome for studies in Canon Law and received his doctorate from the Lateran University in Rome.

The Archbishop has served on various USCCB committees: Administrative, Liturgy; Evangelization; Communications; Hispanic Affairs; Priestly Life and Ministry to mention a few. He has also served on a variety of Board of Directors: Holy Trinity Seminary in Dallas; Mexican American Cultural Center; United Way Program, and RENEW International. He served as Episcopal Moderator for the National Catholic Young Adult Ministry Association from May 2002 until September 2006.

Dr. Scott Hahn

is an exceptionally popular speaker and teacher. Dr. Hahn has delivered numerous talks nationally and



internationally on a wide variety of topics talks related to Scripture and the Catholic faith. His talks have been effective in helping thousands of Protestants and fallen away Catholics to (re) embrace the Catholic faith.

He is currently a Professor of Theology and Scripture at Franciscan University of Steubenville, where he has taught since 1990, and is the founder and director of the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology. In 2005, he was appointed as the Pope Benedict XVI Chair of Biblical Theology and Liturgical Proclamation at St. Vincent Seminary in Latrobe, Pennsylvania.

Answering the New Atheism and A Pocket Guide to the Bible are two of his newest books. For a complete listing of Dr. Hahn's books please visit www.scotthahn.com.

Monsignor Frank Lane presently

serves as the Pastor of St. Margaret of Cortona Parish in Columbus, OH. From 1997–2002 Msgr.



served as Vice-Rector of the Pontifical College Josephinum.

Monsignor has given a number of lectures along with articles that have been published in the Josephinum Journal of Theology and New Catholic Encyclopedia. He is a past member of the Board of Trustees for the Pontifical College Josephinum and Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Columbus.

From 1984–1987 Msgr. Lane served as lecturer in Church History for the Lay Ministry Program in the Diocese of Columbus, OH. In 1985, he was a guest lecturer at Capital University for the European Humanities classes and from 1970–1973 served as lecturer in European History at The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH.

Fr. Ray Ryland

served as an Episcopal priest from 1950 until he and his family were received into the Catholic Church in 1963.



Having received his Ph.D. from Marquette University and his J.D. from the University of San Diego Law School he taught for over 20 years at the University of San Diego as Professor of Theology before transferring to Franciscan University of Steubenville, where he was Adjunct Professor of Theology until 1994.

Currently Fr. Ray Ryland serves as Assistant at St. Peter's Church in Steubenville Ohio. He also is Chaplain of *The Coming Home Network*

International and is contributing editor for *This Rock* magazine.

Fr. Ray Ryland's conversion story is in Journeys Home, edited by Marcus Grodi, which is available through The Coming Home Network International.

Steve Ray, Research Associate of the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology, is a popular Catholic author and host on television and radio.



After being Protestants for 39 years and involved with various Fundamentalist and Evangelical Protestant churches, Steve Ray and his wife, Janet, converted to the Catholic Church on Pentecost Sunday, 1994. Steve and Janet are currently producing a 10-video series through Ignatius Press called *The Footprints* of God: The Story of Salvation from Abraham To Augustine on location in the Holy Land and surrounding countries. Steve and his wife Janet are both licensed guides for the Holy Land and lead pilgrimages to biblical and historical lands.

Steve's first book, *Crossing The Tiber: Evangelical Protestants Discover the Historic Church* details his intellectual and spiritual journey into Catholicism. He has also written Upon This Rock: St. Peter and the Primacy of Rome in the Scriptures and Early Church, St. John's Gospel: A Bible Study Guide and Commentary, A Papacy Learning Guide and The Catholic Faith for Beginners: A Study of the Creeds.

Dr. Paul

Thigpen, a former Evangelical pastor, is professor of theology at Southern Catholic College in Dawsonville,

GA, and editor of *The Catholic Answer*, a national bimonthly magazine that answers questions about the Catholic faith.

A best-selling author, award-winning journalist, and Church historian, he has published thirty-five books in a wide variety of genres and subjects. Dr. Thigpen graduated from Yale University in 1977 *summa cum laude* and was later awarded the Robert W. Woodruff Fellowship at Emory University in Atlanta, where he earned an M.A. and a Ph.D. in historical theology. Dr. Thigpen is on the Board of *The Coming Home Network International*.

Dr. Kenneth Howell is Director and Senior Fellow of

the St. John Institute of Catholic Thought which is located on the

campus of the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. He is simultaneously Adjunct Associate Professor of Religious Studies in the University of Illinois where he teaches classes on the history, theology and philosophy of Catholicism. He has been a visiting professor at several universities and published dozens of articles in scholarly and popular journals.

