

A Closer Look with Sheila Liaugminas

Show Notes

4th Quarter 2018

October 1, 2018 - Rebroadcast of 9-17-18

October 2, 2018

Topics 'Crisis of Holiness Needs Witnesses to Holiness; Freedom, Faith & Friendships'

- Guest, Msgr. Mariano Fazio: Link: <https://scepterpublishers.org/products/last-of-the-romantics> 'Last of the Romantics: St. Josemaria in the 21st Century'.
- 90th anniversary of Opus Dei founding, teaching people how to sanctify everyday life; in crisis of holiness, how to find holiness.
- Guest, Mike Stark: Link: <https://usml.edu/event/glorious-life-cardinal-francis-george-public-screening/> 'A Glorious Life: Cardinal Francis George'; intellectual giant and model of personal holiness.
- The philosophy of friendship; living in communion and community as the faithful.

October 3, 2018

Topics 'Authentic Catholic Reform: Clergy, Laity, Commit to Holiness & Truth'

- Guest, Bishop Robert Morlino: Authentic Catholic Reform: Need to have more hatred for evil and sin; time for penance, reparation, prayer & fasting. <http://www.madisoncatholicerald.org/bishopsletters/7730-letter-scandal.html>
- Bishops together with lay faithful must grow in holiness.
- Guest, Brian Burch: Authentic Catholic Reform: Church crisis, political crisis share roots in the sexual revolution; <https://catholicvote.org/>
- Restore marriage, family, fatherhood, personal holiness to renew, rebuild the Church & culture.

October 4, 2018

Topics 'Authentic Catholic Reform: Bishops, Clergy, Laity Call to Faith, Charity, Unity'

- Guest, Cardinal Gerhard Muller: Authentic Catholic Reform; Church of Jesus Christ can't come into crisis, only we the people can. <http://www.ncregister.com/blog/edward-pentin/cardinal-mueller-interference-in-clergy-abuse-cases-causes-great-harm>
- We can't compromise with atheistic, hedonistic world; saints have always been true reformers

- Guest, Tim Busch: Our Great Commission'; Unity Through Reform; renewal of the Church requires being faithful to Christ's teachings. <http://napa-institute.org/2018/08/02/our-great-commission-the-call-of-the-laity-to-holiness-reform-in-times-of-scandal/>
- Keeping an active & faithful prayer life, working with others in spirit of charity

October 5 – Encore of September 25, 2018

October 8, 2018

Topics: Topics 'Strengthen Husbands, Fathers, Men in Society; Justice Kavanaugh, Political Battles & Midterm Elections'

- Guest, Bill Donaghy: RISE Challenge for men across America; powerful, inspiring program helping men become stronger, better husbands, fathers, brothers, members of parishes and society. Link: <https://www.menriseup.org/>
- RISE Challenge encourages men to "waste more time with God." Over 10,000 men around the world have participated - the 30 day challenge encourages men to live an examined life, in brotherhood with other men.
- Guest, Brian Burch: Crises in the Church, politics, culture call for authentic reform, renewal; need personal holiness, accountability; strengthen marriage, reinforce fatherhood; Catholic voters and midterm elections. Link: <https://catholicvote.org/>
- Brace yourselves, the month of October is known for pre-midterm election surprises. The secret of success is turn out; have a simple conversation, "I just want to make sure you're planning to vote. If so, get 10 other people to vote."

October 9, 2018

Topics 'Supreme Court, Abortion Law, Constitutional v. Mob Justice; Confrontation With the 'Anti-Church''

- Harold J. Cassidy: Justice Kavanaugh, Supreme Court makeup, Constitutional jurisprudence, abortion cases that could come before the high court. Link: <http://haroldcassidy.com/abortion-litigation-legislative-initiatives.html>
- Historical overview of Roe v Wade; to overturn RvW, the case must show that abortion violates the 'liberty interest' of the pregnant mother. It would be imprudent to think that the Supreme Court would overturn Roe v Wade in one fell swoop.
- Prof. Paul Kengor: Women claiming assault, infamous 'Scottsboro Boys' case, mob rule in history; JPII's warning on 'final confrontation with anti-Church. Link: <http://www.ncregister.com/daily-news/john-paul-iis-warning-on-final-confrontation-with-the-anti-church> Or <https://spectator.org/women-who-lied-about-sexual-assault/>
- Cardinal Karol Wojtyla: "We are now standing in the face of the greatest historical confrontation humanity has gone through..."

October 10, 2018

Topics 'Gosnell Film, Abortion Truth on the Big Screen; Former Abortionist Turned Pro-Life'

- Guests, Filmmakers Phelim McAleer & Ann McElhinney: 'Gosnell' true crime drama premieres nationwide this week; exposes media blackout; abortion truths; activists bullying actor, trying to stop film. <http://www.gosnellmovie.com/> or http://www.gosnellmovie.com/theaters/?r=slt-emi-bck-a2e0&utm_source=sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=bck-10092018update&utm_term=
- Pro-choice friend of the filmmakers after viewing Gosnell: "It's time to rethink everything." Tens of thousands of lives lost is hard to comprehend; the film humanizes the more than 60 million lives lost to abortion.
- Guest, Dr. Haywood Robinson: Former abortionist shares testimony nationwide; exposing facts of abortion industry; serving as a voice for the unborn. https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=1&v=8xC5S0YO3yA
- Because something is legal does not make it right - the Hippocratic oath reminds "First, do no harm." Money can draw doctors into abortion; we can turn this scourge around. Dr. Robinson: "thankful the Lord found me and the light of the Lord shines bright on the truth."

