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Fr. Jeremy Paulin, OMV is interviewed for an on-line vocation project: Vocation Boom.

Fr. Mike Warren, OMV appears on the PBS NewsHour as he comments on the Obama Administration's health care mandate.

A habited nun walks the red carpet for the first time in nearly fifty years, returning to the Oscars (she was a presenter the last time) for a movie on her life that was nominated for an Academy Award. Our media quote of the month covers her story.



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OMVs interviewed for Vocation Boom

Any website called Vocation Boom is bound to attract attention. Not surprisingly, two Oblates of the Virgin Mary have already participated in this project.

"I was introduced to them through a friend on Facebook," says U.S. Province Vocation Director Fr. Jeremy Paulin, OMV. "I became very interested in this project to promote vocations."

Fr. Jeremy ended up being interviewed for the site. He recommended Fr. Tim Gallagher, OMV, who was also interviewed.

Founded by Jerry Usher, Vocation Boom, in the words of the website, "is a team of passionate advocates dedicated to supporting the priesthood as a life's vocation and mission. We seek to develop a global support

community where youth and young men interested in the priesthood can find comprehensive resources, encouragement, mentors and friends to aid in the discernment process."

Fr. Jeremy said he had a positive experience with the interview and during the actual event made an effort to mention the Oblates more than once, including contact information (certainly the mark of a great vocation director!). Though the audio file is not on the website as of this writing, it will be soon. EWTN also has plans to air the interview, though the date has not yet been set.

Vocation Boom is looking for more priests who are willing to be interviewed and to be an encouragement for young men discerning a call to the priesthood. Two Oblates have already been



Fr. Jeremy Paulin, OMV

interviewed, so perhaps more will be forthcoming.

For more information, visit their website at www.vocationboom.com. There you will find background info, video and audio galleries, latest news, and vocation events, as well as links to Vocation Boom's Facebook page, YouTube channel, the blog by founder Jerry Usher, and even its presence on Twitter.

Fr. Mike on the PBS News Hour



Fr. Mike Warren, OMV, as he appeared on the PBS News Hour last month. The image is taken directly from the news report. Image copyrighted by the PBS NewsHour.

Fr. Mike Warren, OMV, made a memorable appearance on the PBS NewsHour last month.

The highly-respected national news show was doing a story on the controversial health care mandate proposed by the Obama administration. The report began with footage

from Holy Ghost Parish in Denver, CO and sections from Fr. Mike's homily. This was followed by on-the-street interviews with some of the parishioners.

We congratulate Fr. Mark for his inspiring and impressive appearance on national television!

Media Quote of the Month



Fr. Nnamdi Moneme, OMV, during Mass at Antipolo, Philippines.

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LOS ANGELES -- It wasn't hard to spot Elvis Presley's old co-star on the Oscars red carpet. She was the one wearing the nun's habit.

Mother Dolores Hart, who left Hollywood 49 years ago to pursue a religious life, made a dramatic return Sunday to take part in the 84th annual Academy Awards ceremony.

The Oscar-nominated documentary short film "God Is the Bigger Elvis," tells the 73-year-old nun's story.

"It's absolutely an extraordinary event," said Mother Dolores...

...Hart left Hollywood in 1963 after starring in films with Presley, George Hamilton and others...

...Asked what Presley would think of her nomination, she replied, "I think he would be very happy."

- Associated Press article by Beth Harris on Mother Dolores Hart and her return to the Academy Awards after nearly fifty years.

When the Church Makes News

An interesting article from Zenit

By Jose Antonio Varela Vidal

ROME, FEB. 23, 2012 (Zenit.org).- On Tuesday this week Spain's ambassador to the Holy See, María Jesús Figa López Palop, organized a round table discussion on the topic "Does the Church Still Make News? The Experience of World Youth Day in Madrid."

It was presided over by Archbishop Claudio Maria Celli, president of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications.

Those present included Italian Vatican newspaper experts Marco Ansaldo (La Repubblica) and Gian Guido Vecchi (Corriere della Sera), as well as three Spaniards: Juan Rubio (director of Vida Nueva) Enric Juliana (assistant editor

of La Vanguardia) and Antonio Gallo (coordinator of the social networks of Madrid's WYD).

