

# Monthly Media Monitor



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## Chapter, Ordinations, Herzegovinian Radio, and More!

Over the last few months our Congregation has been blessed with some amazing (and positive) events. First among these was the General Chapter that took place in July and elected our new General Government. Photography was used to capture noteworthy events and digital reports at the meetings often included Prezi and PowerPoint presentations as well as video.

There is a lady named Ivana Knezovic who is a big fan of Venerable Lanteri and his message of "Nunc Coepi". Ivana works at Radio Maria (Radio Marija) in Mostar in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Last month, both Lanteri and the message of "Nunc Coepi" were featured on her radio program ("Na proputovanju života" which means "On the Journey of Life"), as was the song "Nunc Coepi" composed by Jandro Cisneros for the film documentary on the life of our Founder.

Also in radio news... in Italy, Fr. Silvano Porta, OMV has been holding a live monthly catechesis on the national radio station "Radio Mater." The theme of these talks includes applying Catholic spirituality to daily living and how to live and act according to the maxims of Catholic spirituality.

Also in May, and over in the USA, Fr. Dan Barron, OMV announced the creation of a new website. Called "teachdiscernment.com," the website describes itself as a "place where teachers of Ignatian Discernment of Spirits can connect, find inspiration, share resources, and offer encouragement to one another." Additionally, Fr. Dan and a lay collaborator publish the website's weekly newsletter called "Leaflets".



The new General Government of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary.  
Left to Right: Frs. John Idio, OMV (Councilor), Tom Carzon, OMV (Vicar General),  
Luis Costantino, OMV (Rector Major), François LaPointe, OMV (Councilor),  
and Vincenzo Voccia, OMV (Councilor).

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



## Did You Know...?

...that Fr. Tim Gallagher, OMV, is offering a virtual workshop?

Always ready to use digital media as a means to guide others in the spiritual life, Fr. Tim is offering a virtual workshop series based on his book *Overcoming Spiritual Discouragement*. The program is described as a ten-part, self-paced video series which comes with a downloadable workshop resource featuring recommended reading and self-guided study.

Find the virtual workshop by visiting [omvusa.org](http://omvusa.org), then navigating to "Our Work" > "Virtual Workshops".



Statue of Venerable Pio Bruno Lanteri  
Fontenay-aux-Roses, France

## Chapter, Ordinations, ... (continued)

Where there are a lot of videos there are a lot of bloopers. The U.S. Province of the OMVs has been busy making videos this year and they have acquired enough outtakes to make a video of them. "OMV Bloopers 2022" was published on Facebook in May and features various Oblates missing cues and forgetting lines – and having a lot of fun in the process.

On a more serious note — the US Province had two ordinations over the summer. Fr. Leland Thorpe, OMV and Fr. Nathan Marzonie, OMV. It was livestreamed from St. Mary's Church in Alton, IL. A well-made summary video can be found on YouTube under the title "Ordination of Fr Leland & Fr Nathan Highlight Alton 2022".

Fr. Oseni Ogunu, OMV shares with us the joyful news that *The Catholic Voyage: African Journal of Consecrated Life* has been positively assessed and approved for hosting by "African Journals Online" which is described as the world's largest and preeminent platform of African-published scholarly journals. Fr. Oseni is editor-in-chief of *The Catholic Voyage*.

Podcasting remains both important and popular. Some Oblates have their own podcasts. For example, Fr. Shawn Monahan, OMV, offers "Homilies for the Heart and Soul". They are available under that title at Apple Podcasts. Link: <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/homilies-to-heal-the-heart-and-soul>

*Our Sunday Visitor*, a national Catholic publication in the USA, ran an article on May 27<sup>th</sup> that featured the OMV-staffed St. Clement Eucharistic Shrine in Boston. Entitled "A Eucharistic Road Trip: The top 10 destinations devoted to the Blessed Sacrament," the article listed St. Clement Shrine in the number one position.

Last but certainly not least, Fr. Andrea Brustolon, OMV in Italy continues to write and publish books as part of his Lanterian Spirituality Series. The last few months have witnessed the release of the following volumes (in Italian): *From Creation to Incarnation — Lanterian Reflections on the First Four Millenia* (Volume 8), *The First Three Centuries of Christianity* (Volume 9), *Convert and Love Wisdom* (Volume 10), and *Christianity During the Time of St. Augustine* (Volume 11). We congratulate Fr. Andrea on the publication of these volumes and we pray they bring inspiration and consolation to many people.

That concludes the news for this month. God bless you and we will see you in October.