ACL October 11, 2018

Topics 'Pope on Divorce, Vatican on McCarrick Case, Christians Persecuted Abroad, Sued in US Courts'

- Guest, Msgr. Stuart Swetland: Church crisis update; persecuted Christian Asia Bibi final court judgment. Important news in Pakistan: Asia Bibi - the life of our sister in Christ is threatened by capital punishment. https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-6260057/Daughter-Christian-woman-Pakistan-sentenced-death-blasphemy-speak-struggle.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns_campaign=1490
- Breaking silence on McCarrick's case; Pope's message on divorce and indissolubility of marriage; controversy over communion for divorce, remarried Catholics. Link: <https://zenit.org/articles/angelus-address-on-the-indissolubility-of-marriage-as-the-creators-original-intention/> Pope's Wednesday catechesis addressed abortion: compared hiring an abortionist to hiring a hit man. <https://relevantradio.com/listen/our-shows/go-ask-father/>
- Guest, Jim Campbell, ADF: Cakemaker Jack Phillips won Supreme Court case, now back in Colorado court; religious liberties under ongoing threats and targeted challenges; other Alliance Defending Freedom cases. Link: <https://adflegal.org/enough-is-enough?sourcecode=10001288>
- Guest, Kathryn Jean Lopez: now is the time to remember the importance of prayer; if we're getting angry it's not helping the tone. Link: <https://www.nationalreview.com/2018/10/brett-kavanaugh-ordeal-dignity-of-life/>

October 15, 2018

Topics 'Abortion Logic, Murder, Culture of Death, Conscience & Accountability'

- Guest, Phelim McAleer: Opening weekend for 'Gosnell', untold story of notorious abortionist/serial killer; changing minds, public debate about abortion. <http://www.gosnellmovie.com/>
- Despite "mainstream media" attention, 'Gosnell' makes top ten independent movies on opening weekend; important to continue to see and promote.
- Guest, Kathryn Jean Lopez: Atrocities in abortion clinic are poisoned fruits of culture of death; pray consciences are rocked by revelations; render an account. <https://www.nationalreview.com/corner/gosnell-movie-release-abortionist/>

October 16, 2018

Topics 'Politics and Midterms, Voter Concerns, Top Issues, Rights & Responsibilities'

- Guest, Christiana Holcomb, ADF: School district changes restroom policy, then ignores sexual assault of 5 year old girl in school restroom; parents not notified of school policy change, children not protected, their rights violated. Link: <https://adflegal.org/detailspages/blog-details/allianceedge/2018/10/03/school-district-changes-its-restroom-policy-then-ignores-the-sexual-assault-of-a-five-year-old-girl>
- Transgender policy gives opposite sex access to locker rooms, shower areas and overnight areas. Parents: stay extremely involved in what is happening in your school district.
- Guest, Gerard Lameiro: Conservative red wave growing; predictions of larger GOP wins in midterms than formerly thought; voters motivated by extremist politics, denial of rights, attacks on Kavanaugh, members of government. Link: <https://greatnewsforamerica.com/conservative-red-wave/>
- Guest, Brian Burch: Independents disapprove of Democrats handling of Kavanaugh hearings; Catholic voters concerns & responsibilities; Rosary coast to coast to reform, renew, rebuild Church and restore faithfulness. <https://catholicvote.org/>

October 17, 2018

Topics 'Public Discourse, Society Based on Human Dignity, Smart Women & Large Families'

- Dr. Ryan T. Anderson: Public Discourse going forward; thinking deeply about the future of America; vision based on understanding of human dignity. Link: <https://www.thepublicdiscourse.com/2018/10/44743/?fbclid=IwAR1MwqSA3qOHYDMFjCWHSPBMEp2Kp-yzC0nM1CAC6xKnqb2eiU5gTMSBWrs>
- New changes at Public Discourse make academia more accessible; to restore America, promote human dignity and flourishing. Readers benefit from Public Discourse and become empowered to speak up within their communities.
- Dr. Catherine Pakaluk: #postcardsforMacron is growing; intelligent, educated women with big families respond to French president's offensive remarks. Link: <https://www.catholicworldreport.com/2018/10/16/catholic-u-professor-leads-response-to-french-presidents-remark-on-large-families/>
- Let's face it, in an age of contraception, we need more conversations focused on :“why” to have children.

October 18, 2018

- Guest, Mollie Hemingway: Gosnell mass murders, criminal abortion story still blacked out by most media; Kavanaugh hearing frenzy all about abortion. Link: <http://thefederalist.com/2016/06/27/washington-posts-kermit-gosnell-denialism-is-out-of-control/>
- Important to see and support art like 'Gosnell'; the fact that so many have witnessed media failure leaves trust wanting: we know we are being misled.
- Guest, Prof. Helen Alvare: Legal reasoning to overthrow Roe v Wade; ways to speak out about #MeToo, women, birth control, abortion, in faith & culture. Link: <http://womenspeakforthemselves.com/>

- Most prominent voice in the media during Kavanaugh hearings, was about abortion. Media refuses to investigate the actual effects of abortion on women.

October 19, 2018

Topics 'Rightful Anger at Sin, Holy Perseverance Reforms; News Updates Through Catholic Lens'

- Guest, Msgr. Charles Pope: Pray for bishops, healing, repentance, forgiveness; stay angry at sin & corruption in holy perseverance, not unholy bitterness. Link: <http://www.ncregister.com/blog/msgr-pope/there-are-hopeful-signs-from-rome-but-stay-vigilant>
- Using anger at sin and corruption, takes a spiritual understanding of anger. We have to follow the truth, wherever it leads.
- Guest, Msgr. Stuart Swetland: The 'Gosnell' film; abortion support betrays the most vulnerable; vote for pro-life leaders; Church crisis and new saints. Link: <https://relevantradio.com/listen/our-shows/go-ask-father/>
- Holy purity in any state in life, is possible!