All were in agreement that the occasion was an important media event, and that it caught the world's attention despite some attempts to minimize it. The journalists who were in Madrid narrated the events and words of the Pope, but what is most important is that they had to admit that there is faith in the Church, and a great presence of young people.

"It has been such a special experience that I don't want them to go," said a waiter of a café, according to one of those present at the round table. He said this not only because of the amount of sales, but because he had never seen so much joy on the streets...

...Part of WYD's success was its involvement with social

networks, where young people were invited to participate.

Apart from the success due to the social networks, the Spanish journalists attributed part of the overall success to the fact that forces were united. On the one hand, those organizing the event, and on the other hand, the Spanish government, which after several years of confrontations with the Church, took a more passive approach...

...Archbishop Celli acknowledged that at present there are more issues relating to the Holy See and the media and that the Church has shown the desire to dialogue correctly with the press, because this also helps them. He also said that there is nothing to hide because without the truth the Church would not be able to carry out her main task, which is charity.

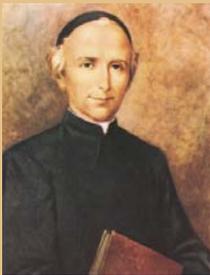
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A new magazine comes out from our Oblate brothers in Nigeria.

Fr. Jeremy Paulin has an interview aired on EWTN Radio and Sirius Satellite Radio.

The next World Communications Day quickly approaches. Are you ready -- for the sound of silence?

Fr. John Idio, OMV continues to upload videos to his YouTube Channel -- 62 videos strong and still growing.



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New OMV Magazine from Nigeria!



There is a new Oblate publication making its debut this month -- and it comes from our OMV brothers in Nigeria.

The Beatitudes will be published quarterly. According to Fr. Paul Uebe, OMV, the new venture is the brainchild of two prominent Oblates.

"The idea to start this publication," said Fr. Paul

in a recent e-mail, "was initiated by Fr Sergio and Fr Carlo Rossi, during their visit in 2010. Since then we had difficulty searching for lay collaborators to join in the editorial board. It was important to include lay collaborators since the publication was meant to treat issues relating to lay vocation in a particular way. This is why we had to look for these lay persons to join the board. All the same, the first publication came out this year."

The aims of the magazine, as spelled out by Fr. Paul in his letter to prospective contributors, include the following:

- To provide a pastoral forum and perspective that will discuss relevant and contextual issues that concern the vocation, life and mission of clergy, religious, and the lay faithful in Christ in the

Church and in society.

- To proclaim the Gospel message of Christ in truth and mercy and make it relevant through initiatives and efforts to bring to the awareness of men and women the presence of Christ and evangelizing activities of the Church in the world.

- To guide the faithful in Christ by providing information concerning Christian faith and promoting knowledge of the teachings of the Church.

- To encourage the vocation and evangelizing mission of families, Christian communities, and each person, and to encourage love and service of the Church.

We congratulate our Nigerian brothers and their collaborators on the launch of this publication. May their work receive God's abundant blessings!

Fr. Jeremy's Interview Aired on Radio

The interview Fr. Jeremy Paulin, OMV did for Vocation Boom has been aired on radio.

The interview was broadcast on Saturday, April 21 and lasted for about twenty minutes. In the interview, Fr. Jeremy spoke about vocations in general and the Oblates

of the Virgin Mary in particular.

Fr. Jeremy's broadcast was carried on EWTN Radio as well as Sirius Satellite Radio, Channel 130.

We congratulate Fr. Jeremy and thank him for his hard work as vocation director of our U.S. Province.



Fr. Jeremy Paulin, OMV



The Easter Water at Saint Francis Chapel, Boston.

Media Quote of the Month

REMEMBER: World Communications Day is celebrated this year on Sunday, May 20. Please use your homilies and parish bulletins to let people know of the importance of World Communications Day and this year's message!

