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Lanteri is now in his mid-40's. Don't believe this statement? Just ask Fr. Tim.

When a thief steals from St. Clement's Shrine, the local media move in on a hot story.

Fr. Mike Warren, OMV, is interviewed for a timely story on how young people are affected by "hyper-texting" and excessive use of media.

A new interactive slide show on the life of Fr. Lanteri, featuring stills and video, has been completed.

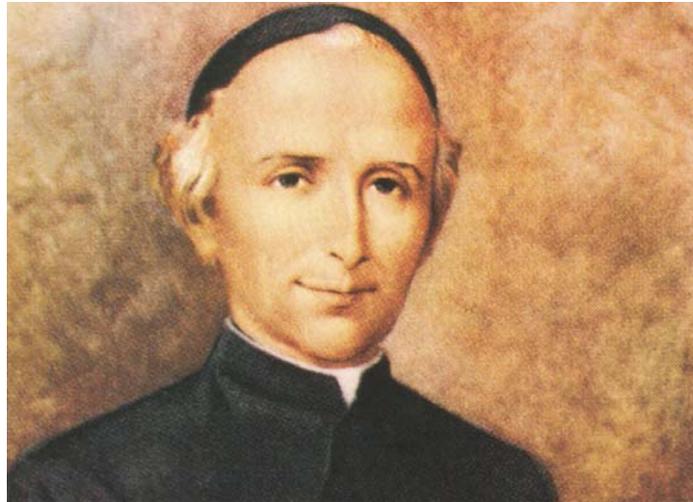


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## Lanteri Biography Proceeding Smoothly



Fr. Tim Gallagher, OMV, hoped to make "substantial progress" on the first draft of his new book during the last few months, and it looks like he succeeded.

Fr. Tim returned to St. Clement's in Boston on December 26th. He had spent the last twelve weeks working on the first draft of

the Lanteri biography.

Most of the writing was done in Canada, where Fr. Tim has written many of his other books. Some writing was also done in New York as Fr. Tim travelled home to visit his mother during Christmas.

Progress on the Lanteri

biography has often been reported by Fr. Tim in connection to the age of Lanteri. For example, one of Fr. Tim's initial reports indicated that Lanteri was not yet born, or that now he had just been baptized. A few weeks ago it was reported that Lanteri was 39 years old. When asked about progress on the book on December 26th, Fr. Tim was happy to report that Lanteri is now 46 years old.

It is hoped that both the first draft as well as the final copy will be approved sometime this year (2011), with final publication to occur sometime in 2012.

Fr. Tim asks for your continued prayers as he works on this important project.

## Crime Brings Cameras to St. Clement's

Once again, the St. Clement's money tubes were open. A broken window in the refectory indicated the point of entry. A police report was filed. And, almost immediately, St. Clement's turned into a media mecca, with many reporters converging on the Shrine last December 2 to do reports on the latest robbery by a man suspected in an entire string of thefts

at area churches. Not only did Ron Sanders of WBZ do three on-camera interviews (two with Oblates, one with a church-goer), he stayed on to do a live report from the front lawn of St. Clement's. As you can see from the image on the right, breaking news during this live feed indicated that the thief had been found and arrested. All is well that ends well.





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## Media Quote of the Month

Denver, Colo., Dec 7, 2010 / 02:52 am (CNA).- A new study linking teen's excessive use of Facebook and texting to alcohol abuse and sexual activity has ignited discussion...

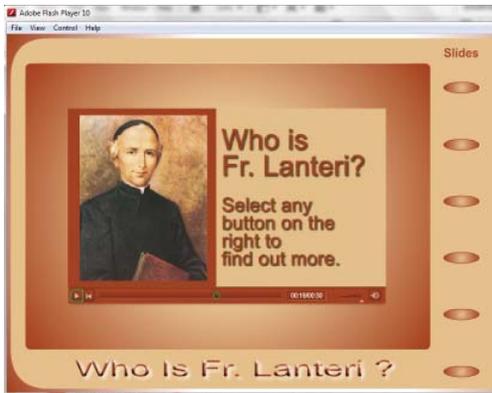
...Fr. Michael Warren, parochial vicar of Holy Ghost Church in downtown Denver, Colo. also added to the discussion, saying that aside from the dangers of early drinking and sexual behaviors outlined in the study, there are deeper, more ominous affects of faceless communication lurking beneath the surface.

He cited intense isolation and the inability to form real, selfless relationships with others as results of excessive texting and online networking.

