

CLEVELAND CHANCELLOR DEFENDS 'NUDE' STATUE OF THE VIRGIN MARY AND MEDITATIONS WITH POTENTIAL OCCULT LINKS

The chancellor of a major American diocese has defended the use of both yoga and a form of esoteric therapy called "reiki" as ways of enhancing prayer and healing in a Catholic setting -- a view that many would find to be in contradiction of the Vatican.

The chancellor, **Father Ralph E. Wiatrowski, of Cleveland**, says that the diocese does not officially propagate the practices but sees nothing wrong with elements of them.

His views first came to light in a letter to a local woman who had complained about use of such practices at the **Church of the Resurrection in Solon, Ohio**.

The church, which advertises yoga classes in the parish hall on Thursdays at 8:30 a.m. and 5:45 p.m., also has a highly controversial portrayal of the Blessed Mother.

"As to the matter of yoga and reiki classes that are offered, please know that while these are not Christian in origin, there are principles involved that can be helpful in Christian meditation as well as techniques of relaxation as a preparation for prayer," wrote Father Wiatrowski on August 19. "While such things are not formally encouraged, it does not seem that there is anything present to warrant concern." Father Wiatrowski repeated those views in an interview with *Spirit Daily*.

Those who oppose such practices note the link to what they see as Eastern occultism, most memorably represented by figures such as Maharishi Mahesh Yogi.

Yoga is from the Sankrit word Yug, meaning "union" (with the Divine, your higher "self").

"It is a path for transcending the ordinary mind (who you think you are) in order to merge with your 'higher self' or 'God self,'" notes one [Christian website](#). "Yoga means 'to yoke' -- to yoke with Brahman (i.e., the 'Infinite,' the 'Universal Spirit,' the impersonal force that the Hindus call 'God') via the realization of an altered state of consciousness, thereby theoretically releasing oneself from the bondage of endless reincarnation. Yoga comes out of the Hindu Vedas. It can be traced back to Patanjali, who was a religious leader. Shiva, one of Hinduism's three most powerful gods, was known as 'The Destroyer' -- he's called Yogi Swara or the 'Lord of Yoga.'

In the West yoga is mainly used as a form of relaxation. Father Wiatrowski argues that in a Catholic setting yoga "can help a person to quiet down and center himself." He added that it can be "applied to prayerful atmosphere," helping to rid distractions." While it is "from another culture," says the chancellor, there may be "many who find it beneficial."

But alarm has been rung over a possibly hidden form of occult indoctrination and its spread into Catholic churches and religious settings throughout the West, where it is especially prevalent among nuns.

In a [recent document](#) on the New Age -- issued by the Pontifical Council for Culture and the Pontifical Council for Inter-religious Dialogue -- the Vatican warned that "some of the traditions which flow into New Age are ancient Egyptian occult practices, Cabbalism, early Christian gnosticism, Sufism, the lore of the Druids, Celtic Christianity, mediaeval alchemy, Renaissance hermeticism, Zen Buddhism, Yoga, and so on."

In the interview with *Spirit Daily*, the Cleveland chancellor argued that because Jesus "is standing in the middle of all of this" when yoga is practiced in a Catholic setting, such a practice "can have helpful elements." He said he didn't recall the direct reference in the Vatican document to yoga. The views are likely to raise hot debate among many who believe that both yoga and reiki -- along with a spiritual method known as the "[labyrinth](#)," which is also offered by the church -- have negative ramifications.

Meanwhile, Cleveland has been a hotbed for what is known as "Future Church," a radical organization that seeks to bring women and married priests into the mainstream.

"Yoga is clearly a New Age concept that is deeply religious and pantheistic in its origin," notes the Christian discernment website. "Yoga is also associated with imagery, visualization, hypnosis, mind magic, chanting of *mantra*, positive thinking, and Silva mind techniques, which are not only unbiblical, but are potentially dangerous. When practiced by professing believers, it allows a certain external spiritual influence in our lives, which is inconsistent with, and disallowed (2 *Corinthians* 6:14-18), in the teachings of the Holy Scriptures (2 *Corinthians* 4:4).

While reiki is not singled out by the Vatican as "New Age," reiki websites describe it as "a technique for stress reduction and relaxation that allows everyone to tap into an unlimited supply of 'life force energy' to improve health and enhance the quality of life," which many interpret as in the New Age tradition.

Reiki (pronounced *ray-key*) is a Japanese word representing universal life energy. It is derived from *rei*, meaning "free passage" or "transcendental spirit," and *ki*, meaning "vital life force energy" or "universal life energy." For many, reiki dangerously incorporates elements of many alternative healing practices such as psychic healing, auras, crystals, chakra balancing, meditation, aromatherapy, naturopathy, and homeopathy, some of which, like yoga, have clear links to the New Age and are advertised on such websites.