"As we draw near to World Communications Day 2012, I would like to share with you some reflections concerning an aspect of the human process of communication which, despite its importance, is often overlooked and which, at the present time, it would seem especially necessary to recall. It concerns the relationship between silence and word: two aspects of communication which need to be kept in balance, to alternate and to be integrated with one another if authentic dialogue and deep closeness between people are to be achieved. When word and silence become mutually exclusive, communication breaks down, either because it gives rise to confusion or because, on the contrary, it creates an atmosphere of coldness; when they complement one another, however, communication acquires value and meaning..."

- Pope Benedict XVI, Message for the 46th World Communications Day, "Silence and Word: Path of Evangelization."

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Fr. John Idio, OMV - YouTube Videographer

Fr. John Idio, OMV is a busy man. In addition to his regular apostolic work, he also manages to make a number of videos for his YouTube Channel (called "johnpidio.")

"Incontro GMG A Jundiai" is the name of his latest entry -- an eight-minute video detailing (in Italian) the recent Oblate meeting to prepare for the next World Youth Day in Brazil.

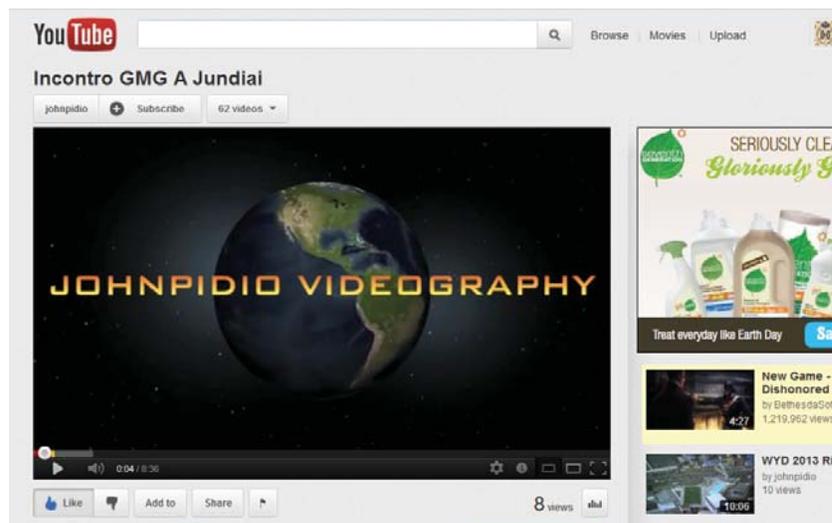
Fr. John was ordained to the priesthood in July of 2008. When the issue of further study came up, it was Fr. John himself who suggested he pursue an advanced degree in communications. Because the field is an important part of our charism, Fr. John's superiors agreed immediately with the suggestion. He attended the Gregorian University in Rome, earning a Licenciante in Journalism.

Fr. John started his YouTube Channel back in November of 2007. Since then, his extensive travels have allowed him to create some interesting entries, including a vocational testimony given by Fr. Francesco Malara, OMV at San Vittorino, a visit to the Leaning Tower of Pisa, multiple recent videos made in Brazil, and even some footage from his first-ever baseball game

at Boston's Fenway Park (made during his visit to the United States).

Currently, Fr. John has a total of 62 videos uploaded to his YouTube Channel.

We congratulate Fr. John and wish him continued success with both his videography and his other apostolic endeavors.



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Finishing touches are applied to the Lanteri biography as well as to a graduate program in Digital Media.

Various Oblates make some media appearances over the summer months.

An American journalist becomes the new media adviser for the Vatican.

Archbishop Aquila cites the Oblates as one of the greatest strengths of his diocese.

