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Eminence Francis Eugene Cardinal George, O.M.I., is the eighth Archbishop of Chicago. He is President of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, and a member of the USCCB Committee on Liturgy and the ad hoc Committee on Shrines. He also serves as consultant to the USCCB Committees on Doctrine and Pro-Life Activities and the Subcommittee on Lay Ministry. He is the Chancellor of the Catholic Church Extension Society (since 1997) and the University of St. Mary of the Lake, Mundelein, Illinois (since 1997). He is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Catholic University of America (since 1993), a Trustee of the Papal Foundation (since 1997), a member of the Board of Directors of the National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia (since 1994), and a member of the Board of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception (since 1997). He will serve as a delegate of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops for the 2008 World Synod of Bishops on “The Word of God in the Life and Mission of the Church.”

E. Joanne Angelo, M.D. is a psychiatrist in private practice in Boston Massachusetts.



For the past ten years, Dr. Angelo has collaborated with the National Catholic Bioethics Center and is an editor for their national publication. She published an article in National Catholic Bioethics on “Depression and Assisted Suicide in the Terminally Ill” in 2001. Dr. Angelo has also addressed the Catholic Bishops of Texas on “Post Abortion Grief”, “Women in Health Care”, and “Faith, Sacraments and Medical Technology”. Since 1996, Dr. Angelo has been a corresponding member of the Pontifical Academy for Life where she has presented papers on: care of post-abortive women, the Hippocratic Oath, hospice care and the history of Project Rachel in the United States.

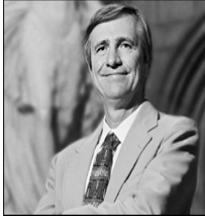
Mr. Christopher Ferrara founded the American Catholic Lawyers Association and,



since approximately 1991, has concentrated his practice on the pro-bono representation of Catholics in religious and civil liberties cases, both civil and criminal, both plaintiff and defense. Mr. Ferrara has a number of significant appellate victories to his credit including the recent decision of the Second Circuit in *Spitzer v. Operation Rescue*, striking down an expanded injunction against pro-life activists under FACE, and narrowing the grounds for liability under FACE for the alleged making of threats. Mr. Ferrara has also won a number of acquittals and dismissals of pro-life activists at the trial level and obtained an appellate court reversal of a \$109 million verdict against pro-life activists in Portland, Oregon. Mr. Ferrara is a widely published author on Catholic Church affairs and co-authored *The Great Facade: Vatican II and the Regime of Novelty in the Roman Catholic Church* (Remnant Press, 2002).

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Peter Kreeft, Ph.D. is a professor of philosophy at Boston College. He is nationally internationally known as a Catholic apologist and the author of over 45 books on the existence of God, heaven and hell, spirituality and philosophy. Kreeft a convert to the faith has also a great love of baseball and especially the Boston Red Sox. Because of his keen philosophical mind he has been honored with the following recognitions: Woodrow Wilson Fellowship, Yale-Sterling Fellowship, Newman Alumni Scholarship, Danforth Asian Religions Fellowship and Weathersfield Homeland Foundation Fellowship.



Leonard P. Rybak, M.D., Ph.D. is a professor, Department of Surgery-Division of Otolaryngology, Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, Springfield, IL. Dr. Rybak's professional affiliations include the American College of Surgeons, and the American Academy of Otolaryngology -- Head and Neck Surgery. Locally, he is a member of the Sangamon County Medical Society and of various committees at St. John's Hospital and the SIU School of Medicine. He serves as president of the Sangamon County Chapter of the Society for Neuroscience. Dr. Rybak has numerous honors and awards and is presently the vice president of the Catholic Medical Association.



Stephen R. Sharkey, Ph.D. is a professor of sociology and Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences at Alverno College, Milwaukee. Dr. Sharkey has written extensively about the sociological dimensions as they relate to education and educational systems. He is a member of the American and Wisconsin Sociological Associations along with the Society of Catholic Social Scientists. He is the 2004 recipient of Hans Mauksch Award given by Wisconsin Sociological Society for Teaching Excellence.



Michael Waldstein, Ph.D. is the Max Seckler Professor of Theology at Ave Maria University. He previously served as founding president of the International Theological Institute in Gaming, Austria, and was the St. Francis of Assisi Professor of New Testament there. He is a member of the Pontifical Council for the Family and is a Distinguished Fellow of the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology. His published works include his definitive translation of John Paul II's *Man and Woman He Created Them: A Theology of the Body*, "The Common Good in St. Thomas and John Paul II" (*Nova et Vetera*), and "Dietrich von Hildebrand and St. Thomas Aquinas on Goodness and Happiness" (*Nova et Vetera*).

