



## *Help Celebrate FutureChurch's 21st Annual Benefit and Silent Auction*

Summer 2011

Dear Friend,

**We invite you to provide an auction item for FutureChurch's 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Benefit.** To add a touch of color and fun to this wonderful gathering, FutureChurch hosts a **small, select silent auction** composed of works of art, private gourmet dinners, tickets to sporting events and concerts, gift certificates, and special travel vacation experiences.

Your support for the *FutureChurch 21<sup>st</sup> annual benefit and silent auction* will help us make this year's dinner a great success – and help us raise funds vital to our education and advocacy efforts.

This year we are especially pleased welcome, **Jason Berry**, author of *Render Unto Rome: The Secret Life of Money in the Catholic Church as our guest speaker.* The benefit will be held on **Thursday, October 13, 2011** at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. Please see the enclosed flyer for Jason's background and event details.

FutureChurch is also pleased to announce the selection of **Dan and Sheila Daley, cofounders of Call To Action as the 2011 recipients of the Father Louis J. Trivison Award.** The award will be presented at the benefit.

**Please support our silent auction.** Enclosed is a reply form to describe your contribution of a silent auction item similar to those in the list above. Your gift will be gratefully acknowledged in our dinner program.

We thank you in advance for your support of the FutureChurch silent auction.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christine Schenk csj".

Christine Schenk, csj  
Executive Director

**FutureChurch is a nonprofit organization seeking changes that will provide all Roman Catholics the opportunity to participate fully in Church life and leadership.**

**FutureChurch works for:**

Just, open and collaborative structures for Catholic worship, organization and governance.

A return to the Church's early tradition of both married and celibate priests.

A return to the Church's earliest tradition, modeled on the inclusive practice of Jesus, of recognizing both female and male leaders of faith communities.

Regular access to the Eucharist, the center of Catholic life and worship, for all Catholics.

**Our Initiatives Include:**

**Optional Celibacy: So All Can Be at the Table** advocates for a return to our earliest traditions of welcoming both married and celibate priests.

**Women and the Word** raises awareness about the invisibility of biblical women in our lectionary, worship and Catholic formation. Works to end the exclusion of women from Church preaching and scripture proclamation. Advocates for restoration of women in the diaconate.

**Save our Parish Community** assists vibrant, solvent but endangered parish communities threatened with closure because of the priest shortage.

FutureChurch is a Cleveland based, national 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization of parish-centered Catholics. Your silent auction contribution is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. No goods or services were provided in exchange for your generous donation. Please keep this written acknowledgement of your donation for your tax records.



# 2011 Auction Item Reply Form

## Donor Information

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Item(s) Donated

Item Valued at \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Item Description (Please include any restrictions here) \_\_\_\_\_

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Please check all that apply:     Item             Gift Certificate             Service

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## Donation pickup/delivery information (item donations must be received by Friday, September 30, 2011)

- Delivered to FutureChurch offices
- Donor will Deliver to \_\_\_\_\_
- FutureChurch representative to pick up donation

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Donor Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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FutureChurch Representative \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*Please keep your letter and a copy of this reply form your tax records.  
\*\*\*Donated items are not returnable and are the property of FutureChurch.

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