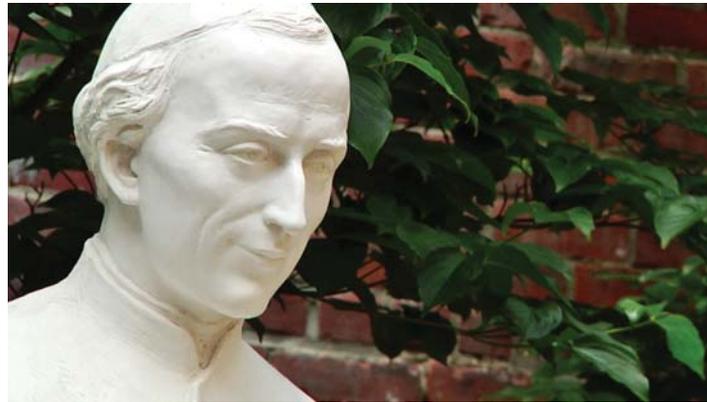


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Applying the Finishing Touches



Finishing touches have been applied to some long-term media projects.

"June 19, 2012," Fr. Tim proudly replied when asked when he completed the new Lanteri biography. "I will remember that date forever. There was a sense of - wow, it is amazing that this is actually done. Just a huge task. Now it is just a matter of handing it over for the final stages."

It is called *Begin Again: The Life and Spiritual Legacy of Bruno Lanteri*. Work is being done on finalizing the cover design. This is followed by securing permissions to use copyrighted material, choosing pictures that will be used in the book, copy editing, and final proofreading. If all goes according to plan, the book will be featured

in Crossroad's Spring 2013 catalog and will be available for pre-ordering on Amazon.com. The actual publication would follow sometime in late June or early July of 2013.

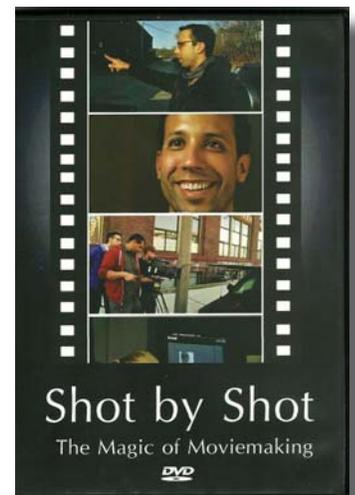
Especially exciting are the endorsements the book has received -- the most prominent from Francis Cardinal George, the archbishop of Chicago. "This is wonderful," said Fr. Tim of this last endorsement. "It's a huge gift."

For Fr. Tim, there are many feelings associated with completing such a huge task.

"A sense of marvel and gratitude," said Fr. Tim, "certainly a lot of gratitude to the Lord. I hope it can serve the Congregation for a long time."

In other news on the finishing touches front, this author (Fr. John Wykes, OMV) humbly thanks God and his fellow Oblates for the opportunity to complete a Masters in Digital Media degree at Boston's Northeastern University. My thesis is not written but a documentary video called "Shot by Shot - The Magic of Moviemaking." Though the production features commentary by many industry professionals, the heart of "Shot by Shot" is the story of a student filmmaker as he struggles to complete his film in time for graduation.

The film will be screened in Boston later this month and the program made available on DVD and Blu-ray. The graduation ceremony is September 29.



Media Quote of the Month



VATICAN CITY — “I don’t have any illusions about going in and changing everything,” said Greg Burke, who was appointed June 23 the Vatican’s new media adviser. “My hope is to try and help the Holy See take the necessary steps to go in the right direction.”

The Vatican hired Burke, a St. Louis native and former correspondent for the Register and Fox News, to help with its communications after a series of PR media mishaps in recent years.

His appointment also comes after the Holy See’s media relations came under strain as much of the world’s press, especially in Italy, has been speculating wildly about the unauthorized leaking of confidential Vatican documents.

A widely respected, good-humored and popular member of the Vatican press corps, Burke explained to the Register June 25 that his role will be “very similar” to that of the White House’s director of communications...

- Edward Pentin, report for the National Catholic Register, 6/26/2012

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Oblates of the Virgin Mary in the Media



Much has happened over the last few months regarding Oblate involvement and presence in the media.

In a July issue of the National Catholic Register, Denver Archbishop Samuel Aquila mentioned the Oblates of the Virgin Mary when he was asked about Denver’s greatest strengths. “When I see things like...[other congregations and] the Oblates of the Virgin Mary,”

said the archbishop, “I see tremendous signs of light in the archdiocese.”

