

In this episode, CFN’s editors discuss the following news items:

- **COVID-19 Dampens Fatima Anniversary**

- This year’s procession and Mass at the Shrine of Fatima was quite desolate due to COVID-related restrictions.
- Professor Roberto de Mattei wrote a reflection on the closure of the Shrine, which is [available in English](#) from *Rorate Caeli*.
- Next week, Professor de Mattei will join a host of other familiar speakers for an online version of the annual Rome Life Forum, the theme of which is “[Coronavirus in the Light of Fatima](#)” (May 20-22, 2020).

- **Communion on the Tongue Under Siege as Public Masses Return**

- Bishop Richard Stika of Knoxville, Tennessee has mandated Communion in the hand throughout his diocese (in violation of universal Church law) and has [warned](#) that anyone who “makes a scene” about wanting to receive on the tongue will be removed and banned from Mass.
- Roughly a week before the Bishop Stika story appeared, Dr. Peter Kwasniewski anticipated the development with a [comprehensive rebuttal](#) to those who want to impose Communion in the hand under the pretext of COVID-19.
- The 1916 apparitions of the Angel of Peace at Fatima emphasize the need for [Eucharistic reparation](#).

- **High-Profile Signatories Defend “Appeal” Initiative**

- Last week, CFN’s editors reported on the “[Appeal for the Church and the World](#)” launched on May 7 by Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò and a core group of ecclesiastical and lay [signatories](#), including Cardinals Joseph Zen and Gerhard Muller as well as Bishops Athanasius Schneider and Joseph Strickland (sadly, Cardinal Robert Sarah [changed his mind](#) shortly after the Appeal was made public and asked that his signature be removed).
- This week, some of the more high-profile signers have been in the media defending the Appeal against various criticisms.

- **David vs. “Goliath”: Daleiden Sues Planned Parenthood, Kamala Harris**

- In 2015, citizen journalist and pro-life activist [David Daleiden](#), founder of the [Center for Medical Progress](#) (CMP), began releasing [undercover video evidence](#) of Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA) leaders admitting to the practice of selling the body parts of aborted babies, which is illegal.
- Since releasing his videos, Daleiden has been ruthlessly persecuted by PPFA, along with the organization’s powerful friends (including Sen. Kamala Harris, D-California), via civil and criminal lawsuits.
- Daleiden and CMP are now turning the tables by suing PPFA, Harris (former Attorney General of California), and current California AG Xavier Becerra “for

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conspiracy to violate First and Fourteenth Amendment civil rights,” according to
a [May 13 press release](#) (see [here](#) for more details).

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