The Best Week Ever is Almost Over

What’s the verdict?
Are You Interested in Attending?
THINGS THAT MAKE YOU GO
HMMMMMM...
Cultural and Moral Decline in Past 5 years

- More States and foreign countries have allowed physician assisted suicide
- States have legalized the use of marijuana
- LGBTQ rights have been extended
- Religious Freedom has been opposed
- Colleges are centers of self-expression and experimentation
- Christians are beheaded in Middle East
- So-called same sex marriages are now legal in all of US
- Music and media are obscene
- Perverse sexual disorders and activities now the norm
- Tolerance has become the only virtue
- Christianity is now a hate-group
Cultural and Moral Decline THIS WEEK!

- Canada passed a bill criminalizing any kind of discrimination on the grounds of “gender expression” and “gender identity.”
- Canadians who refuse to call individuals by their preferred pronoun, including “ze, zir, hir,” will now be charged with hate crimes, fined, jailed, and/or compelled to undergo anti-bias training.
- The man who shot and critically injured Rep. Steve Scalise, R-LA, last week had a hit list of pro-life members of Congress that he apparently intended to assassinate.
- Ireland’s newly elected leader has announced that a referendum will be held in 2018 on the issue of repealing the eighth amendment of the Irish constitution, which strictly prohibits abortion in nearly all circumstances.
Moral Relativism – There is No Truth

We are moving toward a dictatorship of relativism which does not recognize anything as for certain and which has as its highest goal one's own ego and one's own desires.

(Pope Benedict XVI)
College Freshmen Are Less Religious Than Ever

Data from a nationwide survey shows students who list their affiliation as "none" has skyrocketed

By Allen Downey on May 25, 2017
Atheists Aren't the Problem, Christian Intolerance Is the Problem

Richard Dawkins and Robyn Blumner
Sep 30, 2014

Richard Dawkins is an evolutionary biologist and internationally best-selling author. He has published eleven books, all still in print, including The Selfish Gene, the blockbuster The God Delusion, and his magnum opus The Ancestor's Tale. Dawkins is a fellow of both the Royal Society and the Royal Society of Literature. He was the inaugural holder of the Simonyi Chair for the Public Understanding of Science at Oxford University and is the Prize of Japan.

Robyn Blumner is the executive director of the Richard Dawkins Foundation for Reason and Science in Washington, DC. She was a
Exposed: Christian Students Rejected, Failed, and Expelled for their Faith by State Colleges and Universities

By Matthew Clark 23 months ago

Public colleges and universities are taking the gloves off when it comes to Christian students on their campuses. Gone are the days of surreptitious slights against Christians; now it is open season on faith. Blatant, in-your-face anti-Christian discrimination is the new norm.

Christian students now face their applications being rejected because they let it slip out that they are a person of faith, receiving failing grades for daring to allow their religious beliefs to outweigh the omniscience of the educational elites, or being outright expelled.
School suspends Christian student who challenged Muslim prof who said Jesus’ crucifixion is a hoax

Chris Enloe  Mar 28, 2017 12:42 pm
Are U.S. colleges hostile to Christian students?

So, how tough is it on college campuses these days for Christian students? Pretty grim, as evidenced by lawsuits colleges keep losing -- in which they are charged with blatant religious discrimination.

Are Christian kids on U.S. college campuses facing open hostility and discrimination because of their faith?
Supreme Court Justice Justice Samuel Alito seems to think so.
So does U.S. Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Daniel Ripple -- and human rights attorneys Gregory Baylor and Jordan Lorence.

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito
Colleges Change Lives

- Immoral activities, crazy parties, wrong friend group, illegal activities, wrong spouse
- Atheist professors with secular agenda
- Hard to receive sacraments frequently
- Lack of education in Truths of the Faith
- Stuck at 12th Grade Catholic knowledge
- If you walk through sewage, you will smell like it – even if you don’t ingest it.
## What Are the Odds of Dying From...

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### Safety Checkup Might be Coolest Online Tool Ever

Safety Checkup reveals real hazards most likely to harm you based on your age, gender, location and other factors, and what you can do to be safer.

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New Stats on Why Young People Leave the Church

December 21, 2016 - Apologetics, Evangelism, My Book

WHEN are They Leaving?

- 79% of former Catholics leave the Church before age 23 (Pew)
- 50% of Millennials raised Catholic no longer identify as Catholic today (i.e., half of the babies you’ve seen baptized in the last 30 years, half of the kids you’ve seen confirmed, half of the Catholic young people you’ve seen get married)
  - Only 7% of Millennials raised Catholic still actively practice their faith today (weekly Mass, pray a few times each week, say their faith is “extremely” or “very” important)
- 90% of American “nones” who left religion did so before age 29 (PRRI)
  - 62% leave before 18
  - 28% leave from 18-29
  - 5% leave from 30-49
  - 5% leave from 50+

WHY are They Leaving?

- PRRI Survey (2016) – percentage of “nones” who said reason(s) below was an important reason they left religion
  - 60% – I stopped believing in the religion’s teachings
What will it look like in 2022?

- More Abortion and Contraception
- More Drugs and Pornography
- More Euthanasia and Doctor Assisted Suicide
- More LGBTQ Rights
- More Anti-Christian Laws
- More Radically Educated Moral Relativists
God is Calling YOU to Affect Change

- The Church needs articulate, informed, educated, committed, and believing Roman Catholics
- You cannot change the culture if you do not know what a Catholic culture is
- One Man Can Make a Difference
- Embrace your call to GREATNESS
- If not now, when? If not you, who?

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The world promises you comfort, but you were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness.

~Pope Benedict XVI

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What will you do about it?

- Will you be able to answer God’s call to be an everyday hero?
- Will your educational background and experience be a help or hindrance?
- Will you have the answers to the big questions in life, and know how to defend them in the public square?
What Road will you Travel?

- It will not be easy. It will be a battle.
- Do you have what it takes to fight?
- Will you become a statistic? – one of the 80% who leaves the Church during college years?
Christendom Can HELP!

- Solid Catholic education, studying what matters in life, to prepare you for GREATNESS
- Pursuit of the TRUTH with faithful, Catholic professors and virtuous friends
- Daily Mass, Adoration, Confession, Rosary
- Authentic Catholic Culture with good fun
- Every opportunity to succeed in all aspects of life – career, personal, moral, spiritual
The Few and the Proud

- God knew from all time that you would be at this session of the ECSP – less than 300 this summer
- He knew that you would spend time with Him in adoration and at Mass, and be given the opportunity to live in a fully Catholic culture.
- He may be calling you to experience this life for 4 years so that you can bring what you’ve learned out to the world and help Him become victorious!
Afraid? Worried?

- Are you afraid of the lack of majors?
- Are you afraid that you won’t fit in?
- Are you afraid of what your friends might think?
- Are you afraid of cost? Afraid of career choice?
- Are you afraid of being considered a “holy roller”?
- Are you afraid of what God has in store for you?
DEAR YOUNG PEOPLE,
DO NOT BURY YOUR TALENTS,
The Gifts That GOD Has Given You!
DO NOT BE AFRAID TO DREAM OF GREAT THINGS!
POPE FRANCIS
What’s the End Result Desired in Life?

1. Well-Rounded Education
2. Good Vocation – marriage/religious vocation
3. Good Career Opportunities
4. Great Friends and Support Group
5. Ability to Support Your Family
6. Happiness in Life
7. Remaining Catholic
8. Happiness in Death – Heaven!
DARE TO BE GREAT.  DARE TO JOIN US!