The OMV priests of St. Peter Chanel Parish in Hawaiian Gardens were featured in *The Tidings* - southern California’s Catholic weekly newspaper. The article, entitled, “Bulking up for a better prayer life,” highlighted the work our priests do there in giving people the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. “People are really looking for holiness of life,” said Fr. Ed Broom, OMV as quoted in the article, “and really want to find a school of prayer.”

CatholicExchange.com decided to publish an article written by our own Fr. Nnamdi Moneme, OMV (a screenshot is shown at left). The article, entitled “Being Our Brother’s Keeper,” reflects upon the violence in our world and the solidarity that occurs when we recognize a common source of life.

During the weekend of September 8th and 9th, Frs. Tim and Jeremy will be at Franciscan University of Steubenville. Fr. Tim is giving his weekend seminar on discernment and Fr. Jeremy is hoping to make vocational contacts during the trip. This is immediately followed by Fr. Tim’s participation in “Franciscan University Presents” on Monday, September 10. The television program is a production of EWTN and features a panel discussion with guest Fr. Tim and regular panelists Michael Herson (host of the show and Vice President of Advancement), Dr. Regis Martin (Professor of Systematic Theology), and Dr. Scott Hahn (Chair of Biblical Theology and New Evangelization). The topic is discerning the will of God and the show is entitled “Discovering God’s Will.” It will air on EWTN in December.

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Our Rector Major encourages Oblates to visit the international website and discover treasures of which you might not be aware.

The Vatican announces the theme for World Communications Day 2013.

Videos, photos, and even an on-line forum can be found on Fr. John Idio's website.

The Vatican starts its own social networking initiative!



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Visit the OMV International Website



At a recent meeting of Oblates from around the world, a presentation on digital media was followed by a tour by Rector Major Fr. Sergio Zirattu, OMV, of the "Curia Generale" website of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary. Some highlights of this tour are related here.

The most important and most recent news events are summarized in the

left hand column, with the more recent items at the top. A prominently displayed "Lanteri Humanitas" logo is a link to more information on this important collaborative effort. Below the emblem is the Vatican.va section, which has tabs for the latest news, messages from the Vatican, and links to the Vatican YouTube Channel, the Vatican photo gallery, and the Vatican multimedia

player which can carry live streams of Vatican Radio and Vatican TV.

"Scritti Lanteriani" on the right-hand side leads you to a search box. Type a word and the site will give you all instances in Lanteri's writings where that word occurs (in their complete context -- the whole document).

Under "Chi Siamo" on the top menu bar you can select "Foto." This leads you to a rather extraordinary archival collection of photographic images of Oblates from all over the world. Some of these remarkable photos date back to the 1920's.

There is so much more to this website. Please visit www.oblati.org and take some time to appreciate the options that are available.

Theme Announced for WCD 2013

The theme for World Communications Day 2013 was announced on September 29.

"Social Networks: Portals of Truth and Faith; New Spaces for Evangelization" is the theme announced for the 47th World Communications Day. It recognizes the ubiquitous

nature of social networking, especially with the development of Facebook (this particular social networking site is now used by over one billion people).

World Communications Day is the only special day of observance established by the Second Vatican Council. The theme for the

day is announced every September 29, the feast of the Archangels. The message is published the following January 24th, the memorial of St. Francis de Sales, patron of journalists. The day itself is celebrated on the Sunday before Pentecost, which in 2013 will occur on May 12th.



Fr. John Wykes, OMV (in background) celebrates with his fellow Masters in Digital Media graduates at Boston's Northeastern University.

Media Quote of the Month

"Aleteia is a worldwide Catholic network sharing faith, society, and life resources for those seeking truth. It is a social network to look for, share, and disseminate the best answers to pressing questions of the day.

"It is a social network on faith for those seeking the truth. It is a platform of reference resources to find the truth. It makes possible the sharing of the truth anywhere, any time, with anyone.

