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ENCOURAGE SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

Roman Catholic Diocese of Lansing Chapter

When: **Sunday June 26, 2011 from 2:30 to 4:00pm**

Where: **Holy Spirit Catholic Church
9565 Musch Rd.
Brighton, Michigan 48116**

Directions: US-23 to Silver Lake Rd. Exit (exit #55) West on Silver Lake Rd. to Whitmore Lake Rd. (a short distance). South on Whitmore Lake Rd. to Winans Lake Rd.(a three way stop). West on Winans Lake Rd. approximately one mile to entrance marked with a sign for Holy Spirit Cemetery and Holy Spirit Rectory and School. Turn left. We meet in portable classroom number four. Look for Encourage Meeting signs.

“Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful. Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.” May you have a blessed and Holy Spirit filled Pentecost.

Please note that although you are receiving the letter at the usual time the meeting itself is a week later. We moved the June meeting to the fourth Sunday (the 26th) to accommodate family gatherings on Father’s Day.

We have enclosed two important communications from Fr. Paul Check, the Director of Courage, regarding events and news from the international Courage office in Norwalk, CT. We would urge you to prayerfully consider attending the annual conference. The conference is more than simply an information gathering experience. It is a life changing event. Those who attend will pray, celebrate liturgy, and form relationships that will bless them for years to come. Every conference that we have attended has made an impact in our lives and ministry. Please read over the two enclosures and consider attending.

A dear friend that we met a few years ago at a conference sent the following quote from Blessed John Paul II. We think it is applicable for our experiences with Encourage in helping us to confront the difficult challenges we face in our situation, and that you face in your situation.

There is, nonetheless, a consistent witness which all Christians must daily be ready to make, even at the cost of suffering and grave sacrifice. Indeed, faced with many difficulties which fidelity to the moral order can demand, even in the most

ordinary circumstances, the Christian is called, with the grace of God invoked in prayer, to a sometimes heroic commitment. In this he or she is sustained by the virtue of fortitude, whereby---as Gregory the Great teaches---one can actually "love the difficulties of this world for the sake of eternal rewards."

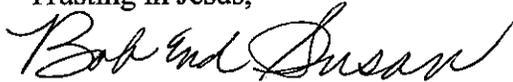
Remember please that we unite to pray each Thursday to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in reparation for our sins and the sins against human sexuality such as same-sex behavior and abortion. Reparation is making amends for the wrongs committed through our sinful condition. Additionally, we pray as intercessors for all our loved ones who will, like the prodigal, someday return home. We generally follow the model given to us by St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in the booklet *Holy Hour of Reparation* published by CMJ Marian Publishers. If you would like a copy of the booklet, we have a small supply in our office or you can order one by calling the publisher at 1-888-636-6799. "That the necessity of reparation is especially urgent today must be evident to everyone who considers the present plight of the world, 'seated in wickedness'. The Sacred Heart of Jesus promised to St. Margaret Mary that He would reward abundantly with His graces all those who should render this honor to His Heart." (Pope Pius XI Encyclical *Miserentissimus*)

Please note if you cannot attend the June 26th meeting, our next regular meeting is July 17th.

For more information regarding our meetings, or to talk about the issue of same-sex attraction in your lives, call our Diocesan office at 517-342-2596 or email us at caverart@comcast.net

We look forward to meeting with you. Let us remember, however, to always respect the right of each to complete confidentiality.

Trusting in Jesus,



Bob and Susan Cavera

"Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer."

Romans 12:12



Dear Friends in Christ,

I am pleased to send you the brochure for this year's annual conference, returning to Mundelein on August 4-7. We will dedicate our time together to the memory of Fr. John Harvey, OSFS, in gratitude for his spiritual fatherhood. I have asked several of our speakers to share their reflections on Fr. Harvey's influence in their lives and his role in leading Courage and EnCourage for almost three decades.