"The energy stuff is extreme, but you need to see all of this as part of the gift of healing," asserts Father Wiatrowski. "It helps in understanding the totality of healing and can be as valuable as therapeutic touch."

Not just convents and parish halls but Catholic hospitals across the United States have become centers for both yoga and reiki.

The Ohio parish was likewise criticized for what many see as a sensual portrayal of the Blessed Mother [*eff*]. This too the diocesan chancellor defended, saying that like the "Last Judgment" scene, figures are not nude but in gossamer robes. Father Wiatrowski says he was assured this by the

parish. "Tastes in art vary from person to person," he argued. "The Blessed Mother is clothed."

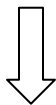
Replied the woman who had complained, "I received your response and looked again at the photo of the statue of Mary. I must have a problem with my eyesight because, to me, the outline of the Blessed Mother's body is quite obvious. Again I have to say that this is a very sacrilegious way to show respect for the person whose name is synonymous with purity and modesty."



This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual and devilish -St. James 3:15

HOW LONG WILL WE SUPPORT THE CORRUPTION IN THIS DIOCESE?

NEXT



Reiki, the Nude Virgin Mary at Resurrection parish and our utterly spiritually bankrupt Cleveland Diocese leadership!

Dear SOC Supporters,

I am asking God, and for you to join with me, to bring down immediate swift judgment on the guilty parties at Resurrection Parish who would so desecrate the faith and the Holy Mother and the Diocesan leadership that is letting this happen, *now even with their approval!* The pagan religion of Baal is being openly established right in the Catholic Church and in front of thousands of Catholic noses and in a way that openly and flagrantly desecrates the most sacred things we know. And where is our Bishop and his accomplices in all this? They are throwing lavish parties and expensive trips for each other at our expense, funneling millions (yes, I said *millions!*) of our tithe monies into for profit corporations benefiting themselves, and lining their own pockets with those millions (yes, again, I said *millions!*)

Months ago I urged you to seriously consider withholding **all giving to the churches in this Diocese, unless your parish was true to the faith and unless your giving would in no part go to this Diocese.** Part of everything that goes in the offering plate goes to support the corruption of the Catholic faith in this diocese and into the pockets of those who are responsible. The only exception, at least in our parish, is what is put into the **building fund envelope** or put into a mailing envelope and clearly marked "**Building Fund only!**" My parish priest says that that fund can be used for anything needed in the parish. **Please let your priest and the Diocese know you are withholding all giving to them until they return to the Catholic faith and deal decisively with the paganism, corruption and sacrilege being promoted by the Bishop and his accomplices!** Several have reported to me that Christine Schenk appeared on national television with Bishop Pilla at a Bishop's conference, so when the Bishop says the Diocese does not support FutureChurch he is now, in addition to being a thief, is a liar and deceiver. I also consider our priests who can see these things happening and fail to confront the Bishop about this as pitiless cowards who do not deserve their positions as priests and shepherds of the people. Every activity in every parish should be stopped, totally halted, and our priests should be getting together en masse and in concert confronting the Bishop with his sins and telling him to resign immediately. They should be making a direct appeal to Rome for a Bishop to clean up this cesspool in Cleveland. **I have not told you but the very smallest part of the evil that is being promoted in this diocese with the approval of this Bishop.** Charlie Feliciano, the Diocesan lawyer for the Diocese for many years told me that witnesses are coming from all over telling him stories that were so horrific that at he became so sick he had to leave for the bathroom to throw up! I am going to repeat this and to warn every one of you who think you can still ignore your duty to help straighten out this diocese that you will one day stand before God and answer for your indifference to and now your continued support of the destruction being financed by thousands of Catholics. That financing includes our seminary which is headed by an openly practicing homosexual with a live in boyfriend. Yes, the apostate, the so-called "Fr." Dragga. But why should we be surprised, the boy sex offender "Fr." McBride admitted to an undercover agent that his gay bar cited for conducting a boy prostitution ring in which he was involved looked like a seminary on Friday night!

If you believe you have a parish that is truly and completely faithful to the truth and the Church, go to your priest and explain that you do not wish to have one cent of you money to go to this Diocese. If he cannot **absolutely assure you** that your "giving on the side" to the parish will remain 100% in the parish, **you do not have a good priest**, plain and simple. **(And let me know which priests will not help you keep the blood of innocent souls off what you give to the Church!)** The Bishop and his office is not in union or fellowship with the Catholic Church, they in fact are opposing it and thus are no longer Catholic but anti-Catholic and anti-Christian. This diocesan office is an illegitimate criminal organization robbing you not only of your money but of your faith and the faith of your children. Your contributions are making it all happen.

