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Catholic Apologetics Institute of North America

To Whom It May Concern:

Please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Steven Hemler and I am president of the Catholic Apologetics Institute of North America (CAINA) and author of *The Reality of God: The Layman's Guide to Scientific Evidence for the Creator*, published by St. Benedict Press and TAN Books. I am also on the Diocese of Arlington Speakers Bureau. My full bio is on the next page.

In support of the New Evangelization, CAINA offers PowerPoint and video-based presentations on apologetics, Islam and Christianity, and Church history for adults and youth at Catholic parishes, high schools, campus ministries, conferences, etc. Please see www.cainaweb.org for more information, including several reference letters.

Given our increasingly secular society and the atheistic worldview often promoted by the media and academic/scientific establishment, the need to strengthen the faith of Catholics and equip the faithful to better *why* we believe what we do has never been greater. As Cardinal Timothy Dolan stated while he was President of the USCCB, “We have failed to equip our young people and ourselves with the art of credibly, convincingly, and compellingly defending and presenting our beloved faith. Apologetics prepares us to survive a rational criticism of our faith that is all over the place today. We need it more than ever.”

In addition to the talk my wife and I do on ***Islam and Christianity: What We Learned While Living 13 Years in Saudi Arabia***, CAINA's two most popular presentations are:

- (1) ***Proclaiming the Reality of God: Scientific and Human Evidence of God's Existence***, and
- (2) ***Which is True: Creation, Evolution, or Both?***

These two multimedia presentations present “the rest of the story” on the actual harmony between science and faith, contrary to the prevailing modern myth that they conflict. These apologetics presentations: (1) help dispel doubts, (2) strengthen faith, and (3) equip faithful Catholics to share objective reasons for belief in God with questioning family and friends. They are based on my book, *The Reality of God*, which has the Nihil Obstat and Imprimatur.

Feel free to call or email me at srhemler@yahoo.com if you would like more information or want to discuss scheduling some of CAINA's multimedia presentations at your parish.

Faithfully yours in Christ,



Steven R. Hemler



SPEAKER BIOGRAPHICAL INFO

Steven R. Hemler is President of the Catholic Apologetics Institute of North America (CAINA) (see www.cainaweb.org) and author of *The Reality of God: The Layman's Guide to Scientific Evidence for the Creator*, published by St. Benedict Press and TAN Books.

Steve has a **Master of Pastoral Studies** degree from Loyola University of Chicago, as well as **Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Civil/Structural Engineering** from Virginia Tech. He also has a **Certificate in the Catechism of the Catholic Church** from Catholic Distance University and a **Certificate in Advanced Youth Ministry Studies** from the Center for Ministry Development, as well as **Advanced Catechist Certification** from the Catholic Diocese of Arlington, Virginia.

Steve has been actively involved in adolescent and adult catechesis for over 30 years, including developing and teaching six 3-week-long online apologetics seminars for the *Certificate in Apologetics* offered by Catholic Distance University (www.cdu.edu). He is also **on the Diocese of Arlington Speakers Bureau** (see: <http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/Evangelization/Speakers-Bureau/>).

After a 33-year professional engineering career, including 13 years in Saudi Arabia, Steve took early retirement in 2011 to follow a calling to serve God and the Church full time. This includes serving as the **Director of Faith Formation** for his parish, Precious Blood Catholic Church in Culpeper, VA. He and his wife Linda have been married for 38 years and have 3 grown children.

To-date, Steve has given CAINA's well-received presentations over two hundred times at dozens of locations in the Diocese of Arlington, Diocese of Richmond, Diocese of Pittsburgh, Diocese of Harrisburg, Diocese of Nashville, Diocese of Knoxville, Diocese of Covington (KY), Diocese of Charleston (SC), Diocese of Orlando, Archdiocese of Louisville, Archdiocese of Baltimore, and Archdiocese of Washington (DC). In the Diocese of Arlington, Steve has spoken at: **All Saints** in Manassas, **St. Andrew** in Clifton, **Holy Trinity** in Gainesville, **St. John the Apostle** in Leesburg, **St. Timothy** in Chantilly, **St. Mark** in Vienna, **St. Philip** in Falls Church, **St. Michael** in Annandale, **St. Mary** and **Blessed Sacrament** in Alexandria, **Cathedral of St. Thomas More** in Arlington, **St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception**, **St. Jude** and **St. Patrick** in Fredericksburg, as well as many times at **Precious Blood** in Culpeper, VA.

Steve has been on TV discussing religion and science on [EWTN LIVE](#) with Fr. Mitch Pacwa and on the [Catholic Community Television Network \(CCTN\)](#) with Fr. John Giel, Vicar General of the Diocese of Orlando. He has also appeared on several popular Catholic radio shows, including [The Jennifer Fulwiler Show](#) (three times), [Seize the Day](#) with Gus Lloyd (twice), the [Busted Halo Show](#) with Fr. Dave Dwyer, [The Drew Mariani Show](#), the [Son Rise Morning Show](#) with Matt Swaim, [Meet the Author](#) with Ken Huck, and [Faithworks](#) with Dr. Matthew Bunson.