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Churches Stand Together

Mobile, Ala., forum shows: Opposition to the HHS mandate is Catholic, and catholic

Most Catholics... are well aware that American Catholic bishops are observing a “Fortnight for Freedom” to drum up opposition to the Health and Human Services abortifacient-insurance mandate. What might be lost in all the coverage is that the opposition is not a power play on the part of the bishops, or some sort of Republican political ploy. Nor is it a battle energizing only Catholics. Here in coastal Alabama, as in many places across the country, the alarm is widespread, intense — and decidedly ecumenical.

Nowhere will these realities be more apparent than in a remarkable forum scheduled for Tuesday night, June 26, at Mobile’s St. Ignatius Catholic Church... The host and lead speaker will be St. Ignatius’s pastor, Bry Shields... In 1984, Shields became one of the first of a rare breed: married Episcopal clergy who converted to the Catholic priesthood under a special “pastoral provision” approved by the Vatican three years earlier.

Moderating the forum will be another religious convert, Norman McCrummen. McCrummen, the son of a Baptist minister... Joining them will be Mark Foley, an ordained Baptist minister and president of the Baptist-affiliated University of Mobile, and Agnes Tennenbaum, a regionally renowned, 90-year-old Jewish survivor of Nazi concentration camps. One would have a hard time imagining a more ecumenical panel of speakers...

Foley has been working for months to build a wide coalition against the mandate:

“We have been meeting for some time to explore ways we can be involved in bringing our energies and our resources to bear on the preservation of religious liberty, which we believe is being threatened. We’re not trying to influence the government as (though we are the) church per se, but citizens of faith of every persuasion have always been the reinforcers of religious liberty. By no means is (this effort) limited to clergy. As the president of an Evangelical and Baptist organization, I am involved because it is a real issue.

“I am involved because there must be strength in the churches coming together on these issues, not standing apart. I have not sacrificed my theological convictions. We are aware there are theological differences between us, but we are much more aware now that there are convictions bringing us together.”...

That’s why this battle is not and should not be merely Catholic, but catholic, in the sense of universal.

(June 25, 2012, www.nationalreview.com)

‘Under God: Indivisible’ Conference Will Tackle America’s ‘Spiritual Crisis’

Glenn Beck’s “Restoring Love” event is now just weeks away. In addition to the exciting happenings that will unfold at Cowboys Stadium, there will be numerous coinciding conferences and meetings going on from July 26-28. Among the initiatives is “Under God Indivisible,” a conference that is separate from but held in conjunction with “Restoring Love.” The event will focus upon American values and the need to bring the Almighty back into the mainstream.

On Friday, July 27, some of the most intriguing faith leaders from across America — and from numerous denominations — will come together at High Point Church in Dallas, Texas, to participate in the leadership event. Its primary purpose? Calling America back to God.

In addition to hearing from an array of speakers, attendees will gain a great deal of information about the issues unfolding in the U.S., while engaging in prayer and other forms of worship. The end goal is a reawakening that serves to stir the nation’s heart. A web site setup to promote “Under God: Indivisible” reads, in part:

“Every significant turning-point in our nation’s history (from the birth of this republic to the abolition of slavery and the civil rights movement) was preceded by a great spiritual awakening, when people of faith joined together in prayer and purpose. In spite of their differences, they found common ground to address shared concerns.”

There is little disagreement that America is now in a spiritual crisis, but we believe the situation is far from hopeless! However, the church and those with faith in the living God are the only hope to see our nation’s perilous

course corrected. It is our responsibility to hold up godly standards, allowing truth and the principles of our founding fathers to guide our path...

Speakers at the event will include: the James Robison (he's co-hosting), Dr. Tony Evans, Priest Jonathan Morris, Pastor John Hagee among many others.

"We have organized the... meeting to emphasize the importance of another great spiritual awakening," Robison says of the event. "We're calling for people of faith to seek common ground to effectively address our legitimate concerns."
(July 3, 2012, www.theblaze.com)

Inspired commentary

When the leading churches of the United States, uniting upon such points of doctrine as are held by them in common, shall influence the state to enforce their decrees and to sustain their institutions, then Protestant America will have formed an image of the Roman hierarchy, and the infliction of civil penalties upon dissenters will inevitably result. (*The Great Controversy*, p.445)

Yet this very class put forth the claim that the fast-spreading corruption is largely attributable to the desecration of the so-called "Christian sabbath," and that the enforcement of Sunday observance would greatly improve the morals of society. This claim is especially urged in America, where the doctrine of the true Sabbath has been most widely preached. Here the temperance work, one of the most prominent and important of moral reforms, is often combined with the Sunday movement, and the advocates of the latter represent themselves as laboring to promote the highest interest of society; and those who refuse to unite with them are denounced as the enemies of temperance and reform. But the fact that a movement to establish error is connected with a work which is in itself good, is not an argument in favor of the error. We may disguise poison by mingling it with wholesome food, but we do not change its nature. On the contrary, it is rendered more dangerous, as it is more likely to be taken unawares. It is one of Satan's devices to combine with falsehood just enough truth to give it plausibility. The leaders of the Sunday movement may advocate reforms which the people need, principles which are in harmony with the Bible; yet while there is with these a requirement which is contrary to God's law, His servants cannot unite with them. Nothing can justify them in setting aside the commandments of God for the precepts of men.

Through the two great errors, the immortality of the soul and Sunday sacredness, Satan will bring the people under his deceptions. While the former lays the foundation of spiritualism, the latter creates a bond of sympathy with Rome. The Protestants of the United States will be foremost in stretching their hands across the gulf to grasp the hand of spiritualism; they will reach over the abyss to clasp hands with the Roman power; and under the influence of this threefold union, this country will follow in the steps of Rome in trampling on the rights of conscience.
(*The Great Controversy*, p.587, 588)

- We are now witnessing the process of the above Inspired quotes coming into a deeper reality. Soon the above quotes will come to pass.

Intense Storms Called a "Derecho" Slam 700 Miles of the US

A "super derecho" of violent thunderstorms left a more than 700-mile trail of destruction across the Midwest and mid-Atlantic on Friday, cutting power to millions and killing eleven people. More than 450 damaging wind reports were received by NOAA's Storm Prediction Center (SPC) as the derecho took roughly 12 hours to race from northern Indiana to the southern mid-Atlantic coast.

A derecho is defined as a widespread and long-lived wind storm that accompanies rapidly moving showers or thunderstorms. The most severe derechos are given the adjective "super."
(June 30, 2012, www.accuweather.com)

Inspired commentary

Satan works through the elements also to garner his harvest of unprepared souls. He has studied the secrets of the laboratories of nature, and he uses all his power to control the elements as far as God allows. When he was suffered to afflict Job, how quickly flocks and herds, servants, houses, children, were swept away, one trouble succeeding another as in a moment. It is God that shields His creatures and hedges them in from the power of the destroyer. (*The Great Controversy*, p.589)