October 22, 2018 (Encore of September 19, 2018)

October 24, 2018

Topics 'Election Issues, Reason to Vote, What to Know, Election Forecast'

- Guest, Brian Burch: Current events - letter bombs and immigrants marching toward the border - dominate the media and seem designed to provoke the president. Significant issues are at stake in midterm elections; Catholics must stay focused.
- Four things to know about Planned Parenthood before election day; video shows senator lying to Catholic voters; election issues. Link: <https://catholicvote.org/>
- Guest, Dr. Gerard Lameiro: How will the caravan crisis impact the elections; most important reason to vote this year; is red wave growing? Election forecast. Link: <https://greatnewsforamerica.com/>
- Electorate trending toward conservative values: return to morality, freedom, prosperity. Supreme Court set up to keep conservative wave trending; two generations or more.

October 25, 2018

Topics 'Ancient, Unchanged Identity & Mission of Priesthood'

- Dr. Scott Hahn: Jesus and the Priesthood; 'The Unchanging Heart of the Priesthood'; the identity and mission of the priest; upcoming priest conference. Link: <http://www.scotthahn.com/priesthood-and-religious-life/> or http://napa-institute.org/conference/westcoast-priest-conference/?fbclid=IwAR3iWPAMUqa8HSprnY7-sRd-WRP_M-OTETPuM1_1w1XaSCP_Wlk9LA-tydk
- We want to thank our priests and encourage them to be holy. To establish friendship with our priests is the least we can do for men who sacrifice so much for us.

- Msgr. Charles Pope: Abp. Vigano's Courageous Third Letter; one of the great pastoral and literary moments of Church's history; about judgment day. Link: <http://www.ncregister.com/blog/msgr-pope/reflections-on-archbishop-viganos-courageous-third-letter>
- We've got to get back into the business of warning people that sin has real consequences. Many of the concerns in Vigano's letter have been corroborated; an appropriate response to address the concerns is necessary.

October 26, 2018

Topics 'Military Chaplains Among the Wounded; Need Spiritual Support'

- Guest, David Evans: 'Indivisible', military chaplains serving God, family, country; war wounds impact chaplains too; military families serve, suffer, find faith. Link: <https://www.indivisiblemovie.com/>
- Military families "serve" and sacrifice along with their service men and women; strong devotion/journeying in faith strengthens military marriages. Film illustrates challenges and resources available to military marriages; realistic portrayal of God's love.
- Guest, Susana Garza: Frontline Faith Project serves those who serve; 'spiritual nourishment for a warrior's soul'; spiritual support for our military. Link: <https://www.frontlinefaithproject.org/>
- The Frontline Faith Project is putting "spiritual strength and support" in the hands of the men and women serving us all in our U.S. Armed Forces. Outreach provides MP3 audio players for military service people loaded with inspirational Catholic content along with letters of appreciation being read by children.

October 29, 2018

Topics 'Restore Civility in America, Respect for Life, Celebration of Family, Authentic Debate'

- Guest, Sen. Rick Santorum: Country divided; incivility, mob mentality; tribal politics; what we can do and must do to change our Representative Republic. Link: <https://www.regnery.com/books/blue-collar-conservatives/>
- Politics is downstream from culture - the coarsening of our politics is due to the coarsening of our culture. God was "booed" at the last Democratic Convention reflective of a mindset/view that rights come from government.
- Guest, Kathryn Jean Lopez: Protecting the vulnerable; building families through foster care & adoption; celebrating motherhood; Wm. F. Buckley series. Link: <https://www.nationalreview.com/2018/10/gosnell-tells-the-truth-and-helps-save-lives/>
- Highlighting strength and courage of people on the front lines is key to giving hope to suffering. William F. Buckley never shied away from dialogue with anyone: this is what Pope Francis is talking about when he says, "go to the peripheries."

October 30, 2018 (Encore of July 27, 2018)

October 31, 2018

Topics 'Role of Regret; Power of Images; What Planned Parenthood is Covering Up'

- Guest, Msgr. Stuart Swetland, link: <https://relevantradio.com/listen/our-shows/go-ask-father/> Asia Bibi released from prison in Pakistan; right to religious freedom is something we cannot take for granted. Bishops encourage clergy & laity to participate in a week of fasting, prayer and penance in response to the abuse scandals.
- If graphic images of abortion are ever to be shown it must be within a controlled environment; we must protect the innocence of children and not expose them to violence and graphic images. Caller, Anthony/Minnesota: How will bishops “clean house” when, according to Vigano’s third letter, they are a part of the problem?
- Guest, David Daleiden, link: <http://www.centerformedicalprogress.org/2018/10/breaking-cmp-gives-federal-judge-evidence-planned-parenthood-lied-to-congress-doctored-baby-parts-records/>
- Three profiles of abortion workers; Planned Parenthood working to legalize “back alley” abortions in California. Planned Parenthood still receiving federal funding; PP’s lawsuit against Daleiden has brought to light serious discrepancy in PP’s testimony before the Senate Judiciary committee.

November 1, 2018

Topics ‘St. John Paul II, St. Thomas Aquinas: Impact and Legacy’

- Guest, George Weigel: The life, legacy, writings, teachings, witness of St. John Paul II; John Paul II and Youth. Link: <https://eppc.org/publications/john-paul-ii-youth-minister/>
- St. Pope John Paul II: religious conviction can be a liberating force in human affairs. He captured people's attention and held it.
- Guest, Dr. Randall Smith: The brilliance and practical wisdom of St. Thomas Aquinas; purely rational responses for today’s challenging questions. Link: https://www.amazon.com/Reading-Sermons-Thomas-Aquinas-Beginners-ebook/dp/B01N4D9P5O/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1541108397&sr=8-1&keywords=randall+smith+aquinas
- Truths of faith and reason will not contradict because both have God as author. Aquinas sermons are needed today. We’re moving back into the oral tradition; we have to deliver a message that people will hear and remember.

