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01 13 2022 at 1900 Kresta in the Afternoon 60 minutes Broadcaster, journalist, author and public speaker, Al Kresta takes a closer look at current events, issues, and ideas. Jerry Usher was the host this day. He talks with Michael New, who is a visiting assistant professor at Catholic University of America and an associate scholar at Charlotte Lozier Institute. They discuss prolife leaders who say they are deeply disturbed by a *New York Times* investigation that found some prenatal blood tests have alarmingly high false positive results for genetic disorders that frequently result in the abortion of unborn children. The investigation found that tests for some genetic disorders produce false positives around 85 percent of the time.

In the second segment, Jerry visits with Catherine O'Donnell, who is a Professor of History at Arizona State University. She is also the author of *Elizabeth Seton, American Saint*. January 4 was the Feast of Elizabeth Ann Seton. Born a member of privileged society, she would grow to create the country's first Catholic faith community and helped launch Catholic education in America.

In the last segment, Jerry talks with Andrea Picciotti Bayer, who is a legal analyst for EWTN News. By the end of its current term, the Supreme Court will have made historic decisions about the scope of religious freedom in America. It will have to settle disputes relating to state school choice, prayers said inside the execution chamber and abortion in Mississippi. Jerry and Andrea talk about all this.

01 20 2022 at 1900 Kresta in the Afternoon 60 minutes Broadcaster, journalist, author and public speaker, Al Kresta takes a closer look at current events, issues, and ideas. Gary Michuta was the host for Al this day. In the first segment the topic was about if it is ethical or not to have pig hearts put in humans. Wesley J. Smith, Chair and Senior Fellow at the Discovery Institutes Center on Human Exceptionalism and a consultant to the Patients Rights Council joined Gary for this discussion. The discussion was pertinent as surgeons in Maryland have successfully transplanted a genetically modified pig heart into a human patient. In the second segment, Gary visits with Michael O'Neill, television producer filmmaker radio show host and author. He is known for hosting *The Miracle Hunter* on EWTN radio. He will be hosting a special this fall, *The Miracles of Padre Pio*. In the last segment author Zubair Simonson joins Gary. Zubair was a young adult when he supported abortion but had not thought about it seriously. This changed when he was alerted to the humanity of the unborn. Zubair shares his story.

01 27 2022 at 1900 Kresta in the Afternoon 60 minutes Broadcaster, journalist, author and public speaker, Al Kresta takes a closer look at current events, issues, and ideas. For this hour, Al interviews Andy Crouch, the author of *The Tech Wise Family, Everyday Steps for Putting Technology in Its Proper Place*. His work has been featured in *Time*, the *Wall Street Journal*, the *New York Times* and *Lecrae's 2014 single non fiction*. Technology is a wonderful tool, but it can also be distracting and even harmful when used improperly. Making conscientious choices about technology is more than just using internet filters and limiting screen time. It is about developing wisdom and character in the way we use digital media, and it is definitely not just for kids. Andy talks about how all of us can go beyond technology's promises of instant gratification.

02 03 2022 at 1900 Kresta in the Afternoon 60 minutes Broadcaster, journalist, author and public speaker, Al Kresta takes a closer look at current events, issues, and ideas. In this first segment, Matthew Bunson joins Al to talk about Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. Pope Benedict has apologized for mistakenly saying that he did not attend a disputed meeting in 1980 while serving as archbishop of Munich and Freising. This follows a report published last week that said he mishandled four abuse cases while he was archbishop. Jeffrey Bilbro also joins Al. When we read Paul also instructs us to not be conformed to the world. Al and Jeffrey talk about how we can consume the news in a way that builds virtue and leads to greater flourishing of the individual.

02 10 2022 at 1900 Kresta in the Afternoon 60 minutes Broadcaster, journalist, author and public speaker, Al Kresta takes a closer look at current events, issues, and ideas. In the first segment, Al talks with James Carafano, Vice President of the Kathryn and Shelby Cullom Davis Institute for National Security and Foreign Policy at the Heritage Foundation. All eyes are on China as the Olympics begin. Some preliminary rounds of Olympic events are already underway in Beijing and the games will officially open Feb. 11. With Western democracies staging a diplomatic boycott, the games have given authoritarian leaders like Vladimir Putin even more time in the spotlight, which is just what he wants as troops gather near Ukraine. Al and James discuss this situation. In the second segment, Al visits with Sister Beth Ann McNeil, a Vincentian scholar in residence at DePaul University in the division of Mission and Ministry department. They discuss Catholic Schools Week and the history of Catholic education in America, which includes looking at the life of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton.