"In real face to face encounters you stand before me as a real person in your own right, invested with value that does not originate in me," he said in a Dec. 6 e-mail. "But in the cyber world I am the determiner of all value and therefore am free from the demands of the face to face encounter..."

- Thanks to Fr. Mike Warren, OMV, for forwarding this CNA article. Read the entire article (including more quotes from Fr. Mike) at <http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/catholics-weigh-in-on-teens-excessive-use-of-facebook-texting/>

## New Flash Slide and Video Show on Lanteri



Fr. John Wykes, OMV finished his homework, and so now we have an interactive show on the life of Fr. Lanteri.

The presentation, designed using Flash CS5 with programming in ActionScript 3.0, invites the user to choose between a total of twelve sources (six videos and six still images). With the press of a button, the user is given information on Lanteri's life that corresponds to the year selected. The colors are designed to match the colors of the new [omvusa.org](http://omvusa.org) website.

The still images feature familiar paintings and illustrations from the life of Lanteri, along with

text which explains the selected event. The videos center on a recent interview with Fr. Tim Gallagher, OMV on the life of Fr. Lanteri, as well as scenes which dramatically re-create events from the life of Lanteri. The two-minute edits are designed for this particular project, though the footage was shot for another purpose: all video footage will be extensively re-edited later on for a new edition of the Oblates' promotional video., to be completed sometime this spring.

The Flash interactive show will be used at various vocational events, such as the discernment weekend at St. Clement's this month, as well as the FOCUS conferences which occur at various locations in the coming weeks.

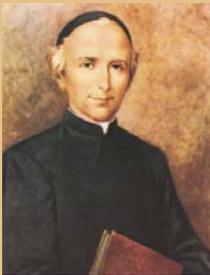


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Fr. Tom Carzon, OMV, forms a Communications Committee at Holy Ghost Parish in Denver.

Pope Benedict XVI announces the theme for World Communications Day: "Truth, Proclamation and Authenticity of Life in the Digital Age."



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## This Month: *On Fire with the Love of God*



The bronze statue of Fr. Lanteri becomes a living Fr. Lanteri (Davide Marini) in this brief but dramatic special effect.

*On Fire with the Love of God: Fr. Lanteri and the Oblates of the Virgin Mary* (2011) is the new full-length promotional video for the Oblates of the Virgin Mary.

Though much shorter than previous versions of the same video, the production is much more involved, including over two hundred forty hours of work of filming and editing as well as dramatic re-creations of scenes from the life of our Founder.

The video will have its premiere at the February

meeting of the Lanteri Catholic Cinema Society, a group that meets one a month at St. Clement's in Boston.

The video will be made readily available to young men discerning a vocation with the Oblates as well as anyone who would like

to learn more about our Congregation. Segments re-edited in shorter form will be available on-line.

This author (Fr. John Wykes, OMV), would like to thank all those who helped out with this production.

View the trailer on  
You Tube:  
"OMV: *On Fire  
with the Love of God*  
(trailer)"



## Communications Committee: Denver

Holy Ghost Parish in Denver, CO, is forming a new Communications Committee, according to the pastor of Holy Ghost, Fr. Tom Carzon, OMV.

The new committee includes a web master, a graphic designer, and others who are either involved in the media or who have another area of expertise that can be of service to the

committee.

The new initiative has as its goals the desire to understand the new media and to use it both effectively and responsibly.

Church documents have encouraged the formation of such committees, and we applaud this new initiative, asking for God's blessings on this new endeavor.





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## Media Quote of the Month

“In the digital world, transmitting information increasingly means making it known within a social network where knowledge is shared in the context of personal exchanges. The clear distinction between the producer and consumer of information is relativized and communication appears not only as an exchange of data, but also as a form of sharing. This dynamic has contributed to a new appreciation of communication itself, which is seen first of all as dialogue, exchange, solidarity and the creation of positive relations. On the other hand, this is contrasted with the limits typical of digital communication: the one-sidedness of the interaction, the tendency to communicate only some parts of one’s interior world, the risk of constructing a false image of oneself, which can become a form of self-indulgence.

“Young people in particular are experiencing this change in communication, with all the anxieties, challenges and creativity typical of those open with enthusiasm and curiosity to new experiences in life. Their ever greater involvement in the public digital forum, created by the so-called social networks, helps to establish new forms of interpersonal relations, influences self-awareness and therefore inevitably poses questions not only of how to act properly, but also about the authenticity of one’s own being...”