November 2, 2018

Topics ‘Civility, Justice in America; Faith Based Voting; Crucial Midterm Elections’

- Guest, David DiCerto. Link: <https://www.sheencenter.org/> Sheen Center series ‘Civility in America’, ‘Justice Film Festival’, address social, moral issues in the culture, what we can do.
- Guest, Kevrick McKain. Link: <https://www.dlinstitute.org/> Douglass Leadership Center mobilizes grassroots workers nationwide to deliver faith-based, nonpartisan voter guides.
- Expect strong voter turnout this year as people of goodwill and faith ensure their voice is heard via their vote.
- Guest, Brian Burch. Link: <https://catholicvote.org/> Midterm election turnout traditionally low, key to this year’s pivotal races; Catholic voters’ most crucial concerns in the elections. Never

underestimate the power of a “sleeper” midterm election - 64% of voters didn’t participate in the last midterm election.

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November 5, 2018

Topics ‘Midterm Forecast; What’s at Stake in Elections; Pro-Life Activism’

- Guest, Dr. Gerard Lameiro: Election eve forecast; new American Conservative, Constitutional Era; Conservative Era; expect a ‘Red Wave’; voter motivation. Link: <https://greatnewsforamerica.com/>
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- Guest, Fr. Frank Pavone: Voters very engaged in electing pro-life leaders; compare positions of all candidates on most crucial issues; prayer campaign. Link: <http://priestsforlife.org/>
- Dem party platform explicitly states they want to do away with the Hyde Amendment, a legislative provision barring the use of federal funds to pay for abortion.

November 6, 2018

Topics ‘Nationwide Efforts to Elect Pro-Life Leaders, Defend Religious Freedom’

- Guest, Mallory Quigley: SBA List nationwide canvassing to elect pro-life leaders, stop taxpayer funding of abortion; election day report. Link: <https://www.sba-list.org/>
- Guest, Kristan Hawkins: Students for Life of America works nationwide for pro-life leaders; today begins tomorrow’s battles for the pro-life movement. Link: <https://studentsforlife.org/>
- Montse Alvarado: Becket Law in court today fighting City of Philadelphia discrimination against religiously affiliated foster care; urgent need for homes. Link: <https://www.becketlaw.org/media/empty-foster-homes-full-court-room-philly-foster-families/>
- Philadelphia currently has 6,000 children in need of foster families; City of Philadelphia omitted Catholic charities and foster families from the call to provide foster homes because of the Catholic position on marriage.

November 7, 2018

Topics ‘Faith, Politics, Elections; How Catholic Americans Can Impact the Nation’

- Guest, Brian Burch: How issues most critical to Catholic voters fared in midterm elections; important goals for Election 2020, starting now. Link: <https://catholicvote.org/>
- In many ways, the midterm elections produced great results for Catholics. Harder left progressives likely to press/require more of Pelosi as speaker. Senators elected last night will serve through 2024; this election was about “building a fire wall” in the Senate.
- Guest, Francis X. Maier: Faith, Politics and Another Election Year; Who we are as Catholic Americans, what we need to do to influence the nation. Link: <http://catholicphilly.com/2016/10/homilies-speeches/remembering-who-we-are-and-the-story-we-belong-to/>
- Most people (no matter their faith) don’t let their faith influence their political choices - one of the main problems we’ve got.

November 11, 2018

Topics ‘Women’s Vote, Political Presence, Faith, Life and Abortion Factored in Elections’

- Guest, Mary FioRito: The focus on women in politics, elections; women’s vote; change the public discourse; new HHS mandate rules; Catholic Women Speak. Link: <https://www.amazon.com/Promise-Challenge-Catholic-Feminism-Complementarity/dp/1612788688>
- Promising to see electoral victories of several pro-life women in recent midterms. The “war on women” is not true.
- Guest, Michael New: West Virginia ballot proposition scores big victory for life; WV state constitution will declare no inherent right to abortion or funding for it. Link: https://www.nationalreview.com/corner/a-wild-and-wonderful-pro-life-win-in-west-virginia/?fbclid=IwAR2IAjZ_KJb65Gx9ET330QWLcunZec86cnuQ4y18AqXmpINdWTD_II1WKw
- Look at the polls and you find a lot of people don’t like taxpayers paying for abortion; Kudos to West Virginia: ballot initiative which adds language to the state constitution to affirm that “nothing in this constitution secures the right to an abortion.”

November 9, 2018

Topics: Stewardship and tithing; Update on ‘Gosnell’ - “the movie Hollywood doesn’t want you to see”

- Guest, Garry Burry: Financial management, legacy giving, planned giving, stewardship; tax laws and maximizing charitable contributions. Link: <https://relevantradio.com/support/planned-giving/>
- Guest, Phelim McAleer: ‘Gosnell’ film update; most popular film with public in spite of opposition from abortion industry; powerful opinion changer for life. Link: <http://www.gosnellmovie.com/>
- Theaters are pulling film, in spite of huge popularity. People are moved to action after seeing this film: group of moms from Bakersfield organized efforts to pray in front of abortion clinic after seeing the film; people walk in pro-abortion and leave with changed hearts and minds.
- Kavanaugh hearings chaos stemmed from fear of the loss of abortion laws; ‘Gosnell’ movie scares pro-abortion advocates because it illustrates the harsh reality of abortion: the cover up stops now. Humanity of aborted “Baby Boy A” has had influence beyond imagination.

