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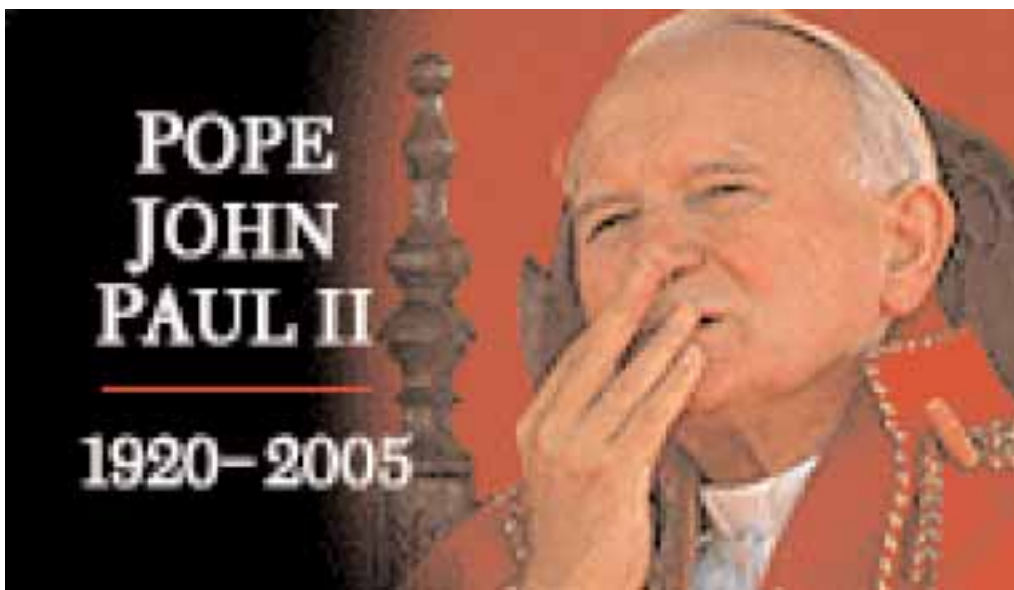


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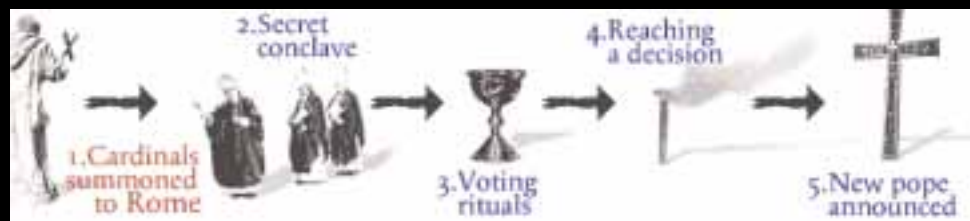
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'Ut Unum Sint' THAT THEY MAY BE ONE



Vatican City, Italy—From the balcony of St Peter's Basilica, the traditional announcement echo around the square: "Annuntio vobis gaudium magnum... habemus papam!" - "I announce to you a great joy... we have a pope!"

Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, took the name Benedict XVI, appeared on the balcony of the Vatican Basilica to greet the people and deliver his first papal blessing.

"Dear brothers and sisters, after our great pope, John Paul II, the cardinals have elected me, a simple, humble worker in God's vineyard," according to a translation of remarks he made in Italian. "I am consoled by the fact that the Lord knows how to work and how to act, even with insufficient tools, and I especially trust in your prayers.

"In the joy of the resurrected Lord, trustful of his permanent help, we go ahead, sure that God will help. And Mary, his most beloved mother, stands on our side.

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Terri Schindler Schiavo
A 41 year old woman who though disabled and brain damaged opened the eyes of America and the world to the prevalent, preverse reality of euthanasia.

-Dolores Milazzo-Hicks, Publisher Network Newspaper

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Christian Leaders Comment on Passing of Pope John Paul II



Pope John Paul II died April 2 in his private apartment at the Vatican after suffering heart and kidney failure. An outspoken campaigner for world peace and humanitarian causes, Pope John Paul II was the most traveled pontiff in history, crossing the globe on missions that were often as political as they were religious. He was the first pope to visit the White House.

In his overseas journeys, the pope visited communist Cuba, Muslim Syria, India and war-torn Bosnia. A native of Poland, he played a crucial role in the downfall of communism in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union.

Karol Józef Wojtyła,

known as John Paul II since his October 1978 election to the papacy, was born on May 18, 1920. Nazi occupation forces closed the university he was attending in 1939 and young Karol had to work in a quarry (1940-44) and then in the Solvay chemical factory to earn his living and to avoid being deported to Germany.

In 1942, aware of his call to the priesthood, he began courses in the clandestine seminary of Krakow. After the Second World War, he continued his studies in the major seminary of Krakow, once it had re-opened, and in the faculty of theology of the Jagiellonian University, until his priestly ordination on Nov. 1, 1946.

In a statement from the Family Research Council, **Tony Perkins** said: "Pope John Paul II helped win the Cold War and was a champion for cultural issues throughout the world. With the loss of this amazing figure the world is missing one of the greatest men of our time, but for all of us touched by his time here on earth, we are consoled in the knowledge that we are strengthened by his legacy."

Perkins added, "His pas-

sion brought leadership on many cultural issues, including traditional marriage and the protection of unborn children. He also took a strong stance against embryonic stem cell research and human cloning. The Pope must be recognized for his prolific writings, his gift for language, and his outspoken affirmation of life that we enjoy from our Creator, from conception to natural death."

Dr. Timothy George, dean of Beeson Divinity School, is a longtime participant in *Evangelicals and Catholics Together**, an initiative that seeks common ground between these historically antagonistic traditions.

"It's clear to me that Pope John Paul II is the greatest pope since the reformation. We remember him as an historic figure of Christianity for many reasons, obviously the fall of communism, the invention of the term *culture of life*, that is one reason why Evangelicals responded so strongly and favorably to this pope. He offered a kind of moral rationale for the sanctity of life and he was the most articulate person in the world to champion that. On issues like abortion he gave the spiritual rationale on the political issues.

