

Monthly Media Monitor



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Busy Summer Months for the OMVs



Fr. Paul Nguyen, OMV

We hope you have had a pleasant time during the last few months (summer for those in the northern hemisphere, winter for those in the southern hemisphere). It has been a very busy and productive time for the Oblates of the Virgin Mary.

The month of August witnessed the joy-filled priesthood ordination of Fr. Paul Nguyen, OMV. Media was an important part of this event, as a live stream was set up so that family and friends from all over the world could see the ordination as it took place at St. Peter Chanel Parish in Hawaiian Gardens, CA. The video is available on-line at the following link: <https://www.omvusa.org/blog/ordination-fr-paul-nguyen/>

Fr. Paul has made a great transition to his new assignment at St. Mary's in Alton, IL (the image at left is from his first Mass there).

The two series that Fr. Tim Gallagher, OMV hosted for EWTN are now available for purchase on DVD. One series is called "Venerable Bruno's Spiritual Direction for Lay People" and the other is "Liturgy of the Hours for Lay People." Find these and many other resources at this link: <https://www.frtimothygallagher.org/store>.

Fr. Tim also has a new book coming out very soon. It is called *Setting Captives Free: Personal Reflections on Ignatian Discernment of Spirits*. An .mp3 version of talks given on this topic is available at the link in the previous paragraph.

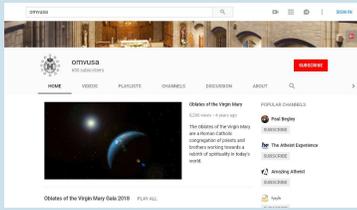
You may already know that Fr. Ed Broom, OMV, has an active YouTube Channel. Now Fr. Ed has taken his video ministry one step further by utilizing Facebook Live. On May 3rd at 2:00 p.m. Pacific Time, many people tuned into a live presentation by Fr. Ed on his five ways to honor Mary during the month of May. Now Fr. Ed is making this a daily event. Visit his Facebook page every day at 2:00 p.m. Pacific Time to see and hear another new reflection. Speaking of Fr. Ed — he was interviewed by Fr. Mitch Pacwa, SJ on EWTN Live on Wednesday, May 23rd at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time. The interview was re-broadcast three more times during the month of May.

For the very first time, an OMV video has been uploaded to YouTube in 4K. The video, entitled "2018 May Crowning St Mary's Alton IL," is a brief piece on the crowning of a statue of Mary at St. Mary's School in Alton.

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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 there are a number of new videos on our omvusa YouTube Channel?

Most of these videos have to do with the special Gala Celebration last spring, which raised money for the formation of our seminarians. They include various personal reflections from our seminarians as well as a special Gala Highlights video. There is also a special video on our beloved Fr. Vincenzo Antolini, OMV, who recently celebrated his 60th anniversary of priesthood ordination.

To see these and other videos, visit the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCRh3XRcGO2Ir1hmZ2vhelw>



Busy Summer... (continued)

Be forewarned that even though the image is available in 4K your phone or your computer monitor will probably not be able to display the 4K image in all its brilliance — it will look very nice but not much different from HD. Here is a link to the video: <https://youtu.be/Ei80J4GQ-Vg>

If you are curious about 4K, remember to check the previous article I did on this subject in the May issue of the MMM.

Fr. John Idio, OMV is busy making more videos in Nigeria. He has added a nice new microphone attachment to his audio set-up. The microphone attachment reads “John P. Idio Multimedia” and gives his videos a more professional look. Use of a hand-held microphone also results in better sound as the microphone can be placed much closer to the person speaking. See one of his latest videos here: <https://youtu.be/sWUWrMlwSxw>

Fr. Greg Cleveland, OMV, has received rave reviews for his book *Abiding Love*. Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, one of the hosts of the Abiding Together podcast, said the book is “rocking her world.” Click on the following link and jump to 27:25 to hear her enthusiastic remarks: <http://abidingtogether.libsyn.com/how-to-thrive-in-the-summer-ep-20-sea-3>.

Cabrini Pak has done extensive work in promoting our founder, Venerable Bruno Lanteri. Over the summer an issue of the *Venerable Bruno Guild Newsletter* was published, with more issues to come. She has also done extensive updates to the Bruno Lanteri website. Visit <https://www.omvusa.org/bruno-lanteri/>

Speaking of printed material, the *Lanterianum* is more of an internal journal for the Congregation. The latest issue includes articles on our OMVs in Nigeria, the history of our Congregation in Nice (France), and a reflection on the life of Fr. Giuseppe Antonio Avvaro, 7th Rector Major of the OMVs.

The novices of the U.S. Province (Boston, MA) are doing a very interesting media-related project during their special year of spiritual formation. They are busy creating an archive of materials we have on our Founder, Venerable Lanteri. This involves collecting printed material as well as carefully collecting and preserving digital content as well.

Last but not least, this author (Fr. John Wykes, OMV) is moving to Rome later this month to take on the position of Director of Communications for the Oblates of the Virgin Mary (internationally). I will be living and working at our General House, about a fifteen-minute-walk south of the Vatican. The Monthly Media Monitor will most certainly continue, but from now on it will be assembled in Rome and sent from there. Expect to see an increasingly international flavor added to future issues as we seek to celebrate and strengthen OMV media work around the globe.

God bless you and see you next month!