- Pope Benedict XVI, *Message for World Communications Day, June 5, 2011* (published January 24, 2011)

## Message: World Communications Day 2011



As is the tradition at this time of year, His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI has announced the theme for this year’s World Communications Day.

“Truth, Proclamation and Authenticity of Life in the Digital Age” is the theme for World Communications Day 2011, which will be observed on June 5. The message was published on January 24, the Memorial of St. Francis de Sales.

“On the occasion of the 45th World Day of Social Communications,” wrote Benedict in his message, “I would like to share some reflections that are motivated by a phenomenon characteristic of our age: the emergence of the internet as a network for communication. It is an ever more commonly held opinion that, just as the Industrial Revolution in its day brought about a profound transformation in society by the modifications it introduced into the cycles of production and the lives of workers, so

today the radical changes taking place in communications are guiding significant cultural and social developments. The new technologies are not only changing the way we communicate, but communication itself, so much so that it could be said that we are living through a period of vast cultural transformation. This means of spreading information and knowledge is giving birth to a new way of learning and thinking, with unprecedented opportunities for establishing relationships and building fellowship.

“New horizons are now open that were until recently unimaginable; they stir our wonder at the possibilities offered by these new media and, at the same time, urgently demand a serious reflection on the significance of communication in the digital age. This is particularly evident when we are confronted with the extraordinary potential of the internet and the complexity of its uses. As with every other fruit of human ingenuity, the new communications technologies must be placed at the service of the integral good of the individual and of the whole of humanity. If used wisely, they can contribute to the satisfaction of the desire for meaning, truth and unity which remain the most profound aspirations of each human being.”

Though often ignored by some, World Communications Day remains unique among special observances -- it is the only special day of observance mandated by the Second Vatican Council (specifically, by *Inter Mirifica*, the shortest and most-often ignored document of Vatican II). The message of World Communications Day is always announced (and published) well in advance of the actual day, on January 24, on the Memorial of St. Francis de Sales, the patron saint of journalists and communicators.

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publishes three  
new articles and is  
working on a new  
book.

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iPhone app for  
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an Imprimatur,  
thought to be the  
first such application  
to receive episcopal  
approval.

Quote of the  
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## New Articles from the Pen of Fr. Dave

Our very own resident Shakespeare scholar, Fr. Dave Beauregard, OMV, continues to expand his literary resume with three recent publications.

"The Mutual Flame of Love: Spiritual Marriage in Shakespeare's *The Phoenix and the Turtle*" is a Fr. Dave article which will appear in the spring. Fr. Dave is no stranger to the journal, having been published three times previously and even working as editor for one issue.

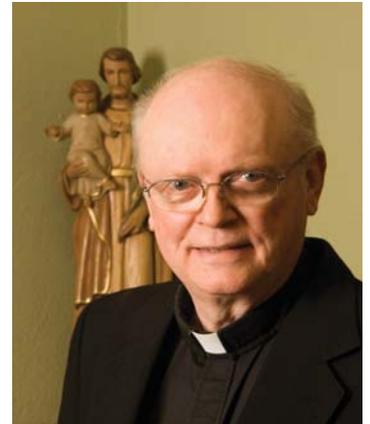
"Shakespeare and the Passions: The Aristotelian-Thomistic Tradition" will probably be published sometime this year in *The Heythrop Journal* -- a Jesuit publication from England.

Last but not least,

"Shakespeare and Catholicism: Building Virtue and Human Dignity in *The Taming of the Shrew*" is a paper Fr. Dave will present at Portsmouth Abbey in June. *The Portsmouth Review* is a very new publication and just printed its third issue.

In addition, Fr. Dave has a number of other articles he is working on -- including one for Fr. Romanus Cessario's publication *Pierre d'Angle*. He is also working on a new book on Shakespeare and the Passions.

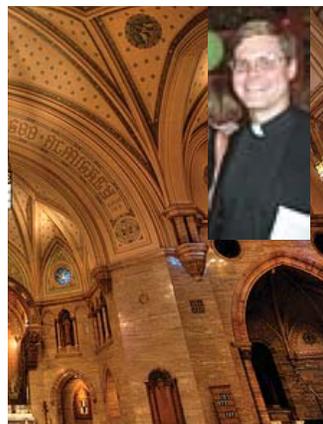
"What I am doing is applying Catholic moral philosophy or psychology to Shakespeare," said Fr. Dave in a recent interview with MMM. "Most people will now say that at least



Shakespeare inherited a Catholic tradition, a Catholic heritage. But many still fight the idea that he was a Catholic, because of lack of documentation. But that is to be expected with someone who was Catholic in England at that time.