When we first started ECT* it was because we found one another, working together against a common enemy which was the culture of death. Having discovered one another in the trenches we began to explore other areas of commonality. Certainly this is in keeping with Pope John Paul II's encyclical 'Ut Unum Sint', *that they all may be one*, which I think is the best statement on Christian unity that has come from the Catholic church or anyone in the last 100 years. It has been a guide post for us in our work with our initiative that

seeks common ground with *Evangelicals and Catholics Together*.

Prison Fellowship Founder and President **Chuck Colson**, whom *TIME* magazine credited as the Washington power broker who "helped cobble together an alliance of Evangelicals and Catholic conservatives," released the following statement: "Pope John Paul II was one of the truly heroic figures of the 20th century. He will be remembered not only as a great leader, but as one of the handful of people singularly responsible for the collapse of the Soviet empire. Stalin once derisively asked, 'How many divisions does the Pope have?' John Paul II answered that question and changed the world."

Ray Pritchard, Senior Pastor of Calvary Memorial Church in Oak Park, IL, noted in a weblog for Crosswalk.com: Pope John Paul II "not only advanced the cause of his own church, he advanced the Christian cause around the world. As he slips from this life into the life that has no end, we can be grateful for such a man at such a time as this. He defended freedom, he helped bring an end to Communism in eastern Europe, he spoke out on behalf of the unborn, he defended the sanctity of marriage, and he was a true peacemaker among the nations. He loved young people and they loved him. I have no doubt that he is the most beloved Pope in history.

"Those who of us who are evangelical Christians join with our Catholic friends in giving thanks to God for John Paul II," Pritchard continued. "And we remember at the end of this long and emotional week that it is only by amazing grace that any of us are going to heaven."

President George W. Bush said:

Laura and I join people across the Earth in mourning the passing of Pope John Paul II. The Catholic Church has lost its shepherd, the world has lost a champion of human freedom, and a good and faithful servant of God has been called home.

Pope John Paul II left the throne of St. Peter in the same way he ascended to it as a witness to the dignity of human life. In his native Poland, that witness launched a democratic revolution that swept Eastern Europe and changed the course of history. Throughout the West, John Paul's witness reminded us of our obligation to build a culture of life in which the strong protect the weak. And during the Pope's final years, his witness was made even more powerful by his daily courage in the face of illness and great suffering.

All Popes belong to the world, but Americans had special reason to love the man from Krakow. In his visits to our country, the Pope spoke of our "providential" Constitution, the self-evident truths about human dignity in our Declaration, and the "blessings of liberty" that follow from them. It is these truths, he said, that have led people all over the world to look to America with hope and respect.

"The death of Pope John Paul II is a cause for mourning worldwide," said Traditional Values Coalition Chairman **Rev. Louis P. Sheldon**. "He was unafraid to challenge the Nazi regime and later the Communists in Poland and stood strong with President Reagan and British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher when they worked together to bring about the collapse of the Soviet Union."



EDITORIAL

Dolores Milazzo-Hicks

The manifest magnificent myriad of Spring jars us free from the weighty cold of winter. It is my favorite time of the year.

The seasons seem to reflect the daily passages of our lives. I am especially cheered by the nightingale outside my window in early evening and night.

This has been a time of sorrow and mourning for those who loved and respected Pope John Paul II. I had the opportunity to see him twice, once in Rome and once in Denver.

In Denver we stayed all night in a dustbowl that held close to half a million people and prairie dogs. There were arrayed before us thousands of flags from different nations waving in the sun and rain. It reminded me of the book of Numbers as it described the twelve tribes of Israel with each man under his own banner, under his own standard.

In Mile High Stadium the Pope arrived in a helicopter, the whole arena exploded with sounds of 'John Paul 2 we love you,'; over and over, the sound was deafening. It lasted what seemed like 20 minutes. He responded with, 'John Paul 2 he loves you.'

I recalled the Pope at the airport in Denver standing next to President and Mrs. Clinton on the make-shift stand. He spoke with the forcefulness of a prophet the plea to our nation: "America turn from your culture of death..." I thought how brave he was to speak those words knowing the president had recently approved partial birth abortion.

Pope John Paul II's encyclical 'Ut Unum Sint' (*That they all may be one*), was a confirmation of our labor at Network. We have seen a clearer picture of the body of Christ working together on the pages of Network for the last 19 years.

There is no way to accurately or appropriately describe the immense and lasting impression that Pope John Paul II's life imprinted on the hearts and minds of billions. He was truly a testament of the bold and compassionate lives to which Christians everywhere are called. He reached out to people of all faiths and saw everyone through the eyes of Christ.

Much like the Spring, John Paul II infused the Catholic Church and Christian faiths around the world with a fervor of new life. Whether it was the blossom of God-inspired encyclicals or the pruning away of ineffective doctrine, he worked feverishly preparing the soil of humanity for deep rooting in faith. As we see all the changes in nature and breathe in a new season, let us be mindful of **our** roles as Christians and the need for newness in faith. As we give thanks for those gone before us to prepare the way, let us also sow the seeds and tend to the growth of those who will lead us into the future.

We give thanks for Pope Benedict XVI and await the new springtime of his reign. May God bless him and keep him safe.

Terri Schiavo, the brain-damaged Florida woman that became the center of a bitter right to life battle, Thursday morning, March 31, 2005 13 days after a court halted her tube feeding. She died hours after her parents endured their last legal setback when the U.S. Supreme Court refused to intervene.

Few minutes before Terri was pronounced dead, her brother, Bobby Schindler, described her saying that "It's not a pretty sight, I can tell you that."

The Rev. Frank Pavone, President of Priests for Life, who accompanied him, said Terri Schiavo's face was shrunken and her eyes were oscillating from side to side.

Fr. Pavone and Bobby were allowed until 10 minutes before

she died, but were ordered out of the room by the legal guardian, Michael Schiavo.