As you will see, we are blessed with a wonderful lineup of speakers and participants. **His Eminence Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke**, Prefect of the Apostolic Signatura, will offer the opening Mass, and he will give the opening talk that evening. The Cardinal was a close friend of Father Harvey, going back to the days prior to his being made Bishop of La Crosse, WI. His Eminence is one of Courage's most faithful and strongest promoters among the Church's shepherds.

Four other prelates will also join us. **Bishop Thomas Olmstead** of Phoenix will offer Mass on Friday and give a talk that morning. Longtime former Courage chaplain **Bishop John LeVoir** of New Ulm, MN will offer Mass on Saturday, and **Bishop Thomas Paprocki** of Springfield, IL will offer the closing Mass on Sunday. Longtime former Courage chaplain **Bishop Mark Seitz**, auxiliary bishop of Dallas, will also join us on Thursday and Friday. **Fr. Benedict Groeschel** and **Dr. Richard Fitzgibbons** will also be with us.

We have worked hard to keep the cost of the conference as low as possible: **\$350**. If you need a scholarship, please apply for consideration by writing a letter to the main office. If you would like to provide a scholarship, please let me know or simply send your gift to the office. May God reward your generosity.

Since my last letter to you in December, I have tried to give as many talks as possible, especially to **clergy**. Here are some of the venues: Sacred Heart Seminary, Detroit; Catholic Charities, Diocese of Arlington, VA; Clergy Study Day, Diocese of Covington, KY; Clergy Study Day, Diocese of Lafayette, LA; Conference for Bishops, National Catholic Bioethics Center; Presbyteral Council, Diocese of Springfield, IL; Permanent Deacon Study Day, Archdiocese of Hartford; Faber Center for Ignatian Spirituality, Marquette University; Priest Retreat, Longlea, VA; St. John Fisher Seminary, Stamford, CT. I have been edified by the response of many brother priests and seminarians. I was also a guest on EWTN's *Life on the Rock* and for two 30-minute segments on a national radio program called, *Spirituality for Today*.

Upcoming clergy study conferences in June will include the Archdiocese of Kansas City, KS; the Diocese of Kansas City-St Joseph, MO; and the Diocese of Winona, MN. Whenever Courage is invited for a clergy study day, the plan is always to address the question of same-sex attraction from **four perspectives**: theological anthropology (the natural moral law and Church teaching on homosexuality); psychological sciences (presented by an MD or PhD who works with Courage); witness talk (a testimonial by a Courage member); and a talk specifically about Courage.

On June 11, our business manager, Jerry Lambert, will be ordained a permanent deacon for the Diocese of Bridgeport, and he will continue to work for the apostolate, in addition to his regular parish assignment, as an ordained minister of the Church. This will be a great blessing for Courage. Please pray for him. Jerry has done a superb job in all of the financial and operational aspects of the CT office.

I also want to thank Michelle Willis for her great work with our new website. We have many plans to continue to expand its content. And though he did not make the move to the new office in CT, Angelo continues to be an invaluable help as a part-time contractor. I cannot imagine not relying on his experience and expertise. Also, he and Jerry work closely together on many tasks.

Please think back for a moment to the day before you heard about Courage or EnCourage. You were very likely searching for answers, understanding, compassion, guidance and help...in short, the pastoral charity of the Church. Sadly, we know that many people are not aware of Courage and EnCourage, for a variety of reasons. To address that challenge, we are undertaking two projects.

- First, **EWTN** has invited Courage to produce a 5 part series (30 minute segments) covering material very similar to what we present at a clergy study day, and to include EnCourage.
- The second project, which I believe holds considerable promise for reaching many people, is a **documentary film**. We are still considering the form and scope of this work, and in time I will be grateful for suggestions and assistance, as I desire that the finished product reflect a lived-experience of Courage and EnCourage members that will offer hope for many other people. We want as wide an audience as possible.