"Until now, Shakespeare has been a Protestant icon. That is now breaking down."

## Fr. Tom to Guest on Local Catholic Radio



The pastor of Holy Ghost Parish in Denver, Fr. Tom Carzon, OMV, is scheduled for a guest appearance on live Catholic radio.

"The radio spot is a promotion put on by station KPIO," Fr. Tom told MMM recently. "They have thirty-three pastors lined up for thirty-minute interviews, in order to boost audience

interest -- and contributions! -- to the station."

KPIO is Denver's Catholic radio station. Fr. Tom was scheduled for his live interview at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 31. By the time you read this, the interview will have already occurred. We hope it went well and ask for God's blessing for KPIO Radio.



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## Media Quote of the Month

"In the final analysis, the truth of Christ is the full and authentic response to that human desire for relationship, communion and meaning which is reflected in the immense popularity of social networks. Believers who bear witness to their most profound convictions greatly help prevent the web from becoming an instrument which depersonalizes people, attempts to manipulate them emotionally or allows those who are powerful to monopolize the opinions of others. On the contrary, believers encourage everyone to keep alive the eternal human questions which testify to our desire for transcendence and our longing for authentic forms of life, truly worthy of being lived. It is precisely this uniquely human spiritual yearning which inspires our quest for truth and for communion and which impels us to communicate with integrity and honesty.

"I invite young people above all to make good use of their presence in the digital world. I repeat my invitation to them for the next World Youth Day in Madrid, where the new technologies are contributing greatly to the preparations. Through the intercession of their patron Saint Francis de Sales, I pray that God may grant communications workers the capacity always to carry out their work conscientiously and professionally. To all, I willingly impart my Apostolic Blessing."

- Pope Benedict XVI, Message of World Communication Day 2011, to be celebrated on June 5 this year.

## IPhone Confession App Receives Imprimatur

One of the more unique media-related stories to come out in recent weeks is this gem from Zenit.org:

by Genevieve Pollock

South Bend, Indiana, February 2, 2011 (Zenit.org) - A new Confession application for the iPhone, iPad, and iPod Touch is encouraging sacramental life through technology. Bishop Kevin Rhodes gave the first known imprimatur for this type of resource.

Patrick Leinen, developer and cofounder of Little iApps, the company that released the application, told Zenit that "in order to respond to Benedict XVI's message from last year's World Communications Day address, our goal with this project was to offer a digital application that is truly 'new media at the service of the Word.'"

The program, "Confession: A Roman Catholic App," was developed as an aid "for those who frequent the sacrament and those who wish to return," a press release explained.

Designed for use in confession preparation, and later in the confessional itself, the application offers an examination of conscience, step-by-step guide to the sacrament, act of contrition,, and other prayers.

Multiple users can access password-protected profiles where they can go through the examination of conscience, checking off items that are pertinent to their confession and making personal notes.

Franciscan Father Thomas Weinandy, executive director for the Secretariat for Doctrine and Pastoral Practices of the United States Conference of Catholic



Bishops, and Father Dan Scheidt, pastor of Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Mishawaka, Indiana, collaborated with the development of the text for the program.

Although other similar programs...have been created, this latest release is the first known application to receive an episcopal approval.

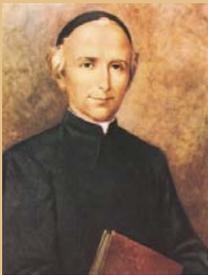
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The new Oblate promotional video has gotten a lot of showings on cable television, including a special Boston Catholic TV showing to celebrate September 12, the Holy Name of Mary.

Hundreds of popes have given hundreds of addresses over the years, but this year was the first time a pope sent a message into outer space.

Fr. Tom Carzon, OMV has his homilies published in a recent issue of *Homiletic and Pastoral Review*.



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## OMV Video on Local Cable and Catholic TV!

Boston Catholic TV, "America's Catholic TV Network," will be celebrating September 12 with a special showing of the OMV's new promotional video.

This is just one of many ways that Boston cable television has been showcasing *On Fire with the Love of God - Fr. Lanteri and the Oblates of the Virgin Mary*.

