FROM THE FOUNDER

Quite often we hear from many of our viewers and supporters with questions of concern about Julie, what we do for fun as an apostolate, expressing interest in knowing more about the individuals who make up our apostolate and so forth. So we decided to compile all that information in a monthly “behind-the-scenes” newsletter.

You read an update on Julie in the email; please keep her, her husband Kevin and her son James in your prayers. We miss her presence terribly.

First up department-wise is Development. Susan Vance and Carmen Allard are the editors of this newsletter, and will keep you abreast of the goings-on at CM. Read more about them in the column to the right.

Our intent is to inform and entertain you with this newsletter. We hope we accomplish that with our first effort. Enjoy!

Spotlight on the Development Department

Susan Vance is the department head of Development, and one of the founding members of St. Michael’s Media / Church Militant. Susan came on board in July 2006 and was instrumental in shaping the apostolate. As one of only four original staff members, she, like the others, wore many hats. Duties included: administration, reception, public relations, speaking engagement bookings, producing shows, script writing, voiceovers, etc. Susan often says, “Working for Michael Voris has been one of the greatest blessings of my life.”

Carmen Allard was first introduced to CM in February 2012 by a YouTube video of The Vortex. After meeting Michael at a speaking engagement in Southern California in September of that year, she was inspired to work with Susan and him to create the Retreat at Sea annual cruise/fundraiser. After three successful retreats, she relocated to Michigan from SoCal in April 2015 and came on board full time.

Susan and Carmen are responsible for building and maintaining traditional methods of revenue for the apostolate, as well as creating unique sources like cruise retreats and land pilgrimages for CM and other Catholic organizations / speakers / ministries.

We are so grateful for our loyal supporters, donors and Premium subscribers. For material support, we invite you to click on our Support Us tab at the top of our website. For spiritual support, please include us in your daily prayers and Rosary intentions.

We hope to meet you at one of our many events throughout the year, or plan a visit to our studios!
Driving to the ChurchMilitant.com website

In a recent Vortex, Michael spoke of the real and imminent danger of our liberties to free (Catholic, conservative) expression being suppressed. In his words, “Our apostolate is website driven. It didn't start that way, but that's what it is now. That means we are completely dependent on those who run the internet and those who run the access to the internet. And by this we mean outfits like Facebook, Twitter, Google, YouTube and various video players which are the platforms that run all our videos, like Vortex, for example.”

In light of this realization, we are encouraging all our supporters who view us through those means to please get in the habit of doing so directly on our website.

Here is a link to that Vortex giving more detail:

http://www.churchmilitant.com/video/episode/vortex-preparing-for-attack

Meet Jane!

"Jane was born, as all babies are, with a special present from God ..."

Jane wants to give her present to someone she truly loves, but when all of her friends start pressuring Jane to give her present away before she is ready, will Jane find the strength she needs to hold on?

Buy this great children's book by new Catholic author Isabella Bruno and learn how to approach the sensitive subject of chastity with your young daughters and sons.

Isabella Bruno grew up Catholic and understood the concept of chastity well. But, as Isabella discovered, and as we all know, the struggle to remain chaste becomes very real upon dating, or even courting. It wasn't until she read Theology of the Body that she was given the newfound hope and courage to continue in her chaste relations with her now-fiancé. This was the impetus for writing her first children's book, From Jane, With Love.

Men need to be challenged to strive for sanctity and they need a reason; women need to challenge them to do so, as Miss Bruno points out. She also knows there is an effort to undermine the values of chastity and modesty in society, so parents must be proactive in talking with their children about it.

From Jane, With Love provides a way of starting the chastity discussion and helping your children feel comfortable talking with you about it. There's nothing explicit or graphic in this easy-to-read book. Just take it at your own pace.

Let your kids know they are valuable and worth waiting for!

To learn more about the author, visit her website.

JOIN THE RESISTANCE!