Dr. Howell was a Presbyterian minister for 18 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. During his ministry and teaching, Dr. Howell's own reading on the Real Presence of Christ in



the Eucharist started him on a six year journey that eventually led him to Catholicism.

Dr. Howell has authored six books. His latest book is *Ignatius of Antioch: A New Translation* and Theological Commentary published by The Coming Home Network International.

Dr. Brant Pitre is Associate Professor of Theology at Our Lady of Holy Cross College in New Orleans, LA. He received his Ph.D.



from the University of Notre Dame, where he specialized the study of the New Testament and ancient Judaism, and graduated with highest honors.

He is the author of several articles in the book, *Jesus, the Tribulation, and the End of the Exile* (2005). He is currently working on a new book on Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist, a project which was funded by a grant from the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology, founded by Dr. Scott Hahn. Dr. Pitre is an extremely enthusiastic and engaging speaker, who speaks regularly across the United States. He has produced dozens of in-depth Bible studies on both CD and DVD, in which he explores the Biblical basis of Catholic faith and theology. He currently lives outside New Orleans, Louisiana, with his wife Elizabeth, and their four young children.



NEED FOR THE PILLAR AND BULWARK OF TRUTH

Sometimes in discussions with non-Catholics the question arises, "Where in Scripture do we find the necessity of the Church?"They aren't asking specifically about the necessity of the Roman Catholic Church, but whether Jesus intended there to be a Church through which believers receive the graces and the truth necessary to be saved. This is one aspect of what we will be discussing in our upcoming fall conference on "The Pillar and Bulwark of Truth."

When I was on my journey from Protestantism to Catholicism, I became convinced that Jesus not only intended there to be a Church, but that apart from this Church we can not be certain of what is true. This position was radically opposite from what I believed for the majority of my life.

Originally ordained a Congregationalist minister, my understanding of "church" was most clearly defined by a verse in Matthew, but not Matthew 16:18. Rather, in Matthew 18:20 where we hear Jesus promise: "For where two or three are gathered in my name there I am in the midst of them." Like many Protestants, I believed, based on this text, that any local gathering of believers is, therefore, an ecclesia, a "church," and can freely discern, guided by the Holy Spirit dwelling within each believer, what is true. I operated under this assumption for years—before and during seminary, and on into my first year as an ordained pastor—but then I began experiencing the craziness of this assumption. As a pastor, I fought the confusion and divisions that this assumption, this misrepresentation of Scripture, produces. This institutionalized autonomy reaps nothing but chaos and never results in any form of authentic Christian unity. There, in fact, is no least common denominator that all independent, Evangelical Christians agree on. They are not all Trinitarian; they do not all agree in their christologies; they do not all agree upon what is necessary for salvation; they do not agree even upon whether sinners need to be saved. Maybe the one thing they can agree upon is the necessity of love, but yet they can't even agree upon what this requires. Is this confusion what Jesus promised his followers when he said: "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free" (John 8:31-32)?

It was the witness of an old seminary friend, Scott Hahn, however, who drew my attention to another verse that clarified why this understanding of "church" is absurd. St. Paul wrote, in 1 Tim 3:14–15, "I hope to come to you soon, but I am writing these instructions to you so that, if I am delayed, you may know how one ought to behave in **the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and bulwark of the truth**." Which of the thousands of individual, autonomous, self-initiated Christian gatherings, or even which association or denomination of these independent congregations, or even which of the remaining Churches of the Reformation, none of which can identify even one point of theology upon which they all agree, can be considered the "pillar and bulwark of truth"? The question that confronted me as a pastor was "Could I claim to my congregation that my independent Congregational church, or—after my ordination was switched to Presbyterianism—that my particular Presbyterian denomination, apart from all other Christian churches, was the "pillar and bulwark of truth"?

As I struggled with this, I was confronted by another verse from within the same paragraph in Matthew: 18:15-17, "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector." Could Jesus have meant that merely any gathering of 2-3 believers has the authority to decide the outcome of conflicts between individuals? If this is true, then essentially the problem would have been solved in the second step, when 2-3 had come together to confront the sinful brother. But Jesus indicated that when this wasn't successful, they were to "tell it to the Church." This "church," therefore, must be something different than any mere self-initiated group of believers, no mater how small or large. And how could the existence of thousands of individual independent "churches" or separated denominations carry any kind of authority to make these kinds of decisions: the authority to separate a sinful brother from their gathering, to "let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector"? All any 2 or 3 who had been kicked out had to do was declare that they were now the true church.

