



LOCAL LECTURES



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OF CARMEL

4355 Del Mar Trails Road
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6:30 - Wine & Cheese

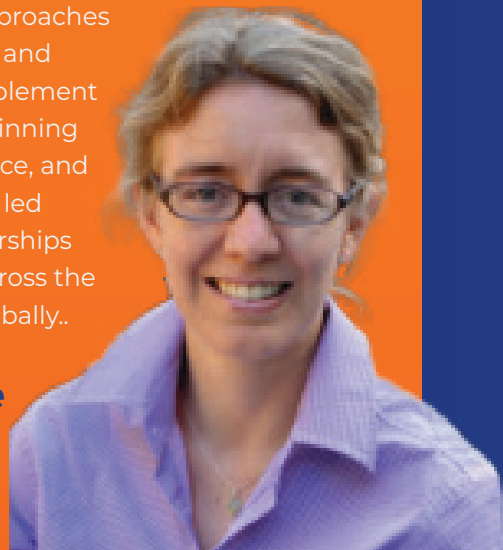
7:00 - Lecture

5.17.24

STANDING UP FOR HUMAN DIGNITY

Christians are called to leaven the world not retreat from it. In 1999, then 21-year-old Anna Halpine, a Canadian music student, founded the World Youth Alliance (WYA) to unite young people across the globe in a common defense the human person. Since then, WYA members have influenced local, national, and international policy including at the United Nations. She is now working with Fertility Education and Medical Management (FEMM), a comprehensive women's wellness program for authentic reproductive health, and the Human Dignity Curriculum, an evidence-based K-12 school curriculum that teaches children personal identity and the value of every human life. Anna believes that defending human dignity requires wit and wisdom, as well as state-of-the-art approaches that families, schools, and governments can implement on the ground. Her winning manner, careful science, and love of the truth have led to remarkable partnerships and collaborations across the United States and globally..

Anna Halpine

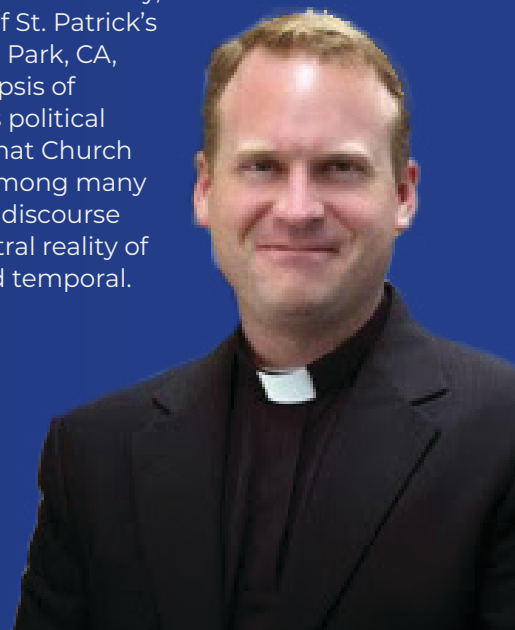


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THEOLOGICAL HOPE: BRIDGE TO FREEDOM AND BULWARK AGAINST TYRANNY IN THE THOUGHT OF JOSEPH RATZINGER

Pope Benedict XVI may be best remembered for his vast contributions to Catholic thought in scripture, theology, and liturgy. His insights, however, in the field of political theory are no less profound. As we suffer the chaos of our tumultuous age, we can benefit from reflection on Joseph Ratzinger's understanding of authentic and sustainable political freedom. Ratzinger held that the theological virtue of hope stood as a defense against tyranny. Set against his broader analysis of modern gnosticism, Ratzinger's convincing argument acts like a lighthouse: as a caution but also a beacon. Fr. Mark Doherty, President-Rector of St. Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park, CA, will present a synopsis of Joseph Ratzinger's political theory and show that Church is not one player among many on the field of civil discourse but rather the central reality of history, eternal and temporal.

Fr. Mark Doherty

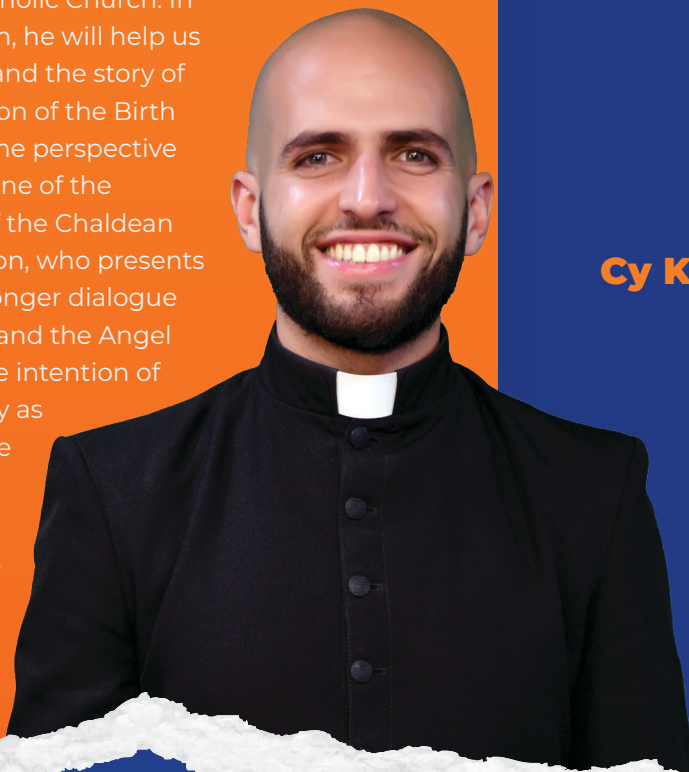


7.19.24

THE ANNUNCIATION OF JESUS FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF MAR NARSAI

Fr. Simon Esshaki is a Chaldean Catholic priest ordained in 2015 out of the Seminary of Mar Abba the Great, the only Chaldean seminary outside of Iraq. He currently serves as pastor of St. Michael Chaldean Church in El Cajon, CA, and does a lot of ministry on social media as well. His faith has been formed by the rich patristic tradition of the Chaldean Church, which is one of the 23 Eastern Rites of the Catholic Church. In his presentation, he will help us better understand the story of the Annunciation of the Birth of Jesus from the perspective of Mar Narsai, one of the great fathers of the Chaldean patristic tradition, who presents the story as a longer dialogue between Mary and the Angel Gabriel with the intention of portraying Mary as a contemplative who is ready to accept God's plan for her life.

Fr Simon



8.16.24

ST. PETER, A MODEL FOR CHRISTIAN LIVES

Saint Peter is often portrayed as a bumbling apostle, failing at every turn. However, he is a model for every Christian. His astonishing life is an invitation to Christians to follow Jesus more closely.

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