Regarding Terri's family, Fr. Pavone stated that "their faith in God remains consistent and strong.

Fr. Pavone also said "all the prayers of the Church were offered for her. She felt the solidarity of all of you, all those prayers, all that sacrifice were conveyed to her by caresses to her ears."

He strongly criticized Michael's "heartless cruelty," "What we grieve here is not a death, this is a killing, we grieve that our nation has allowed such an atrocity," Fr. Pavone concluded.

Euthanasia, (mercy killing) has gained a stronghold in America. Recently our nation abandoned the Judeo-Christian principles that held the sanctity of each human life from conception to natural death.

Since the death of Terri Schiavo, Austria, Germany has entered the debate on the ethics of euthanasia. In countries still struggling with the horrors of Hitler's Nazi regime, where 75,000 people with disabilities or otherwise deemed unfit were used for brutal medical experiments and killed, the Schiavo case made news headlines for days. Survivors of these Nazi experiments say no one has the right to play God.

The attorney for Mr. Schiavo, George Felos described the beauty of the death of Ms. Schiavo. He seems to deem himself a champion of those he perceives want to die. He described in his book an imaginary encounter with a woman he claims asked him to help her die. It is convenient that he can speak for others.

Felos, like Dr. J. Kavorkian and others who advocate mercy killing are deceived and deceptive. As the deception spreads we remember Jesus words: "The thief comes to kill, steal and destroy, I have come that you might have life in abundance." John 10

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Cardinal Ratzinger Elected Pope

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By WILLIAM J. KOLE

VATICAN CITY (AP) - Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger of Germany, the church's leading hard-liner, was elected the new pope Tuesday evening in the first conclave of the new millennium. He chose the name Pope Benedict XVI and called himself "a simple, humble worker."

Ratzinger, the first German pope since the 11th century, emerged onto the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica, where he waved to a wildly cheering crowd of tens of thousands and gave his first blessing as pope. Other cardinals clad in their crimson robes came out on other balconies to watch him.

"Dear brothers and sisters, after the great Pope John Paul II, the cardinals have elected me - a simple, humble worker in the vineyard of the Lord," he said after being introduced by Chilean Cardinal Jorge Arturo Medina Estvez.

"The fact that the Lord can work and act even with insufficient means consoles me, and above all I entrust myself to your prayers," the new pope said. "I entrust myself to your prayers."

If the new pope was paying tribute to the last pontiff of that name, it could be interpreted as a bid to soften his image as the Vatican's doctrinal hard-liner. Benedict XV, who reigned from 1914 to 1922, was a moderate following Pius X, who had implemented a sharp crackdown against doctrinal "modernism."

On Monday, Ratzinger, who was the powerful dean of the College of Cardinals, used his homily at the Mass dedicated to electing the next pope to warn the faithful about tendencies that he considered dangers to the faith: sects, ideologies like Marxism, liberalism, atheism, agnosticism and relativism - the ideology that there are no absolute truths.

"Having a clear faith, based on the creed of the church, is often labeled today as a fundamentalism," he said, speaking in Italian. "Whereas relativism, which is letting oneself be tossed and 'swept along by every wind of teaching,' looks like the only attitude acceptable to today's standards.

Ratzinger served John Paul II since 1981 as head of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. In that position, he has disciplined church dissidents and upheld church policy against attempts by liberals for reforms. He turned 78 on Saturday.

Born in the village of Markt am Inn in Bavaria on April 16, 1927-- he celebrated his 78th birthday just before the opening of the conclave-- was pressed into military service in World War II, when he was already a seminary student. Assigned to an anti-aircraft unit, he deserted and returned home, where he was eventually taken into custody by Allied troops and held briefly before the release of prisoners at the war's end.

After the war, Joseph Ratzinger continued his studies in philosophy and theology at the Freising diocesan seminar, during a time of effervescence in European Catholic theological circles. Ordained to the priesthood in 1951, he obtained a doctorate in theology two years later, writing a dissertation on the ecclesiology of St. Augustine.

In 1977, at the age of 50, he was named Archbishop of Munich-Freising by Pope Paul VI, and elevated to the College of Cardinals later that year. In later years he would reflect that had chosen a scholar's life for himself, but the Holy Spirit and the needs of the Catholic Church prodded into the life of a prelate.



Greg Laurie makes Bible 'resonate' reaches millions, challenges believers to get off the fence

Greg LaurieHe's been called the next generation's Billy Graham - a pastor to political leaders, a speaker at evangelistic crusades, an author and a minister whose message rings true to many Americans who have never set foot in a church.

Greg Laurie, senior pastor of Harvest Christian Fellowship in Riverside, Calif., believes he has found a wide audience because so many in this post-modern age of relativism are searching spiritually.

"When someone will unapologetically speak from the Bible and do so in an understandable way, it will resonate," he said.

Laurie, 52, also has a mission to the astonishing number of Americans who, according to polls, describe themselves as Christians but say there is no absolute truth.

Christian Leader Explains Islam's Appeal to Religious Converts

By Chad Groening

(AgapePress) - A former Muslim woman who now heads an evangelical ministry says she understands why an alarming number of Hispanics are embracing Islam.

The *Tampa Tribune* newspaper recently told the story of a young Latino woman who, at age 14, affirmed the shahdah - the Islamic creed or declaration of faith one recites in order to profess faith in Islam. An earnest recitation of the shahdah once, in Arabic, before two Islamic witnesses is all that is required initially for a person to become a Muslim convert.

W.L. Cati, president of Zannah Ministries, is a former Muslim woman who says particular groups of people are being actively recruited into her former faith. "Islam is going after those people that the Church, I feel, has neglected," she says. "Islam goes heavily after women in general, and after all the minority groups - even the Afro-Americans and the Latinos. Also, they go after gays and people in the prisons. So it's a very sad thing."

