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ROMAN CATHOLIC CASUISTRY!

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There are those who “envision a coming clash of civilizations which they are ever more ready to see as a confrontation between Islam and the West. But here in America, Muslims and Christians are factually in a position to show that the circumstances of democracy can just as well foster a dialogue among the believers in the One God,” Cardinal William Keeler of Baltimore said in Washington, Dec. 8, 1995, in an address to an inter-religious banquet in his honor sponsored by the American Muslim Council. The council gave Keeler its Mahmoud Abu Saud Excellence Award for 1995. In his acceptance, the cardinal urged Muslims and Catholics to work together to promote “a restoration of basic moral teaching in the public schools”; oppose all forms of pornography, “especially that directed at children”; and approach media leaders and advertisers “regarding immorality and violence in the media.” Noting that the interfaith banquet was held on the feast of the Immaculate Conception, Keeler said: “Catholics are delighted to learn that there are more verses in the Quran -- 34 of them -- which name the Blessed Virgin Mary than there are in the whole New Testament.” He said that while Muslims do not believe that Mary is the mother of God, they hold her in great esteem. Keeler said that though a “radical difference in faith forever separates us” with regard to Mary, “it paradoxically also holds us forever in conversation.” -*TBC Today* (11/6/06).

History has shown the Roman Catholic Church can co-exist with just about any group that will dialogue with her. They've been dialoguing for years with the Orthodox Church, the liberal World Council of Churches, the Southern Baptist Churches, Lutherans, the (New) Evangelicals, Mormons, Muslims, and I don't know how many others. That diverse list shows you that they will sit down and dialogue with anyone. They feel that they have nothing to lose and everything to gain. They believe it is only a matter of time. The Catholic Church believes they are the true followers of God and that they will eventually overcome the others. After all, the “City of God” (Roman Catholicism a la Augustine) must finally overcome all others and rule the world. I remember the fabled story of the hunter and the bear. As the hunter was going through the woods, all of a sudden a bear came out from behind a tree. As the hunter raised his gun, the bear said. “Wait a minute. What is it you want?” Surprised, the hunter said, “I want a fur coat.” The bear said, “All I am looking for is a meal. Can't we sit down and talk this over?” So, they sat down on a log. A few minutes later the bear walked away - alone. The bear had his meal and the hunter had his fur coat! After fifteen hundred years, few seem to realize that Rome does not basically change; she sometimes wears a different face or garb, but deep down, fundamentally, she does not change. Her goal is to rule the world. Those who understand and believe the Bible realize that she is the Harlot Church of Revelation 17 and will head up a worldwide apostate religion governed by Antichrist. Jesus said that His Church should separate not amalgamate! **“Come out from among them and be ye separate.” “Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness but rather prove them.”** There are many such Scriptures.

CORNERSTONE NEWS

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Sunday, April 8th – 6:30 am

EASTER MESSAGE

SPECIAL MUSIC

FULL BREAKFAST

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"Come and see...!"



Sunday School (9:30) + Church (10:45 & 6:30).



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We'd like your comments.

BOOK ON ROMAN CATHOLICISM! I've read many good books on Catholicism and this is one of the best: *"Catholicism, East of Eden."* It is by a former Roman Catholic priest, Richard Bennett. The chapter on the great compromise of the (New) Evangelicals with Romanism is worth the price of the book since it comes from one who understands the issues. \$15 plus \$2 post. Bennett was also co-editor of the book *"Far from Rome, Near to God."* It gives the conversion stories of 50 former priests. \$11.00 plus \$2.00 postage.

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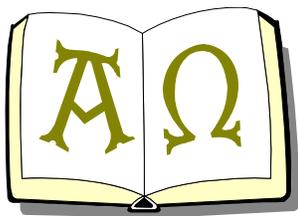
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YOUTH CORNER

HOW WILLIAM COLGATE GAVE TO GOD!