FutureChurch fundraiser at Rockside Rd. Holiday Inn

As they have for years, many priests and nuns from this diocese will again be filling the Holiday Inn on Rockside Rd this September 29, for another fundraiser for FutureChurch, the heretical group founded at Resurrection parish, whose "worship space" to the goddess Sophia was actually blessed by our so called Bishop (along with another new facility erected recently by Future Church). **This year, apparently to coordinate with the nude Virgin Mary they have invited the most notorious and outspoken critic of Catholic teaching on sex and homosexuality to be their guest speaker. Fr. Charles E. Curran is the Rochester, NY, priest whose teachings were so horrible he was stripped of his license to teach Catholic theology. Welcome Sodom and Gomorrah to the Cleveland Diocese!**

Matthew 21:12,13 Jesus went into the temple of God and cast out all those that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the money changers, and the chairs of them that sold doves: And He saith to them: It is written, *My house shall be called the house of prayer; but you have made it a den of thieves.*

Lamentations 2:14-16 Thy prophets have seen false and foolish things for thee: and they have not laid open thy iniquity, to excite thee to penance: but they have seen for thee false revelations and banishments.

All they that passed by the way have clapped their hands at thee: they have hissed, and wagged their heads at the daughter of Jerusalem, saying: Is this the city of perfect beauty, the joy of all the earth?

All thy enemies have opened their mouth against thee: they have hissed, and gnashed with the teeth, and have said: We will swallow her up: lo, this is the day which we looked for: we have found it, we have seen it.

Jesus warned those who would oppose Him and His Peter, the Stone: "Whoever shall fall against that Stone [those from outside the Church who oppose it], shall be bruised, but upon whomever it shall fall [those within the Church who undermine and oppose that Stone], it will grind him to powder." **Luke 20:18**

WHAT WE MUST DO WITH THE HELP OF THE HOSTS OF HEAVEN TO DRIVE THE TEMPLE MOFFIA OUT OF THE CLEVELAND DIOCESE.

PRAYER:

The Apostle Paul ordered the church at Corinth to delivered over the fornicator in their church to Satan "for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit many be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus." We have the Cleveland Diocese being literally filled with fornicating priests and one at the head of the Seminary! And many of the rest in this Diocese are all either indifferent or plain cowards who care more for their positions and pensions than the Lord Jesus and His Church! I wish for each of you to join me in the following prayer:

Father in Heaven you have seen the sacrilege and sin in your Church. We ask for the sake of the innocent that those in leadership in this Diocese who are most responsible for this evil and corruption will be delivered over to Satan, that they and the world will know of your wrath against evil and be drawn back to You. We pray this in the name of Our Lord Jesus whose love and mercy is being trampled in the mire and for the sake of the innocent whose souls are being destroyed! Amen and Amen and Amen!

PERSONAL CONFESSION:

If you cannot see to help remove the beams out of the eyes of our Leaders in this Diocese who are involved in the thievery of God's money, immorality, fornication, promotion of heresy, lying and deception, intimidation, bribery, then for God's sake get the filth out of your eyes so you can do something to truly help the Church. Too many Catholics have leached off the heroic works and efforts of others who have by their sacrifices passed down the treasury of this Church and its Holy faith! **DON'T BE ONE OF THEM!**

ARE YOU FEARFUL? Fear is sin and a conceited obsessions with self and evidence we lack a relationship with God. It is evidence we lack love, and without love, especially for those you are compelled to expose, you will be defeated by the enemy. But love comes **ONLY** from God and to get it you must abandon all that keeps you from God! Get with God, stick with God and decide to choose that no matter what the consequence **AND HE WILL PREPARE YOU.** God cannot abandon those who have such resolve who stay motivated for the good of all involved and who thus abandon all personal motivations!

And we have known, and have believed the love, which God hath for us. God is love: and he that abideth in love abideth in God and God in him. In this way is the love of God perfected with us.... There is no fear in love: but perfect love casteth out fear.... And he that feareth is not perfected in love. Let us therefore love God, because God first hath loved us. If any man says, I love God, and hateth his brother; he is a liar. For he that loveth not his brother, whom he seeth, how can he love God, whom he seeth not? And this commandment we have from God, that he who loveth God must also love his brother. I John 4: 16-21

It is not love to allow rampant sin in the Church if you have the means to prevent it. It is not love to remain silent in the face of evil. And what an incredible hypocrisy to make allowances for priests and Bishops, who must be held to a higher standard, which we do not for others! Talk about a perversion of justice! And it is not love for our Bishop and his accomplices in evil to allow them to get by with their sin. Neither is it love for the Church or its faith to remain silent while these are being destroyed by those we continue to support in the Church!!