Cati's belief is that Islam is especially attractive to many Latinos who come from a strongly Catholic background - particularly those who "do their penance, buy their prayer beads, or whatever." Her theory is that "religion attracts religion," and a works-oriented faith, as she assesses Islam to be, will appeal to those who want to "work [their] way into heaven."

"And that's what's so appealing about Islam," Zannah Ministries' founder says. "Islam is a religion that tells you what to do. It tells you that if you pray five times a day, you're going to please Allah - you're going to get points for heaven." Sadly, she asserts, people in many faith backgrounds prefer the false notion of works righteousness to the truth of salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

Cati says she is not surprised that Islam is finding willing converts among the Latino population, as well as among various groups that have been neglected by the Church.

News Briefs

UK Poet laureate Andrew Motion marks royal wedding

The furore surrounding the wedding of Camilla Parker Bowles to Prince Charles is dealt with by poet laureate in his poem for the occasion.

Mr Motion told the BBC he had tried to acknowledge the range of feelings people felt about the marriage.

Prince Charles wrote a note to Motion saying he liked it very much.

Spring Wedding

I took your news outdoors, and
strolled a while
In silence on my square of
garden-ground
Where I could dim the roar of
arguments,
Ignore the scandal-flywheel
whirring round,
And hear instead the green fuse
in the flower
Ignite, the breeze stretch out a
shadow-hand
To ruffle blossom on its sticking
points,
The blackbirds sing, and singing
take their stand.
I took your news outdoors, and
found the Spring
Had honoured all its promises to
start
Disclosing how the principles of
earth
Can make a common purpose
with the heart.
The heart which slips and sidles
like a stream
Weighed down by winter-wreck-
age near its source -
But given time, and come the
clearing rain,
Breaks loose to revel in its proper
course.

■ A legal watchdog group says while Democrats are relentlessly pursuing House Majority Leader Tom DeLay on ethics charges, Democratic Senator Hillary Clinton is getting a free pass on a huge scandal. Judicial Watch president Tom Fitton is incredulous about

what Senator Clinton appears to be getting away with: "You've got this two million dollars in campaign contributions she took from Judicial Watch's former client Peter Paul," he says. "That's two million dollars which was never reported, as is proper, to the Federal Election Commission — a crime for which she ought to be indicted and prosecuted." Meanwhile, the senator's top finance aide, David Rosen, will be in court next month regarding that scandal. "This is a person a lot closer to Mrs. Clinton who's facing indictment," Fitton points out, adding, "and, frankly, she ought to be facing indictment as well." But the Judicial Watch spokesman notes that neither Democrats nor Republicans are saying anything about Senator Clinton. Fitton says he feels the attention being paid to Tom DeLay's ethics is appropriate. However, he says he wants similar attention given to Clinton and "the fact that one of her top people could face 20 years in jail."

■ Thirteen years ago James Joseph set out to walk like Jesus walked. He began going from city to



city and then to many countries. He takes nothing but a gown and cloak, without money. Mr. Joseph says he trust God to supply his needs. Evangelizing on the

streets, in churches, schools and wherever God opens the door to ministry. He is in the Birmingham area so you might catch a glimpse of him— be sure and say hello.

■ Legislation to prohibit Arkansas school officials from interfering with student-led prayers has died in the state Senate's Education Committee. The bill passed the Arkansas House last week, but did not make it to the Senate floor. It would have barred the state Department of Education, local school boards and school administrators "from interfering with prayer

that is initiated by students and led by students at public school functions or activities" in Arkansas.

■ Angry white men — that is who the new president of Cable News Network (CNN), Johnathan Kline, is crediting for FOX News' huge audience numbers. Kline, the fourth president of CNN in the past five years, says FOX News presents a reinforcement of the view of angry conservative white men, whereas CNN will appeal to liberals who, according to the network executive, like to "sample a lot of opinions." But Bob Knight of the Culture and Family Institute takes issue with that statement. He says, "As someone who worked for 15 years in mainstream media, seven of them as a news editor for the Los Angeles Times, I can tell you that liberals aren't really interested in a diversity of viewpoints. They're interested in portraying only things that will advance the liberal agenda." Knight's CFI is part of the pro-family organization Concerned Women for America.

■ The stock of Salem Communications rose sharply Tuesday after Stanford Financial Group raised its investment rating on the religious broadcaster. A Stanford analyst told investors, "Aging baby boomers are getting religion and turning to Salem for their radio programming." He added that "as the dominant religious radio broadcaster, Salem's financials are less tied to general advertising demand than most radio operators." Salem completed a round of station-buying last year, assigning each new property one of three formats — Christian Teaching and Talk, contemporary Christian music and conservative talk radio. Salem Communications owns and operates more than 80 radio stations and had 2004 revenue of nearly 200 million dollars.

■ American Life League's STOPP International, a group dedicated to stopping the work of Planned Parenthood, has announced an aggressive campaign to drain the abortion provider of its funding. David Bereit, national director of STOPP International, says the

destructive social agenda of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America has been a dismal failure for the nation, leaving more than three million unborn children dead and countless women injured. But now Bereit says his group has a new campaign aimed at putting an end to Planned Parenthood's devastations. "We're going to be building strong local grassroots coalitions of churches and concerned citizens in each of the 836 communities where Planned Parenthood operates,"

■ Six Connecticut Episcopal priests who opposed the election of V. Gene Robinson — the first openly homosexual bishop in the Episcopal Church USA (ECUSA) — have been warned by Bishop Andrew D. Smith who sent letters to the priests of six conservative parishes, telling them they had "abandoned the communion of the church," indicating that they would no longer lead their parishes and could eventually be defrocked.

However, one of the priests, Rev. Mark Hansen of St. John's Church (Bristol), contends that he and the other clergy have done nothing to warrant removal. The priests say they wanted to meet with Bishop Smith collectively in a process called "delegated oversight," while the bishop wanted to meet with each individually. But another of the six, Rev. Christopher Leighton of St. Paul's Church (Darien), says the "real story" is that Smith is imposing "spiritual gag orders" on the conservative priests, and their freedom to speak and practice their faith is being inhibited.