Of course, the apostolate's standards of trust and confidentiality will always be preserved. Only those who wish to be part of this project will be included. At the same time, I believe, as Fr. Harvey did, that the testimonials of our members are among the most powerful means the Church has to engage the world in a complex, controversial but very personal discussion, and to bring the light of truth and the grace of peace to many minds and hearts. Please pray for Our Lord's guidance and Our Lady's mantle of charity, purity, and humility.

Courage also continues to depend upon your financial support. *Will you please consider a gift of whatever God's providence will allow?*

I look forward to seeing you in Chicago.

In Christ,

Fr. Paul N. Check
Director, Courage

FR. JEFFREY KEEFE, a Conventual Franciscan friar, was ordained a priest in 1952 (A.D.!) After teaching high school biology in Trenton NJ and Staten Island, NY, he undertook graduate studies in clinical psychology at Fordham University, interned at Bellevue Psychiatric hospital in NY City, and obtained a doctorate in 1965. Since then he has taught adolescent psychology at Notre Dame University, and pastoral psychology at the Franciscan theologate, Rensselaer, NY where Fr. John Harvey was also an adjunct professor. Fr. Keefe has been involved with Courage since its founding in 1980, and a member of the National Association for Research and Therapy of Homosexuality since it began in 1992. He is diocesan director of Courage in Syracuse NY. He has served in several hospitals and out patient services, has a private practice, and has done psychological evaluations of candidates for several dioceses and religious communities. Currently he serves as spiritual director for North American Lourdes Volunteers and is a member of the Medical Bureau at the shrine in Lourdes, France.

TIMOTHY G. LOCK, Ph.D. is a clinical psychologist and a member of CatholicTherapists.com which offers an online referral base of qualified Catholic therapists. Dr. Lock was trained by the late Dr. Peter Rudegeair in psychotherapy to help individuals with same-sex attraction; from that training, Dr. Lock became a trusted referral source for Fr. Harvey and Courage. Dr. Lock serves on the Courage Board of Directors.

BISHOP THOMAS OLMSTED is the fourth and current Bishop of Phoenix, AZ having previously served as Bishop of Wichita from 2001 to 2003. Bishop Olmsted was ordained to the priesthood on July 2, 1973, for the Diocese of Lincoln, Nebraska. He then served as an associate pastor at the Cathedral of the Risen Christ until 1976, when he began his doctoral studies in Rome. He earned a doctorate in canon law, summa cum laude from the Pontifical Gregorian University in 1981, and served as an official in the Vatican Secretariat of State from 1979 to 1988. During his time in Rome, he was also an assistant spiritual director at the Pontifical North American College.

FR. PAUL SCALIA is the Courage Chaplain for the Diocese of Arlington, VA, and serves as the Chairman of the Courage Board of Directors. He is the Pastor of St. John the Beloved Catholic Church in McLean, VA. Fr. Scalia is the founder, editor and publisher of *The Fenwick Review* at the College of Holy Cross. He has written for numerous Catholic publications.

SEAN STEVENS, Ph.D. is a Catholic clinical psychologist with ten years of experience in private practice. He has taught at the college, archdiocesan, and parish levels on the integration of psychology, Scripture, and Catholic spirituality, and their application to SSA (Same Sex Attraction) and other client issues.

MAIL FULL PAYMENT & REGISTRATION FORM TO:

University of St. Mary of the Lake
 Conference Center-Registration
 1000 East Maple Avenue
 Mundelein IL 60060-1174

847-566-8290 (phone)
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 E-mail: night@usml.edu

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Both full conference attendees and commuters must send in their registration and payment OR complete on-line registration themselves by **WEDNESDAY, JULY 27th, 2011**. We will not be accepting last minute/new registrations at the conference itself. Please Note: Overnight rooms fill up quickly. We strongly recommend you register early.

AIR TRAVEL

If traveling by air, please make your reservation to Chicago's O'Hare Airport.

The official Airline of this year's Courage/EnCourage Conference is Continental Airlines! Continental Airlines offers discounts off published fares of 2% to 15%. Purchase your ticket online at www.continental.com and SAVE AN ADDITIONAL 3%.