It began with a call from Marylou Rizzo, a friend of the Oblates who hosts *Jesus and Us* on Marshfield Community Cable. Having had both Fr. Tim Gallagher, OMV and Fr. Greg Staab, OMV as guests in the past, this time she invited Fr. John Wykes, OMV to appear on the show and chat about his vocation and the new OMV promotional video. The interview segment included

a four minute clip of the promo video followed by discussion.

*On Fire with the Love of God* became a regular programming favorite on the channel, shown several times during the summer months, usually on Sundays at 8:00 p.m.

Not long after the call from Marshfield Community Cable, another call came in from Boston Catholic TV. One of the people in programming saw the trailer of the video, remarked on its high production values, and asked permission to show the video in its entirety. As a result, Fr. John Wykes, OMV will appear live on Boston Catholic TV, being interviewed about the Oblates in general and the video in particular. The show, *This Is The Day*, will go live at 10:30 a.m. on



Friday, September 9th. On or around Monday, September 12 (date yet to be announced), the video will be shown in its entirety as a way to acknowledge the Holy Name of Mary -- the Titular Feast of Our Congregation.

Though Boston Catholic TV does not broadcast in HD, it is HD capable and will run a master tape of the show taken directly from an original Blu-ray provided by Fr. John.

## Fr. Tom Carzon is Published in HPR

HPR -- these initials stand for a well-respected publication that celebrates and promotes the very best in Catholic writing and homilies.

Now, one of our Oblates is being featured in this publication. Fr. Tom Carzon, OMV, has been published in a recent issue

of *Homiletic and Pastoral Review*.

The table of contents of the June/July 2011 issue features "Homilies for Sunday liturgies and feasts" The homilists listed are Fr. Tom Carzon, OMV, and Fr. Theodore Book. This is an issue worth reading!





Image from topnews.net.nz

## Media Quote of the Month

Pope Benedict XVI spoke Saturday with the astronauts aboard the international space station, specifically mentioning Cmdr. Mark Kelly's wife, U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, who is recuperating from recent surgery on her skull.

"I know that Mark and his wife were the victim of a serious attack, and I hope that her health continues to improve," the pope said.

The two men also talked about how technology used in space may be able to help relations between people on Earth.

"I think it must be obvious to you how we all live together on one Earth, and how absurd it is that we fight and kill each one," the pontiff said.

"We fly over most of the world and we don't see borders, but at the same time we realize that people fight with each other and there is a lot of violence in this world," Kelly said.

"If these technologies could be adopted more on Earth, we could possibly reduce some of that violence," he said.

- CNN, May 21, 2011, on the very first message of a pope to be sent into outer space.

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## Priest Uses iPad for Liturgy

*Fr. Fernando Cuenca, OMV, forwarded this rather amusing and very interesting article on Fr. David Matthews, who is actually using an iPad for liturgies. Does this give any of us Oblates pause for thought? We will have to see if any OMVs are interested in incorporating some of these ideas. From the BBC Wales News website, dated June 16, 2011.*

Father David Matthews, who jokingly calls himself "Father Gadget," uses an iPad for readings, prayers, and music.

The Church in Wales priest said the device also helped him to personalise services, particularly weddings, baptisms, and funerals.

His tech-savvy approach impressed guests at a recent wedding at St. Mary's in Marshfield, near Newport.

Father Matthews, 50, parish priest for Marshfield and

St. Brides Wngtlooge, said: "For about 10 years I've been interested in technology. I jokingly refer to myself as Father Gadget!

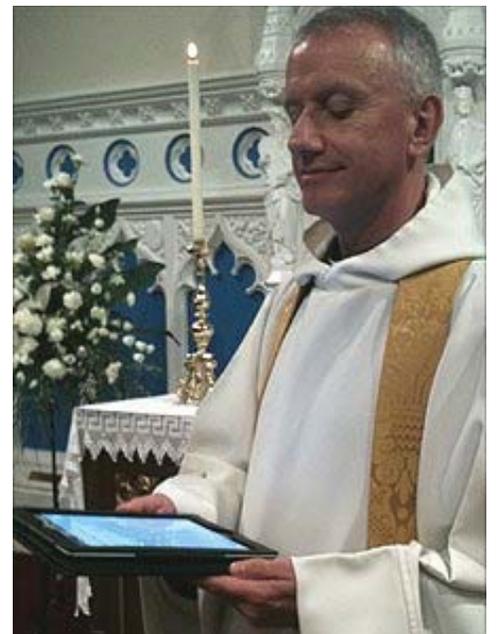
"Those [parishioners] that are aware of it think it's great. Most of them would be unaware of it though."

