WXTP ISSUES PROGRAMS REPORT FOR JULY THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2014

Issues

Immigration
Marriage, Family and Children
Education
Poverty
Community Involvement
The Elderly

Program: Catholic Connection

Issue: Marriage, Family and Children

Guest: Doctor Meg Meeker

Length: 15 minutes

Host Teresa Tomeo leads discussion of research that purports to show same-sex couples have children who are better-adjusted and thrive better than children of opposite-sex parents. Doctor Meeker says the study was flawed because participants self-selected by volunteering, so it was not random. She says scientifically valid research shows that children with both a mother and father do better.

Time broadcast: 7/14/14: 910AM-925AM

Program: Catholic Answers Live Issue: Marriage, Family and Children

Guest: Father Tad Pacholczyk, Director of Education for the National Catholic Bioethics Center

Length: 1 hour

Father Pacholczyk discusses with host Patrick Coffin the ethics of creating embryos through cloning in the laboratory. He says this is going on with very little attention or public outcry, and he predicts that a cloned embryo may soon be placed in a surrogate mother and be born. Father Pacholczyk objects to laboratory disposal of unwanted embryos as medical waste, contending they are human life.

Times broadcast: 7/23/14 7-8 PM, 7/4/14 7-8 AM

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Program: Stories of Faith

Issue: Education, Marriage, Family and Children

Guest: Furman Campbell, Youth Educator in Good Shepherd Parish, Biddeford, Maine

Length: 2 minutes

Educator Furman Campbell speaks about the value of information from the program feature Catholic Answers Live in terms of informing him about content and enabling him to engage more positively with young people in the program because he is able to present information with greater confidence.

Times broadcast: 7/12/14: 337PM 7/13/14 358AM 7/14/14: 1AM, 256PM

Program: Presence Community Update Issue: Poverty, Community Involvement

Guest: Claudette Therriault, volunteer and public relations director for the group Loaves and

Fishes, Sabattus, Maine Length: 1 minute 30 seconds

Discussion of the no-interest loan program Loaves and Fishes operates and the fact that in the current economy, some people cannot repay the loan and therefore it becomes a grant. Also discussion of Claudette Therriault's own situation in which she needed a Loaves and Fishes loan to cope with a family emergency.

Times broadcast: 7/12/14: 1127AM 7/13/14: 1AM, 513PM 7/14/14: 257AM

Program: Presence Community Minute

Issue: Children and Marriage

Guest: Vanessa Rehmeyer of Saint Paul the Apostle Parish in Bangor

Length: 60 seconds

Description of The Way We Grow, a program for families with young children, providing mutual support and information. Also Meals for Mamas, a volunteer effort through which meals are brought to families in which a baby has just been born, relieving the parents of having to provide meals for the first 10 days after the infant comes home.

Times broadcast: 7/12/14: 1127AM 7/13/14: 1AM, 513PM 7/14/14: 427AM

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Program: Presence Community Minute

Issue: Poverty, The Elderly, Community Involvement

Guest: Janet Joyce of Our Lady of Hope Parish, Portland. ME

Length: 1 minute

Explanation of the new community lunch program starting in the parish. It is designed to help elderly parishioners and the poor by providing a free lunch once per month and the opportunity to socialize. Discussion of economic conditions that force some elderly and poor to skimp on food in order to pay other obligations.

Times broadcast: 7/12/14: 926AM, 9PM 7/13/14: 130PM, 929PM

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Program: Presence Community Minute

Issue: Education, Marriage, Family and Children

Guest: Janet Galati, Principal, Saint Michael School, Augusta, ME

Length: 1 minute

Discussion of how parents can keep kids engaged with education even as they enjoy summer, and the value of doing so, to keep them from forgetting things they have learned. Principal Galati

talks about summer reading and a computer program called Moby Math that students can access on a website during the summer to exercise their skills.

Times broadcast: 7/12/14: 558PM 7/13/14: 10AM, 1130PM 7/14/14: 458PM

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Program: Kresta in the Afternoon

Issue: Immigration, Marriage, Family and Children

Guest: Attorney Elizabeth Yore, former General Counsel for the Illinois Department of Children

and Family Services. Length: 20 minutes

Elizabeth Yore discusses with host Al Kresta the border crisis in the southwest as unaccompanied children arrive from Central America. She says they should be reunited with their parents. Yore says in some cases the children were smuggled in to work in the sex trade. She point out the difficulty of figuring out where children came from and whether their situation deserves refugee status.

Time broadcast: 7/25/14 520-540PM

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Program: Catholic Schools Report

Host: Father Lou Phillips

Issue, Education, Marriage, Family and Children

Length: 2 minutes

Father Phillips discusses the options available in education today, comparing the differences and similarities between public and Catholic schools. One aspect of Catholic education is that prayer, God, Christmas and Easter are included where public schools may exclude these things based on separation of church and state. It is pointed out that non-Catholics may attend Catholic schools and ways to get information are featured.