"Aleteia, among other things, features the Opus Dei Communications Office. There you will find 509 questions in 11 categories with 917 contributors. Join the worldwide Catholic network sharing faith resources for those seeking Truth. Join authors, reviewers, and seekers from around the world. Submit your own pearls -- your links, images, and videos about faith, life, and society."

- A variety of quotes taken from various parts of the Aleteia website. Aleteia is a social network initiative of the Vatican and is still under construction (beta version) at this time. Visit the website at www.aleteia.org.

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The Website of Fr. John Idio, OMV



We have already done a story or two on Fr. John Idio, OMV, and his involvement in the media. This month we focus on the design and features of his website.

The user is greeted with a banner featuring the famed quote from Mahatma Gandhi, "Be the change you want to see in the world." Below, a rich menu selection offers the user many choices. "About Me" gives a

short biographical sketch of Fr. John as well as a summation of his interests. "News" is a re-post of articles from other publications that have to do with the Church or Nigeria. "Nugget Corner" features an interesting reflection by Fr. John on how to gain self-confidence. "Quotes" highlights famous sayings or phrases uttered by such notable figures as Mahatma Gandhi, Norman Vincent Peale, Helen Keller, Will Rogers, and

Christopher Columbus. Links to the Vatican website are readily available as are links to Zenit, Nigeria World, and Fr. John's extensive YouTube Channel.

Though it has not been used much at all, Fr. John has a forum set up on his website. Users can become members and comment on an existing topic or post on a new topic.

Readily available links to recent photos and recent videos round out the website's features.

Though some parts of the website have not been updated recently, it still remains a good example of what can be done by individual Oblates to utilize the modern means of digital communication. Perhaps it will inspire other Oblates to create their own websites.

Visit Fr. John's website at: www.freewebs.com/manpidio

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Postulant Joshua Kingdon uses websites, an internet vlog, and professional acting to stay media savvy.

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John Jones, editor of all of Fr. Tim's books, has died at the age of 48.

Vatican Radio joins Facebook to promote the message of the Gospel!



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Media for the Greater Glory of God

With websites, an active internet vlog, and an interesting resume of professional acting experiences, Josh Kingdon seeks to integrate his media experience with his role as a postulant with the Oblates of the Virgin Mary.

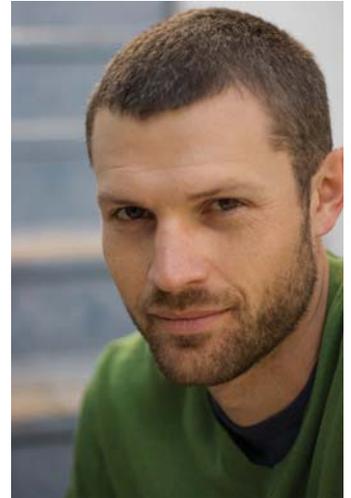
"I have always been very imaginative -- using my imagination playing," says Josh about his interest in acting. "I took an acting class in college and got hooked. I took more classes in New York and then moved to LA to work as an actor doing commercials primarily. Then God intervened and I came here.

"Here with the Oblates I began studying the ancient philosophers, the origin of life, and the meaning of life. I combined that curiosity with my passion for food, my passion for the Theology of the Body and my interest in filmmaking. I put them all together and have my

vlog. It's called 'Veritas Cibi,' the truth of food. My goals with this are to stay creatively sharp, connect with people of a similar interest, and continue to find God's presence in all things."

Josh still maintains his membership in the Screen Actors Guild and did some interesting background work during the summer months. Specifically, he worked on four films: *Labor Day* with Kate Winslet (playing a bank teller), *The Way Way Back* with Steve Carel (portraying a party guest), *Grown Ups 2* with Adam Sandler (party guest), and *The Heat* with Sandra Bullock (FBI intern). He also did some television work in New York.

"I feel inspired to use my creativity for God's glory. I am excited the opportunities the Internet presents in terms of ministry," says Josh. "I



know God will use my talents and interest for his greater glory through the communication medium of the Internet."

