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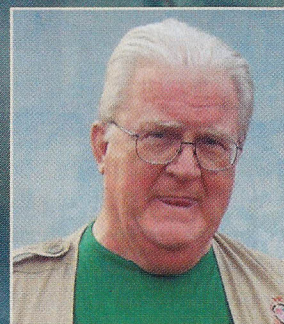
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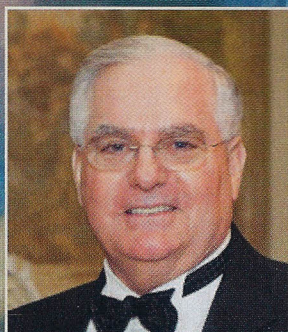


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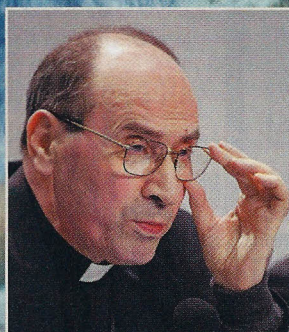


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TOP TEN 2010



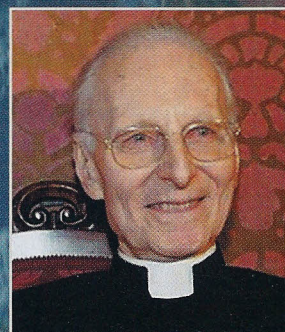
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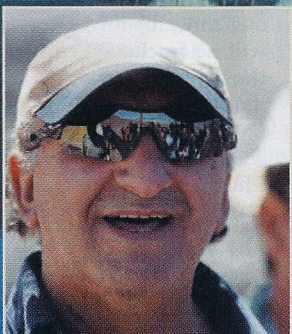


DOMENICO BARTOLUCCI



BRUNERO GHERARDINI

FOR A BETTER 2011



JOSÉ HENRIGUÉZ



WENDY WRIGHT



PEDRO OPEKA

Top Ten People 2010

Again this year, as every year, we are pleased to publish *Inside the Vatican's* selections for the "Top Ten People" of the year just past. As always, the list is inadequate, since many deserving people were not chosen. But the list serves a purpose: it presents to all of us examples of heroic action, of courageous fidelity, of sacrificial love, of zeal for justice—in short, of virtue to be imitated.

We chose two women and eight men; we could just as easily have chosen two men and eight women.

1. ALICE VON HILDEBRAND

A Catholic philosopher who has defended the faith for a lifetime

2. FATHER PEDRO OPEKA

A missionary in Africa for 30 years who has saved thousands from life on garbage heaps

3. JOSÉ HENRIGUEZ

The “spiritual guide” of the 33 miners who were buried, then saved, this year in Chile

4. WENDY WRIGHT

An American woman who is one of the leading voices in the world in defending innocent life

5. BROTHER BENEDETTO POSSAMATO

An Italian religious who visits the world's poorest nations and constructs clinics for those without medical care

We have chosen humble missionaries who work in obscurity but who have brought the love of Christ to thousands around the world.

And we have chosen Princes of the Church, cardinals who are close advisors of the Pope, who are carrying out important tasks of great delicacy with courage and energy.

All are Catholics except one: Gary Krupp. Though Jewish, Krupp, together with his wife, has become one of the greatest defenders of Pope Pius XII.



6. GARY KRUPP

A Jewish American who has emerged as the leading defender of Pope Pius XII

7. CARDINAL DOMENICO BARTOLUCCI

A defender of the Church's musical tradition

8. CARDINAL VELASIO DE PAOLIS

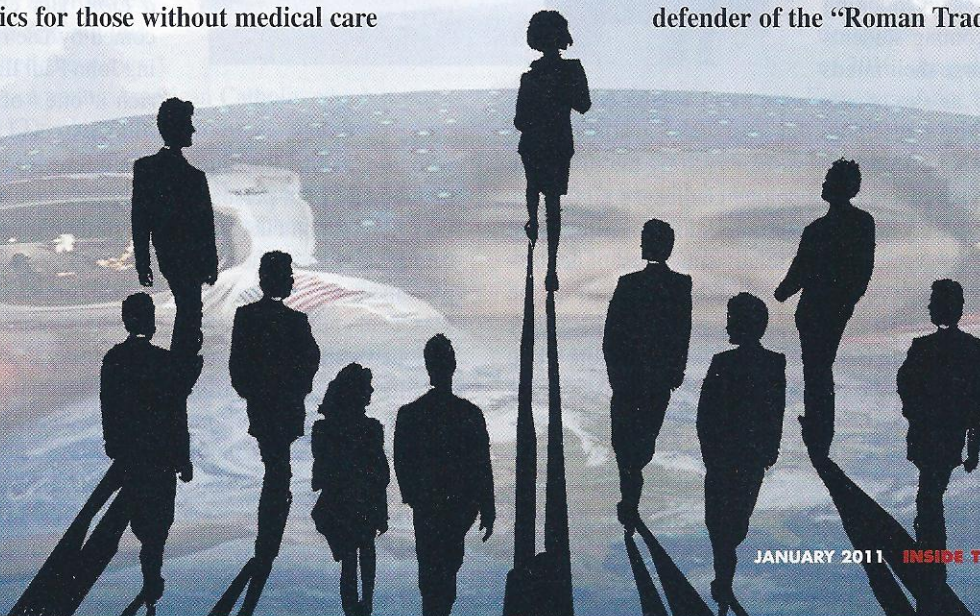
A leading canon lawyer, he is now carrying out the delicate task of renewing the Legionaries of Christ