■ The Presbyterian Church USA has severed its ties to a Messianic Jewish congregation in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Congregation Avodat Yisrael, which had received Presbyterian support since 2002, consists of Jews who believe Jesus is the Messiah of scriptural prophecy. Presbyterian News Service quotes a PC(USA) official as saying the decision stemmed from the Jewish congregation's failure to meet certain goals for membership and attendance in its funding application.

Let not your heart

- 14:1 Let not your heart be troubled: believe in God, believe also in me.
- 14:2 In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you.
- 14:3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I come again, and will receive you unto myself; that where I am, [there] ye may be also.
- 14:4 And whither I go, ye know the way.
- 14:5 Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; how know we the way?
- 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, and the truth, and the life: no one cometh unto the Father, but by me.
- 14:7 If ye had known me, ye would have known my Father also: from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.
- 14:8 Philip saith unto him, Lord, show us the Father, and it sufficeth us.
- 14:9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and dost thou not know me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; how sayest thou, Show us the Father?
- 14:10 Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I say unto you I speak not from myself: but the Father abiding in me doeth his works.
- 14:11 Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.
- 14:12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater [works] than these shall he do; because I go unto the Father.
- 14:13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.
- 14:14 If ye shall ask anything in my name, that will I do.
- 14:15 If ye love me, ye will keep my commandments.
- 14:16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may be with you for ever,
- 14:17 [even] the Spirit of truth: whom the world cannot receive; for it beholdeth him not, neither knoweth him: ye know him; for he



JESUS OUR

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth
heart that God hath raised him from the de
man believeth unto righteousness; and wit
tion. For the scripture saith Whosoever
For there is no difference between the Jew
rich unto all that call upon him. For wh
Lord shall
Romans

For God so loved the world, that he gav
believed in him should not perish, but hav
into the world to condemn the world; but
John 3

If you have never received christ Wherever
your heart. His Love will change your life! I
and give you eternal life forever with
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If you need a bi
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JESÚS NUESTRO

Tanto amó Dios al mundo que entregó su
El no se pierda, sino que tenga vida etern
sino que por El ha de salvar

Heart be troubled



SALVATION

the Lord Jesus, and shalt believeth in thine
head, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart
th the mouth confession is made unto salva-
believeth on him shall not be ashamed.
y and the Greek; for the same Lord over all is
osoever shall call upon the name of the
l be saved.
s 10:9-13

ve his only begotten son, that whosoever
ve everlasting life. For God sent not his Son
that the world through him might be saved.
3:16-17

r you are, right now - ask Jesus to come into
He will wash you clean and make you whole
Him! If you asked Christ into your life
know.

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LA SALVACIÓN

u Hijo Unico para que todo el que crea en
a.Dios no mandó a su Hijo para condenar
se el mundo. Juan 3: 16-17

abideth with you, and shall be in you.

14:18 I will not leave you desolate: I come unto you.

14:19 Yet a little while, and the world beholdeth me no more; but
ye behold me: because I live, ye shall live also.

14:20 In that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me,
and I in you.

14:21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is
that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my
Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself unto him.

14:22 Judas (not Iscariot) saith unto him, Lord, what is come to pass
that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the
world?

14:23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will
keep my word: and my Father will love him, and we will
come unto him, and make our abode with him.

14:24 He that loveth me not keepeth not my words: and the word
which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's who sent me.

14:25 These things have I spoken unto you, while [yet] abiding with
you.

14:26 But the Comforter, [even] the Holy Spirit, whom the Father
will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring
to your remembrance all that I said unto you.

14:27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you: not as the
world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled,
neither let it be fearful.

14:28 Ye heard how I said to you, I go away, and I come unto you.
If ye loved me, ye would have rejoiced, because I go unto the
Father: for the Father is greater than I.

14:29 And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it
is come to pass, ye may believe.

14:30 I will no more speak much with you, for the prince of the
world cometh: and he hath nothing in me;

14:31 but that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the
Father gave me commandment, even so I do. Arise, let us go
hence.

Aided-suicide bill passes first hurdle

By Steve Geissinger, Sacramento Bureau

SACRAMENTO — After an emotional debate spurred by the Terry Schiavo case, a state Assembly committee approved a bill Tuesday that would allow doctor-assisted suicide for the terminally ill in California.

Co-authored by Assemblyman Lloyd Levine, D-Van Nuys, the bill is modeled after Oregon's landmark law. Its movement forward in the California Legislature is certain to put the state in the spotlight of the national controversy stirred by the Schiavo case.

The legislation would allow adults with less than six months to live to self-administer life-ending medication prescribed by a doctor. It cleared the Judiciary Committee on a 5-3 vote after Assemblywoman Cindy Montanez, D-Mission Hills, joined two Republicans in voting against it.

"We are trying to bring the everyday practice of aid in dying out of the shadows, into the light of public scrutiny," said Levine, who pursued the concept of assisted suicide after the death of his terminally ill grandmother.

Supporters, who included a wildly varied parade of hospice workers, doctors, attorneys, religious and community-group representatives, hope to win some GOP backing and push the measure through to Republican Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, who would face a dilemma as a Catholic and social moderate.

But the measure also faces strong opponents, including the California Medical Association and the Roman Catholic Church.

"It's never right to commit, encourage, endorse or assist suicide for persons of any age or stage of life," said Ned Dolejsi, executive director of the California Catholic Conference, which includes the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

Instead, he said, legislators should "work together to deal with the real issues of health care, death and dying in our society."

Opponents also said the bill could lead to the killing of patients who weren't dying or didn't want to die.

But supporters said the bill, including amendments approved Tuesday, provides sufficient protection against coercion and assures the patient's judgment is not altered by medication.

To decide on assisted suicide, the patient would have to be declared mentally competent, see two physicians, make written and oral requests for the lethal dose, be counseled about alternatives and wait through a cooling-off time. Additionally, only the patient could legally make the decision, not a family member or a guardian.

