



Letter from the President

Rick Schatz

Dear Friend,

As you can tell from this newsletter, we are not lacking for work! The Lord continues to bless the National Coalition staff and we are more prepared than ever to complete each task He has set before us!

On page one, you read that the FCC finally levied indecency fines against ABC! This is surely a step in the right direction...and we have faith Chairman Martin will maintain strict standards for network television.

And a newsletter would not be complete without highlighting work from a few of our regional offices. We are thrilled men in Kansas City and New England are being equipped by the National Coalition to live sexually pure lives that honor Christ. What a blessing!

As you saw on page three, we have expanded our efforts to include St. Louis! Beginning this month, our regional office in Missouri will officially open with John Splinter's leadership as Executive Director.

Finally, I am reminded of your generous support through which all our work is made possible. Each financial gift to the ministry and each prayer lifted up on our behalf mean so much to me and the National Coalition staff. Thank you so very much for your unwavering commitment.

For our children and families,

Rick Schatz
President and CEO

MEN OF
VALOR

Register Today!

APRIL 12, 2008

Grove City Church of
the Nazarene
Grove City, Ohio

MAY 3, 2008

Mt. Bethel United
Methodist Church
Marietta, Georgia

For more information on these
exciting events and to register
online, please visit
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National Coalition... Encouraging Broadcast Decency

Spent time watching network television lately? If so, you were likely shocked by the racy programming that met your eyes. But it was primetime viewing hours, you say, when offensive programming is restricted from the airwaves.

Unfortunately, the "family viewing hour" from years past no longer exists. Instead, television viewers, many of whom are innocent children, are subjected to nothing but sex and sleaze!

But don't lose heart...there is good news!

After an outcry from the National Coalition and other pro-family organizations, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is finally using its authority to levy indecency fines.

Recently, the FCC imposed its maximum fine of \$1.43 million to numerous ABC affiliates for airing indecent content on an episode of *NYPD Blue*. The show, broadcasted on February 25, 2003, featured graphic female nudity.

"While it took almost five years for the FCC to levy these fines, we are encouraged by their stand to protect vulnerable children," said Rick Schatz, president and CEO of the National Coalition. "But until they consistently use their authority to levy fines for every infraction, network stations will continue to push the envelope in an attempt to compete with unregulated cable and satellite programs."

As evidenced by the episode of *NYPD Blue* and other network shows, frontal nudity, graphic sex, coarse language, and extreme violence are no longer limited to cable television.

The National Coalition, in response to such objectionable programming, launched The Campaign for Decency in 2005 after Trojan condoms aired their first-ever primetime network television ads during episodes of "Smallville" and "Law & Order." Such sexualized advertising that was once restricted to late-night programming finally made it to the primetime line-up!

The National Coalition, throughout the years following The Campaign for Decency, has continued to be vigilant by:

- Raising awareness of this issue among the faith community
- Educating parents on the impact of sexualized messages on their children
- Working with the highest levels of government to urge them to enforce appropriate decency standards on broadcast television

"What producers may not realize, however, is the backlash likely to occur among concerned parents if they continue to air offensive material," added Schatz. "It is encouraging the federal government took our concerns, and the concerns of many citizens, seriously."



The National Coalition will continue to work with the FCC and recommend they hold each network television station accountable if their decency standards are violated.

"We have complete confidence in Chairman Martin and his team," said Schatz. "But we will continue to closely monitor all broadcast television shows to ensure they are within FCC standards."

The National Coalition thanks all the concerned citizens who supported The Campaign for Decency. Your voices have been heard and will continue to guide the federal government as they protect our children and families.

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New England Office Changing Lives...With Your Support



Through the National Coalition's New England office, For Men Only (FMO) weekly support groups are helping men across the northeast move

from a life of bondage in sexual sin to one of freedom in Christ!

"New FMO accountability groups, led by men who have battled sexual addiction in the past, were launched at churches throughout New England—in Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Connecticut," said Rick Kardos, executive director of the National Coalition's New England office. "Each support group is dedicated to discipling men who struggle with sexual addiction, almost all of whom saw their addiction increase through the use of Internet pornography."

Working through the local church, which oversees each FMO group, Kardos and other FMO leaders are seeing hundreds of lives transformed as men are restored to sexual wholeness.

"The church provides a successful delivery system for healing the broken, which is really my heart and the message of the New England office," added Kardos.

In addition, the National Coalition has partnered with Pure Desire Ministries International (PDMI) and its founder, Dr. Ted Roberts, since 2004. This strategic partnership has supplemented FMO groups, as PDMI offers a curriculum for not only men and women who have fallen prey to sexual temptations, but also their spouses who need assistance as they heal broken families.