He said he prepared for a mid-week service by putting various readings and prayers into his iPad.

"I tend not to use it at the altar, I use the prayer books, but I tend to use it more at the lectern," he added.

He said he had downloaded several applications, or apps, that were useful such as daily prayers and translations of texts from scriptures.

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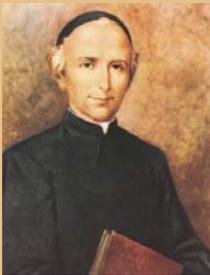
weddings where people wanted particular readings or prayers.

"It has saved me having to use lots of different books because you can change the text," he said.

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This special issue focuses on the ministry of our very own Fr. Dan Barron, OMV, who lives in San Diego, CA and works at John Paul the Great Catholic University, an academic institution dedicated to training young men and women in the area of social communications (the mass media). We interview Fr. Dan this month about his work, life in San Diego, and life at John Paul the Great Catholic University. He also provides images for us, giving us an inside look at this new and exciting academic initiative.



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## An Interview with Fr. Dan Barron, OMV

**MMM: First, please tell us how you are doing. In general, what is life like in San Diego compared to, let's say, Boston?**

Fr. Dan: San Diego is a great city with 350 days of sunshine per year. The temperature hovers around 75 during the day and 65 at night--some days I actually miss the rain! The traffic, compared to Boston, moves freely and without delays, even though my daily commute is less than 6 miles round trip. I reside at Good Shepherd Parish, where I help out with Masses and confessions. The biggest difference in my life here is the absence of community life. I get along great with the four diocesan priests, and I enjoy my visits with Fr. Craig and guys in Hawaiian Gardens, but I miss the daily aspects of our fraternal life.

**MMM: You work at John Paul the Great University. Can you tell us a little bit about this academic institution, its students, and its faculty and staff?**

Fr. Dan: JP Catholic, founded in 2001, forms lay apostles for the New Evangelization, men and women who will "impact culture for Christ." Students can major in Media/Film, Business, Video Game Design or New Evangelization (which is designed to satisfy Pre-Theology



Fr. Dan Barron, OMV, currently serves as Dean of Students at J.P. Catholic.



requirements for seminary). The University also offers a Masters in Business Administration, a Masters in Film Production, and a Masters in Biblical Theology. Many adjunct faculty members work in Hollywood, and commute to San Diego to teach their craft. The cast of gifted professors is so remarkable that only God could have assembled it. Even Scott Hahn intends to sign on as an adjunct professor! Most of the students come from California, but others come from scattered states across the country. Students can even take many

courses online. By the way, one student here is the daughter of John Brock, whom some OMVs may remember studying with us in Rome.

**MMM: Your work consists of spiritual direction for the students and also sacramental ministry such as Confession. Are there other aspects to your work at John Paul the Great University that you would like to discuss?**

Fr. Dan: I see the university as a seminary for lay people (and potential candidates for priesthood). As such, I am in charge of the human and spiritual formation of the students. I foster community life on campus, striving to create a warm atmosphere of respect where young people can flourish in all aspects of their baptismal vocation. I also provide pastoral counseling and coaching for students who are experiencing difficulties. This often requires me to be in communication with parents and professors. If a student is in some form of trouble with the university, I serve as the student's advocate and advisor, rather than the disciplinarian. As a member of the president's cabinet of advisors, I also help to create university policies and handbooks. Once I get more established here,





*Calin, Fr. Dan's dog, now resides in San Diego and might be cast in movies being filmed by students at John Paul the Great Catholic University.*

## Media Quote of the Month

VATICAN CITY, SEPT. 29, 2011 (Zenit.org).- Benedict XVI is asking those professionally dedicated to spreading a message, to stop and hear a message: to be silent and welcome the Word of God.

The Vatican announced today the theme for the next World Day of Communications: "Silence and Word: path of evangelization."

World Communications Day is celebrated in most countries on the Sunday before Pentecost (in 2012, May 20).

"The extraordinarily varied nature of the contribution of modern communications to society highlights the need for a value which, on first consideration, might seem to stand in contra-distinction to it," the Vatican communiqué noted. "In the thought of Pope Benedict XVI, silence is not presented simply as an antidote to the constant and unstoppable flow of information that characterizes society today but rather as a factor that is necessary for its integration.

