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Archbishop Chaput on Liberty and Mission "Events Suggest an Emerging, Systematic Discrimination"

SPISSKE PODHRADIE, Slovakia, AUG. 28, 2010 (Zenit.org)- Here is the text of an address Archbishop Charles Chaput of Denver, Colorado, gave Tuesday in Slovakia. The address was titled "Living Within the Truth: Religious Liberty and Catholic Mission in the New Order of the World."

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Tertullian once famously said that the blood of martyrs is the seed of the Church. History has proven that to be true. And Slovakia is the perfect place for us to revisit his words today. Here, and throughout Central and Eastern Europe, Catholics suffered through 50 years of Nazi and Soviet murder regimes...

Alexis de Tocqueville, in his *Democracy in America*, wrote: "Despotism can do without faith, but liberty cannot ..." Therefore, "What is to be done with a people that is its own master, if it is not obedient to God?"

...This vision presumes a frankly "post-Christian" world ruled by rationality, technology and good social engineering. Religion has a place in this worldview, but only as an individual lifestyle accessory. People are free to worship and believe whatever they want, so long as they keep their beliefs to themselves and do not presume to intrude their religious idiosyncrasies on the workings of government, the economy, or culture.

Now, at first hearing, this might sound like a reasonable way to organize a modern society that includes a wide range of ethnic, religious and cultural traditions, different philosophies of life and approaches to living.

But we're immediately struck by two unpleasant details.

First, "freedom of worship" is not at all the same thing as "freedom of religion." Religious freedom includes the right to preach, teach, assemble, organize, and to engage society and its issues publicly, both as individuals and joined together as communities of faith. This is the classic understanding of a citizen's right to the "free exercise" of his or her religion in the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. It's also clearly implied in Article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. In contrast, freedom of worship is a much smaller and more restrictive idea.

Second, how does the rhetoric of enlightened, secular tolerance square with the actual experience of faithful Catholics in Europe and North America in recent years?

In the United States, a nation that is still 80 percent Christian with a high degree of religious practice, government agencies now increasingly seek to dictate how Church ministries should operate, and to force them into practices that would destroy their Catholic identity. Efforts have been made to discourage or criminalize the expression of certain Catholic beliefs as "hate speech."

...My point is this: These are not the actions of governments that see the Catholic Church as a valued partner in their plans for the 21st century. Quite the opposite. These events suggest an emerging, systematic discrimination against the Church that now seems inevitable.

Today's secularizers have learned from the past. They are more

adroit in their bigotry; more elegant in their public relations; more intelligent in their work to exclude the Church and individual believers from influencing the moral life of society. Over the next several decades, Christianity will become a faith that can speak in the public square less and less freely. A society where faith is prevented from vigorous public expression is a society that has fashioned the state into an idol. And when the state becomes an idol, men and women become the sacrificial offering.

Cardinal Henri de Lubac once wrote that "It is not true ... that man cannot organize the world without God. What is true, is that without God, [man] can ultimately only organize it against man. Exclusive humanism is inhuman humanism."

The West is now steadily moving in the direction of that new "inhuman humanism." And if the Church is to respond faithfully, we need to draw upon the lessons that your Churches learned under totalitarianism.

A Catholicism of resistance must be based on trust in Christ's words: "The truth will make you free." This trust gave you insight into the nature of totalitarian regimes. It helped you articulate new ways of discipleship. Rereading the words of the Czech leader Václav Havel to prepare for this talk, I was struck by the profound Christian humanism of his idea of "living within the truth." Catholics today need to see their discipleship and mission as precisely that: "living within the truth."

...This truth about the essential unity of the West has a corollary, as Bonhoeffer also observed: Take away Christ and you remove the only reliable foundation for our values, institutions and way of life.

...Let me tell you why I believe abortion is the crucial issue of our age. First, because abortion, too, is about living within the truth. The right to life is the foundation of every other human right. If that right is not inviolate, then no right can be guaranteed. Or to put it more bluntly: Homicide is homicide, no matter how small the victim.

Here's another truth that many persons in the Church have not yet fully reckoned: The defense of newborn and preborn life has been a central element of Catholic identity since the Apostolic Age.