To book your reservations, go to www.continental.com, enter your origin and destination, travel dates and provide the following code: **ZKFX859373**. ENTER THIS CODE in the Offer Code Box. There are no fees for booking online at www.continental.com. The code is case sensitive so please use CAPITAL LETTERS.

CONTINENTAL MEETINGWORKS

(Please Note: If you book by phone, there will be a service fee.)
 (800) 468-7022 for reservations in USA or Canada
 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. CST

*For reservations outside the toll-free area, contact the local Continental Reservations Office.

Meeting Name: Courage International, Inc.

Please Note: You are not obliged to use Continental Airlines – please feel free to use whichever airline gives you the best deal!

TRANSPORTATION BETWEEN THE AIRPORT AND CONFERENCE CENTER

USML will prearrange round trip rides between the Airport and the Conference Center through **North Shore Limo Service**. DETAILED FLIGHT INFORMATION IS MANDATORY FOR THEM TO DO SO:

AIRLINE NAME: _____

FLIGHT NUMBER: _____

DATE & TIME OF ARRIVAL: _____

DATE & TIME OF DEPARTURE: _____

Register on line and the limo fee will be pre-paid. This is a separate charge from the registration fee. *(There is a separate link for North Shore Limo registration).*

However, you may also contact **North Shore** directly to arrange your own transportation: **(847) 816-7474**. You will be responsible for paying the driver for your own private or shared ride.

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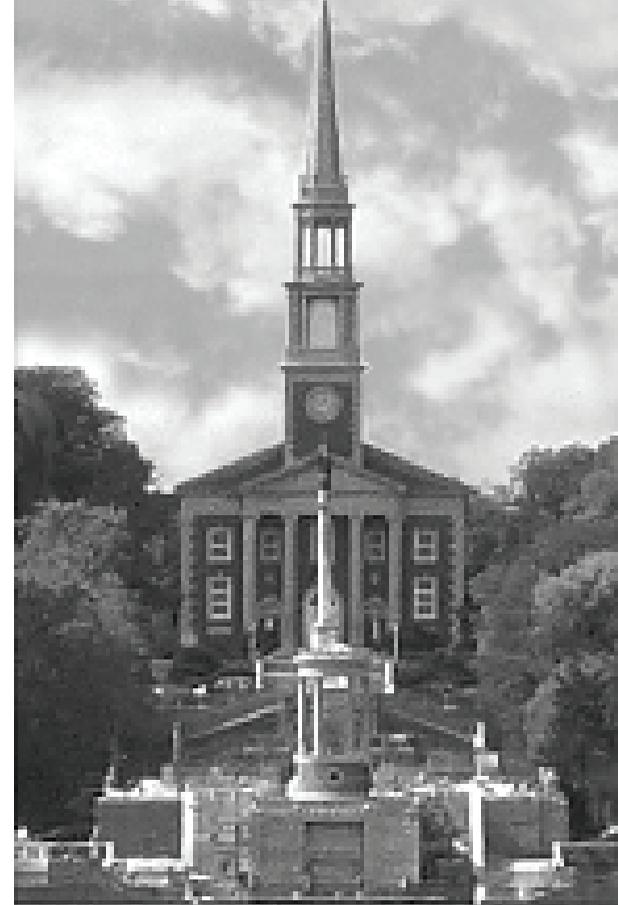
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TO
FR. JOHN F. HARVEY, OSFS
 FOUNDING DIRECTOR OF COURAGE
 APRIL 18, 1918 - DECEMBER 27, 2010

**COURAGE
 CONFERENCE
 2011**



*A Spiritual Conference for Members
 and Friends of Courage and EnCourage*

MUNDELEIN ILLINOIS
 THURSDAY AUGUST 4TH - SUNDAY AUGUST 7TH

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

All personal information will be kept confidential by the Courage Office & USML.

Title Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone : _____

E-mail : _____

**ALL ATTENDEES ARE TO COMPLETE
A REGISTRATION FORM
OR REGISTER THEMSELVES ON-LINE**

To register online, go to the Conference Page of the Courage Apostolate Web Site: <http://www.couragerc.org>.