02 17 2022 at 1900 Kresta in the Afternoon 60 minutes Broadcaster, journalist, author and public speaker, Al Kresta takes a closer look at current events, issues, and ideas. In the first segment, Al comments on current news in the culture and the church. In the second and third segments, Al visits with Matthew Bunson about Archbishop Georg Ganswein. Ganswein has claimed that a movement is not only out to destroy Benedict XVI's life and work but also views the recent accusations of mishandling abuse as an opportunity to erase him from the official memory of the Church.

03 03 2022 at 1900 Kresta in the Afternoon 60 minutes Broadcaster, journalist, author and public speaker, Al Kresta takes a closer look at current events, issues, and ideas. Curt Tomasevicz is the guest for the first segment. Tomasevicz played running back and linebacker for the University of Nebraska from 2000 to 2003. He is a former member of the 2 man and 4 man United States Mens Olympic bobsled team. His 4 man team won gold at the 2010 Olympics in Vancouver and bronze at the 2014 games in Sochi. Tomasevicz shares his faith and gives a firsthand look at what it is like to race down a bobsled track. Another guest is Dr. Mark McMinn, who is a professor and Director of Faith Integration in the Graduate School of Clinical psychology at George Fox University. He is the author of several books and most recently *The Science of Virtue, Why Positive Psychology Matters to the Church*. Dr. McMinn talks about why committed Christians are the driving force behind much of the scientific psychology literature being published today. Many people still think there is a war between Christianity and science. Dr. McMinn breaks this down.

03 10 2022 at 1900 Kresta in the Afternoon 60 minutes Broadcaster, journalist, author and public speaker, Al Kresta takes a closer look at current events, issues, and ideas. Al talks with Luke OHara about the witness of the Japanese martyrs. He said that when we think of the martyrs of Japan, we have an image of the samurai warriors. However, many do not know that some of the samurai warriors were Catholic. One of them, Paulo Uchibori, was tortured and martyred because he refused to renounce his faith. Both he and his sons were killed in the Lenten season. Al also talks with Nonie Darwish who was raised a devout Muslim in Egypt. When she immigrated to the United States, she realized how completely the Koran had formed her life. Simple things we take for granted such as polite apologies, respect for women, encouragement for children, were completely new to her. She flourished in Western society and discovered peace, freedom and human dignity in an entirely new way. Darwish is now a human rights activist, director of Former Muslims United, a senior fellow at the Center for Security Policy and the author of numerous books on Islam.

03 17 2022 at 1900 Kresta in the Afternoon 60 minutes Broadcaster, journalist, author and public speaker, Al Kresta takes a closer look at current events, issues, and ideas. In the first segment, Al comments on understanding the religious experience. In the previous hour, Al visited with Ernest Shackleton as he hiked over a mountain to reach help for his stranded shipmates. Al talks about how religious experiences are common in human history. Then, Al spends the remainder of the hour talking with Matthew Bunson, Executive Editor and Washington Bureau Chief for EWTN News and a Senior Fellow at St. Paul Center for Biblical theology. Bunson talks about the Nordic Catholic bishops. The bishops have issued an open letter expressing alarm at the direction of the German Synodal way. The letter also warns against capitulation to the Zeitgeist and an impoverishment of the content of the Catholic faith.

03 24 2022 at 1900 Kresta in the Afternoon 60 minutes Broadcaster, journalist, author and public speaker, Al Kresta takes a closer look at current events, issues, and ideas. In the first segments of this show, Al reads a few samples of St. Patrick's writings that are still known. In one of them, St. Patrick writes to the Christian soldiers of Coroticus, condemning them for killing other Christians. Al reads this letter. In the next segment, Matthew Bunson joins Al, Bunson is the Executive Editor and Washington Bureau Chief for EWTN News and a Senior Fellow at St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology. The bishop of Essen, Germany has appointed 18 lay pastoral workers to serve as extraordinary baptismal ministers. It is in response to a pastorally difficult situation caused by a local shortage of priests, but the question is, Is this allowed? Bunson discusses this as well as the Pope's recent comments on Just War.

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