"Our bill assures that the patient is always in control," said Assemblywoman Patty Berg, D-Eureka, another co-sponsor of the bill. Former Oregon Gov. Barbara Roberts also testified in support of the measure, citing what she called the success of her state's Death With Dignity Act, approved by voters in 1994. The Bush administration, however, is legally challenging that law.

With approval from the Assembly Judiciary Committee, the bill was sent to the Appropriations Committee, which is expected to forward it to the Assembly floor. If approved there, the measure would go to the state Senate for a similar process, starting with committee hearings. The Associated Press contributed to this report. Steve Geissinger, (916) 447-9302 sgeissinger@angnewspapers.com

Eric Robert Rudolph 38, admits guilt in bombings in exchange for life

BIRMINGHAM—



Eric Robert Rudolph admitted he was guilty of the bombings, deaths and injuries that occurred July 27, 1996 at Centennial

Olympic Park Atlanta, Ga., and the Birmingham New Woman All Women Health Care Jan. 29, 1998. Rudolph's written statement explained that he was driven to commit these acts because of the U.S. government's tolerance of abortion and gay rights. "The purpose of the attack . . . was to confound, anger and embarrass the Washington government in the eyes of the world for its abominable sanctioning of abortion on demand."

In another statement shortly afterwards, Rudolph said he has deprived the government of its goals of sentencing him to death. "The fact that I had entered an agreement with the government is purely a tactical choice on my part and in no way legitimates the moral authority of the government to judge this matter or to impute guilt."

Judge Linwood Smith asked him: "Let me cut to the chase -- did you plant the bomb on January 29, 1998," Rudolph said, "Yes, your honor." Judge Smith, "Did you cause the bomb to explode?"

"I certainly did." Rudolph replied. He will be housed in a maximum security prison in Colorado.

Rudolph: "You so-called pro-life 'good Christian people' who point your plastic fingers at me, saying that I am a 'murderer,' that 'two wrongs don't make a right,' ... I say to you that your lies are transparent,"

Jim Pinto, founder of Sanctity of Life Ministries, Priests For Life

Associate, Her Choice Women's Center, and pro-life activist for 25 years in Birmingham made the following statement in regard to the conviction of Eric Rudolph:

"Eric Rudolph may be a Racial Supremacist, Anti-Government Extremist and Guilty of Bombings in Atlanta and Birmingham, but let us be clear once and for all that he was never Pro-Life.

The facts of Eric Rudolph's life, associations, and actions have made it clear that he was in no way associated with the Pro-life Movement except that his actions were the direct opposite of it. From the day of the bombing, to his capture and to this day of his "guilty plea" I along with a multitude of other Pro-life Advocates have always taken issue with the repeated titling of Eric Robert Rudolph as Pro-life and have always stated the Pro-life Movements vision of nonviolence and compassion for all people:

"The Pro-Life Movement condemns the use of violence to overcome the violence of abortion. We renounce violence in thought, word and deed and proclaim the sacredness and dignity of every human being from the moment of conception until natural death. This sacredness and dignity of the human person extends to all people in and out of the womb, friend and foe alike. If the philosophy of the Pro-life movement is embraced, everyone is respected, cherished and lives. May God forgive the shedding of innocent blood in our city, nation and world and may we all embrace the sacredness and dignity of the human person at every stage of life."

The Pro-life community continues to extend its prayers and compassion to the family of slain officer Robert Sanderson, may he rest in peace, and to Emily Lyons and others injured through these acts of violence.

Religious Schools Ask Calif. High Court for Equal Access to Funding

By Allie Martin (AgapePress) -

The Christian Legal Society's Center for Law & Religious Freedom has asked California's Supreme Court to overturn a lower court's ruling and reinstate equal benefits to religious schools seeking special tax-exempt bond financing.

In 2002, three Christian schools — Azusa Pacific University, California Baptist University, and the Oaks Christian School — applied with California's Statewide Communities Development Authority for tax exempt bond financing. CSDA is a state agency that provides such tax-exempt financing to educational institutions, including private schools, for projects intended to benefit the public.

CSDA asked a state court to review the proposed transactions with the schools to see if they were permitted by the constitution. However, the trial court ruled that the Constitution of the State of California did not allow religious schools to have access to such financing.

Greg Baylor with the Christian Legal Society contends that California's state constitution discriminates against religious schools by "causing them to pay more to do business than very similar secular institutions." CLS feels this is wrong, he says, adding, "We think that Christ-centered schools ought to have the same access to these benefits and be able to pursue their missions on an equal playing field with secular and public institutions."

According to Baylor, virtually every other state in the U.S. extends benefits of tax-exempt bond financing to religious schools. In fact, he notes that federal judicial rulings have often favored equal treatment of religious institutions. But in many cases, state constitutions have presented an obstacle.

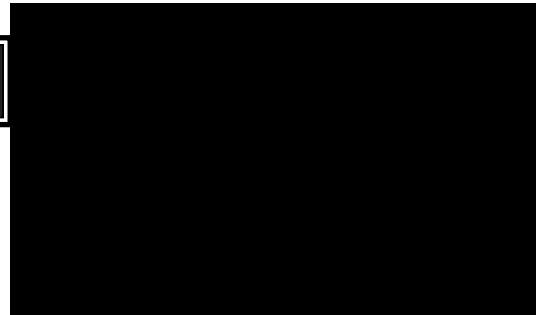
The CLS attorney explains, "Even though the advocates of religious freedom have had success with the federal courts, getting them to change how they interpret separation of church and state, there still is this big problem in many states where there's a state constitutional provision that requires discrimination against religion. We need to fight that battle too."

Baylor adds, "Just because we've had some success on the federal side of things doesn't mean there's not a problem — there still is."

The Center for Law & Religious Freedom has filed a brief with the California's Supreme Court on behalf of the CLS and the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities. The brief recounts the historically discriminatory roots of the constitutional provisions against religious schools and also argues that court interpretations of the provisions over the past several decades have demonstrated the legality of allowing religious schools access to tax-exempt bond financing.

