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8-Camera Filming of Ordination, Gala, and More!



Left: In Paris, France, Rev. Christian Mauri, OMV is ordained to the priesthood as eight cameras capture the event.
Right: In Boston, USA, Rev. Bill Brown, OMV introduces viewers to the first annual Virtual Gala fundraiser for the seminary.

Fr. Christian Mauri, OMV was ordained to the priesthood on April 18 during a ceremony that was streamed live on YouTube by Fulgura Films on our OMV YouTube Channel in Paris (Sanctuaire Sainte-Rita de Fontenay-aux-Roses). The live stream included multiple cameras in two locations (the main church and also the smaller crypt below) — eight cameras in all! The video of the live stream is now on YouTube and is called “Ordination de Christian Mauri, omv, présidée par Mgr. Rougé, Sainte-Rita de Fontenay-aux-Roses.”

For those wanting to see a shorter version of the ordination, do a search on Vimeo for “Un nouveau prêtre : Christian Mauri - Fulgura Films”. The video is short but excellent — beautiful cinematography.

Also impressive was the Virtual Gala held in Boston on the night of April 24th. Usually a dinner event with speakers and a live auction, the Gala went virtual this year due to CoVid. Guest speakers appeared on video as did two seminarians who gave their valuable testimony. Visit the Gala page on the omvusa.org website: omvusa.org/ways-give/gala/. The Gala is a very important fundraising event for our seminaries in the USA and the Philippines.

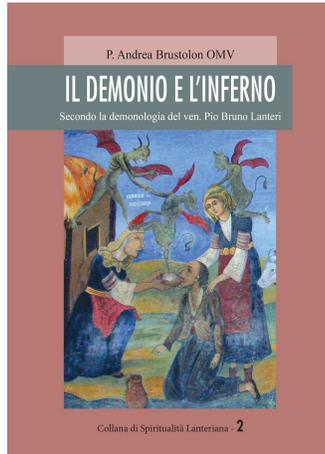
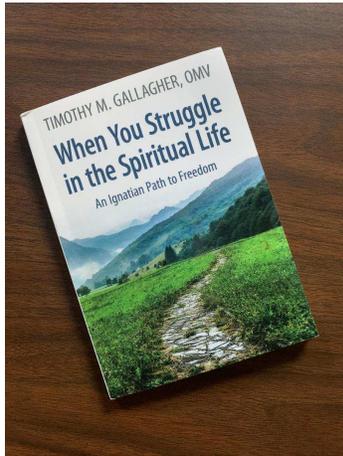
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— Fr. John Wykes, OMV, Director of Communications, OMV General House, Rome

8-Camera Filming... (continued)

One of our Oblates in Italy, Fr. Andrea Brustolon, OMV, is a busy author. His second volume in the Lanteri Spirituality Series has been released, in Italian (pictured below). It is called (in English) *The Devil and Hell — According to the Demonology of Venerable Pio Bruno Lanteri*. This book, along with the other one we spoke of last month (on angelology and Lanteri), is available on Amazon.



Also out with a new book is the always-busy Fr. Tim Gallagher, OMV. This new work (photo at left) is entitled *When You Struggle in the Spiritual Life – An Ignatian Path to Freedom*.

Fr. Tim has continued to give conferences via social media (such as Zoom). One recent Zoom seminar was on the Second Week Rules for the Discernment of Spirits from the Spiritual Exercises.

In Rome — a Lenten retreat directed by Fr. Silvano Porta, OMV is the subject of a video posted on YouTube: “Ritiro 21 marzo 2021 parte seconda Condivisione”. In the video, Fr. Silvano can be seen meeting virtually with others who are doing the retreat. Fr. Silvano gives a catechesis and this is followed by a period of final sharing among group members



One of last month’s more interesting and unique OMV videos was posted on Facebook by Paróquia São Paulo Apóstolo in Curitiba, Brazil. It shows Fr. Marcio Pinho, OMV, doing Eucharistic Exposition by traveling with the monstrance in a motor vehicle. The camera is also there, capturing the 2 ½ hour journey through the streets of Curitiba with the Blessed Sacrament (image at left).

Deacon Luca Chirizzi, OMV has been writing articles for the diocesan newspaper in Teramo, Italy. This has included a front-page reflection on the diocesan Way of the Cross procession.

On April 1, which was Holy Thursday this year, Fr. Paul Nguyen, OMV was live on a radio program on the Big Z, which is 107.1 and 1570 in Alton, IL, USA. Fr. Paul was part of an ecumenical clergy panel which was discussing Easter and various traditions around its celebration.

Well, that concludes the news for May. We take a break during the next three months (summer in the northern hemisphere) and come back in September — hopefully a month that will see some more world-wide recovery from the pandemic. God bless you and see you in September.