"Silence, precisely because it favors habits of discernment and reflection, can in fact be seen primarily as a means of welcoming the word..."

*- Zenit, September 29, 2011, on the announcing of the theme for the next World Communications Day.*

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## Fr. Dan Interview (continued)

I hope to branch out into teaching and creative projects in film and video games.

**MMM: Certainly some Oblates are thinking of the possibility of a new community of Oblates in San Diego. While recognizing that it takes time to make the decision to start a new community, what are some future apostolic possibilities in the area for our Congregation?**

Fr. Dan: San Diego is second only to Honolulu in the rankings of the worst U.S. dioceses for vocations. The bishop has been trying to fill in the gaps with priests from Africa, Asia and South America, but there are certainly plenty of pastoral opportunities here for religious. Even more promising are the opportunities at the university itself. I could envision several OMV priests or brothers doing campus ministry, earning a degree, or teaching. I'd love to have a confrere move here just to keep me company! In fact, the parish owns two homes in the surrounding neighborhood; one was the parish convent and the other was the original rectory. My

imagination turns frequently to the possibilities...

**MMM: How is your dog, Calin? Does he like his new home?**

Fr. Dan: Calin seems to be doing well, but he misses the friends he made in New England. He is getting more and more socialized, thanks to the students, even though he retains his suspicions of people with dark complexions. The students love having him around, and they want to train him to act in their film projects. At our new home, a stucco wall encloses the rectory yard, so Calin has plenty of room to explore things without running away.

**MMM: Anything else?**

Fr. Dan: The university hopes to move to a new campus within two years, one closer to Hollywood with larger facilities. If the enrollment continues to grow (we welcome over 50 new students this week), we will definitely need more space—and more Oblates.

**Fr. Dan, thank you, and may God bless you and your ministry!**



*These images give us an inside look at J.P. Catholic in San Diego. All images by Fr. Dan Barron, OMV.*

*Page One: Students busily work at their dual-monitor editing stations, learning the basics of video and film editing.*

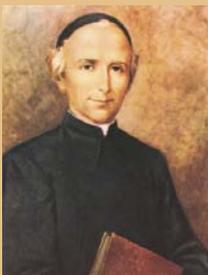
*This page: Chris Lane, B.S. '09 and MBA '11, a J.P. alumnus who now works as a Business Systems Analyst, leads a liturgical function; students pray in the school Chapel; glowing apples indicate another busy Mac editing session; studying in the library.*

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The annual Oktoberfest at our OMV Parish of St. Mary's in Alton, Illinois attracts the attention of the local newspaper.

Media-related courses have been a requirement for all seminarians for a number years, only no one has ever done anything about it. Until now.

Fr. Tim Gallagher, OMV, gives us an update on his EWTN series, new Italian-language videos on YouTube, and the very latest on the greatly-anticipated biography of Fr. Lanteri.



## THE MONTHLY MEDIA MONITOR

Fr. John Wykes, OMV  
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## St. Mary's Oktoberfest in Alton Telegraph



*Fr. Shawn Monahan, OMV, offers a cheerful smile and a couple of cold beers to the photographer from the Alton Telegraph.*

St. Mary's Parish in Alton, Illinois, staffed by our very own Oblates of the Virgin Mary, is a vibrant community with many activities throughout the year. Chief among these is the Oktoberfest, which seems to get bigger and better every year. Last month, this fall event attracted the attention of the Alton Telegraph, which ran

two stories on the weekend festivities.

The first was entitled "Trip to Tradition" and authored by Dan Brannan.

To quote the article directly:

*Father Jim Walther experienced Oktoberfest first-hand in Germany recently and came back to Alton with inspiration for the St. Mary's event....*

*St. Mary's Parish in Alton has a strong German tradition and history. The Oktoberfest idea developed while the parish was celebrating its 150th anniversary.*

*"Since we are so German in our parish, it has grown and gotten better each year," Walther said. "It is a perfect community celebration."*

The other article, entitled "Parish's Oktoberfest Draws on German Forebears,"

was written by Danette M. Watt. This particular article focused on the impressive array of German beers available for consumption. To quote the article directly:

*Five beers were on tap, including Warsteiner's Premium Verum, Spaten Oktoberfest, two from Paulaner and an American craft beer. The tapped keg "came straight from Germany," said Erin Ventimiglia. She and her husband, Paul, have chaired the fund-raiser for several years.*

There were, of course, many other activities for children and teenagers available during the weekend. It was an event the whole family could enjoy.