November 12, 2018

Topics 'Veterans Day Focus: Service, Sacrifice, Honor, Duty, Prayers & Support'

- Guest, Patrick Kenny: War letters, prayers and spiritual writings of heroic military chaplain Fr. Willie Doyle; WWI battlefield accounts of sacrifice for love of Christ, soldiers in battle; sacraments and special prayers. Link: <https://www.ignatius.com/To-Raise-the-Fallen-P3056.aspx>
- Patrick Kenny introduces readers to Fr. Doyle, a remarkable man, whose faith, heroic courage and generosity in the trenches of World War I continue to inspire Christians and non-Christians alike.
- Guest, Lisa Bradley: 'R.Riveter', creative business opportunity to support military service members, provide employment for their families; network of military spouses goes national; 'we are stronger together than apart'. Link: <https://www.rriveter.com/>
- Guest, Msgr. Stuart Swetland: Honoring veterans for their service; what honor, duty, service and valor mean today; what makes military service and Veterans Day so important. Link: <https://relevantradio.com/2018/11/go-ask-your-father-for-november-5-2018/>

November 13, 2018

Topics

- Guest, Francis X. Maier: Who we are as Catholic Americans, how we got to this cultural moment, what we must do to reform, rebuild and renew Church & nation. Link:
- Guest, John Meyer: Catholicism needs a renewal of holiness; laity, clergy need examination of conscience on flouting Church teaching; building the Next America. Link:

Francis Maier The division in the Catholic Church and society. Frustration at the Baltimore synod regarding the Vatican's intervention. Loyalty to the Holy Father: Where do we draw the line? Disappointment as the American bishops are prevented from doing what they travelled to Baltimore to do. The abuse problem: Every facet of the Church is affected. A global problem, not a regional problem. Archbishop Chaput's brilliant letter to the faithful in the Philadelphia Inquirer regarding the abuse crisis. "We live in a time when we abuse the meaning of words. . . " - 'time for Christians to "unplug" from the secular culture! "Obedience is meaningless, unless informed by the Truth."

John Meyer, of the Napa Institute, discusses the current climate in the Church. The Economist pens an article: "Francis on the Ropes". Why are we still Catholic? Not because of the holiness of our pastors. . . Saints are merely fallen sinners who got up. Archbishop Chaput's founding of the Napa Institute, and his prescient warning about the secularization of American culture. How the Napa Institute works, and what it intends to do. Send your priest to La Jolla, CA, for future formation! www.napa-institute.org. Saints aren't found, they're made! The need for continual formation, in both religious and lay communities.

Link: <http://catholicphilly.com/2016/10/homilies-speeches/remembering-who-we-are-and-the-story-we-belong-to/>

Link: <https://www.economist.com/international/2018/11/08/clerical-sexual-abuse-scandals-strengthen-the-popes-conservative-critics>

Topics ‘Catholicism Needs Renewal of Holiness; Authentic Catholic Reform & the Next America’

November 1, 2018

Topics ‘Help, Encouragement for Dementia Caregivers; Gift of Self, Patience, Humility, Love’

- Guest, Dennis Wiseman: ‘Forget "Remember": 13 Steps to Care; A Guidebook for the Dementia Caregiver’; support and devotional guide. Link: https://www.amazon.com/dp/0692170081/ref=cm_sw_r_fa_dp_U_RTIOBbZFGK8GR?fbclid=IwAROCA_DvPJxTapZ7I1NScDwG5EYhtouSF5Alfc6cFmwn2e0xaMUMi-eHivU
- Caregiving for a person with dementia is a privilege, it’s like raising children...you don’t “have” to do it, but it’s a privilege -- life has given you this moment, embrace it.
- Guest, John Harper: Powerful lessons parents taught about simplicity, humility, guide grown children who care for them later; dementia caregiver’s story. Link: <https://relevantradio.com/listen/our-shows/morning-air/>
- You acquire a number of skills, caring for a loved one with dementia; even after they are passed, you may be called to take all these gifts the Holy Spirit has given you and put them into action.

November 15, 2019

Topic ‘Finding the Purpose of Life in Quest for Meaning and Authenticity’

- Guest, August Turak: ‘Brother John: A Monk, a Pilgrim, the Purpose of Life’; ‘Business Secrets of the Trappist Monks’; life-changing lessons of selflessness. Link: <https://augustturak.com/>
- Theological problems are moral problems - it comes down to how you intend to live your life. There are times when trauma is something to be grateful for.
- The purpose of every human life is to be transformed by grace from a selfish person to a selfless person. The ultimate example of utter selfishness: Christ, who emptied himself of his divinity to the point of becoming a servant that died on the cross.
- Working on an essay for forty years, required the author allow grace to transform him. On the other side of trauma, Turak composed acclaimed spiritual reflection on selflessness. Every acorn longs for transformation, longs to become a mighty oak – not longs to “learn” about transformation.

November 16, 2018

Topics ‘Great Clergy Help Solve Crisis of Holiness; The Way Forward’

- Guest, Mary Eberstadt: 'The Last Homily, Conversations with Fr. Arne Panula'; Spiritual guidance for everyday life from a brilliant, holy priest; faith & ideas. Link: <https://stpaulcenter.com/product/the-last-homily-conversations-with-fr-arne-panula/>
- Recorded with Fr. Arne's permission during his months in hospice care, his exchanges with noted author Mary Eberstadt expound on the Church and history, art and music, books and ideas, as well as on more immediate questions about how the faithful should live, how they should work, and how they can best help to build the Kingdom on earth.
- Guest, Bishop Thomas Paprocki: Insights from the US Bishops' conference, focus on abuse crises; role for clergy, laity, the Church going forward. Link: <https://www.dio.org/>
- Bishop Paprocki shares impression of the work from last week's USCCB conference: the message provided to Cardinal Di Nardo was pretty clear and he'll be able to take that with him to the meeting in Rome in February 2019. Emphasizing our call to personal holiness is key to solving problem of abuse cover up.

November 19, 2018

Topics 'Foster Care, Adoption, Building Families & Culture of Hope'

- Guest, Kathryn Jean Lopez, Lisa Wheeler: The urgency, need, practicality and reality of adoption and foster care; giving life and love, building families. Link: <https://nrinstitute.org/foster-care-adoption-and-religious-communities> Link: <https://www.nationalreview.com/2018/05/pro-life-churches-must-help-foster-parents/>
- Every person may not be called to adoption, but every person can be called to support adoption and foster care.
- Guest, Elizabeth Kirk (joins the roundtable): Protect important presence of faith-based adoption agencies; mother of adopted children speaks out. Link: <https://www.thepublicdiscourse.com/2017/10/20199/>
- Breaking news coverage: Link: <https://fox2now.com/2018/11/19/report-sexual-assault-and-shooting-at-west-st-louis-county-shopping-center/>

November 20, 2018

- Guest, Carly Fiorina: 'Unlocking Potential' for leadership, unlocking human potential in communities; solving problems by building skills, initiative. <https://www.upleadership.org/>
- We are not helpless in the face of divisive politics; problems fester because people spend time talking about the problems. Think about the problems you care about and the people around you; approach every interaction with your faith in mind.
- Guest, Fr. Dave Heney: Jobs help families grow, live securely, recognize dignity, build communities; faith and community; CA wildfires and perspective. Link: <https://relevantradio.com/listen/our-shows/family-rosary-across-america/>
- "A job means a family" - Father Dave Heney. A job involves different people coming together on a common project. They form what we wonderfully call a company that seeks to improve our life.

November 26, 2018

Topics 'Saving Lives of All the Vulnerable'

- Guest, Chuck Donovan: Obamacare State Exchange Plans increase abortion coverage, up 23% for 2019; taxpayers fund abortion even if states opt out. Link: <https://lozierinstitute.org/>
- Challenging the law takes time: The Little Sisters of the Poor seemed to have an open and shut case...that took almost two years of the Trump administration fighting to get the exemption written out.
- Guest, Jason Jones: The grace of adoption, power of family, impact of film & storytelling to change the culture; films America wants to see, Hollywood doesn't. Link: <https://stream.org/trump-and-sessions-enforce-a-just-and-necessary-law-which-saves-migrant-lives/>
- Underground economy: 10-20 million illegal/migrant workers make the US economy run. Problems associated with taking those workers out of the equation. We've been giving a wink and a nod to these illegals, forever. What's the fair solution?

November 27, 2018

Topics 'Ukrainian Catholics & Russian Aggression; Bishop Morlino, Hatred of Evil, Fear of the Lord'

- Alex Kuzma: Ukraine/Russia tensions grow; martial law declared; what this conflict means to US, Catholic Church, Ukrainian Catholic University. Link: <http://ucef.org/>
- Putin has imposed a reign of terror attempting to stir tension between Ukraine and Russian people; Ukraine and Russian people will have nothing of it.
- John Meyer, The Napa Institute. Link: https://www.facebook.com/pg/napainstitute/photos/?tab=album&album_id=2116831641713505 It's important to see the ties - for Russia to have big government, they had to replace God. Empires crumble, but Christ is still there.
- When Pope John Paul the Second appointed Bishop Morlino, he must have seen in him a great legacy.

November 28, 2018

Topics 'Vatican, China, Persecuted Christians; Trump, Putin, Global Security'

- Nina Shea: The Vatican-China agreement, Beijing using it as a tool to suppress the Chinese faithful; the plight of Asia Bibi, other persecuted Christians. Link: <http://m.ncregister.com/daily-news/the-vaticans-agreement-with-china-looks-even-worse-now>
- There are approximately 30 bishops remaining in the underground Church in China; these men have suffered for their faith and have passed on the religion. The saving grace to the Vatican-China agreement is that it is "provisional."
- Ed Morrissey: News roundup; caravan at border, immigration reform, government shutdown, likely Trump-Putin meeting; national & global concerns. Link: <https://hotair.com/archives/2018/11/28/kremlin-um-really-want-meeting-trump/>
- We have excellent voting infrastructure in our country; we just need to encourage people to get out and exercise their right to vote.

November 29, 2018

Topics 'Political, Ideological, Medical & Legal Parameters for Treatment of People'

- Rep. Peter Breen: Politics of destruction; 'Dirty money, dirty politics'; engage in political process now for policies, next elections; just law and order. Link: <https://www.dailyherald.com/news/20181128/kifowit-apologizes-to-breen-for-saying-shed-like-his-loved-ones-to-ultimately-die>
- When a break in decorum occurs, it has to be identified and called out. We have allowed the temperature to rise; call your representative and see where they stand.
- Ryan T. Anderson: Painful truths about transgender lives; medicine isn't about desire, it's about healing; truth telling must replace personal attacks. Link: <https://www.thepublicdiscourse.com/2018/11/47220/?fbclid=IwAR1wkaNAavkBKeEywD9tcx5cz6SpaHm6UoBXY9W2RdsSWsQLwuT36SCUmI>
- We need to find better solutions for people suffering in this way; physicians speak privately that sex reassignment surgery is not the answer, but they don't speak out for fear of retribution from media and transgender activists.

December 3, 2018

Topics 'George H.W. Bush, Pastor Walter Hoyer: Public Life Guided by Faith'

- Guest, Gary S. Smith: A Point of Light; Tribute to President George H.W. Bush, man of faith; Bush saw God as all powerful and active in history. Link: http://www.visionandvalues.org/2018/12/a-point-of-light-a-tribute-to-george-h-w-bush/?utm_source=hs_email&utm_medium=email&utm_content=68000946&hsenc=p2ANqtz-xOOPJOZyPHP3wF_f-46L_Xvkfq21nDcoeZhFRvF06Tn5uYVXzPQc98lrAZQGCGzDw7J2Cpsh6HrRIK7LI-sTLYEyzA&hsmi=68000946
- Bush's "Thousand Points of Light" program was created to increase volunteerism in the US; every day during his administration, a person was honored as a point of light; he gave 500 speeches encouraging volunteerism and felt strongly what we can do through the private sector is more effective than asking the government to do.
- Guest, Walter B. Hoyer: 'Black and Pro-Life in America'; the incarceration and exoneration of Walter Hoyer, African American minister, pro-life leader. Link: <https://www.ignatius.com/Black-and-Pro-Life-in-America-P3029.aspx>
- Pastor Hoyer shares the story of being incarcerated for holding a sign near the entrance to an abortion clinic in Oakland, California. The sign displayed the tender-hearted message: "God loves you and your baby. Let us help you."