Times broadcast:

7/24/14: 656AM, 957AM, 157PM, 537PM, 756PM 7/25/14: 230AM, 528AM, 926AM, 1257PM, 256PM, 537PM, 756PM, 1100PM 7/26/14: 1200AM, 155AM, 357AM, 600AM, 1026AM, 1255PM, 218PM, 700PM, 1057PM 7/27/14: 1200AM, 300AM, 457AM, 1024AM, 257PM, 557PM, 1100PM 7/28/14: 355AM, 425AM, 527AM, 937AM, 137PM, 427PM, 756PM, 1127PM 7/29/14: 400AM, 457AM, 656AM, 957AM. 126PM, 455PM, 727PM, 937PM, 1055PM 7/30/14: 1200AM, 356AM, 424AM, 957AM, 157PM, 537PM, 957PM, 1057PM 7/31/14: 457AM, 656AM, 957AM, 1257PM, 256PM, 926PM, 1055PM 8/1/14: 257AM, 425AM, 529AM, 937AM, 126PM, 257PM, 537PM 8/2/14: 157AM, 458AM, 957AM, 1227PM, 357PM, 857PM, 1058PM 8/3/14: 956AM, 1047AM, 258PM, 524PM, 557PM, 1100PM 8/4/14: 257AM, 457AM, 756AM, 1257PM, 257PM, 518PM, 1055PM 8/5/14: 426AM, 528AM, 756PM, 937PM, 1157PM 8/6/14: 526AM, 957AM, 1155AM, 227PM, 537PM, 1057PM 8/7/14: 230AM, 657AM, 1257PM, 456PM, 656PM, 1057PM 8/8/14: 425AM, 937AM, 137PM, 455PM, 926PM, 1157PM 8/9/14: 1257AM, 500AM, 1026AM, 1227PM, 357PM, 900PM, 1056PM 8/10/14: 300AM, 956AM, 1057AM, 524PM, 557PM, 1100PM 8/11/14: 137PM, 656PM, 957PM, 1057PM 8/12/14: 100AM, 528AM,

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Program: Register Radio

Issue: Immigration

Guests: Kevin Appleby, Director of Migration Policy and Public Affairs for the U.S. Conference

of Catholic Bishops Length: 15 minutes

Appleby talks with host Jeannette Demello about U.S. bishops encouraging parishes to focus on immigration reform and the principles for a just immigration policy. They are a system for earned legalization; broadening of a future worker program allowing more people to enter legally; family-based immigration so that relatives can stay united; restoration of due process rights for immigrants without papers; policies to address the root causes; and enforcement of immigration laws with border security.

Appleby also addressed the rationale for a path to citizenship for those who have broken the law to come to the U.S.

Time Broadcast: 7/19/14: 7PM, 7/20/14: 11AM

Program: Catholic Answers Live Issue: Marriage, Family and Children

Guest: Author Sherif Girgis

Length: 2 hours

Girgis, who wrote "Getting the Marriage Conversation Right" presents the case that both abortion and redefinition of marriage stem from the same cultural and moral view: that the individual, not the family is the basic unit of social and moral value. He tells host Patrick Coffin that one reason that the pro-life position has been gaining ground in recent years is that an earlier generation of pro-life activists persevered.

Time broadcast: 8/8/14: 6-8 PM, 8/11/14 6-8 AM

Program: Kresta in the Afternoon Issue: Marriage, Family and Children Guest: Author Christopher Kaczor.

Length: 14 minutes

Christopher Kaczor, author of the article "The Perils of Polygamy," talks with host Al Kresta about a recent federal court ruling some see as legitimizing polygamous relationships in Utah.

Kaczor points out the decision does not actually legalize polygamy, but decriminalizes polygamous cohabitation. Advocates of traditional marriage say redefining marriage to include homosexual couples is a slippery slope that opens the door to polygamy and perhaps other forms of marriage that can be considered aberrant. Kaczor also claims there is a higher rate of domestic violence in polygamous relationships, in part because the female participants sometimes hit each other.

Time broadcast: 9/3/14 5:40 PM

Program: Kresta in the Afternoon

Issue: Education

Guest: Paul Kengor, Director of The Center for Vision & Values, Grove City, Pennsylvania

Length: 8 minutes

Kengor speaks with host Al Kresta about a new curriculum he has designed for teaching Communism to high school students. "Communism: Its Ideology, Its History, Its Legacy," is intended to provide historical accuracy and focus on the true nature of Communism from the post-cold war point of view. He contends the decline of Communism as a world power has tended to downgrade awareness of inherent flaws in its workability as a system.

Time broadcast: 9/22/14 5:20PM

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The Presence also airs public service announcements for community groups every day.