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10 03 2016 at 1600 Kresta in the Afternoon 120 minutes Broadcaster, journalist, author and public speaker, Al Kresta takes a closer look at current events, issues and ideas. Today Al discusses the topic, did Saint Francis Save the Church? Al interviews Jon Sweeney and the two discuss the most popular and well known Saint amongst Catholics and the secular world. St. Francis was a hinge in the history of the Christian faith and in just 14 years, he changed the Church with a revolutionary approach to friendship, poverty, spirituality and more. Al also talks with Bishop Earl Boyea and Peter Herbeck about the New Evangelization and how it is gaining traction in dioceses all over the country.

In the second hour, Al talks with film director, Paul McCusker about a ten part audio drama, slated for release this November, about the life of Saint Francis. Al also interviews Rick Platte about the banking giant Wells Fargo, who is in the midst of a massive scandal. Since 2011, thousands of its employees have created millions of unauthorized bank and credit card accounts. The phony accounts earned the bank unwarranted fees and allowed Wells Fargo employees to boost their sales figures and make more money. More than 5,000 employees have already been fired and the bank will pay more than 185 million in fees.

10 12 2016 at 1600 Kresta in the Afternoon 120 minutes Broadcaster, journalist, author and public speaker, Al Kresta takes a closer look at current events, issues and ideas. In the first hour, al talks with John Henry Crosby about the German Catholic thinker and teacher, Dietrich von Hildebrand who devoted the full force of his intellect to breaking the deadly spell of Nazism. Al also talks with Mark Brumley of Ignatius Press about the DOCAT, which is the follow up to YOUCAT, the popular youth adaptation of the Catechism. The DOCAT adds proper Catholic action on social and political issues.

In the second hour Al visits with Teresa Tomeo, a veteran of the secular media about how Americans are divided on almost every issue this election and how the media manipulates the people. Teresa argues that voters deserve facts, not fiction and states that it is not possible to make educated decisions at the voting booth if the people only get part of the story from the media. Al also talks with Monica Miller, Director of Citizens for a ProLife Society, about the new prolife film, *Voicelless*, which is about a parish employee who joins the fight against abortion by protesting outside a local clinic until one day a violent incident occurs and he is arrested. Al and Monica also talk about a nationwide protest for the 100th anniversary of Margaret Sanger's opening of her first birth control clinic on October 15.

10 18 2016 at 1600 Kresta in the Afternoon 120 minutes Broadcaster, journalist, author and public speaker, Al Kresta takes a closer look at current events, issues and ideas. In the first hour, Al visits with Patti Mansfield, who was a participant in the Duquesne weekend that started the Catholic Charismatic movement. The Catholic Charismatic movement is celebrating their 50th anniversary. Patti was one of the earliest leaders of the Renewal.

In the second hour, Al celebrates National Bible Week designated such by the USCCB. Also this is the 51st Anniversary of *Dei Verbum*, the Second Vatican Council's Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation. Al also talks with Mike Stark, Executive Producer of the Truth and Life Bible App. Al also interviews Catholic Apologist Jimmy Akin about how to defend and explain the existence of God, the reality of the Bible and scores of other truths in his new book titled, *A Daily Defense 365 Days plus one to becoming a Better Apologist*.

12 12 2016 at 1600 Kresta in the Afternoon 120 minutes Broadcaster, journalist, author and public speaker, Al Kresta takes a closer look at current events, issues and ideas. In the first hour, Al talks to Greg Popcak about *Social Science Apologetics, Does Masculine persona Lead to Mental Health Issues?* New research suggests men who identify with strong masculine characteristics including promiscuity and having power over women, are more likely to have psychological problems. Investigators from Indiana University Bloomington conducted a meta analysis of 78 research samples involving 19,453 participants. Al also talks with Steve Ray about Our Lady of Guadalupe, whose feast day is today. They look at the story of the apparition and the role Mary has played in the evangelization

of Mexico. Al also discusses with Steve Ray about the upcoming feast of St. Lazarus and how a minor character from the New Testament became the center of one of Christ's most well known miracles.

In the second hour, Al talks with John Dejak about Father Walter Cizek, who supposedly died in 1947. He disappeared in Communist Russia in 1940 and, after seven years, his family gave him up for dead. When he returned to the U.S. in 1963, traded for two Soviet agents, it seemed like a return from the dead. His cause is up for Canonization.

12 19 2016 at 1600 Kresta in the Afternoon 120 minutes Broadcaster, journalist, author and public speaker, Al Kresta takes a closer look at current events, issues and ideas. In the first hour, Al interviews Greg Popcak about social science apologetics and how humans are wired to emphasize the negative, unless, humans can do 100 things right but obsess over the one thing that went wrong. We can ignore dozens of acts of kindness but focus on one act of cruelty. It turns out that our brains are wired to emphasize the negative. Luckily, there is one factor that can mediate our tendency toward negative thinking and this is what Dr. Greg Popcak talks about with Al. Also why are people leaving Islam for Christianity? This is happening around the world in unprecedented numbers and many are risking their lives to do so. Why do they convert? What challenges do they face? What do they hope to find in Christianity that they have found lacking in Islam? Duane Miller is on Al's show to talk about this topic and answer these questions.

In the second hour, Mother Angelica is named the Catholic Person of the Year by Our Sunday Visitor. Mother Angelica, the foundress of EWTN died on Easter Sunday this year. EWTN CEO Michael Warsaw joins Al to talk about Mother Angelica's legacy. The Vatican updates seminary guidelines in a document called, *The Gift of Priestly Vocation*. The document reasserts that those who practice homosexuality or present deep-seated homosexual tendencies cannot be admitted to seminary. It also says that seminary education should include studies of climate change and other environmental factors. Deacon James Keating comes on the show to talk with Al about this. Lastly, 50 years ago when Charles Schultz created and animated Christmas special starring his beloved Peanuts Characters, the program sponsors needed the entire story outline fashioned virtually overnight. Thomas Ford joins Al to recreate the struggles Schultz went through and imagines a conversation between the cartoonist, his characters and the spirit of Charles Dickens.

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