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William B. May is founder and Chief Mission Officer of Catholics for the Common Good Institute, sponsor of the Marriage Reality Movement. This new movement is comprised of people concerned about attacks on marriage and who seek to take it back for their children and families.

May is author of *Getting the Marriage Conversation Right*, a guide for effective dialogue with over 20,000 copies sold. He is a sought after speaker on marriage, family, culture, and the New Evangelization.

Catholics for the Common Good Institute, a lay apostolate for the evangelization of culture, is a response to the call of Saint Pope John Paul II, and seeks to prepare Catholic laity for its secular role in the mission of the Church based in Catholic social teaching and Christian personalism.

In 2008, Bill and Catholics for the Common Good were asked by the California Catholic Conference to lead Catholics for Protect Marriage, the lay Catholic response to the Proposition 8 effort that successfully restored the definition of marriage between a man and a woman in California.

Today, the apostolate concentrates almost exclusively on building the Marriage Reality Movement, which was launched by Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone, Chair of the USCCB Subcommittee on the Promotion and Defense of Marriage in September 2015 at the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia. The new movement was first announced in January, 2015, when EWTN aired CCGI's 6 part TV series, *Evangelizing the Culture for Marriage and Family*, produced by the Apostolate for Family Consecration.

He has appeared on Good Morning America, The News Hour, ABC, CBS, NBC, PBS, BBC, Fox News Channel, CNN, NPR, EWTN TV and Radio, Immaculate Heart Radio, Radio Guadalupe, Relevant Radio, and the Catholic Channel. He has been a guest on NPR's *To the Point with Warren Olney*, *Women of Grace*, *At Home with Jim and Joy*, *Catholic Answers Live*, *Kresta in the Afternoon*, *KQED Forum with Michael Krazney*, *The Ronn Owens Program (KGO)*, *The Good Fight with Barbara McGuigan*, *Saint Joseph Radio Presents*, *Across the Nation with Bob Dunning*, *Open Line* and many other programs.

Bill has a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Villanova University. He and his wife Nancy have three children.

Quotes:

Bishop-emeritus Gilbert Sheldon, former Bishops of Steubenville: "William May has analyzed the marriage crisis with the skill of a surgeon."

Former U.S. Ambassador to the Vatican and Mayor of Boston, Ray Flynn, recently wrote, "I have followed CCGI's leadership on the marriage issue with both admiration and amazement. CCGI has shown Catholics across America how to be Catholic."

Edward Dolesji, Executive Director, California Catholic Conference: "Catholics for the Common Good Institute is bringing fresh new insights to the application of authentic Catholic social teaching to messaging and strategy on issues related to sexuality, marriage, and family."

Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone, Chairman USCCB Subcommittee for the Promotion and Defense of Marriage recently said, "Marriage Reality Movement, a marriage-advocacy program started in California by Catholics for the Common Good Institute, is a great place for lay Catholics to begin." (asked by the National Catholic Register about what people can do defend marriage.)