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An Active Lenten Season for the OMVs and Media

This new month of March begins, right away, with a broadcast of *Nunc Coepi — The Life of Venerable Bruno Lanteri*.

Though it has been broadcast many times before and is available in three different languages on YouTube, this documentary on the life of our Founder is being shown, for the first time, on nationwide Italian Catholic Television (TV2000). The broadcast happens tonight, March 1, at 10:55 p.m. We thank Frs. Mauro and Giustino Oliva, OMV for inspiring this event.

The editors at TV2000 took footage from *Nunc Coepi* (with permission of the filmmaker) and made a fast-paced 24-second promo. It can be seen on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/2wgReZaN674>



The diocesan newspaper of Teramo, Italy and its article on the diaconate ordination of Luca Chirizzi, OMV (at left).

Staying with news from Italy — the diaconate ordination of Luca Chirizzi, OMV (the deacon pictured at left in the photo) at the Cathedral in Teramo was quite the media event. Not only was the ordination featured prominently in the diocesan newspaper there (pictured above), but it also enjoyed professional multi-camera video coverage as well. The finished video was uploaded to YouTube as “Ordinazioni diaconali” on the Diocesi di Teramo-Atri YouTube Channel — <https://youtu.be/ssKKR0myscs>

Luca was ordained with three other men; Luca was the only OMV ordained at this particular ceremony.

In other news from Italy, Fr. Andrea Brustolon, OMV runs our wonderful retreat house in Viù in northern Italy. From there he has populated his YouTube Channel with a number of interesting videos. They are in Italian and range in subject matter. Look up his YouTube Channel, “Andrea Brustolon,” to see these items.

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The Monthly Media Monitor is published in English by the Oblates of the Virgin Mary on the first day of every month, except for June, July, and August (summer break in the northern hemisphere). This publication is not a monthly summary of OMV life in general. Instead, it is an instrument to disseminate news concerning the work of Oblates of the Virgin Mary in the apostolate of social communications. Part of the OMV apostolic work is to propagate the truth through the mass media. This newsletter celebrates the works of this important media apostolate.

— Fr. John Wykes, OMV, Director of Communications, OMV General House, Rome



Did You Know...?

...that February 12th marked the 90th Anniversary of Vatican Radio?

The above photo, taken on Feb. 12, 1931, shows Pope Pius XI attending the inauguration of Vatican Radio. Immediately behind him and slightly to the left is Guglielmo Marconi, who not only set up Vatican Radio but actually helped to invent radio itself! At the far left is Eugenio Cardinal Pacelli, the future Pope Pius XII. An amazing photo!

Vatican Radio continues its mission to reach the farthest corners of the globe with programs transmitted in 47 different languages.

Here is an interesting article written by Fr. Federico Lombardi, SJ, a former director of Vatican Radio: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2021-02/father-lombardi-mission-of-vatican-radio-in-service-of-the-pope.html>

Active Lenten Season (continued)

Some Oblates use Facebook Live to give video reflections. One of these is Fr. Claudio Weronig, OMV. Based at St. Paul's Parish in Curitiba in Brazil, Fr. Claudio gives such video reflections as, "The Our Father," "Jesus is the Greatest Sign Given by the Father," and "Follow Jesus and Share Life with Jesus". Fr. Claudio also live streams his Masses and homilies.

As he has done during previous Lents, Fr. John Idio, OMV (stationed at our parish in England) has been publishing his "Lenten Tonic" on a regular basis. The daily tonic includes a reflection, an action item, and a prayer.

In news from the USA — February 8 was the date for Fr. Tim Gallagher's new book, *A Biblical Way of Praying the Mass*, to appear on Amazon.com as a "best seller." Along with other books, Fr. Tim's book was listed as one of the "Best Sellers in Christian Institutions and Organizations". We congratulate Fr. Tim!

In mid-February, Fr. Tim's TV programs entitled *The Mass, Sacred Scripture, and the Eucharist, Parts 1 and 2*, aired on EWTN (the Eternal Word Television Network).

On February 10, Fr. Jeremy Paulin, OMV was part of a live stream program from the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois. The program, called "Hey, Father! Live!," streamed live on Facebook and on YouTube -- giving viewers the opportunity to ask questions of Fr. Jeremy about the Faith and the Church. As the program proceeded, both a phone number and an e-mail address appeared on the screen, prompting viewers to ask their questions through e-mails or text messages. Some of the questions included why we cross ourselves

three times before proclaiming the Gospel as well as other more difficult ones such as preaching on the issue of abortion. Here is the video on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/diospringfield/videos/848683925696996/> Here is the video on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/imjHvXwcuSs>

We wish you a blessed month of March and hope that you are doing well during this time of Covid. We pray this trying time will pass soon!



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Fr. Jeremy Paulin, OMV, answers a viewer question during his appearance on "Hey Father! Live!," a program of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois.