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07 10 2018 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 Lee Strang about President Trump's announcement of Judge Brett Kavanaugh of the DC Circuit Court, to replace Justice Anthony Kennedy. They talked about Judge Kavanaugh's philosophy and how he compares to other judges on the Court. Al also interviews Ericka Anderson about the book *Leaving Cloud 9: A Story of Recovery from Drugs, Alcohol and Abuse*. The book is about Ericka's husband, Rick Sylvester, who lived with an abusive mother who struggled as a member of the working poor which led her to drugs, alcohol, theft and prostitution and eventually attempted suicide. The chaos of Rick's childhood led him to his own battles with depression, anxiety, PTSD, drugs, failed marriage and unemployment. Today he is a happy husband and father.

In the second hour Al comments on the Supreme Court and Roe. He also interviews Ed Larson about the July 10, 1925 dramatic trial that began in the sleepy town of Dayton, Tennessee. Known as the Scopes Monkey Trial, it pits William Jennings Bryan and anti-Darwinists against a science teacher named John Scopes in a debate over science, religion and their place in public education – a debate that continues to this day. In the last part of this hour, Al discusses the changing terms of the healthcare debate with Brad Hahn, who also gives his take on the new Supreme Court nominee.

07 19 2018 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 Sermon on the Mount, Christ tells us You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. This phrase has been popular in America since well before its founding, in his 1630 sermon, *A Model of Christian Charity*, John Winthrop told the colonists that their new community would become a city upon a hill, and ideal that was placed upon the hilly capital of Boston. Since then, other politicians including JFK and Ronald Reagan have used the term as well. Al talks with Dr. Richard Gamble to assess if America ever was a city upon a hill. In the second segment of this first hour, Al visits with Alejandro Bermudez about Nicaragua. The situation in Nicaragua has gotten worse this week as pro government forces seized a major resistance stronghold in the city of Masaya. The country's bishops have declared Friday a day of prayer and fasting as an act of atonement for the profanation carried out in recent months against God. It will also be a day to pray the prayer of exorcism to St. Michael the Archangel. On Wednesday the Organization of American States adopted a resolution condemning human rights abuses committed by pro Ortega forces and also criticized the harassment of the bishops, who continue to act as mediators. Alejandro Bermudez and Al talk about the latest developments.

In the second hour Al gives some remarks and then interviews Eduardo Echeverria who experienced grief firsthand when his 2-year-old granddaughter died just hours after being diagnosed with meningitis. He talks about the questions he faced and the answers he found as he dealt with his suffering.

08 08 2018 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 visited with Brian Kennedy and Michele Holder about bringing hope to Nicaragua. The Catholic Church in Nicaragua and other U.S. Groups are involved there, including Hope Clinic International. Brian and Michele and Al talk about the work being done there and how others can support them. In the second part of this first hour, the topic turns to the psychology of a faithful disciple. Every family has that one person who is, for lack of a better term, difficult. Other family members walk on eggshells around them to avoid confrontations and emotional outbursts. Is there not a better way to handle these situations? Dr. Ray Guarendi joins Al to talk about this.

In the second hour, Fr. Leo Patalinghug joins us to discuss the theology of food and the Eucharist. Doctors say we are what we eat. If we feed our body junk, we suffer the consequences. How does that apply to the sacrificial meal of the Mass. Fr. Leo explains.

In the second part of this second hour, Scott McDermott's faith journey started with lust, which his father used in place of religion. This led him down a path to atheism and, in college, a gay lifestyle. He felt empty and turned to the writings of Flannery O'Connor, Thomas Merton and other Catholic authors. Scott joins AI to share his story.

08 24 2018 at 1600 Kresta in the Afternoon 120 minutes Broadcaster, journalist, author and public speaker, AI Kresta takes a closer look at current events, issues, and ideas. In the first hour, AI visited with Dr. Greg Popcak about healing broken hearts. AI said there are no adequate words to describe the events described in the recently released grand jury report on multigenerational clerical abuse in Pennsylvania and the bishop's response (or lack thereof). But the faithful can take solace in Christ's words to Peter in Matthew chapter 16. AI and Dr. Popcak discuss this topic. In the second segment of this hour, AI talks with Dr. John Love. Germain Grisez was professor emeritus of Christian ethics at Mount St. Mary's University and one of the most articulate defenders of the Church's teachings against contraception and in defense of natural law. They talk about his teachings and the impact of *Humane Vitae*. Lastly, AI talks with Ed Condon. Catholic News Agency have reported on new allegations against former Cardinal McCarrick from six priests of the archdiocese of Newark. The stories are shocking; one priest recalls that there was a standing joke about hiding the handsome ones whenever McCarrick visited. Meanwhile Seton Hall University, which is sponsored by the Archdiocese of Newark, has announced an independent review of accusations against seminarians.

In the second hour, AI talks with Fr. Paul Sullins. Is there a link between homosexuality and the crisis facing the Church? Is there any truth to the rumors of a homosexual subculture within certain Catholic institutions? Is the answer to allow priests to marry or change church teaching on sexuality? AI and Fr. Sullins talk about all these issues. In the second segment of this hour, AI visits with Fr. Galea. Rob Galea was a lonely, miserable teenager. He wanted to feel like he belonged, so he joined a gang. He went clubbing. He drank, He stole things. He lied. His reckless lifestyle ultimately led him to hide in fear for his life from other gang members. He was so desperate in those days spent in his dark bedroom that he contemplated ending his life. But a phone call from his grandmother led him to turning his life around.

09 07 2018 at 1600 Kresta in the Afternoon 120 minutes Broadcaster, journalist, author and public speaker, AI Kresta takes a closer look at current events, issues, and ideas. In the first hour AI talks with Dr. Sara Singha about Christian Life in Pakistan. Violence, persecution and discrimination are three words that describe the daily lives of Christians in Pakistan. Political instability, oppressive regimes and growing radical elements create an environment where Church bombings, assassinations and targeted killings are common. But Pakistani Christians are not passive recipients to this persecution. They are active participants in political reform. Dr. Singha & AI discuss this topic. In the second half of this first hour, AI talks with Matthew Bunson about the latest developments in the case of Pope Francis being silent on the accusations of Archbishop Vigano. They also talk about whether certain details discredit Vigano's claims.

In the second hour AI comments on many of the listeners' comments via mail and social media. In the second part of this hour, AI talks with Thersa Tomeo about the media's non-coverage of the Vigano Scandal. As AI's been saying for nearly two weeks now, the people don't know if Archbishop Vigano's claims are true but we do know this – they demand investigation. At least 26 bishops have authored or co-signed statements asking for investigation, and an open letter published by Catholic Women's Forum has received 39,000 signatures and counting. But instead of doing the leg work of investigation, much of the mainstream media coverage has attempted to brush Vigano off as an anti-Francis radical, the latest example of the liberal v conservative or Francis v Benedict that divides the church.