...My point in mentioning abortion is this: Its widespread acceptance in the West shows us that without a grounding in God or a higher truth, our democratic institutions can very easily become weapons against our own human dignity.

...There is no inherently logical or utilitarian reason why society should respect the rights of the human person. There is even less reason for recognizing the rights of those whose lives impose burdens on others, as is the case with the child in the womb, the terminally ill, or the physically or mentally disabled.

If human rights do not come from God, then they devolve to the arbitrary conventions of men and women. The state exists to defend the rights of man and to promote his flourishing. The state can never be the source of those rights. When the state arrogates to itself that power, even a democracy can become totalitarian...

To read the complete article go to www.hfcmn.org, click on resources on the left column, and recommended readings.



There's Still Time to Join Your Friends at the...
Gourmet Backyard BBQ

A Fall Festival Group Event to Raise Money for Holy Family Church
Hosted by Patrick & Sarah Mealey, Norm & Ann Coone, John & Janet Murphy,
Loren & Stacey Klassen, David & Laura Hemler, and Steve & Jody Pellegrine

Date: Saturday, October 2, 2010
Time: 5:30 pm to ??
Where: Mealey's in Bloomington
Cost: \$60 per person (it all goes to the church as a tax-deductible donation!)

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Call Kathy Vansickle at 952-929-0113

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*Married Couples Date Night
with speaker Father Andrew Cozzens!*

A Fall Festival Group Event to
Raise Money for Holy Family Church

Hosted by: Jack & Judy Cozzens
Date: Friday, October 15th, 2010**
Time: 6:30pm
Where: Moorman Hall
Cost: \$50/couple, includes dinner, a marriage building talk by Father Andrew Cozzens, Adoration and Confession.

RSVP to Lynn Tomaszewski at 952.929.0113

**Child care is available, please let us know if you will need child care when you RSVP



CARMELITE SPIRITUALITY

Holy Family's Carmel Group meets the 2nd Monday of the month from September through May beginning at 6:30pm downstairs in Moorman Hall. Our first meeting will be Monday, September 13th. Our time together consists of: Chanting *Evening Prayer*, Father Dufner leading us in our study time, quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament (mental prayer), chanting *Night Prayer* and Social Time. Since we are not an official secular Carmelite community, you are free to join us, any month, and experience Carmelite spirituality as your vocation and schedule allows. Questions? Jean at 952.929.0113 x12 or email: jean@hfcmn.org

This year our book is **The Interior Castle STUDY EDITION** by Saint Teresa of Avila, prepared by Kieran Kavanaugh, OCD and Carol Lisi, OCDS. We have a limited number of copies available at the Church

office for \$25. Call Theresa to reserve your copy: 952.929.0113. You can also order the book online at: www.icspublications.org ISBN: 978-0-935216-80-6.



✠ Weekly Calendar of Events ✠

Sunday, September 5 ~ 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Food Drive Sunday

- 8:00 am Confessions
- 9:00 am Mass
- 11:00 am Mass

Monday, September 6 ~ Labor Day

Parish Office Closed

- 9:00 am Mass
- 3:00 pm WOW Holy Hour (Chapel)
- 7:30 pm Opus Dei (C)

Tuesday, September 7

- 8:00 am Mass
- 10:30 am Goodtimers 500 Club (GP)
- 7:30 pm Opus Dei (GP)

Wednesday, September 8

- 8:00 am Mass
- 8:30 am Coffee & Rolls
- 11:45 am Exercise Class (Moorman Hall)

Thursday, September 9

- 8:00 am Mass
- 12:30 pm St. Monica's Bridge (GP)
- 7:00 pm Choir

Friday, September 10

- 8:00 am Mass
- 8:30 am Exercise Class (Gathering Place)

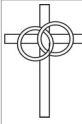
Saturday, September 11

- 6:30 am Holy Name Society (Gathering Place)
- 10:00 am Rosaries For Life
- 2:30 pm Baptism Class (GP)
- 3:30 pm Confessions
- 5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, September 12 ~ 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Donut/New Member

- 8:00 am Confessions
- 9:00 am Mass
- 11:00 am Mass



Banns II

Andrew Miller and Cassie Smith

Banns I

Keith Moran and Rachel Footh



Funerals

Norman Rung

Thank you to Arlene Dagnault and the Knights of Columbus for the GREAT time you showed us at the Altar Server Pool Party!
The Holy Family Altar Servers