"We are also excited that our first For Women Only (FWO)—Healing the Betrayed Heart class for wives has been established in Connecticut," said Kardos.



"And we expect to offer more FWO groups in 2008 through the leadership of Mark Brewer in Connecticut and Duncan Phillips in New Hampshire."

For more information on FMO support groups and PDMI, please visit www.puredesire.org.

It is only through your support that the National Coalition can help men and women heal from sexual brokenness. And with your continued support, FMO and FWO groups are likely to double in size and impact over the coming year!



Prayer Movement Catching Steam

With close to 5,000 members, the *iCare* prayer movement is educating parents and caregivers nationwide on issues surrounding the wireless industry and our sexualized culture.

"*iCare eNews*, distributed bi-monthly, has proven to be a critical educational piece for moms and dads," said Kari Glemaker, national director of *iCare*. "And we are thrilled to announce that two additional resources are in process to augment the *eNews*."

An updated, interactive website will launch later this month. Visitors of www.icarecoalition.org will find ongoing, up-to-date information and documents that can be downloaded and used as tutorials for parents.

"We hope our website is the first place parents go to receive information on how to address this topic and protect their children with ever-changing technology," added Glemaker.

In addition, a DVD is underway to exponentially duplicate the *iCare* message. This training video, featuring parents from across the country, will contain multiple segments, including a brief 1 – 2 minute promotional clip for church services to encourage parents to attend an *iCare* meeting.



"This piece can be used with individuals, small groups, Sunday School classes, or in a large community gathering," said Glemaker. "We want to send a consistent message and then give directions to the viewer on how to stay informed."

Be sure to visit www.icarecoalition.org regularly to stay abreast of technology trends and to learn ways to protect your family.

Men Equipped at Kansas City 2008 Men of Valor



Seven hundred Men of Valor attendees worshipping at the conference



Keynote speaker, Curtis Martin, addressing attendees



Keynote speaker, Dr. Richard Land (left), with Phillip Cosby, Kansas City Executive Director



Men of Valor committee members

The National Coalition's Kansas City office presented its fourth annual *Men of Valor: Living a Pure Life in an Impure World* conference.

"Seven hundred men representing 117 different churches, both Catholic and Protestant, gathered at Men of Valor," said Phillip Cosby, executive director of the National Coalition's Kansas City office. "Attendees faced their personal struggles, learned strategies to confront the destructive messages of our sexualized culture, and emerged as warriors with a mandate to recapture the truth of biblical sexuality."

Plenary speakers included:

- Dr. Jerry Kirk, founder and chairman of the National Coalition
- Curtis Martin, founder and president of the Fellowship of Catholic University Students
- Dr. Richard Land, president of the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention

Following is a small sample of comments from attendees, which illustrate the impact of Men of Valor:

"I signed up for this conference yesterday not knowing the sexual purity theme. The speakers were diverse and well-informed. There was an atmosphere for vulnerability and knowledge which probably saved my life. Two days ago much of my life was stolen from me and left me broken and depressed because of sexual immorality and porn. Thank you!"

"Fantastic! I came exhausted and uninspired...worn down from a very long week. Nothing but obedience got me here. I leave on fire. This was life-changing."

"Awesome! I felt challenged, provoked, angered, and hopeful. I needed to be reminded of God's heart toward sexual sin and towards the men He calls to Himself. Thanks!"

"I can't think of a better way to spend a day. Internet porn is a great concern to me as a father. Thanks to the speakers and host of this event. Sexual purity will be taught in my house."

The National Coalition would like to send a special "Thank You" to Bott Radio Network and their team of photographers for providing all the photos from Men of Valor. We greatly appreciate your gracious support and service to the National Coalition!

New Regional Office Established



John Splinter

The National Coalition continues to increase its impact across the nation and we could not be more excited about our newest development—a regional office in Missouri!

"The Lord opened doors in St. Louis that allowed us to raise sufficient funds to establish a regional office and hire an executive

director," said Rick Schatz, president and CEO of the National Coalition.

John Splinter will be leading the St. Louis office as Executive Director.

Prior to the National Coalition, John served as founding pastor of Point of Grace Community Church in La Crosse, Wisconsin for four years.

"John's educational and professional experience are a perfect fit for the National Coalition and will greatly benefit the organization," added Schatz.

In addition to a Masters in Christian Education and Masters in Counseling Psychology, John earned a Ph.D. in Marriage and Family Therapy from St. Louis University. He is also the author of three books: two on divorce recovery and one on recovery after sexual abuse.

John is married to his college sweetheart, Marcia. They have three married daughters and seven grandchildren.

Please join the National Coalition in welcoming John Splinter!