# STEVE RAY'S POPULAR TALKS

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# **MOST REQUESTED TALKS:**

#### FROM BAPTIST TO CATHOLIC

Steve's captivating conversion story will keep you on the edge of your seat. Learn what he used to believe about the Catholic Church, what convinced him of the Truth, and how he relates to those who are Protestant with his analogy of the "ship and the rafts."



# SWIMMING UPSTREAM: LIVING A CATHOLIC LIFE IN A PAGAN WORLD

Pagans worshiped many gods. Christians were allowed to worship Jesus along with the pagan gods as one among equals. Caesar too claimed divinity. But Christians said, "No!" They would bow only to the one true God and refused to burn incense to pagan deities. Because of their unflagging principals, they became persecuted outcasts, treated with malice.

Sound familiar? With his usual enthusiasm, Steve explains how culture is falling back into a new paganism (we call it pluralism) with the West, worshipping at the altars of comfort, affluence, and self indulgence. He'll get your heart pumping as he challenges you to swim upstream and make a deadly choice: to stay faithful or keep your head and lose your soul.



#### DEFENDING THE EUCHARIST: YOU ARE WHAT YOU EAT

Steve clearly explains the Biblical basis for the Eucharist in the Old and New Testaments and the early Church. With his customary style of humor and hard-hitting facts, Steve will help you understand and defend the Blessed Sacrament.



"Words like dynamic, compelling, inspiring, and insightful all come to mind when I think of describing Steve's presentations. I say presentations, because they are more than just 'talks'—he puts his whole heart into them. They not only provide intellectual information—they call you to a deeper and more profound understanding of Christ and His Church."

#### **Tom Monaghan**

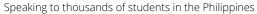
Founder of Domino's Pizza and Ave Maria University

"You were just the very thing needed to stir up a deeper appreciation of the precious truths of our faith and of the greatness of the Catholic Church. Too many of us do not realize the gift we have been given. Your presentation helped us to wonder again about God's beneficence. Many commented on the effectiveness of your words."

#### Fr. Eduard Perrone

Founder of the Call to Holiness







Parish missions, conferences, and more!

#### MARY: REAL GIRL AND WOMAN OF MYSTERY

Steve addresses misconceptions about Mary and how to defend the Church's teaching about her. She is the Queen of Heaven and a "woman of mystery," but Steve reminds you that she was also a "real girl" who lived in Nazareth. Steve uses captivating stories from Scripture, tradition, and history to demonstrate how Mary is foreshadowed by the Old Testament and fulfilled in the New.



#### WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

Steve used to attack Catholics with questions like "Are you born again?" and "Why do you use Sacraments for salvation when the Bible says you should be saved by faith alone?" Steve takes you on a biblical journey to show why the Protestant traditions are mistaken in their understanding of being "born again" and "salvation by faith alone."

Steve goes all the way back to Abraham to show that we are saved by faith and obedience to all that Christ demands of us. In one of his most energetic talks, Steve tells the story with great humor and doctrinal depth.



# PETER: THE ROCK, KEYS AND CHAIR (OR: PROVING THE POPE WITH THE BIBLE)

Where do you find the pope in the Bible? Steve Ray goes back in history starting with Moses, Israel, and the early Church to demonstrate that God intended to appoint a pope in the Church from the beginning. You'll be proud to be a Catholic as he explains Peter and the papacy.

Enjoy the easy-to-understand discussion of infallibility, succession, the Chair of Moses, authority, and Steve's own former misunderstandings.



# OTHER PREPARED TALKS BY CATEGORY

#### EARLY CHURCH

- Proclaiming the Gospel: Back Then and All Over Again
- Suffering and Martyrdom in the Early Church
- The Early Church: Tradition, Scripture, and the Bishops

### MARY (ADAPTABLE FROM 1-4 HOURS)

- Marian Doctrines as Found in Scripture
- Virtual Tour of the Life of Mary
- Mary: Real Girl and Woman of Mystery (see page 1)
- · A Day in the Life of the Holy Family

#### **CURRENT ISSUES**

- Swimming Upstream: Living a Catholic Life in a Non-Christian World
- Giving Yourself to God: Living a Heroic and Sacrificial Life for Christ
- Atheism and God: What We and Our Kids Need to Know (especially good for young people)
- · Islam: What Every Infidel Should Know
- · The Bible and Homosexuality