We congratulate St. Mary's on yet another successful Oktoberfest and hope for continued success in the future.

## OMV Seminarians Learn About Media

For the first time ever, OMV seminarians in the US Province are taking a media-related course as a required part of their formation.

The requirement, spelled out in the OMV Ratio and even in the Vatican's Guide to the Training of Future Priests on the Means of

Social Communications, was placed in the regular schedule of classes by Dean of Studies Br. Steve Fahrig, OMV.

The class, taught by Fr. John Wykes, OMV, is a film course which also covers church teaching on social communication. Class sessions cover the basics

of an Introduction to Film, Film Theory, Film History, and Film Production. In addition, students read and make presentations on several media-related Church documents, including Vatican II's *Inter Mirifica* and various works from the Pontifical Council for Social Communications.



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# Media Quote of the Month

"Adapting our communication of the Gospel to the world's needs is a demand that flows from our baptism in Christ and, believe it or not, in reference to bishops, it is even a law of the Church. In Canon 822, the revised Code of Canon Law summarizes the local bishop's obligation to use the media for the good:

*1. In exercising their office, the pastors of the Church, availing themselves of a right which belongs to the Church, are to make ample use of the means of social communication.*

The Second Vatican Council also charges bishops, as successors to the apostles, to use mass means of communication in the fulfillment of their task as the primary teachers of the faith in their dioceses...

As the archbishop of New York, there is no way I can fulfill this sacred obligation of effective evangelization alone. I depend on the many talented and enthusiastic priests, religious, and lay men and women who are ahead of the curve in using New Media for the sake of the Gospel. I know this is the experience of many of my brother bishops as well -- we need you. We need you to go out ahead of us and to bring us with you!"

*- Most Rev. Timothy Dolan, Archbishop of New York, in the afterword of the newly-published book, "The Church and New Media."*

## Fr. Tim: EWTN, Italian Videos, and Lanteri Bio

All of us know that our very own Fr. Tim Gallagher, OMV, keeps busy on many fronts. Here is an update on his latest activities.

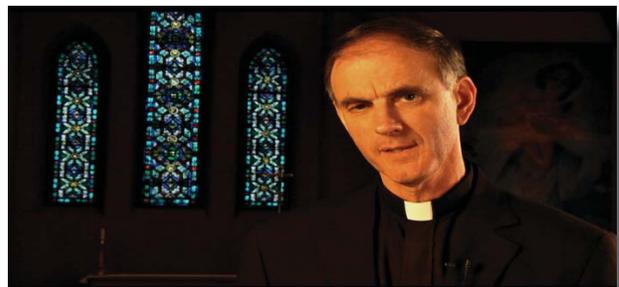
His new TV series on EWTN, "Living the Discerning Life," is drawing to a close. The series, running for ten consecutive Sundays, has been well received. Those who missed the series will be able to purchase a set of DVDs prepared by the network.

Fr. Armando Santoro, OMV at St. Vittorino has been recently gathering a number of videos in Italian to be presented as a valuable resource on spirituality. Would Fr. Tim be prepared to give a fifteen or twenty minute talk on the Examen, in Italian? After carving out some time in their busy schedules, both Fr. Tim and Fr. John Wykes, OMV said, "yes" by filming two 10-minute segments, complete with explanatory titles. The videos were then uploaded to the

OMV's YouTube Channel (omvusa) where Fr. Armando could obtain the segments and then have them embedded in the desired location. Fr. Armando was pleased with the result and suggested that more Italian-language videos could be done in the future.

Finally, no discussion of Fr. Tim and his work would be complete without getting one more update on his biography of our founder, Fr. Pio Bruno Lanteri, OMV.

"He is now about sixty-two or sixty-three years old," Fr. Tim informs us. "It is 1821 and the Oblates have dissolved. Now each man is searching for his way. Lanteri himself will have



*Fr. Tim Gallagher, OMV, speaks in Italian about the Examination of Conscience in this frame taken directly from the new YouTube video.*

to face this difficult question and will make some difficult decisions."

How difficult? Very, according to Fr. Tim.

"It meant leaving the Washington, D.C. of his day," said Fr. Tim, "where all the activity was happening. It meant leaving a familiar environment and friends to embrace a small group in a little town in the middle of nowhere. It meant letting go and letting God."