9. CARDINAL RAFFAELE FARINA

A Salesian scholar, he has brought to conclusion the historic 3-year restoration of the Vatican Apostolic Library

10. MONSIGNOR BRUNERO GHERARDINI

This Italian theologian is the last and greatest living defender of the “Roman Tradition” in theology





Below, Gary Krupp (above) and his wife, Meredith, recently met Pope Benedict XVI

GARY KRUPP

Truth is a precious commodity, though that is often forgotten nowadays. People who love the truth, search for it, and are committed to finding it are rare figures. That is why Gary Krupp is so remarkable.

As a young man growing up in New York, he heard and read disturbing things about the Catholic Church, and in particular, its leader, at the time of the Second World War (1939-1945), Pope Pius XII: that Pius had “failed the Jewish community” during the Holocaust through his “silence,” “indifference,” and “passivity.” Since Gary is Jewish, he was quite sensitive to these charges. He became angrier and angrier. “No one,” he recalls today, “was more opposed to Pius XII than I.”

Then, something unexpected happened. Despite his misgivings about the Church, his line of work as a developer of medical facilities brought him into close relations with the Vatican. In 2000, John Paul II made him the 7th Jewish papal night in history — a Knight Commander of the Order of St. Gregory the Great — after Krupp saved Italian Catholic hospitals millions of dollars in equipment acquisition costs over 25 years through his free consultation work.

After he retired, Gary and his wife, Meredith, started the Pave the Way Foundation, an organization dedicated to identifying and eliminating non-theological obstacles to better relations between the world’s religions. In 2006, Krupp helped facilitate the donation to the Vatican Library of one of the most important Christian manuscripts in the world, the Bodmer Papyrus (containing portions of the Gospels of St. Luke and St. John and dating to 175 A.D.). On January 22, 2007, the papyrus was presented to Pope Benedict XVI.

Krupp and his wife then turned their attention to the ongoing dispute over Pius XII. Krupp familiarized himself with the major anti-Pius literature until he knew all its claims, inside out. Then, methodically, he began examining the veracity of each charge, consulting experts, studying primary documents, and interviewing key witnesses from the wartime period. After months of research, something close to shock set in. Gary found “unpleasant truths” all right, but not the sort he had imagined.

What he discovered was that almost everything he had heard and read about Pius XII was not only false, but positively defamatory.

Pius XII, it turned out, was among the greatest benefactors of Jews in modern times.

Determined to right a historical wrong, Gary utilized Pave the Way’s resources, bringing in new contacts, and moved into action. He began writing op-ed pieces and appearing on television and radio shows to spread his message, sometimes in the face of stiff resistance. The anti-Pius establishment, he quickly learned, does not like being challenged.

In 2008, Pave the Way sponsored a three-day symposium in Rome on Pius XII, bringing together some of the top Pius specialists in the world. It garnered international attention and ended with a supportive speech by Benedict XVI, who has since declared Pius XII “Venerable.” Pave the Way has also published a huge illustrated volume highlighting evidence supporting Pius XII, and continues to compile documentary evidence clearing his good name.

Even the mainstream media has taken note. Early last March, the *New York Times* published a front-page article profile of Gary, under the title, “Wartime Pope has a Huge Fan: A Jewish Knight.” The article was uneven, at best, but also a sign that Krupp could no longer

be ignored. The *Times* piece led many people to Pave the Way’s website (www.ptwf.org), where they could examine the abundance of evidence — primary archival documents, interviews with first-hand witnesses, scholarly articles, etc. — discussing and documenting the evidence surrounding Pius XII. Among Pave the Way’s files are revelations about Pius XII’s efforts to help persecuted Jews and resist anti-Semitism, before and after he became Pope; accounts of his involvement in plots to overthrow Hitler (Pius was actually cited by the Nazis themselves as a co-conspirator); and a striking first-hand testimony (now available on YouTube) from Archbishop Giovanni Fer-

rofino, a papal representative, who worked closely with Pius to help rescue 10,000 endangered Jews out of Nazi-occupied Europe, and get them to safety in the Dominican Republic.

Krupp has never claimed to be an academic or a professional historian; he is simply an ordinary citizen in search of truth. But he also knows that the quality of the evidence, not the number of degrees someone has, should determine that; and he has been more than happy to allow the evidence he has gathered speak for itself.

For his efforts on behalf of truth and historical justice, *Inside the Vatican* is pleased to honor Gary Krupp as one of its “Top Ten” people of 2010.

—By *Inside the Vatican* Staff

