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01/19/2017 at 16:00 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 about The Good Counsel homes in the Bronx have become a haven for pregnant women with nowhere else to turn. With an open door and a caring heart, they give women a safe place to stay, care for their children, study and learn job skills. Al interviews Lashelle VanHouten about the moving story of Ed Lantzer, a man who believed he could not love, yet was chosen for an amazing purpose to teach us all about love through his woodworking talents. Ed heard his calling in life. Can you hear yours?

In the second hour Al shares his thoughts about how it is rare to hear tough talk within Catholic circles, the kind of frank conversation by which we challenge each other to live more Christ centered lives. Why do we need exhortation and condemnation? Why is it so important to define evil? Al also talks with Douglas Axe who argues that the key to understanding our origin is the design intuition, the innate belief that tasks requiring knowledge to accomplish can only be accomplished by someone who has that knowledge. For the ingenious task of inventing life, this knower can only be God. Douglas talks with Al and takes a look at the science that proves we are brilliantly conceived, utterly beyond the reach of accident.

01 22 2017 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 media specialist, Teresa Tomeo, host of Catholic Connections as well as being a public speaker and author, about the womens march this past weekend to demonstrate against President Trump. The organizers considered abortion to be an essential womens right, so prolife feminist groups were not welcomed at the rallies. While it is impossible to get an official count, the crowds totaled in the hundreds of thousands, if not millions. Teresa contrasts the media coverage with the womens march and the upcoming March For Life.

In the second hour, Al talks about President Donald Trump who begins his first full week in office today. Al continues his conversation from Friday about what were listeners impressions of his inauguration? What are listeners concerns and hopes for the next four years. The Womens Marches on Saturday showed the kind of opposition he is facing, how do you think he will handle it? What are you hearing from your friends, family and coworkers? Al takes listeners calls.

02 02 2017 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 about Evangelization, Where to Start. He said many Catholics are hesitant to share their faith because they assume they cannot be an effective evangelist unless they can answer any question that might come up. But we all have an obligation to share our faith according to our calling. Steve Dawson of St. Paul Street Evangelization joins Al with some tips for getting started evangelizing. Al also talks with Bill Simon, who has researched key trends that make for an amazing parish, about how to Build the Church in order to Bless the Nation. This, Simon said, begins in home parishes.

In the second hour, Al talks about the importance of Catholic Education. Catholic higher education is an extension of discipleship. Catholic schools prepare students to engage the world by forming them in mind, body and spirit. By living and growing in the Truth, students are able to flourish in a way that others cannot. Al discusses this topic with Tim ODonnell of Christendom College. Al also talks with Matthew Bunson about the history of Catholics on the Supreme Court. Neil Gorsuch is an Episcopalian, and if he is confirmed, he will be the only member of the Court who is not Catholic or Jewish. Lastly, Al talks about Donald Trump, who gave a talk at the National Prayer Breakfast today. He wants to repeal the Johnson Amendment to give non profits the ability to support a political candidate. President Trump also praised the faith of Americans, especially the military and vowed to stand up for persecuted religious minorities around the world. Al plays some highlights from the speech and gives his thoughts.

02 13 2017 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 about the Toledo, Ohio City Council, who has voted unanimously to ban so called conversion therapy for persons experiencing same sex attraction. It is the first city in the U.S. to enact a ban that applies to all ages, not just minors. This is an issue that has become highly politicized, much to the detriment of all concerned. Al looks at the concept of conversion therapy from a Catholic perspective. Al also talks with Fr. Sean Davidson, who has written an extended meditation on the life of Mary Magdalene, the Apostle of the Apostles. Her life prompts us to reexamine the Mercy of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. Fr. Sean has written an extended meditation on her life talking about how Adoration is love, and Eucharistic adoration is love of Christ present in the Blessed Sacrament. Fr. Sean argues that there are few people who understand love for Jesus as well as Mary Magdalene.

In the second hour, Sister Joseph Andrew, co founder of the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, joins Al to talk about her order. Twenty years ago, four women from Tennessee founded an order of religious sisters. They have taught countless students, developed the Education in Virtue series and even appeared on Oprah. Lastly, Matthew Bunson joins Al to talk about Black History Month. They talked about the impact of the lives of Rosa Parks, Frederick Douglass, George Washington Carver and countless others who made remarkable contributions to society. There are currently six active sainthood causes for Americans of African descent and they all are beautiful examples of how to live holy lives amid the ordinary circumstances of life. Matthew and Al also talk about the story of St. Valentine.

03 06 2017 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 Sarah Cook, author of a new report on religious liberty in China. She found that China controls over religion in the country have increased since 2012. At least 100 million people, nearly a third of the believers in the country, belong to religious groups facing high or very high levels of persecution. Despite this, millions of believers defy restrictions on a daily basis and have scored significant victories. Al also talks with Dr. Kevin Flatt about the 1960s as this was a turning point for the faith, due to the impact of Vatican II and the so called cultural revolution. In the decades since then, the Catholic Church has had a harder time attracting people to worship and the priesthood and indifference to Church teaching is now widespread. Canada has often led the U.S. in major social trends, and the decline of Christianity is no exception. Al and Dr. Flatt talk about what lessons American Catholics can learn from the decline of Mainline Protestantism in Canada. Lastly in this hour, Al talks with Richard Platte of Ave Maria Funds about the Dow, which broke an all time high last week, closing over 21,000 after Donald Trump's address to Congress.

In the second hour Kresta talks about treating people right, even politicians. He shares his personal thoughts. In the second segment, Al talks with Michael Hesemann who has traveled through Italy, Israel, Turkey and Egypt looking for traces of Mary's life. Mary, the Mother of God has been loved and revered for centuries. How much is known about the life of this extraordinary woman? Michael shares his findings based on Biblical traditions, legends and archaeological discoveries which he has reconstructed in the life of the Blessed Mother.

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