This merely scratches the surface of what we will be discussing in our fall conference on "The Pillar and Bulwark of the Truth." We will be taking an historical approach to the authority of the Church, beginning with Scripture, on through the Early Church and the subsequent years of Church expansion and scholarship, until we examine contemporary issues and implications of either following or rejecting the authority of the Church. Jesus promised that we would know the Truth and thereby be free, from sin and death, if we would continue as his disciples in his revealed Word. But, as John Henry Cardinal Newman stated: "Some authority there must be if there is a revelation given, and other authority there is none but she. A revelation is not given, if there be no authority to decide what it is that is given." So upon which authority are you trusting your life? *Marcus Grodi*

CLERGY ON THE JOURNEY

Koinonia

At all of 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, to enjoy a free private luncheon of good food and wonderful fellowship in the Holy Spirit. This will be at 1pm on Saturday. It is 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 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!

CONFERENCE SHIRTS

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rush! Shirt colors are white (short sleeve) and charcoal (long sleeve) with this year's logo on the back. Shirts are \$18 (this includes shipping). \$2.00 extra for plus sizes.

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HELPING 'EM HOME

Resources, Vendors & Other Stuff By Rob Rodgers

Once again the *Deep in History* Conference will be hosted at the beautiful Hilton Easton Columbus Ohio with its spacious main ballroom and lots of elbow room for vendors, the Friday night reception, and meal seating.

Easton is a lively village within Columbus, with extensive dinning just outside the hotel doors. There is also a free airport shuttle available to all conference attendees. The hotel itself has all the amenities one would expect from the Hilton name.

Along with new vendors you can expect to find our main bookstore, The Catholic Shop, along with the *CHNI* booth. All titles by our speakers are available. Let us not forget Lou and Aardvark Productions who tape all of the talks and immediately provide copies for sale. Fr. Lutz will once again be present with a display of historic Church items from the Jubilee Museum. Ron Meyer will be representing EWTN.

We also expect representatives from several Catholic colleges, offering information to parents looking for post secondary institutions for their children. And of course, the list goes on.

Our goal for these events is not only to have attendees leave with a greater knowledge of what it is to be Catholic, but also provide a weekend of solid Catholic fellowship. We hope this venue enables opportunities for new friendships to be established so that communication between Catholics and non- Catholics can enrich their understanding of the fullness of faith.

The Friday Evening Social, in the main lobby after the final talk, offers an excellent opportunity for you to meet up with old friends and make new ones.

Most of the speakers will be there to sign books and answer questions. The social is open to everyone registered for the conference. While the catered refreshments and wine require a ticket (see the registration form for details), the socializing is free.

We hope you will join us once again this October as together we study The Pillar and Bulwark of the Truth: The History of Authority.

May the words of Saint Thomas More be a constant encouragement all weekend so that, at least for us, it may no longer be true that "One of the greatest problems of our time is that many are schooled but few are educated."

Rob Rodgers is the Director of Administration and has worked at CHNI for 7 years.

Helpers Luncheon

Each year, our *Deep in History* conference offers an ideal opportunity for *CHNetwork* Helpers to meet and discuss the assistance they give to inquirers. Since 2004 *The Coming Home Network International* has sponsored the Saturday Helpers Luncheon. With humble beginnings, this luncheon has offered a chance for Helpers to meet together and share stories they have heard and experienced. Not only do we gain a better understanding of our relationships with Christ, but we find ourselves recharged and more focused for the road ahead. As hundreds attend this annual event, we find fellowship and leave better equipped to spread the truth of our Catholic faith. Come join us at 1pm Saturday!



St. Peter St. Peter's original name was Simon and he was a fisherman by trade until he

became a follower of John the Baptist and then at his brother Andrew's urgings devoted himself as an Apostle of Jesus Christ. Jesus changed Simon's name to Peter, meaning rock, and gave him special authority as the prince of the Apostles declaring that it was on Peter that Jesus would build his Church. It was to St. Peter that Christ gave the keys of the kingdom of heaven and the instruction to feed his sheep. The Acts of the Apostles relates many instances where St. Peter assumed a leadership role in the Early Church. St. Peter was martyred in Rome after laboring many years spreading the gospel of his Lord and Master Jesus Christ. As the first to hold the Petrine office, St. Peter's successors include Linus and 263 others including the current pope, Benedict XVI. **The Chi Rho** The Chi Rho is one of the earliest christograms used by Christians. It has been found on rings from the 200's. The "X" superimposed by the "P" are the first two letters of Christ in Greek. As such it is a symbol of the Lord Jesus Christ. The "X" is also a reminder of the cross of our salvation. The Alpha and Omega on either side symbolizes the beginning and the end. Thus in one symbol we are reminded

that Jesus Christ, who won our redemption on the cross, is also Almighty God, the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. It is also a symbol of the authority of Christ, his Apostles and their successors. Because of this the Vatican has chosen the Chi Rho as the symbol of the Roman Curia on its website. It is seen as a reminder of the supreme, full, and immediate power, of the Roman pontiff in the universal Church which the Curia performs his name and with his authority for the good of the Church.