Many years ago a lad of sixteen left home. As he trudged along, he met a canal boat captain who asked, "Where are you going?" He answered, "I don't know, I'm going out to make a living for myself." The old man said, "Just start right and you will get along finely." William told him the only thing he knew anything about was soap and candle making. "Well," said the captain, "Let me pray with you and give you some advice." They kneeled down to pray and afterward he gave the young man this advice. "Someone will soon be the leading soap-maker in New York. It could be you as well as anyone. Be a good man; give your heart to Christ; give the Lord all that belongs to Him of every dollar you make; make an honest soap; give a full pound; and I am sure you will be a prosperous man." The boy arrived in the city. Lonesome and far from home he remembered his mother's words and those of the captain. He was led to **"seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,"** and united with the church. The first dollar he earned brought up the question of the Lord's part. In the Bible, he found the Jews were required to give one-tenth. So, he said, "If the Lord will take one-tenth, I will give Him that." And so he did; ten cents of every dollar were sacred to the Lord. He went into the soap business, gave a full pound and instructed his bookkeeper to open an account with the Lord and carry one-tenth of all his income to that account. He prospered and grew rich faster than he ever hoped. He soon gave two-tenths, then four-tenths, and five-tenths. William Colgate gave millions to the Lord's work. **"Give and it shall be given unto you: good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over shall men give into your bosom..."**

SOME THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

Learn to say NO! It will be of more value to you than learning Latin. – Spurgeon

You're only young once,
but you can stay immature forever!

Someone has said the peak years of learning must be between four and sixteen. At four we have all the questions and at sixteen we know all the answers.

Someone asked Wm. Booth the secret of his happiness. He replied: "I never say no to the Lord." Honesty is not just the best policy; it is the only policy! It is never right to do wrong that good might be accomplished.

NEWS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

WAR PROTESTERS SPRAY PAINT U.S. CAPITOL. During a rally in Washington protesting the war in Iraq, hundreds of anti-war protesters were allowed to desecrate government property by spray painting the capitol with anarchist symbols. I did not see or hear any report of this in any of the mainline media outlets. Capitol Police Chief Philip Morse ordered his officers to fall back and allow the protesters to exercise what he called “their first Amendment rights” to spray paint the Capitol steps with graffiti. He said, “The graffiti was easily removed by the staff. It is our duty and responsibility to protect the Capitol complex, while allowing the public to exercise their freedom of speech.” He even ordered officers not to arrest anyone! According to Family Research Council, public employees had to come in on their day off, at taxpayers’ expense to clean up the mess. -*AFA Action Alert* (1/31/07) Ed. Wow! Graffiti on government property is freedom of speech?

NORTH AMERICAN UNION MOVES FORWARD!

The public-interest group Judicial Watch has released documents of a meeting last fall in Alberta, Canada called the “North American Forum, which was attended by former Defense Secretary, Donald Rumsfeld and other high-level U.S. Department of Defense officials. The NAF was sponsored by the Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America. (*Just like the devil’s crowd, a nice sounding name for an evil work*). Chris Farrell of Judicial Watch says, “They want to harmonize -- that’s their word --- rules, regulations between all three countries (U.S., Mexico, Canada) and to try to bring them all together and try to erase the boundaries and borders between the three countries.” The Conference was also attended by a number of high-level U.S. government and military officials. One of the more disturbing documents from the NAF meeting was the group director’s notes which contained the phrase “evolution by stealth,” in reference to policy debates, including debate on the North American countries’ integration and cooperation. -*Agape Press* (1/31/07). Ed. Many naive Americans think such a union cannot be. Others think it is good. By the time people wake up, it will be too late!

MAINE SCHOOL TEACHES TRANSGENDERING.

Cony High School in Augusta, ME adjourned at 8:30 in the morning for a “Diversity Day,” which included a workshop called “Transgendering.” Mike Heath, of the Christian Civic League, said it included a presentation by a former student who is undergoing male hormone treatments and says she’s a boy. Heath says, “Maine invests almost a quarter of a million dollars a year in promoting homosexuality and ‘sexual orientation.’” He

stated that the state pushes this agenda by sponsoring Civil Rights Teams: “they are now going down to middle schools and elementary schools.” Those who opted out of the Diversity Day program were offered and alternative workshop on “hate crimes.” -*OneNewsNow* (2/5/07). Ed. What a choice? Those who promote homosexuality, etc. want all criticism of what they are doing to be labeled a “hate crime.” So, the young people will be taught to tolerate and “love” homosexuals, transgendered people, bisexuals, etc. Then, maybe next year, they will opt for the diversity workshop.

