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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* and *Search No More: The Keys to Truth and Happiness*, both 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, 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 explain *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."

And, **Bishop Robert Barron** stated at the recent Synod on Youth, "Innumerable surveys and studies over the past ten years have confirmed that young people frequently cite intellectual reasons when asked what has prompted them to leave the Church or lose confidence in it. Chief among these are the convictions that religion is opposed to science or that it cannot stand up to rational scrutiny. What is vitally needed today, as an aspect of the accompaniment of the young, is a renewed apologetics and catechesis. A new apologetics should look deep and long into the question of the relationship between religion and science."

As such, CAINA's two most popular apologetics presentations are ***Proclaiming the Reality of God: Scientific and Human Evidence of God's Existence*** and ***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 help dispel doubts, strengthen faith, and equip faithful Catholics to share objective reasons for belief in God with family and friends.

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,



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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 several 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/>) and is Vice President of the Catechetical Leaders of the Diocese of Arlington (CLDA).

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. Steve and his wife Linda have been married for over 40 years and have three grown children. They live in Culpeper, Virginia, and are active at Precious Blood Catholic Church, where Steve serves as the **Coordinator of Christian Initiation and Adult Faith Formation**.

Steve has given CAINA's well-received presentations over 300 times at dozens of locations in the Catholic Diocese of Arlington, Diocese of Richmond, Diocese of Pittsburgh, Diocese of Harrisburg, Diocese of Memphis, Diocese of Nashville, Diocese of Knoxville, Diocese of Covington (KY), Diocese of Charlotte, Diocese of Charleston (SC), Diocese of Orlando, Archdiocese of Louisville, Archdiocese of Baltimore, and Archdiocese of Washington (DC).

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*, *Seize the Day* with Gus Lloyd, 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, *Faithworks* with Dr. Matthew Bunson, Teresa Tomeo's *Catholic Connection*, *Jon Leonetti in the Morning*, *Wake Up!* on Catholic Community Radio, *Off the Shelf with Pete Socks* on Breadbox Media, *The UnCommon Good with Bo Bonner and Dr. Bud Marr* on Iowa Catholic Radio, *Driving Home the Faith* with Fr. Rob Jack on Sacred Heart Radio, and *The Kyle Heimann Show* on Redeemer Radio.