Blessed Pope Pius IX

Giovanni Maria Mastai-Ferretti was born in 1792. He was elected Pope Pius IX



on June 16, 1846. His was the longest reign in Church history, lasting 32 years. In 1854 Pope Pius IX defined the dogma of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary, meaning that the blessed Virgin Mary was conceived without original sin and that she lived a life completely free of sin. He convened the First Vatican Council in 1869, which decreed the dogma of Papal infallibility. This council was suspended in 1870 because of the coming of the war that was to bring an end to the Papal States. Pope Pius IX died on February 7, 1878. Pope John Paul II declared Pius IX venerable on July 6, 1985, and beatified him, along with Pope John XXIII, on September 3, 2000 (his Feast Day is February 7).

First Council of Nicaea Though the



recorded in Acts 15, was the first Church council, the first ecumenical (world-wide) council met in the city of Nicaea, in AD 325. The first council of Nicaea defended the apostolic teaching of the full deity of Jesus Christ against the teachings of the priest Arius. Called by the emperor Constantine and headed by the representatives of Pope Sylvester I, with 318 bishops from across the empire, Nicaea set the precedent for the following 20 ecumenical councils of the Catholic Church, including Vatican II. "The college of bishops exercises power over the universal Church in a solemn manner in an ecumenical council." But "there never is an ecumenical council which is not confirmed or at least recognized as such by Peter's successor" (CIC, can. 337, LG 22).

St. Ignatius of Antioch

After the Apostle Peter, Ignatius was the second bishop of Antioch in Syria. Theodoret records that St.

Peter appointed Ignatius to the See of Antioch. About the year AD 107 he was arrested by the Imperial authorities, condemned to death, and transported to Rome to die in the arena. Ignatius took the opportunity to encourage the faithful, speaking to groups of Christians at every town along the way. He also wrote seven letters that have been preserved: five to congregations that had greeted him, to the Ephesians, Magnesians, Trallians, Philadelphians, and Smyrnaeans, one to the the church in Rome, which would greet him at his destination, and one to Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna and disciple of the Apostle John. St. Ignatius wrote to the Smyrneans, "Without the bishop let no one do anything that is appropriate for the church. Let that Eucharist be considered valid that is under the bishop . . . Wherever the bishop appears, let there be the fullness of the church as wherever Christ Jesus appears, there is the catholic church."

The Bible as the Sword of the Spirit

The Catholic Church teaches that God is the author of Sacred

Scripture. The divinely revealed realities, which are contained and presented in the text of Sacred Scripture, have been written down under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. For Holy Mother



Pope Benedict

XVI Josef Ratzinger was born in Marktl am Inn, Bavaria, Germany, April 16,



1927. On June 29, 1951, Josef was ordained to the priesthood. Continuing his theological studies at the University of Munich, he received his doctorate in theology in July 1953. He was present during all four sessions of the Second Vatican Council as a theological advisor. In 1963, he began teaching at the University of Münster, and, in 1966, at the University of Tübingen. In 1972, together with Hans Urs von Balthasar, Henry De Lubac and others, he launched the Catholic theological journal *Communio*. On March 24,1977, Fr. Ratzinger was appointed Archbishop of Munich and Freising by Pope Paul VI. In November 1981, he was appointed the Prefect for the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith by Pope John Paul II. Cardinal Ratzinger was president of the commission for the preparation of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, published in 1993. On April 19, 2005, Pope Benedict XVI was elected the Bishop of Rome and the Supreme Pontiff of the Catholic Church.





For Keith, a former Episcopal priest, that the Holy Spirit may guide and empower him to persevere on to the Catholic priesthood.

For Gary, a Non-denominational seminarian in California, that as he learns more truths of the Catholic faith that God would grant him the courage to act upon the truth.

For Jeff, an Anglican priest in the north of England, that he may have proper discernment and open doors as he seeks God's will for the future.

For Brent a Baptist minister in Ontario and his wife Cathy, that the Holy Spirit would soften their hearts toward the Catholic Church that they may return to the graces of the sacraments.

For Jeff, a United Methodist minister in Alabama, and his wife, that Jesus would grant them the grace and power to come into full communion with His holy Catholic Church.

For James, a former Episcopal priest in West Virginia, that every impediment baring the reception of him and his wife into the Catholic Church may drop away.