Mass of Thanksgiving

Please join us as we come together to publicly thank our law enforcement, fire and emergency personnel for their service to our community at the Mass of Thanksgiving and Remembrance: Saturday, September 11 at the Cathedral of Saint Paul. Mass will be celebrated at 10:00AM by Auxiliary Bishop Lee A. Piché. A short reception will follow. On this weekend, the ninth anniversary of the September 11 tragedy, let us recognize and show our appreciation for all civic servants who look after our safety. We will commemorate all those who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

Sponsored by the Galtier Society, an association of Catholic professionals in the Twin Cities, and the Archdiocesan Office

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** 1 Cor 5:1-8; Lk 6:6-11
- Tuesday:** 1 Cor 6:1-11; Lk 6:12-19
- Wednesday:** Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]
- Thursday:** 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Lk 6:27-38
- Friday:** 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Lk 6:39-42
- Saturday:** 1 Cor 10:14-22; Lk 6:43-49
- Sunday:** Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51; 1Tm 1:12-17; Lk 5:1-32 [1-10]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Wednesday:** The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Thursday:** St. Peter Claver
- Saturday:** Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Family Weekly Offering

Weekend Masses - August 28/29

Regular Envelopes	\$16,107.14
Plate	\$ 1,465.14
Care Fund	\$ 1,083.67

Thank You For Your Generosity!

Mass Intentions for the Week

- Sept 6 Chester Wozniak †
- Sept 7 Mary Kathleen Custer †
- Sept 8 Dick & Sylvia Custer
- Sept 9 Anna Sieve †
- Sept 10 Arline Charboneau †
- Sept 11 Doug Olson †
- Sept 12 The Jay & Lynn Tomaszewski Family
- Sept 12 For the Parish (11AM)



Knights of Columbus

Knights, Please plan to attend our regular monthly meeting on Tues., Sept., 7th, at the Holy Family. Rosary will begin in the Church at 7:10, and the meeting will begin immediately afterward in the Gathering Place. Also, we will be hosting Bingo at Most Holy Trinity on Sat., Sept., 11th after the 5:00 Mass. We can use 5 or 6 guys to help with the Bingo, and as many as possible to play.

THE FLU SHOT CLINIC will be coming to Holy Family In October. Watch the bulletin for more information.



**COLUMBIAN SQUIRES
Pope Pius XII Circle 895**

Are you a boy between 10 and 18 who would like to join the Columbian Squires? We are having our next Investiture on Tuesday, September 14th at 7:00PM. For more information, contact Chief Squires Counselor George Hoene at 612.719.4267 or email ghoene87@gmail.com.

CONFIRMATION 2010-2011!!

Are you ready to take your Faith to a new level? Are you ready to become an Apostle for Christ, responsible for and strengthened to bring your Catholic Faith to those around you? Then you need to get Confirmed!

Youth entering grades 9-12 are welcome to begin preparation for the great Sacrament of Confirmation here at Holy Family. Classes are held Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00PM beginning Sept. 29 in Moorman Hall. **A mandatory parent (only) meeting will be held Weds., Sept. 15, 7:00PM in Moorman Hall.** Registration forms can be found in all the Church entrances or may be filled out at the parent meeting. *For forms and more information, see our website: www.hfcmn.org and click on Youth-Religious education.* Questions, please call Elizabeth Brown, 952.929.0113, ex. 19 or email browns@usfamily.net.

HFC Wednesday Religious Ed classes for grades 1-8 starts September 29th!

See Church bulletin boards for registrations and schedule or download forms from our website. Questions?

Call Mrs. Jean Prather at 952.929.0113x12 or email: jean@hfcmn.org



Calling all home educators!

Our first Holy Family Home Educators (HFHE) parent meeting is Thurs., Sept. 9 at 7PM in Moorman Hall (the church basement). The featured speaker is Fr. Dufner. Come meet fellow home educators, be uplifted and encouraged in the start of your new school year, and enjoy some social time.