WHOLEHARTED DEDICATION TO THE WORK GOD HAS RAISED UP TO DEAL WITH THIS CRISIS IN CLEVELAND:

- 1. Absolutely refuse all financial support to any parish in this diocese that is not in full harmony with the Holy Father and the faith of the Church.** And let your priests know of your decision at least by a note in the offering plate.
- 2. Do not use the regular offering envelopes or give any loose money to any parish in this Diocese** as part of every dollar so given ends up destroying the faith in this Diocese.
- 3. If you have a parish you believe is faithful to the faith and the Church, ask your priest if there is a way to give that all monies will go only to the parish. My priest said that all money given in a mailing envelope marked "Building fund" stays in the parish and that it can be used for any purpose. Do not give 1 cent to any parish whose priest cannot guarantee your giving will not end up destroying someone's soul.**
- 4. Fill out the form below and send it to the Bishop** and tell them of your decision that you will no longer be financing the destruction of the church and faith in this diocese and that your decision will remain in effect until dramatic action is taken to clean up this diocese. Place your letter to the Bishop in the offering plate.
- 5. Participation in our massive campaign to involve the State Attorney General in a full scale investigation of the financial corruption of our Diocesan officials.** Charlie Feliciano, the legal council for the Diocese for many years has opened a tremendous opportunity in that this financial scandal has now reached national media and FBI attention and investigation as a direct result of his filing the class action law suite against the Bishop for widespread financial fraud in June of this year. Never in 20 years has such an opportunity been given us to deal with the corruption at the Cathedral.
 - 1st** We are sending all this information on this scandal to every Bishop and cardinal in the United States, (some 278 letters). The cost of this is already covered.
 - 2nd** We are planning to send this information to all 570 active priest in this diocese with a "ballot" for priests to respond to Charlie either anonymously or with name and perhaps further information that would increase the scope of the legal investigation. (We need a little extra funding for postage on this!)
 - 3rd** We are launching a letter signing campaign to State Attorney General Jim Petro to immediately look into the massive financial scandal in the Cleveland diocese. Jim Petro has all the documentation amassed by the Feliciano Law firm which consists of about 3 inches of material. He also will be running for Governor and is seeking to distance himself from the present scandals in the State Government. He may find this to be what he needs to impress his constituency he is worth your vote. **Please download the Spirit Daily exposure and distribute also.**
 - 4th** A non-profit organization is being set up to help in the legal costs of Catholics seeking to deal with corruption in this Diocese and in Toledo. In the meantime Save Our Church will accept donations for this effort which are badly needed. Please designate "Cleveland Legal Fund" or "Toledo Legal Fund."

Here's the Letter! Just select, copy, paste, print and then copy and distribute to every Catholic in Cleveland you know. Distribute them in your parish. (You may wish to send the signed copy in for those you contact and 3 or 4 will go in one envelope for .37)

Also, sent the letter to all your e-mail addresses in Cleveland.

Non-Catholics can also be involved as the Diocese is a charity trust and its ethical conduct is a public concern for everyone. (Simply modify the sentence about being a Catholic.)

You may wish to provide envelopes for those you find to sign. Anything to insure the delivery! **Have you wanted to do something to help save our Church?? This is truly a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity!** And thank God for Charlie Feliciano who has put everything on the line and thousands of hours in on this case with no compensation! Pray for him and his family.

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RE: The Diocese of Cleveland

Dear Mr. Petro:

I am a member of a parish in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Cleveland.

On June 13, 2005, a lawsuit was filed on behalf of a number of parishioners throughout the Diocese of Cleveland. This lawsuit demanded an accounting of the assets of the Diocese because of alleged wrongful conduct involving Bishop Pilla, Joseph Smith, and numerous other individuals. Additionally, the lawsuit alleged the wrongful taking of Diocesan assets by various individuals.

On September 12, 2005, however, the case was dismissed by the Judge for lack of standing. He stated that it was the duty of the Attorney General to pursue this type of case involving a public charity.

In that capacity, I respectfully request that you begin an immediate investigation into this matter. Public policy dictates that it is unjust for these individuals to go unpunished.

It appears that you are our only hope to resolve this serious matter.

Sincerely,

**Copy this letter and pass on to every one concerned about the corruption in the
Cleveland Catholic diocese. (Please leave this notice on the letter.)**

Date:

Dear Bishop Anthony Pilla,

I wish to inform you that not another penny of my God given income will go to support the corruption of faith and morals that you have allowed in this Diocese. If we give to our Parish it will be in ways that cannot be taxed by the Diocese. What a shame things have come to this.

Sincerely,

Those interested in this lawsuit or interested in offering additional testimony in this criminal case please contact attorney Charlie Feliciano (216) 583-0952 / fax: (216) 583-0952 / E-mail felicianocl@hotmail.com

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