For Daniel, a former Baptist seminarian in Ohio, that the Holy Spirit would guide his studies and open his wife's heart to the full truth of Jesus' Church.

For Cliff, a former Christian Reformed minister in Michigan, that God would quickly help him to find the place in the Catholic Church where all his gifts and talents may be utilized to the greater building up of the Body of Christ.

For a priest of the Traditional Anglican Communion in Virginia, that our Lord Jesus would grant his prayers for full communion with his one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. For Harry, a Lutheran minister in Australia, that the Holy Spirit would guide his path back to the complete and valid sacraments of Christ's holy Catholic Church.

For Ryan, a former Baptist seminarian in Massachusetts, that he would find guidance as he discerns all of the truths of historic Christianity.

For a Church of Christ minister in South Carolina, that he would be given the grace to act upon the truths of the firm teachings of the Catholic Church.

For Tim, a Presbyterian music minister in Indiana, that he would find a home in the Catholic Church in which the Holy Spirit would enable his gifts and talents to thrive.

For Barbara, a Charismatic minister in Minnesota, that the Holy Spirit would shower his blessings and grace upon her as he guides her into the Church founded by Jesus at the first Pentecost.

Laity

For Francine and her health.

For Ross and Lisa's intentions and in thanksgiving for answered prayers.

For Mark and Keli that God grant them the grace to follow His will.

For Russ and Nancy that their desire to share God's Word lead them to the fullness of truth in the Catholic Church.

For Fr. John, who is on leave, that the Lord will give him the grace to return to his ministry.

For Molly a young mother of 3 children who is battling cancer.



For a young woman whose husband and children are Catholic, that she will enter the church.

For Larry as he recovers from a second heart attack.

For all those who are in economic difficulty especially those looking for employment.

For Martha that God grant her the gift of health.

For Dan's family and their return to the Catholic Church.

For all within the *Helpers Network*.

For all the members of *Quo Vadis*, that God grant these young people the courage and strength to follow the convictions of their conscience. (QV)

In every issue we include timely prayer concerns from the membership. 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 & answers to: CHN Prayer List

P. O. Box 8290 Zanesville, OH 43702

You may also email your prayer requests to: prayers@chnetwork.org

We use only first names to preserve anonymity, and the following code: (QV) *Quo Vadis*

MARCUS GRODI'S SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

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The 2009 Greenville, SC Marian Conference Peace Center for the Performing Arts www.greenvillemarianconference.org 865-255-5646

July 31-August 2, 2009

Defending the Faith Franciscan University of Steubenville, OH www.franciscanconferences.com 740-283-6314 / 800-437-8368 Join *CHNI* at our mixer Friday at 10 pm!

August 28-29, 2009

Faith Matters Conference "Living Your Catholic Faith" Polk County Convention Center: Des Moines, IA Admission: Adult \$50, Couple \$90, Family \$125, Youth 30-under \$30 All are welcome, go to: www.kwky.com

September 18-19, 2009

Fire at the Beach Conference Diocese of Charleston St. Francis by the Sea Church Hilton Head, SC www.catholic-doc.org/ cathy@catholic-doc.org psmith@catholic-doc.org

October 6-16, 2009

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Among the other speakers will be Karl Keating, president of *Catholic Answers*, and Christopher Check, vice president of *The Rockford Institute*.

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on television and radio, hosted by Marcus Grodi, president of *CHNI*.

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June 1

Open-Line Jerry & Yolanda Cleffi Former Assemblies of God ministers

June 8 Fr. Jay Toborowsky Convert from Judaism

June 15 The Journey Home in Scandinavia

June 22 Dr. Paul Schenk Convert from Judaism and forme Reformed Episcopal minister

June 29 Dr. Jay Budziszewski Former Episcopalian

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FEATURED RESOURCES

CHNI's monthly newsletter is featuring resources that we believe will specifically aid our members in evangelization. The resources we feature are materials that *CHNI* distributes to those on the journey to the Catholic Church.

The Keys of the Kingdom: A Tool's Witness to Truth *By Fr. Stanley L. Jaki*



The hallowed phrase, "the keys of the kingdom" is perhaps the most striking among the powerful phrases of the Bible. Fr. Jaki discusses the biblical theology of keys while then elaborating on the significance of these words of Christ throughout history.

Upon This Rock: St. Peter and the Primacy of Rome in Scripture and the Early Church



Ray goes through the Scriptures and writings from the first five centuries of the early Church to demonstrate that the early Christians had a clear understanding of the primacy of Peter in the See of Rome. Delve into this book and understand how the topic of authority is crucial in understanding what divides Catholics and Protestants.

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