All Holy Family Home Educator (HFHE) families are invited to our annual **Homeschool Potluck Picnic** on Sunday, September 19 from 4 to 8PM at Oak Hill Park in St. Louis Park.

Pro-Life Corner

August 6, 2010 (LifeSiteNews.com) - When Kerry Pink was 35 in 1997 she fell ill with an undiagnosed neurological illness and suffered what is called "locked-in syndrome," that is, she could not move or communicate. For 18 months, she said, "I lay paralyzed in the hospital, locked into a motionless body, conscious of the conversations around me but unable to respond". In a testimony in Britain's Daily Mail, Pink said there were times when she could hear and understand conversations being held around her and others when she would sink into a "deep coma," but that through all this, her family and doctors did not know she was ever aware. "I know that however dark the twilight world I inhabited, I never lost my will to live." After a year and a half in this condition, Pink spent three years in various hospitals undergoing treatments and can now walk briefly with the assistance of a cane. During the period of her medical crisis, Pink said, doctors had asked her husband, "Do you want us to keep on - or shall we pull the plug?" But Greg Pink insisted that treatment continue. As campaigners use the "hard cases" of severely disabled people to push for legalized assisted suicide and euthanasia in Britain, Pink urged sufferers not to give up on life.

ALL CHOIR MEMBERS – NOTE THIS...

It's time to **LET THE MUSIC BEGIN!**

The first choir rehearsal is set for **Thursday, September 9th at 7:00PM in the choir loft.**



I look forward to seeing you again as we begin another season of singing for the Honor and Glory of God! New members are most welcome – so if you have been "thinking" of joining the choir, NOW is the time. Call Sharon at 952.929.0113 Ext 13 for more information.

Calling all KIDS who want to PRAISE God, TOO!

We rehearse on Wednesdays from 5:15 - 6:15PM in the church choir loft and sing at least once a month at the 9am Mass on Sundays. Regular attendance and a genuine interest in singing God's praises is all that is required to be part of this group. We welcome all children from second grade through eighth grade. (Because of the length of our rehearsals, first graders' involvement is possible if the attention span is adequate - check with Mary Beth, please.)

Mark your calendars for our first rehearsal: Wed., Sept., 15; our first Mass: Sun., Oct. 10 AND on Oct. 12, we have been requested to share our music ministry at Our Lady of the Lake in Mound Catholic Church at their Tues. morning school Mass. They are starting a children's choir program and have heard wonderful reports of our choir. Anxious to see you all on September 15, Mary Beth Millner (mbmklavier@mac.com)

Healing Mass

There will be a Healing Mass on Sept., 9 at 7:00PM at Holy Name of Jesus in Wayzata. Father Jim Livingston will be the celebrant. Rosary at 6:30PM. Seating for the handicapped is available. For info, please call Teresa at 763.553.1343.

Father Frank Pavone at St. Raphael in Crystal Saturday, September 25

Mark Your Calendar! One of the most prominent pro-life leaders in the world, Father Frank Pavone, is coming to the Church of St. Raphael (7301 Bass Lake Road, Crystal, MN 55428)

Father Pavone is the National Director of Priests for Life. He will be speaking at St. Raphael's on Saturday, September 25th at 7:30PM. He will deliver one of his world renowned inspirational messages followed by Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. A free will offering will be taken. Father Pavone will be available after Benediction to sign copies of his books which will be available for purchase. You do not want to miss this once in a lifetime opportunity! Questions: Jim 763.300.6277. Directions: ww.straphaelcrystal.org

Exploring Your Future: Catholic college students and seminarians invite high school men and women to join them for Team Vianney and Theotokos. These two groups meet on the first Thursday of the month (September 9) at St. John Vianney Seminary on the University of St. Thomas campus at 5:45PM. The evening includes prayer, a Marian procession. Team Vianney and Theotokos then meet separately for food and talks until rejoining for Mass in the St. Thomas Chapel at 7:15. ?'s go to 10000vocations.org.

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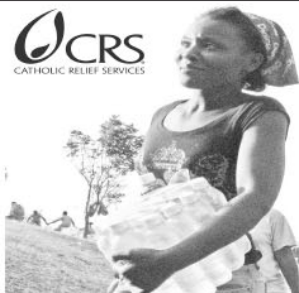
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