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10 05 2023 at 1600 Kresta in the Afternoon 60 minutes Broadcaster, journalist, author and public speaker, Al Kresta takes a closer look at current events, issues, and ideas. Many modern secular thinkers, in an effort to criticize religion and belief in God, claim that all religions are essentially the same. This is, of course, preposterous and it only takes a basic understanding of what the different religions profess to see they are not at all the same. But understanding the similarities and differences is essential, both in strengthening our own faith and achieving dialogue with others. David Pinault is Al's guest during this hour. He is the author of *The Crucifix on Meccas Front Porch*. David directs the Arabic Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies program at Santa Clara University where he also serves as a Professor of Religious Studies. David and Al take a look at Islam and its connections to Christianity.

10 12 2023 at 1600 Kresta in the Afternoon 60 minutes Broadcaster, journalist, author and public speaker, Al Kresta takes a closer look at current events, issues, and ideas. The guest this hour is Fr. John Riccardo, a priest of the Archdiocese of Detroit and the Executive Director of ACTS XXIX. This apostolate is passionate about unleashing the power of the gospel to equip ordained and lay leaders to rebuild the church. Fr. John and Al talk about what happens when we rediscover an identity that is rooted in Jesus.

10 19 2023 at 1600 Kresta in the Afternoon 60 minutes Broadcaster, journalist, author and public speaker, Al Kresta takes a closer look at current events, issues, and ideas. Today the guest host is Gary Michuta. Brian Mercier of The Catholic Truth joins Gary in talking about tips for more effective evangelization. Next Noah Bradon joins Gary. Noah is a former Presbyterian who became Catholic at the culmination of a 13 year search for the fulness of Truth. He is a graduate student at the University of Notre Dame, specializing in theology and moral philosophy. Noah talks on the role of Mary, and how she reflects not only an inversion of what is commonly considered honorable, but an extension of profound grace. Her nature reveals the very nature of God's work in this world.

10 26 2023 at 1600 Kresta in the Afternoon 60 minutes Broadcaster, journalist, author and public speaker, Al Kresta takes a closer look at current events, issues, and ideas. The Vatican II document *Nostra aetate* declares that God holds the Jews most dear for the sake of their Fathers. He does not repent of the gifts He makes or of the calls He issues. Looking at what gifts are, Al visits with Dr. Andre Villeneuve, an Associate Professor of Old Testament and Biblical Languages at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit. He received his Ph.D. from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in 2013, writing his dissertation on the topic of nuptial symbolism in the New Testament and in ancient Jewish writings. He talks with Al about how the most repeated Divine promise in the Hebrew Scriptures is the gift God gives of the Land of Canaan to the People of Israel.

11 02 2023 at 1600 Kresta in the Afternoon 60 minutes Broadcaster, journalist, author and public speaker, Al Kresta takes a closer look at current events, issues, and ideas. The guest today is Steve Ray, who leads pilgrimages to the Holy Land, Rome and other sites. He converted to Catholicism in 1994 and is the author of *Crossing the Tiber* and other publications. Last week Al visited with Steve Ray about the history behind the mysteries of the Rosary. Where was Jesus baptized, what was it like when Mary visited Elizabeth and what did Jesus suffer in the Sorrowful mysteries. The conversation ran short, so Steve is back to continue this discussion.

11 09 2023 at 1600 Kresta in the Afternoon 60 minutes Broadcaster, journalist, author and public speaker, Al Kresta takes a closer look at current events, issues, and ideas. Matthew Bunson, vice president and editorial director of EWTN News joins Al. In the aftermath of the recent Synod on Synodality assembly at the Vatican, leaders of the Catholic Church in Germany have been eager to frame the results of the synod as an endorsement of their ongoing push for radical changes to Church teaching and practice, and as a justification for similar efforts they plan to make in the coming months.

11 16 2023 at 1600 Kresta in the Afternoon 60 minutes Broadcaster, journalist, author and public speaker, Al Kresta takes a closer look at current events, issues, and ideas. Frank Borman, the astronaut who selected the opening passages of Genesis to read during the first manned mission to orbit the moon and concluded the Christmas Eve broadcast by asking God to bless everyone on the good Earth 240,000 miles away, died November 7 at the age of 95. Al shares more on this fascinating story. Next, Steve Weidenkopf, author and professor of Church history at Christendom College Graduate School of Theology, joins Al. They discuss that when Catholics look at the crises and challenges facing the Church today, it is common to have two reactions, either to assert this is the worst things have ever been, or declare that everything is fine and the Holy Spirit is in charge. Taken from the perspective of history, neither of these reactions is accurate nor helpful. Steve and Al discuss why not.

11 23 2023 at 1600 Kresta in the Afternoon 60 minutes Broadcaster, journalist, author and public speaker, Al Kresta takes a closer look at current events, issues, and ideas. Susan Muto, author and executive director of the Epiphany Association, is the first guest. In a consumes driven culture, it is easy to forget about the importance of gratefulness. She encourages people to take a few minutes at Thanksgiving to count blessings and explore the deeper spiritual meaning of gratitude. The next guest is Dr. Robert Tracy McKenzie, Chair of Faith and Learning and Professor of History at Wheaton College. He talks about the first Pilgrim Thanksgiving as a keystone of Americas national and spiritual identity. He talks about what has been taught about this harvest feast and what actually happened.

11 30 2023 at 1600 Kresta in the Afternoon 60 minutes Broadcaster, journalist, author and public speaker, Al Kresta takes a closer look at current events, issues, and ideas. Chris Peden, author, founder of Peden Accounting Services, and father of two autistic children discusses how raising children with autism has helped him develop his faith and made his life better. Then Kresta is joined by Dr. Lawrence Feingold, Associate Professor of Theology and Philosophy at Kenrick Glennon Seminary in St. Louis discusses how the Old Testament prophets foretold the Messiah as we begin Advent and our preparation for the arrival of Jesus.

12 07 2023 at 1600 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 episode, Matthew Bunson, Vice President and Editorial Director of EWTN News as well as author of more than 50 books, joins Kresta to discuss jailed Nicaraguan Bishop Rolando Alvarez and how he is willing to leave the country and accept exile in his rapidly declining health. Then, Kresta has a discussion with Kate Anderson, senior counsel with Alliance Defending Freedom, about an incident from Colorado where parents protested after their daughter was told to share a bed with a male student who identified as a transgender girl on an overnight school trip.

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