

LEGATUS SPEAKERS FOR 2010

January 21, 2010 Bishop Samuel Jacobs

Bishop Sam Jacobs is the new international chaplain of Legatus. As the founding chaplain of the Houma-Thibodaux Chapter, the bishop was instrumental in developing the South Louisiana chapter. He was appointed bishop of Alexandria in 1989. He was installed as the third bishop of Houma-Thibodaux in 2003. Within the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, he is currently a member of the Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth and the Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis.

Known for his warmth as well as his energetic preaching, Bishop Jacobs will speak to us on “The Church in China”.

February 25, 2010 Dr. Timothy O’Donnell

Timothy O'Donnell, president of Christendom College, was the first layman to receive both his licentiate and doctoral degrees in Ascetical and Mystical Theology from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome. He is a Knight Grand Cross in the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre. He is the author of the highly acclaimed Heart of the Redeemer and Swords Around the Cross and has filmed many programs for EWTN.

Dr. O'Donnell will speak to us on “Pope Benedict XVI’s Vision of Catholic Education”.

March 25, 2010 Mr. Tom Peterson

Tom Peterson is the president of both VirtueMedia (virtuemedia.org) and Catholics Come Home (catholiccomehome.org), two cutting-edge Catholic media outreach companies that produce and air powerful television commercials aimed at changing hearts and minds with the message of life and truth. To date, these powerful television messages and websites have helped save thousands of babies from abortion, helped thousands of souls back to the Catholic Church, and educated millions of people about the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church.

Mr. Peterson will speak to us on “Love Somebody to Heaven”

April 22, 2010 Archbishop Alfred C. Hughes

Archbishop Hughes served as the 13th Archbishop of New Orleans, from January 3, 2002, until his retirement on June 12, 2009, having previously served as Bishop of Baton Rouge, from 1993 to 2002.

The Archbishop has placed an emphasis on evangelization as a major theme of his tenure. He also sits on numerous committees of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, including that which oversees the use of the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

May 27, 2010

Mr. Harry Crocker III

Harry Crocker III is the author of three widely acclaimed books: Robert E. Lee on Leadership, The Old Limey, and most recently, Triumph: The Power and Glory of the Catholic Church, A 2000-Year History. The later has won praise from such famous Catholics as Sean Hannity, William F. Buckley Jr., Ralph McInerny, Robert Novak, Raymond Arroyo, and Father C.J. McCloskey who says Triumph is, "the best short history of the Church in English since the Second Vatican Council." In addition, his most recent book is "Don't Tread On Me: A 400-year History of America at War.

Mr. Crocker is widely known and sought after for his talks on Catholic Culture and Apologetics and Evangelization.

**June 24, 2010
(Summer Social)**

**July 29, 2010
Msgr. Christopher Nalty**

Monsignor Christopher H. Nalty, a native New Orleanian, was a lawyer and an accountant before entering the priesthood. He is now a priest of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, currently serving as pastor of Good Shepherd Parish.

Msgr. Nalty has recently completed a five year term as an official of the Vatican's Congregation for the Clergy. He has been leading visitors on tours of the excavations at St. Peter's Basilica since 1996.

**August 26, 2010
Fr. Tad Pacholczyk**

Father Tadeusz Pacholczyk is Director of Education for The National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia and directs the Center's National Catholic Certification Program in Health Care Ethics.

Fr. Pacholczyk is in great demand and travels extensively, speaking on the ethical issues related to embryonic stem cell research, cloning, beginning-of-life issues, as well as care and treatment decisions for compromised patients or patients at the end of life.

September 23, 2010
Mr. Tim Staples

Tim Staples was raised a Baptist and was an Assembly of God Youth Minister before he met a fellow Marine who knew how to defend the Catholic Faith. He soon became convinced that the Catholic Church was indeed the Church started by Christ.

Since his conversion in 1988, Tim spent six years in formation for the priesthood earning a degree in Philosophy. He then studied theology on a graduate level for two years. Deciding that his calling was not to the priesthood, Tim left the seminary in 1994 and has been working in Catholic Apologetics and Evangelization ever since. He will be speaking to us on “Answering Common Objections: Apologetics for a New Evangelization”.

October 28, 2010
Fr. David Toups

Father David L. Toups is associate director at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Secretariat of Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations. He is responsible for a number of articles and has recently completed a book entitled Reclaiming Our Priestly Character, published by the Institute for Priestly Formation (fall 2007).

This book suggests ways to keep a priest's life from becoming routine, to deal with frustrations and disappointments, and to pattern one's life after Jesus. Several church leaders have endorsed the book, including Cardinal Avery Dulles, a leading theologian.

The son of Leon and Lynn Toups, Fr. Toups spent most of his childhood in south Louisiana.

November 18, 2010
Mr. Frank Hanna

Frank Hanna is CEO of Hanna Capital in Atlanta, Georgia. As a businessman and merchant banker, he invests in financial service opportunities. Prior to the investment business, he was a corporate attorney. Mr. Hanna has been involved in education for nearly three decades and has been instrumental in the foundation of three Catholic schools in Atlanta. He is the founder of Solidarity Association which serves as Trustee of the Mater Verbi/Hanna Papyrus Trust.

Frank Hanna will recount the odyssey to acquire what is considered a true relic-an odyssey that crisscrossed Egypt, London, New York, Atlanta, Rome, Geneva, and Jerusalem. These manuscripts, known as the Bodmer Papyrus XIV-XV, contain the world's oldest-known written fragment from the Gospel of Luke, the earliest-known Lord's Prayer, and one of the oldest-written fragments from the Gospel of John.

December 12, 2010
(Christmas Party)