Baylor contends that the essence of religious freedom is government neutrality towards religion. "Giving religious schools the same access to conduit financing is completely consistent with our nationwide commitment to respecting America's religious diversity," he says.

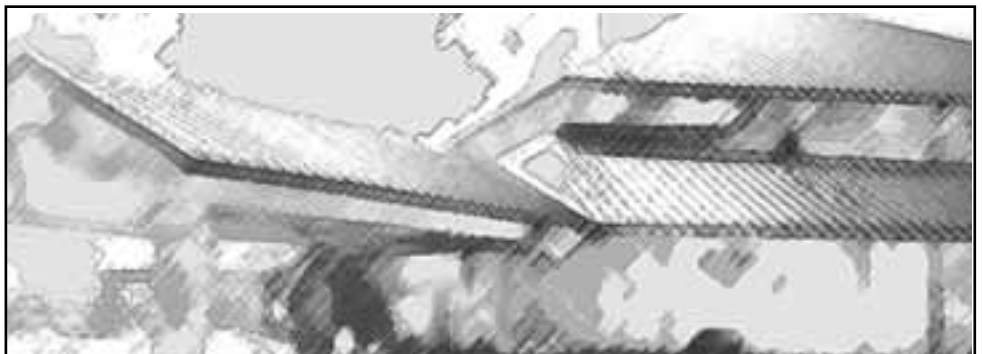
The Christian Legal Society lawyer asserts that the California lower-court decisions on this issue are another example of an all too frequent occurrence — that is, "discrimination against religion in the name of separation of church and state." He says CLS is hopeful that the state Supreme Court will overturn the lower courts' discrimination against religious schools.



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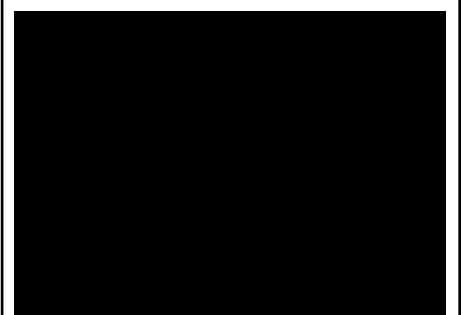
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TV PROGRAM NOTES — WEEK OF APRIL 24

Here are some television program notes for the week of April 24. They have not been reviewed and therefore are not necessarily recommended by the Office for Film & Broadcasting.

- **Sunday, April 24**, 9-10 p.m. EDT (History) "Hitler's End." A chronicle of Adolf Hitler's final days, as he deluded himself into thinking Germany would emerge victorious; includes eyewitness accounts from Hitler's secretary, his aide de camp, a telephone operator in the bunker, an SS officer and an SS physician, a Hitler youth messenger and a bodyguard.
 - **Tuesday, April 26**, 8-9 p.m. EDT (PBS) "Ancient Refuge in the Holy Land." The "Nova" science series investigates a bag of papyrus letters written nearly 2000 years ago — and discovered in a cave in 1960 — written by one of the great figures of Jewish history, the rebel Bar-Kokhba, who led a heroic guerrilla uprising against the Romans. Biblical scholar Richard Freund discovers that the treasure found in the same cave might be a long-lost relic of the great Temple in Jerusalem destroyed by the Romans.
 - **Wednesday, April 27**, 8-9 p.m. EDT (PBS) "Cooking Under Fire." A new 13-part series that takes viewers behind the scenes as aspiring chefs are put through a coast-to-coast challenge that tests their talents of culinary acumen, endurance, business skills and more, the winner becoming chef at a New York City restaurant.
 - **Friday, April 29**, various times EDT (PBS) "Zoom." The 200th episode of the long-running children's series, now in its final season, airs this day, as Noreen prepares a delicious cultural "znack" called raita; a "Zoom" guest learns how to be an awesome vegetarian; Noreen and Shing Ying discover how to distill water by the power of the sun; and viewers see what happens when you run out of gas in Ubbi Dubbi City.
- Friday, April 29**, 9-10 p.m. EDT (CBS) "JAG." Airing of the final episode of the long-running military drama, with 10 seasons and 227 episodes to its credit.

Saturday, April 30, various times EDT (PBS) "Journey to the Land of Dinosaurs." A special episode of the preschoolers' series, "Gina D's Kids Club," which aims to foster a good self-image as well as social, math and reading skills, featuring guest Susan Hendrickson of the Field Museum of Chicago, and a segment on the world's largest, best preserved and most complete Tyrannosaurus Rex. The program is also being syndicated to local commercial broadcast stations for airing the same week.

Movies Coming Soon

Layer Cake — Technically proficient but unpleasantly seamy story of a cocaine dealer in London (Daniel Craig) who prides himself on the efficiency of his methods, only to be caught up in the machinations of honcho Jimmy Price (Kenneth Cranham) and Price's high-powered cohort, Eddie Temple (Michael Gambon), and a stolen shipment of Ecstasy pills after which everyone is scrambling. Matthew Vaughn's thriller is too complex for its own good, with its difficult-to-follow plot (to the point of "who cares?"), tricky-to-decipher accents, flashy but

empty presentation, and — though perhaps appropriate for the underworld milieu — more expletives per minute than any film in recent memory. One brief but graphic sex scene, nudity, brutal violence with attendant gore, pervasive rough and crude language, and drug use. L — limited adult audience, films whose problematic content many adults would find troubling. (R) Opens April 29, 2005

Saint Ralph — Fanciful but extraordinarily moving film about a 14-year-old boy (Adam Butcher) who believes only a miracle can bring his hospitalized mother out of her coma, so with no prior experience in running he decides his miracle will be winning the Boston Marathon and trains with one of his teachers, former runner Father Hibbert (Campbell Scott), all to the consternation of stern Father Fitzpatrick (Gordon Pinsent), the school's principal who believes talk of miracles is blasphemous. Some of writer-director Michael McGowan's dialogue has a not-quite-natural quality though this is clearly meant to be a fable, while certain elements of the story — the boy's admitted habits of "self-abuse," a scene of a naked woman in a locker room, a portrayal of church authority as unduly restrictive — complicate what might otherwise be ideal entertainment for all ages, and limit the film's appropriateness to adults and older adolescents. Profanity, rear nudity, a nonexplicit masturbation scene, underage drinking and smoking. A-III — adults. (PG-13) Opens April 29, 2005