December 4, 2018

Topics 'Bishop Robert Morlino: Teacher, Shepherd, Witness to Faith, Hope & Joy'

- Fr. Scott Emerson: Bishop Robert Morlino up close, insights from his Priest Secretary; recent homily, what 'Authentic Catholic Reform' requires. Link: <https://madisondiocese.org/remembering-bishop-morlino>

- Bishop Morlino gave so much to this world, his diocese, to vocations; people know where he stood on issues, he was willing to sit down and have a meal / laugh with you; he was there to come to know you and gave a human side to Christ.
- William Yallaly: Diocese of Madison Chancellor spreads words & works of Bishop Morlino; 'hate sin as act of charity'; evangelize; encourage vocations. Link: <http://diocesemadisonfoundation.org/funds/buildingourcathedral/bishopmorlino/>
- Remember to pray for Bishop Morlino; he saw the travails of life and felt strongly – no trouble in the world that fifteen minutes in front of the Blessed Sacrament wouldn't take care of.

ACL December 5, 2018

Topic 'Human Gene Editing: The World Will Never Be the Same'

- Dr. Aaron Kheriaty: Human gene editing stuns scientific world; 'technology as powerful as the atomic bomb'; 'the world will never be the same'; people need to be aware what this means; (other topics as time allows) Link: <https://www.bioedge.org/bioethics/uproar-over-chinese-gene-edited-babies/12919>
- Discussion of the moral perils of germline gene editing; there needs to be more people questioning this technology.
- With this technology, we are moving from procreation to manufacturing.
- Consequences will unfold for generations; this unorthodox and loosely controlled experiment represents an ethics disaster for the world.

December 6, 2018

- Guest: Sohrab Ahmari, author at New York Post, on the passing of His Excellency Bishop Morlino. A bishop who did not compromise on Truth. Comparisons with George Bush, Sr. An anecdote about how former President Bush would ask his barber about foreign policy questions. The need for involvement by the laity in Church work; peoples' desire and hunger for truth. Sheila comments on the grandeur and the similarities of the funeral services of Bishop Morlino and former President Bush, Sr. The bishop's participation at an "Authentic Catholic" reform. "We don't have enough hatred. . . ."! William Yollaly's comments on Bishop Morlino's vocation and early call. A clip from George W. Bush on his father's legacy. The importance of family. <https://catholicherald.co.uk/magazine/a-prelate-with-the-spirit-of-campion-a-tribute-to-bishop-morlino/>
- Ed Morrissey, Editor of "Hot Air". Does a person have to be mean to be in politics? Why is there so much buzz over the passing of George Bush Sr. The friendship between Dana Carvey and George Bush, Sr. Did the present nastiness in politics begin with Donald Trump? The "prudent" President. An absence of undue ego. The distinguished military service record of George Bush, Sr., and his recognition of higher purpose. Political "insiders" vs. politicians who actually listen to their constituents. The electoral mess in North Carolina, and evidence of massive fraud. The massive hack at Facebook, and dodgy business practices at facebook. Is it time for government to step in and regulate

the powerful internet giants? <https://theweek.com/articles/810716/democrats-2020-field-overrun-by-washington-insiders>

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December 10, 2018

Topics ‘Keep Faith, Hope, Charity, Civility, Human Rights, Religious Freedom Alive’

- Congressman Jeff Fortenberry: Servant leadership; passing of President Bush need not be ‘an end of an era’; virtue, honor, dignity, character. Link: <https://fortenberry.house.gov/media-center/fort-reports/fort-report-george-hw-bush>
- Jeana Hallock: NY government threatening to shut down religious adoption provider & pregnancy center because of its ‘Biblical view of marriage’; lawsuit. Link: <https://adflegal.org/detailspages/blog-details/allianceedge/2018/12/07/can-you-guess-why-this-new-york-adoption-provider-is-in-danger-of-being-shut-out-of-adoptions>
- With the desperate need for adoption, foster care and pregnancy support - discrimination and penalties are on the rise for religious groups.
- John Harper joins Sheila to discuss today’s Supreme Court news. Link: <https://relevantradio.com/listen/our-shows/morning-air/>

December 11, 2018

- Special Guest: Ed Morrissey, Senior Editor, www.hotair.com The politics of Brexit. Teresa May postpones a scheduled vote today. How can Ireland be one part EU, and another part non-EU? Issues regarding the Northern Ireland border. The Yellow Vest protests: What do the protesters want? Have they repudiated socialism? Globalism? Macron suspends a massive “carbon tax”. The Republicans face off against the Democrats in Congress, as the cameras roll.
- Special Guest: Fr. Manny Dorantes, expert on the miracle of Our Lady of Guadalupe – Patroness of the Americas. The profound mystery of the tilma. The importance of Our Lady’s appearance in a wicked culture. Conquering an Aztec “culture of death” – the human sacrifice of the best and brightest of the society to “appease the gods”. The pivotal timing of Our Lady’s visit. Out-of-control violence in Chicago, and the consecration of Chicagoland to Our Lady. Fr. Dorantes shares a story about Our Lady’s protection during a visit to Cuba with the Holy Father.