#### SACRAMENTS AND SALVATION

- · Abraham: Saved by Faith Alone? (Abraham: Father of Faith and Works)
- Defending the Eucharist: You Are What You Eat
- Purgatory
- The Church, the Priesthood, and Confession
- · Moses and the Exodus: the Sacraments in Technicolor
- The Sacraments (detailed 8-talk series; can be given in part or in whole)
- Introduction to the Sacraments
- Baptism and Confirmation
- Eucharist
- Holy Orders and Matrimony
- · Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick

#### CATHOLIC FAMILY AND MORALITY

- Six Rules for Dealing with Non-Catholic Family and Friends
- Straight Talk to Teens: What and Why We Believe, Resisting Sin, Living a Moral Life (New!)
- Raising a Catholic Family: Husband and Wife, Educating and Disciplining Children (three talks)
- Educating Children: How to Teach Our Kids to Love the Faith
- Disciplining Children: Keeping Control in the Family
- · How to Love Your Wife; How to Love Your Husband
- Men, Marriage, Sex, and Heaven (Good Sex as a Road to Heaven) (especially good for men's conferences and for couples)

#### THE CHURCH AND AUTHORITY

- Peter: the Rock, the Keys, and the Chair (proving the papacy from Scripture)
- The Pope: Prophet, Priest, and Pontiff (moral and prophetic voice for our age)
- Peter and the Papacy: Source of Unity and True Ecumenism
- Apostolic Succession and the Priesthood (proving the priesthood from the Bible)
- Infallibility: What It Is and What It Isn't; Objections Answered
- Tradition and Scripture: Why "Bible Alone" Is Impossible

#### BIBLE STUDY AND SOFTWARE

- Bible Software and How to Use It
- How to Build a Catholic Library and How to Use It
- · How to Study the Bible: Case Study Using St. John's Gospel

The talks in **bold** text are some of his favorite talks to give to an audience.









#### SPIRITUAL LIFE

- Developing and Living Your Spiritual Life (coming soon)
- · Giving Yourself to God: Stewardship of Time, Talents, and Treasures
- **The Stations of the Cross** (meditations during or after the Stations)
- Necessary Holiness: Old Testament Saints Point the Way

#### SCRIPTURE AND HISTORY

- The Gospel of John: Master Storyteller (very rich talk, very well received)
- The Birth of the Catholic Church
- 1 and 2 Corinthians: Any chapter, topics, or overall presentation
- Genesis: Any chapter, topics, or an overall presentation
- Acts of the Apostles
- Pentecost: the Old Testament and New Testament Revealed (amazing parallels)
- The Four Gospels: Trusted Treasures
- The Pain of the Crucifixion (multimedia and demonstrations; excellent for Lent)
- Stations of the Cross: Meditations on the Stations (medical, historical, Scriptural)
- Moses and the Exodus: the Sacraments in Technicolor
- Apostolic Fathers: Handing on the Faith
- · Abraham, Father of Faith and Works
- Early Christian Tradition, Martyrdom, and Witness
- St. Joseph: Manly Man and Chosen Father
- Three Miraculous Images: Shroud of Turin, Facecloth of Christ, and Tilma of Guadalupe

### ST. PAUL

- Virtual Tour of the Life of St. Paul (excellent talk)
- The Cities and Culture Confronted by St. Paul
- St. Paul, the Priesthood, and the Eucharist
- Overview of Paul's Life, Writings, and Theology
- Paul Visits Greece: Study of his trips to Athens and Corinth

#### GENERAL APOLOGETICS AND MISCELLANEOUS

- The Thirteen Major Differences between Catholics and Protestants (four talks)
- Practical Apologetics and Evangelism
- When the Honeymoon is Over: How to Live in the Church after Conversion
- The Story of "The Footprints of God" (overview of the film series)
- Evangelism 101: Sharing Jesus with Everyone
- Apologetics 101: Explaining Jesus to Everyone

## HOLY LAND, PILGRIMAGES, AND HOLY GROUND

- Travel to Israel and the Lands of the Bible and the Church
- What About the Jews and Palestinians in Israel?
- The Land of Israel as Jesus Knew It
- What is Holy Ground and Are Holy Sites Authentic?
- What Are Pilgrimages and How to Organize One
- A Day in the Life of the Holy Family

# THEOLOGY AND CHRISTOLOGY

- Jesus: the Word Became Flesh (the life and theology of Christ)
- Atheism and God: What We and Our Kids Need to Know (especially good for young people)
- Jesus: Our Role Model
- Angels: Good, Bad, and Guardian (the A to Z of angels)

#### **WORK AND BUSINESS**

 Work, Money, Business, and the Catholic (given to professional and business groups)



Steve and Janet Ray; taken in 2010 during a speaking tour in India





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