Fever Pitch — Sweet and funny romantic comedy set in Boston about a 30-year-old workaholic (Drew Barrymore) whose relationship with a goofy but charming high school math teacher (Jimmy Fallon) is strained when she discovers that underneath his "normal" exterior is a rabid Red Sox fan who is torn between his commitment to her and the boys from Beantown. Directed by Bob and Peter Farrelly and loosely based on a novel by Nick Hornby, the film — which plays out against the improbable 2004 Red Sox season — features pitch-perfect performances from Fallon and Barrymore and imparts a feel-good message about how love ultimately demands both acceptance and sacrifice. Implied premarital sex, some comic violence and crude humor, as well as scattered crass expressions. A-III — adults. (PG-13) 2005

Robots — Technically dazzling but disappointingly formulaic animated feature about would-be inventor robot Rodney's (Ewan McGregor) coming of age, as he leaves his parents to make his mark in far-off Robot City and joins forces with master inventor Bigweld (Mel Brooks) and some misfit robot friends to help defeat the evil Madame Gasket (Jim Broadbent) and her power-hungry son, Ratchet (Greg Kinnear), who are consigning "outmoded" robots to the scrap heap rather than equipping them with new parts. Chris Wedge's overly busy follow-up to "Ice Age" is further undermined by a merely serviceable script that substitutes some needlessly vulgar humor and a pat follow-your-dream sentiment for true wit and originality. Despite the all-star voice cast, including Halle Berry, Drew Carey and Amanda Bynes, the "bots" fail to have really distinct personalities — their mechanized body parts allowing only limited expression — and even Robin Williams seems subpar in this setting. Some questionable humor and innuendo and crass expressions. A-I — general patronage. (PG) 2005

Sahara — Lackluster and, at times, absurdly silly action adventure about a roguish treasure hunter (Matthew McConaughey), who, along with his sidekick (Steve Zahn), help a U.N. doctor (Penelope Cruz) investigate a mysterious plague outbreak in a war-torn African nation which they think may be somehow linked to their search for a long-lost

Civil War battleship. Directed by Breck Eisner and based on the novel by Clive Cussler, the humor-laced film, though intermittently entertaining as escapist fare, is weighed down by vapid performances, a mediocre script, risible dialogue and an overemphasis on tedious action sequences over character and story. Recurring action violence and minimal rude expressions. A-III — adults. (PG-13) 2005

The Ring Two — Stylish and scary, but less than satisfying, sequel to the 2002 sleeper horror hit, which finds investigative reporter Rachel Keller (Naomi Watts) and her young son, Aidan (David Dorfman), relocating from Seattle to a coastal Oregon community only to have their hopes of a fresh start shattered when a "cursed" videotape — which, causes certain death seven days after being viewed — forces Rachel to plumb deeper into the mystery surrounding Samara, a murdered child whose vengeful spirit is set on Aidan. Directed by Hideo Nakata — who also directed the Japanese fright films on which these American remakes are based — this one relies less on psychological suspense than special-effect centerpieces, and, despite visual creepiness and some goose bumps, lacks the overall sharpness and originality of the first. Recurring frightening images, some disturbing violence involving child peril, an instance of rough language, and some crude and profane expressions. A-III — adults. (PG-13) 2005

Ice Princess — Standard but not uninteresting tale of a high school honor student (Michelle Trachtenberg) whose heart is secretly set on professional skating, and after working on a science project about correlation between skating and physics decides to train for the championships with former champion Tina (Kim Cattrall), over the objections of her mother (Joan Cusack), who's determined her daughter study physics at Harvard instead. Tim Fywell's modest film — thematically similar to the 1977 ballet film "The Turning Point" — is reasonably absorbing for all its plot predictability, the skating sequences are enjoyable, and the performances, within the one-dimensional demands of the story, are good, making this unobjectionable family entertainment, especially for young girls. A-I — general patronage. (G) 2005

Beauty Shop — Amiable comedy about a widowed mother (Queen Latifah) working as a hairdresser who, after a falling-out with the shop's owner, flamboyant Jorge (scene-stealing Kevin Bacon), opens her own establishment in the ghetto and, thanks to her styling prowess and warm-hearted people skills, overcomes myriad obstacles to succeed. Bille Woodruff's engaging film is a perfect showcase for the likable Latifah, the eclectic ensemble cast (including Alfre Woodard, Alicia Silverstone, Djimon Hounsou and Andie MacDowell) makes for interesting watching, and despite some salty street language and salon sex chatter the movie imparts solid messages about loyalty, friendship, and parenting. Some profanity, crude language and crass expressions, sexual innuendo and suggestive dancing. A-III — adults. (PG-13) 2005

Because of Winn-Dixie — Gentle and disarming story based on Kate DiCamillo's award-winning best-seller about a Baptist preacher (Jeff Daniels) and his little girl, Opal (AnnaSophia Robb), who move to a small Florida town, and the dog they take in which becomes the catalyst for Opal to make friends with several of the town's outcasts: an ex-alcoholic recluse (Cicely Tyson), a fearful, spinsterish librarian (Eva Marie Saint), and a guitar-strumming pet store manager with a prison record (Dave Matthews). Wayne Wang's film, based on a novel by Kate DiCamillo, is beautifully acted all around, and imparts a heart-tugging message about people's loneliness and need to connect, making satisfying entertainment for adults as well as children. A-I — general patronage. (PG) 2005

No Ordinary Hymns on Jars of Clay's "Redemption Songs"

Michael Ciani, CCM Magazine

Artist: Jars of Clay

It is often said that everything old becomes new again. And that is delightfully true on "Redemption Songs" from Jars of Clay.

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