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## **MCCC TO HOST BOOK SIGNING BY FORMER LOCAL PRIEST WHO RESIGNED ON PHILOSOPHICAL GROUNDS**

*‘Breaking Grand Silence (A Former Catholic Priest Speaks Out)’  
One of Two Books He Will Discuss*

MONROE, Mich. – Dr. Marvin Josaitis, an author and former local Catholic priest who resigned on philosophical grounds, will speak at Monroe County Community College and hold a book signing for his two new books – “Breaking Grand Silence (A Former Catholic Priest Speaks Out)” and “Pennies From a Heav’n: The Joy of Making Family.”

The presentation and book signing, which is free and open to the public, will take place on Wednesday, Feb. 8 at 7 p.m. in the La-Z-Boy Center, Meyer Theater.

Josaitis was raised Catholic in Detroit. After serving as a priest at St. Michael’s Church in Monroe from 1967-69, he resigned from the priesthood and left the Catholic Church. He went on to serve as an associate professor of philosophy and English at MCCC from 1969-76.

Following his stint at MCCC, he served in a number of positions in corporate America, including human resources and medical education positions for Ford Motor Company; as a human resources executive for Massey-Ferguson in the U.S. and the U.K.; and as vice president for Lafarge Corporation in Canada and the U.S. He retired from corporate life in 1998 to pursue other interests, including being a hospice volunteer, pianist, realtor and author.

“Breaking Grand Silence (A Former Catholic Priest Speaks Out)” is published by Tate Publishing Company and was released Dec. 6.

In the book, Josaitis explores his doubts and experiences with the Catholic Church and struggles to be himself while still honoring his 12 years of preparation for the priesthood. Amongst his spiritual discussions, he reflects on the church’s stance on issues including sex, women and the rules of the priesthood.

“Pennies From a Heav’n: The Joy of Making Family” was also published by Tate Publishing. It was released on Dec. 13.

The book is a personal memoir that traces the making of the Josaitis family through several generations. This book speaks to the heart of those who continue to make family in their later years. It inspires and challenges readers who are in the early stages of their marriage and family to notice the “pennies” – real and symbolic – and other gifts around them as they create the wonder and beauty of life’s most enduring reality: family.

Josaitis’s books are available through the Book Nook in Monroe. They are also available through Amazon.com and major book stores.

Josaitis holds a master’s degree in counseling from Eastern Michigan University, a master’s degree in religious studies from the University of Detroit and a doctoral degree from the University of Michigan.

His is married to former Monroe resident Donna Marie Rimer, and their family includes three adult children and six grandchildren.

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