

AN APPEAL TO HHS

Click [here](#) to read Sister Mary Ann Walsh's article from today's Huffington Post on HHS' new regulations mandating that contraception be covered by all health plans.

Sister Mary Ann Walsh is the director of media relations at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

NYT CORRECTION NOTED

We are happy to note that the *New York Times* has made the correction we requested on Wednesday regarding the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and its review board. The *Times* article incorrectly stated that all 37 cases of clergy abuse cited by a recent grand jury report were withheld from the review board.

Click [here](#) to read the correction.

Sr. FIEDLER GETS IT RIGHT

Sister Maureen Fiedler, one of the most outspoken veteran dissenters in the Catholic Church, commented honestly yesterday on the meeting of the American Catholic Culture last weekend in Detroit. She admitted that those in attendance were part of the "graying" crowd, and bemoaned that it was also "a very 'white' crowd."

Thus did she validate our news release on the meeting that we issued prior to the conference. We mentioned how it would be filled with octogenarians. We didn't mention that only old

white people would be drawn to event, but next time we'll be sure to mention how lacking in diversity the dissidents really are. Thank you, Sr. Maureen, for getting it right.

Defending Bishop Finn

Click [here](#) to read Bill Donohue's defense of Bishop Robert Finn of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

NYT AS BIBLE

Jill Abramson has been named the new executive editor of the *New York Times*. "In my house growing up, The Times substituted for religion," she said. "If The *Times* said it, it was the absolute truth."

We appreciate her honesty, knowing full well that she speaks for millions. We await her conversion, and those like her.

"RESEARCH ON RELIGION" PODCAST

Yesterday, Catholic League president Bill Donohue appeared on the Baylor University Institute for Studies of Religion's

podcast “Research on Religion.” Donohue discussed how cultural nihilists are engaging in secular sabotage as well as other current topics. Click [here](#) to download and to find out more about the podcast.

Fr. DEAR’S PROBLEM

There is an article written by Father John Dear, SJ, in the National Catholic Reporter that is a must read for Catholics who think they’ve heard it all. Just click [here](#).

We can’t quite figure out how Father Dear’s professed commitment to feeding the world’s poor squares with his decision to dine at pricey restaurants like the former “Windows on the World.” Does he realize all the soup kitchens he could have contributed to if he just elected to go to McDonald’s instead?

More important, those who can’t tell the difference between fighting for evil, and fighting against it, are not speaking the language of Catholicism. Furthermore, they owe their very existence to those of us—we are called veterans—who know better.

“VITO BONAFACCI” SENDS THE RIGHT MESSAGE

CAVU Pictures is releasing the faith-based independent film,

"Vito Bonafacci," on May 6th in New York City; it opens at the AMC Lowes Village 7, on 3rd Avenue and 11th Street.

"Vito Bonafacci" is billed as a powerful movie about a successful and wealthy Italian American Catholic businessman who has a crisis of faith. Driven by a deeply personal calling to create a film that glorifies God, first-time filmmaker John Martoccia helms this daring independent production. Actor Paul Borghese gives an intense and deeply moving performance as Vito Bonafacci, a man who wakes up to the reality that he has turned his back on God for the pleasures of the material world.

In a dream, Bonafacci's mother appears imploring her son to abandon his pursuit of greed and materialism. "Beware of the false gods of money, power, status and pleasure," she warns, and instead "return to the true path of life." When he awakes, his vision propels him to explore the meaning of faith and the role of religion in tempering one's soul. As the echo of his mother's words fill his thoughts, he reaches out to his local priest to begin the renewal of his Catholic faith.

Bill Donohue recommends the movie as a much-needed cultural antidote to the contemporary fixation on materialism. He also salutes Isil Bagdadi of CAVU Pictures for projecting Catholicism in a favorable light.

CUOMO & GAY MARRIAGE

The idea that New York Governor Andrew Cuomo, who was largely elected to fix New York State's fiscal house, is lobbying gay activists to lobby New Yorkers to support same-sex marriage is wrong politically, economically and morally. It is wrong politically because Gov. Cuomo was not elected to promote this

radical agenda, and has no mandate to do so. It is wrong economically because the economic costs associated with this manipulation of marriage will help to cripple an already wobbly economy. And it is wrong morally: gay marriage will ineluctably relativize the institution of marriage, turning it into nothing more than an alternative lifestyle

The ultimate losers are not the voters. The ultimate losers are children, boys and girls who deserve a father and a mother, the only two persons ordained by nature to create them in the first place.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD

The following letter was published in today's edition of the New York Times:

To the Editor:

Gail Collins ("Behind the Abortion War," column, April 14) obscures the main point of opposition to federal funding for Planned Parenthood by stating that doctrinaire (in her view) opinions against contraception actually motivated the opponents, who seek to defund all forms of artificial contraception.

Such opinions, however, are of little moment before the stark truth that Planned Parenthood performed 330,000 abortions in 2009, as the largest provider in the country, and that if, in truth, it doesn't use federal money for that enterprise, such financing nonetheless frees up other money to bolster its abortion industry.

These facts joined to the conviction that abortion is the

(often savage) destruction of the innocent embryo or fetus – a human being in development – warrants cessation of financing, even when used only for nonabortion services, and awarding it to agencies in no way associated with this high-production abortion industry.

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