The purpose of The Resistance is to network Catholics primarily locally, and then nationally / internationally, in resisting various corruptions of the Faith that have appeared in the Church by means of following the universal Call to Holiness.

The Resistance will be organized on a local level, diocese by diocese, where there are people willing to help and become involved. The goal of The Resistance is to present an arena for authentic Catholic teaching to find a home whereby local Catholics can be in touch with one another to learn and deepen their knowledge of the Faith, their prayer lives, and discuss any particular plan of action they think needs pursuing to address problems in their local church.

But the major emphasis of The Resistance will be on resisting evil in our individual lives and striving daily for personal holiness. The old philosophical maxim “You cannot give what you do not have” comes to mind.

The Resistance also takes a special interest and care in the area of the clergy and seminarians, where Satan has created so much havoc and confusion.

Church Militant recently hosted our first monthly Resistance webinar from Detroit, with over 300 viewers watching live! You can watch that here: Resistance Webinar

For more detailed information, click here.
After five successful, successive “Retreat at Sea” cruises, we have decided to also go ashore on a land pilgrimage to... Rome! We will format the days similarly to our well-received retreat cruise with Michael Voris conferences, Mass and communal dining. Of course, we will be visiting all the sites you’d imagine in the eternal city, with some off-the-beaten path selections as well. **October 2-9, 2017.**

For all the details and to register, click on the graphic above or visit the page on our website:

http://www.churchmilitant.com/rome-pilgrimage

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**Michael Voris Speaking Engagements**

April 20—Bakersfield  
April 22—Alhambra  
April 23, 24—Orange County (Fountain Valley)  
April 25—San Diego (El Cajon)

Have you thought about bringing Michael out to your location to give a talk to your group? It’s easier and more affordable than you might think. Contact Kathy to discuss the possibilities:

KathyMaiuri@ChurchMilitant.com or call her at (248) 545-5716.

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The Church Militant 6th Annual Retreat at Sea

Tuesday, **April 3** to Tuesday, **April 10, 2018**: One way from **Los Angeles** to **Vancouver, B.C.**, with ports of call in Santa Barbara, San Francisco, Astoria (Oregon), Nanaimo, British Columbia

Our “fan favorite” Retreat at Sea is returning for our sixth successive outing. If you haven’t had an opportunity to join this fulfilling, enjoyable and unique retreat, make this the year to do it! Only $100 (refundable) per person reserves a stateroom, with final payment due January 18. Bundled in our very reasonable fare is the conference fees, including a private group shore excursion in San Francisco / wine country.

For more details, [visit our website](http://www.churchmilitant.com/rome-pilgrimage). If you have questions, email: RetreatAtSea@StMichaelsMedia.org

If you’d like to speak with a breathing human, call Carmen or Susan at (248) 545-5716.

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**Strength & Honor**

*Tickets are now on sale for the Third Annual Church Militant Men’s Conference!*

If you, your husband, son, brother, friend, priest or any other man in your life is concerned about Western culture and not at all surprised Trump won the U.S. election, then Strength & Honor Conference 2017 with Michael Voris and Church Militant is where he needs to be! **August 5, 2017** in Sterling Heights, MI.

[Read more about it and order tickets at our website](http://www.churchmilitant.com/rome-pilgrimage).
Just some of the gang from Church Militant taking time to recharge, relax and have fun at a recent team-building event.

Team 2, proud winners of the scavenger hunt, with our server, Dan.

Someone won a yo-yo in one of the games and is enjoying it!

Kaitlin (Marketing) and Nick (Tech) sharing smiles & stripes.

Trey seems to be asking, “Billiards, anyone?”

Pre- and Post-Production staff Denny, Josh, Thaad, Dallas, Eden, Ryan, Marcus and Monica enjoying some food and fun!

Head of Production, Charlie, looks awfully thirsty. (No, they weren't all his!)

Trey (Production) smiling for the camera, along with Max (Marketing), Derek (News) and Nicole (Administration).