December 12, 2018

December 13, 2018

Topics ‘Giving Gifts to Needy; Doing Business on Principles; Finding Peace, Joy, Purpose’

- Jim Cavnar: ‘Box of Joy’; delivering gifts, Christmas blessings to children overseas who would otherwise receive nothing; school, parish, family project. Link: <https://crosscatholic.org/boxofjoy/>

- Cross Catholic outreach provides food, shelter, medical care, water, education, self-help programs, care for orphans, and emergency relief to the poorest of the poor in Dioceses around the world in the name of Christ.
- August Turak: 'Business Secrets of the Trappist Monks: One CEO's Quest for Meaning and Authenticity'; 'Brother John', monk, pilgrim, purpose of life. Link: <https://augustturak.com/books>
- Businesses adopt principles of success of the Trappist monks: service to others and selflessness.

December 17, 2018

Topics 'Vatican & Church Crises; Impact of Culture of Dissent; Legitimate Demands for Reform'

- George Weigel: February Rome bishops' conference on crises; face the crisis of dissent; the Church doesn't do 'paradigm shifts'; global Catholicism. Link: <https://eppc.org/publications/avoiding-another-roman-fiasco-in-february/>
- Cardinal DiNardo's position within the United States, should be recognized and valued by the Vatican; misunderstanding in the Roman curia is that the U.S. is exaggerating the gravity of sexual abuse scandal.
- Chastity is loving honestly; dishonest love results in a lot of human unhappiness. Catholic Church in the United States remains the world's most vibrant example of the missionary Church. There are many reasons for the current sexual abuse crisis that stem from the confusion within the Church that began with the late 1960's and lasted through the mid 1980's.
- Australian case of abuse involving Cardinal Pell: travesty of justice. Appeal underway. People should not read the media blackout as an anti-Catholic move; atmosphere in Australia hostile and toxic - blackout was to protect Pell. There is serious criminal jurisprudence in Australia; from the evidence presented, it was clear that the accusations against Pell could not have happened.

December 18, 2018

Topics: 'Teaching on 'Gay Mentality' Clarified; How Ideologies Impact the Church'

- Guest, Fr. Roger Landry: Pope Francis on the 'gay mentality' that has influenced the Church; pope clarifies Church's teaching, pastoral practice; 'Plan of Life'. Link: <http://m.ncregister.com/daily-news/pope-francis-on-the-gay-mentality-that-has-influenced-the-church>
- Do we really believe what that what the Church teaches is the "good news" or are we ashamed? Addressing the 'elephant in the room' -- unchastity among adults within the laity and clergy. Priests living homosexual lives is a big deal; Pope Francis' position has been distorted.
- Guest, Msgr. Stuart Swetland: Liberalism, spreading abortion license, conscience rights, religious freedom; the Church in Ireland, China, Iraq, Syria. Link: <https://relevantradio.com/listen/our-shows/go-ask-father/>
- Reason ought to be the slave of passion; discussion on the failures of liberalism/"freedom from restraint." Ireland: once you reject moral truth, all that's left is power. Without truth to base moral laws the weak are dehumanized and exploited.

December 19, 2018

Topics 'Report from Congress; Abortion and Health Care'

- Congressman Adam Kinzinger: What Congress got done for the people in 2018; what the new Congress faces in 2019; national & foreign policy successes, challenges; thoughts & sounds on Capitol Hill. Link: <https://kinzinger.house.gov/>
- U.S. military presence in Syria is as much a physical as it is a spiritual battle; dignity of all human life must be remembered. Pray for the military - they know they are supported.
- Prof. Michael New: Abortion is not health care; misleading surveys & persistent myths about Americans' views of abortion; the quiet, impressive progress of the pro-life movement Link: <https://www.nationalreview.com/corner/abortion-views-pew-poll-finds-no-gender-gap/>
- Mainstream media does a mediocre job of reporting on attitudes about abortion; this new Pew Poll puts forth an accurate picture: today's younger generation is much more pro-life than the older generation -- "the Calvary is coming!"

December 20, 2018

Topics 'Christmas Blues: Hope and Help for Holiday Anxiety & Depression'

- Dr. Aaron Kheriaty: Holiday depression, anxiety increase while others seem 'merry and bright'; Christmas blues and what to do for yourself, others feeling down or overwhelmed. Link: https://www.cacatholic.org/hope_and_healing
- In a season filled with expectations of hope and joy - many are challenged with the messy realities of life. Season of Advent can be sometimes sidelined by the commercialization of Christmas; let's remember the 8 day Christmas Feast that begin on December 25th.
- God wants to enter into our brokenness, through prayer. Facing Christmas with the loss of a loved one: storytelling/remembers memories of the loved one can be healing. Dr. Kheriaty gives advice on communicating with those who feel loss most deeply.
- Sheila recalls a moment she was able to help a person urgently seeking AA meeting on New Year's Eve; Dr. Kheriaty encourages prayer and scripture as a first step in crisis.

December 21, 2018

The Michaelangelo of the Mideast. Byzantine Rite Father Loya of Annunciation Byzantine Church in Homer Glen, Illinois. Father Thomas Loya has been painting his church for over 20 years. Why Byzantine iconography gives us a window into the soul. The "genius" of the Catholic Faith: All five senses are a pathway to God's beauty and presence. A church should immediately put one in the presence of God. Father recounts an example were the secular media was swayed by the beauty of a church building. The reason Byzantine religious art is not signed by the artist. The joy of a beautiful church - open at any time of the day.

Jeffrey Gardner, PhD shares about the confluence of Art and Psychology. Are we regulating the images and sounds that go into our brain? Dr. Gardner shares about his conversion to the Catholic Church from Mormonism and Atheism. The power of images. What it means to be created "in the image and likeness of God" - we share in creation! Social media: An invitation to nearly every deadly sin (sloth, vanity, jealousy, vanity, etc.).

Link: <https://wgntv.com/2018/12/18/priest-called-michelangelo-of-the-midwest-for-paintings-in-suburban-church/>

Link: <https://www.picturechristians.org/>