Check out these websites for more information:

Director Website:
joshuakingdon.com

Actor Website:
joshuakingdon.net

Veritas Cibi:
veritascibi.com

Columbia Profile: Fr. Mike Warren, OMV



Fr. Mike Warren, OMV, is coming in last. Considering this is in Columbia Magazine, it's a very good thing.

Columbia Magazine is a publication of the Knights of Columbus. The back of each issue is devoted to a

vocation profile. Fr. Mike has informed us that he will be profiled on the back of the December issue.

We congratulate Fr. Mike and we look forward to seeing his profile in the next issue of Columbia Magazine!



Actor Jim Caviezel, who portrayed Jesus in Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ," has a noon-time meal discussion with priests, brothers, and seminarians at Our Lady of Grace Seminary in Boston last month.

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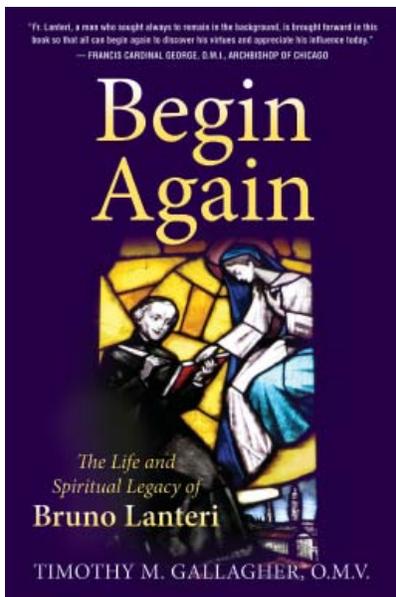
ROME, OCTOBER 8, 2012 (Zenit.org).- Just days before the synod on New Evangelization commenced here in Rome, Vatican Radio's English section launched a new Facebook page, bringing the voice of the Church and the Holy Father into the world of social networking.

With Facebook having recently welcomed its 1 billionth user, Vatican Radio joins other Catholic news services who are beginning to take advantage of the social networking site to promote the message of the Gospel. In addition to the new English section Facebook page, Vatican Radio also has pages for their Portuguese, French, and Arabic sections.

Seán-Patrick Lovett, program director of Vatican Radio's English section, spoke with ZENIT about the importance of utilizing Facebook in today's social climate. "Digital natives will say it is a long time in coming," he said, and "digital immigrants will say it's taken us a long time to get there. But we're here: we're on Facebook. It's something we could not not do..."

- from a Zenit.org article entitled "Vatican Radio Uses Social Media in New Evangelization" by Ann Schneible

Crossroad Editor Dies - His Work Lives On



In the midst of final preparations for the highly-anticipated Lanteri biography, Fr. Tim Gallagher, OMV, lost a great editor and a close collaborator.

John Jones, managing editor at Crossroad who worked as editor on all of Fr. Tim's books, died

October 8 from cancer. He was 48 years old.

"It was great working with him," said Fr. Tim of Jones. "He was so warm and communicative and so very competent in what he did. He had the uncanny ability to thoroughly understand the heart of the project by reading my manuscript. He had a razor sharp understanding."

Jones earned an MA in Theology from Harvard and both an MA and PhD. from Yale. He edited all of Fr. Tim's books, including the soon-to-be-released Lanteri biography. Making final decisions on the cover design (pictured at left) was one of the last work-related tasks he completed before dying last month.

"He gave the title to the Lanteri book," Fr. Tim said. "He came up with 'Begin Again' by reading the manuscript. He pulled it out

of the text without knowing how much Oblates have emphasized 'Nunc Coepi.' By reading the manuscript he could pull out the same theme that Oblates have been talking about for years."

Since the death of John Jones, Crossroad has been expediting several of his projects that were delayed due to his illness. These include the Kindle versions of Fr. Tim's books now available on amazon.com as well as the Lanteri bio and the workbook for the Discernment of Spirits (both to be released in early 2013). Fr. Yves Morin, OMV is currently taking pictures to be used in the Lanteri bio.

Fr. Tim asks for prayers as he tapes yet another new series for EWTN. Entitled "Finding God in All Things," the thirteen-part series will be filmed from November 8 through 11 at the House of Prayer in Clearwater, Florida.