CONFERENCE ATTENDEE CHOICES: All Meals Included

____ **FULL CONFERENCE ATTENDEE:** Includes over night accommodation at USML on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Full Cost is \$350.00 per person.

____ **COMMUTER** (Doesn't stay overnight):

Please circle which day(s) you will attend:

Thursday: 1/2 day	Cost: \$40 U.S.
Friday: full day	Cost: \$60 U.S.
Saturday: full day	Cost: \$60 U.S.
Sunday: 1/2 day	Cost: \$40 U.S.

____ **FRIDAY: Only** attending Pastoral Seminar for Clergy
There is no cost if attending only this seminar.
A good will offering is welcomed! (includes lunch)

Note: Do you have any special needs (i.e. medical dietary requirements, wheelchair accessibility, sign language interpreter)?

All payments must be in U.S. funds. Checks or money orders should be made payable to: **USML**

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THURSDAY AUGUST 4th

3:00 pm – 4:30 pm -- ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION
4:30 pm – Free Time
5:00 pm – MASS: Main Celebrant Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke, *Prefect of the Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signatura*
6:00 pm – DINNER
7:30 pm – **OPENING KEYNOTE ADDRESS**
Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke
9:00 pm – CONFESSION (All Priests) & Charismatic Prayer Gathering: Led by Fr. James Livingston
If you build it they will come!

FRIDAY AUGUST 5th

7:00 am – Spanish MASS (Homily in English)
Fr. Don Timone, Courage/EnCourage Chaplain (Archdiocese of NY)
7:30 am – BREAKFAST
8:30 am – Free Time
9:00 am – SPEAKER: Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted, *Bishop of Phoenix, AZ, "Blessed Are Those Who Believe: Faith and Fidelity Today"*
10:00 am -- WORKSHOPS:

- Fr. Jeffrey Keefe, OFM Conv., Ph.D. *"The Hidden Path to Acting Out"*
- Courage Men With EnCourage Parents
- Courage Women With EnCourage Parents
- **Pastoral Seminar for Clergy and Persons Engaged in Pastoral Ministries: Fr. Benedict J. Groeschel, CFR, Dr. Rick Fitzgibbons, Fr. Paul Scalia & Witness***
**This seminar will break for Mass and lunch and then continue until 5:00 pm*

11:30 pm – MASS: Main Celebrant - Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted, *Bishop of Phoenix, Arizona*
12:30 pm – LUNCH
2:00 pm – SPEAKER: Sean Stevens, Ph.D., *"Catholic Prayer & Piety: A Devotional Approach of Healing Gender Identity"*
3:30 pm – WORKSHOPS:

- EnCourage Spouses Meeting
- Andrew Gill, Th.Psy.D., *"Restoration of Gender Through Empathy"*
- Dr. Tim Lock, *"Remembering Fr. John F. Harvey"*
- To Be Announced

5:00 pm – SPEAKER: Bob & Susan Cavera, EnCourage *"A Tribute to Fr. John F. Harvey, OSFS, Co-Founder Courage International, Inc."*
6:00 pm – DINNER
7:00 pm – Free Time
7:30 pm -- SPEAKER: Msgr. John Essef *"Nothing Is Impossible With God"*
9:00 pm – CONFESSION (All Priests)
9:00 pm – ADORATION: All Night - *First hour will be a Holy Hour of Reparation*

SATURDAY AUGUST 6th

6:45 am – BENECTION: Fr. Paul Scalia
7:00 am – Spanish Mass (Homily in English)
Fr. Don Timone
7:30 am – BREAKFAST
8:30 am – Free Time
9:00 am -- SPEAKER: Fr. Benedict J. Groeschel, *"Catholic Morality: Yes or No?"*
10:15 am -- SPEAKER: Dr. Rick Fitzgibbons, *"Self Mastery to Self Giving: Addressing Anger and Sadness"*
11:30 am – MASS: Main Celebrant Bishop John M. LeVoir, *Bishop of New Ulm, Minnesota*
12:00 pm -- LUNCH
1:30 pm -- Free Time
2:00 pm -- WORKSHOPS:

- Courage Men's Meeting led by Fr. James Knapp, SJ (Courage Chaplain St. Louis)
- Courage Women's Meeting led by Sally R. (Courage Moderator, Archdiocese of NY)
- EnCourage Meeting led by Bob and Sue Cavera (EnCourage Moderator, Diocese of Lansing, MI)
- Group Leader's Meeting, Fr. Paul Check (Executive Director Courage International)

3:30 pm – Free Time
6:00 pm – DINNER
7:00 pm – Free Time
7:30 pm – TESTIMONIES: Angelo and Tina
9:00 pm – 11:00 pm SOCIAL: Music, Food, and Beverages

SUNDAY AUGUST 7th

7:00 am – Spanish MASS (Homily in English)
Fr. Don Timone
7:30 am – BREAKFAST
9:30 am – SPEAKER: Fr. Paul N. Check:
CLOSING ADDRESS,
"The Triumph of 'Failure' "
11:00 am – MASS: Main Celebrant Bishop Thomas J. Paprocki, *Bishop of Springfield, Illinois*
12:00 pm --LUNCH (Boxed Lunch)
2:00 pm – Departures

ABOUT OUR SPEAKERS

RAYMOND LEO CARDINAL BURKE is an American Cardinal. He is the current *Cardinal Prefect of the Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signatura*, having previously served as Archbishop of St. Louis (2003–2008) and Bishop of La Crosse (1994–2003). From 1980 to 1984, Cardinal Burke studied canon law at the Pontifical Gregorian University in

Rome, where he received his license (1982) and doctorate (1984). He then returned to La Crosse and was named the Moderator of the Curia as well as the Vice Chancellor of the La Crosse Diocese. In 1989, Pope John Paul II assigned him to be the first American Defender of the Bond of the Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signatura, the highest ecclesiastical court in the Catholic Church.

BOB AND SUSAN CAVERA have been instrumental in starting Courage chapters throughout the Diocese of Lansing, Michigan. They also facilitate a monthly EnCourage group and correspond with EnCourage members, keeping them connected and informed about issues of same sex attraction. The Caveras have given workshops at the Annual Conference for several years, and they faithfully assist the Central Courage Office throughout the year.

FR. PAUL CHECK is a priest of the Diocese of Bridgeport, CT and was ordained in 1997. Bishop William E. Lori appointed him to be the chaplain of Courage in December 2002. In 2008, he was elected to succeed Fr. John F. Harvey, OSFS as the Executive Director of Courage International, Inc.

MSGR. JOHN ESSEFF is a priest of the Diocese of Scranton, PA, and is a well known retreat master and spiritual guide to many souls.

DR. RICK FITZGIBBONS is a clinical psychologist from Philadelphia, an adjunct professor at John Paul II Institute for Marriage and Family Studies in Washington, D.C., and a consulter for the Holy See's Congregation for Clergy. He is a longtime friend and associate of the Courage Apostolate.

ANDREW GILL, Th.Psy.D. is a Doctor of Theocentric Psychotherapy and holds a license as a professional counselor and chemical dependency counselor in Texas. He currently has his own private practice and works with two agencies that serve those with HIV/AIDS.

FR. BENEDICT GROESCHEL, CFR is the "godfather" of the Courage Apostolate, having introduced Fr. John F. Harvey to Cardinal Terrence Cooke in 1980. Benedict Joseph Groeschel, CFR is a priest, retreat master, author, psychologist, activist, and host of the television talk program *Sunday Night Prime with Father Benedict Groeschel*, which is broadcast on the Eternal Word Television Network. He is the director of the Office for Spiritual Development for the Catholic Archdiocese of New York as well as associate director of Trinity Retreat and the executive director of The St. Francis House.