VACCINE MANDATED BY TEXAS GOVERNOR.

Texas Gov. Rick Perry signed an executive order that requires all sixth grade girls to be vaccinated against the sexually transmitted HPV virus. The order does give parents the option of opting out. While healthcare officials are lauding the measure, Dr. Beverly Nuckois, a member of the Christian Medical Association says, “It’s not always been easy to do that (opt out) in the past.” -*OneNewsNow* (2/7/07). Ed. Even if you can opt out, the state has no right to prescribe medical treatment.

ILLEGAL ALIENS KILL MORE THAN IRAQ!

Illegal aliens kill more Americans than the Iraq war according to a Family Security Matters report. They estimate 2,158 murders are committed every year by illegal aliens. Mike Cutler, former special agent with the U.S. Immigration Service said, “If our military understands that Iraq’s security depends... on the ability to protect its border against insurgents and terrorists, why is not our country protecting our own borders? If our borders are wide open, drugs, criminals, and terrorists are entering our country just as easily as the dishwashers.” -*OneNewsNow* (02/22/07)

CATHOLIC CLERGY PROMOTES AMNESTY!

Senator Ted Kennedy has been traveling the country promoting his soon-to-be bill giving amnesty to illegal aliens. Joining Kennedy is Archbishop of Los Angeles, Cardinal Roger Mahoney. John Vinson, editor of Americans for Immigration Control contends it is against the law for a tax-exempt organization to lobby for amnesty. Vinson also said concerning the Cardinal: “I don’t give him high marks for moral authority because he has covered up priest pedophilia and has been reluctant to compensate victims of sexual abuse by Catholic clergy.” -*OneNewsNow* (3/9/07). Ed. Such lobbying is illegal, but that matters not to the Roman Catholic hierarchy. Anything that will benefit the Catholic Church is permissible. One big benefit is that practically all the illegal aliens from Mexico and South America are Roman Catholic.

FIND YOUR PLACE AND FILL IT

The Bible says, **“Let us not be desirous of vain glory.”** ~Galatians 5:26. I remember reading of an incident that happened during the Civil War. A certain man wired President Lincoln saying that he was volunteering to serve as a General in the Union Army. Mr. Lincoln wired him back saying that they already had plenty of generals, but they did need a lot of good privates. The Bible also exhorts: **“For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think...”** ~Romans 12:3. The Church needs leaders, but it needs a lot more followers, foot-soldiers. Over the years, I have seen any number of individuals who would have made excellent “privates” (or corporals, etc.) but they insisted on being “generals.” In Romans 12 and I Corinthians 12 we are told that the Church (the local Church, there is no Scriptural universal church) is one body with many members and the members are given gifts by the Holy Spirit for the accomplishing of God’s will. Please note that it is God who gives the gifts; we do not select for ourselves where or how we are to serve. I believe it is quite evident that every member has at least one gift. There are no useless members in the Body of Christ. You may labor diligently, but if it is in a place which God has not given you, will He be pleased? Will the Lord reward someone for performing some service that was not God’s will? Let us all find the place God has for us and then do our best to fulfill it faithfully. If you are saved and have not been baptized and/or are not a member of a local Fundamental (Baptist) Church, you are out of the will of God!

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SPIRITUAL SELF-CHECK

These days most people check up on certain things from time to time. We check up on our health, financial situation, etc. God says, **“Examine yourselves...”** A Christian should check up on his spirituality from time to time? Here are a few questions you might ask yourself:

1. How much time do I spend in Bible study and prayer each week?
2. Is there anything in my life that I am not willing to give up for the Lord Jesus Christ?
3. How much do I give to the Lord each week? Am I robbing God in my tithes and offerings?
4. Am I currently praying and working for the salvation of someone in particular?
5. What is there in my life that might be a stumbling block to others?
6. Am I doing more or less in the Lord’s work than I was a year ago?
7. How many Bible verses have I memorized in the last six months?
8. Am I using my time wisely, for His glory? Or, do I just do whatever I feel like doing?
9. What is my greatest weakness and source of temptation? How am I dealing with it?
10. What does God want me to do in His work right now - TODAY?

THINK ABOUT THIS - WHEN YOU STOP GROWING, YOU START BACKSLIDING!