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Dear Editor/Producer,

Americans seem to be obsessed with the possessed, or at least with things supernatural. In the past, many blockbuster novels, television shows, and multi-million dollar films have dealt with the topics of demons, the devil, and exorcisms. Just recently, *The Exorcism of Emily Rose* earned wide acclaim from both religious and secular reviewers for tackling the very controversial case of a young girl who was possessed.

The general public's fascination with the supernatural is ongoing. But this fascination can be unhealthy, and even dangerous at times when people are misled with false or inaccurate information.

"I have seen a disturbing trend over the last 20 years. As popularity of the occult has risen, so have the number of possessions directly related to these practices," said Spanish exorcist Fr. José Antonio Fortea. "People don't understand that they're opening the door to the demons, allowing them to enter into their persons by engaging in these forbidden practices."

Because of the great misunderstanding surrounding this topic, Fr. Fortea penned his newest work, *Interview with an Exorcist: An Insider's Look at the Devil, Demonic Possession, and the Path to Deliverance*. This question and answer book, published by Ascension Press, is an indispensable resource for Catholics and anyone wishing to learn about the spiritual battle that is raging every day in each of our lives.

In an age when the idea of evil spirits is seen as a superstitious remnant of the Middle Ages, *Interview with an Exorcist* provides the reader with sound guidelines for determining the influence of evil spirits and the important spiritual questions this raises.

Please consider interviewing the author, Fr. Fortea, or Matthew Pinto, president of Ascension Press. Contact me with any questions you may have or to schedule an interview.

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The Devil is Real, Exorcist Says, and the Faithful Need to Know Who They’re Fighting Against.

WEST CHESTER, Pa., September 20, 2006— As the horns and sirens of the busy Madrid streets blare in the background, Fr. Jose Antonio Fortea is hard at work in his parish office preparing for battle—spiritual battle. Fr. Fortea is one of the world’s foremost experts in demonology and an experienced exorcist, having performed hundreds of exorcisms in Spain and abroad. Recently, Fr. Fortea has noticed a disturbing trend. As fascination with magic, wicca, and the occult have begun to rise, so have the number of possessions and demonic activity in general.

“People need to know that the devil really does exist, and he looks for every chance to turn a faithful soul away from God, who is the source of all goodness and life,” said Fr. Fortea. “Catholics and all Christians need to be prepared to fight the spiritual battle that is at their doorstep, whether they know it or not.”

As more movies and television shows premier each year on the topic of demons, possession, and spiritual warfare, it is essential that people know the truth about these realities. Ascension Press, a Catholic publisher based in suburban Philadelphia, teamed up with Fr. Fortea to publish his new book, *Interview with an Exorcist: An Insider’s Look at the Devil, Demonic Possession, and the Path to Deliverance*. “This book will act as the much needed guide for those who, without theological degrees or training, wish to learn more about the persistence of evil in the world, and what they can do about it,” said Matthew Pinto, president of Ascension Press.

Bishop Samuel Aquila of Fargo, North Dakota, says in the foreword, “Catholics need to recognize the reality of evil, evil spirits, and the Evil One. In this way they may learn to discern in the spiritual life between good and evil, between the Truth—Jesus Christ, and the Father of lies—Satan.”

Interview with an Exorcist will be available this September from AscensionPress.com or by calling 800.376.0520.

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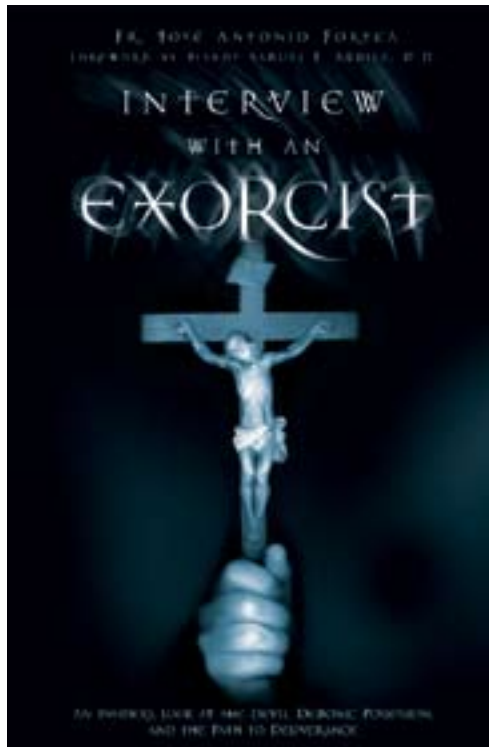
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FR. JOSE ANTONIO FORTEA

Fr. José Antonio Fortea is a priest of the diocese of Alcalá de Henares (Madrid) in Spain and an expert in the field of demonology. An approved exorcist of his diocese, he has conducted numerous exorcisms and lectures on this topic throughout the world. In 1998, he authored, “Exorcism in the Present Age,” under the direction of the secretary of the Commission for the Doctrine of the Faith of the Spanish Bishops Conference.

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Ascension Press is one of the nation’s leading publishers of popular Catholic books. With titles consistently appearing on Catholic best-seller lists, Ascension is also strong in the secular market with titles such as *A Guide to the Passion*, which sold over 1 million copies in just six weeks and debuted at #6 on both the *New York Times* Best Sellers List and at Amazon.com. Recently, Ascension teamed up with several other prominent Catholic organizations to publish *The Da Vinci Deception*, which saw four printings in just seven weeks, with over 160,000 books sold.

Ascension Press has quickly earned a strong foothold in the Catholic/Religious book market with a large presence in 2,000 Catholic stores, Borders, Barnes & Noble, and other major chains. With brands like *The Amazing Grace Series*, *The Great Adventure*, and *The Theology of the Body*, Ascension continues to lead the way with best-selling Catholic books and adult faith formation products.

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INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Questions if interviewing Matthew Pinto and/or Fr. Fortea...

1. (Matthew Pinto only) Why did Ascension Press decide to publish the book *Interview with an Exorcist*?
2. What do you hope to achieve with this book?
3. Who is your target audience? Is it specifically Catholics?
4. Why should Catholics and other Christians be concerned about spiritual warfare in general, and the Devil in particular?
5. *Interview With and Exorcist* is written in a question-and-answer format. What sort of issues are addressed in this book? Let's talk for a few moments about some specific questions (Note: the interviewer and subject should select several questions to discuss in advance).
6. What response have you received so far, both from individual Catholics and parishes?
7. Where can our viewers/listeners find out more about Ascension Press?
8. How can they get a copy of the book *Interview with an Exorcist*?
9. What is the most important message you want readers to take from *Interview with an Exorcist*?

Other questions if interviewing only Fr. Fortea...

1. How did you first become involved with the ministry of exorcist?
2. Why are exorcists like yourself so needed in today's society?
3. What prompted you to write this book?
4. What is the most important thing people can do to prepare themselves for the spiritual battles you describe in the book?



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