

Note: the following are statements taken from Bishop Bruskewitz Address

## **BISHOP FABIAN BRUSKEWITZ ADDRESS – OCTOBER 19, 2006 CATHOLIC CITIZENS OF ILLINOIS**

“A great amount of dissent and turmoil has come about because of a very serious misunderstanding of the Second Vatican Council. The documents of the Second Vatican Council are excellent,” he said. “All of the documents deserve careful study and careful consideration in all their implications and all their nuances.”

He continued: “The intentions of the Popes of the council, Blessed John XXIII and Pope Paul VI, are also quite clear in their writings and speeches and in all the things they say as derivative from the council. The council in itself we consider a great act of the Holy Spirit. However, what happened was (and I speak from firsthand experience because I was in Rome at conclusion of the council) that a great number of personages and causes gathered around the council as a kind of para-council, which gave, **because of their domination of the media, and incredibly wrong impression which persists even to this day,** about what the council was and what it was intended to achieve.

“For example, one hears very little about the continuity of historic tradition which is inherent in the very actions of the council and in its documents, ... **This para-council of advisers, experts, and non-Catholic observers bestowed on the media incredibly distorted and even totally inaccurate impressions of the council...**

And Catholics must see and accept their “duty to profess again, not just with mouth and words, but with heart and soul, the Catholic faith, the profession of faith,” and **Catholic laity must see with Chesterton that “there are an infinity of angles at which one can fall, but only one at which one can stand.”**

“Once the Catholic faith is flaming alive in the hearts of a dedicated laity, they will be able to carry out the function that the Second Vatican Council places upon them, to bring Christ and the truth of His faith and the truth of the faith He founded into the marketplace, into the workplace, into the home and family, into the realm of politics, business, industry, commerce, the professions, arts and culture,” he concluded.