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As Priest, Editor and Author, Fr. Richard John Neuhaus has manifested with undaunted constancy his conviction to living the Gospel of Truth as given to us by Our Lord Jesus Christ. Through his poetic and spiritual honesty in writing and lecturing and his own personal conviction Fr. Neuhaus has become, as *US News and World Report* named him, one of the 32 “most influential intellectuals in America.”

Fr. Neuhaus’s love of the truth was nurtured early on through his experiences serving as a Lutheran Pastor in a small parish in Brooklyn, NY. It was in these early days of living in a poor neighborhood parish that Fr. Neuhaus experienced the “astonishing dignity and generosity of these people.” In all of his endeavors Fr. Neuhaus has seen that “People are hard-wired for good. We have to go against our nature to do evil.” Years later after his conversion to the Catholic faith in 1990 and his subsequent ordination to the priesthood in 1991, Fr. Neuhaus would make a presentation to the Harvard Law School Society for Law, Life, and Religion where he stated “When you are gripped by a truth, then you must persist.” “As St. Paul says to Timothy, preach the Gospel in season and out of season.”

This he has done. Fr. Neuhaus’s numerous books, articles, reviews and lectures have left a mark on the very soul of America. Among his best known books are *Freedom for Ministry*, *The Naked Public Square: Religion and Democracy in America*, *The Catholic Moment*, *As I Lay Dying: Meditations Upon Returning*, *The Eternal Pity: Reflections on Dying (The Ethics of Everyday Life)*, *In the Steps of the Master*, and articles such as *The Secularism of the West*, *Is Mormonism Christian?*, *The Bishops in Charge*.

Fr. Neuhaus is the Editor in Chief of *First Things*, a monthly publication of the Institute on Religion and Public Life. The Institute is an inter-religious, nonpartisan research and education organization whose purpose is to advance a religiously informed public philosophy for the ordering of society. He has been the recipient of numerous honors from universities and other institutions, including the John Paul II Award for Religious Freedom. He has held presidential appointments in the Carter, Reagan and first Bush administrations.

For his dedication and service to truth, his courage, and outstanding scholarship, the Institute for the Psychological Sciences proudly proclaims:

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