

Monthly Media Monitor



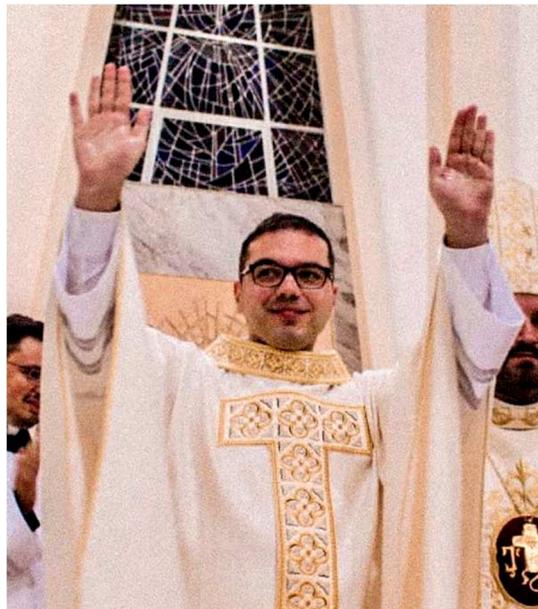
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Ordinations ... and So Much More



Above: Jay-Ar San Juan is ordained to the diaconate.
Right: Kauê Ribeiro greets the congregation after his priesthood ordination.



An ordination is a joyful event in the life of the newly ordained, in the life of our Congregation, and in the life of the Church. Digital streaming of such an event is no longer a luxury but a common practice.

The priesthood ordination of Fr. Kauê Ribeiro, OMV took place on Saturday, January 14 in Jundiai,

Brazil. The Verbo DivinoRCC YouTube Channel hosted the event. The video is now available for viewing: “Ordenação Presbiteral Diácono Kauê Ribeiro, OMV - 14 /01/2020”.

The next day, Fr. Kauê celebrated his first Mass. This was also live streamed and is now a video that is available for viewing: “Eucarística Padre Kauê Ribeiro, OMV - 15 /01/2020”. Congratulations Fr. Kauê – ad multos annos!

On January 27, Br. Jay-Ar San Juan, OMV took final vows at St. Clement Shrine in Boston (USA) and was ordained to the diaconate the next day. Both events were streamed — the programs available on the Shrine’s website, the Shrine’s Facebook page, and the omvusa YouTube Channel. The wonderful events are available for viewing at any time on YouTube: “Mass & Final Vows for Br. Jay-Ar San Juan” and “Mass & Diaconate Ordination: Br. Jay-Ar San Juan”. Congratulations, Deacon Jay-Ar!

Also in the USA, Fr. Tim Gallagher, OMV has, once again, made another television series based on one of his books. Last month he visited the studios of EWTN (the Eternal Word Television Network) and taped

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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 Pope Francis released his message for World Communications Day on January 24?

Though World Communications Day is always celebrated on the Sunday before Pentecost, the release of the message for the day always occurs on January 24, the Memorial of St. Francis de Sales, the patron saint of Journalists.

This year's message is entitled *Speaking with the heart: "the truth in love" (Eph 4:15)*. In the message, the pope emphasizes cordial communication skills, reminding us that the Risen Jesus spoke to the travelers on the Road to Emmaus not with mere words, but words that emerged from the heart. Cordiality in communications, the pope said, is not only the responsibility of those who work in the media, but is the responsibility of everyone.

This year's World Communications Day will be observed on Sunday, May 21.

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a seven-part series on Venerable Bruno Lanteri's way of praying the Mass. The series will air on EWTN later this year. We look forward to seeing it!

Fr. Tim was also featured in a *Bookmark Brief* video on the EWTN YouTube Channel. The very short video has Fr. Tim discussing his book *Struggles in the Spiritual Life – Their Nature and Their Remedies*. The brief clip is called "Bookmark Brief – Struggles in the Spiritual Life".

Also in the USA, a short summary video was made at FOCUS SEEK 23. Several Oblates of the Virgin Mary were involved with this well-known American vocations conference which attracts many hundreds of priests and religious along with over 17,000 college students. The summary video, found on YouTube as "FOCUS SEEK23 – Oblates of the Virgin Mary," highlights a variety of OMV seminarians and priests as they describe their experiences at the conference.

Since we have some space available here for more news, allow me to share the teaching this author (Fr. John Wykes, OMV) has been doing at the "Greg" (the Pontifical Gregorian University here in Rome).

I teach a year-long course entitled "Multimedia Production" at the School of Communications, which, in turn, is part of the School of Social Sciences. My students are mostly from Africa with one student from Sri Lanka. Most are religious and priests and working towards a licentiate degree.

During the first semester they learned the basics of filmmaking/videomaking and were required to produce and edit four video projects. I have been very impressed by their work. During the second semester (which begins in late February) the work will get much more intense and detailed. I am confident that they will do well.

Also in late February I teach another course — an Audio Production Intensive. This one-week-long course takes an entire semester's worth of material and fits it into a very intensive one-week "boot camp." Prayers are appreciated!

Well, that is all the news for this issue. God bless you and we will see you in March!

