

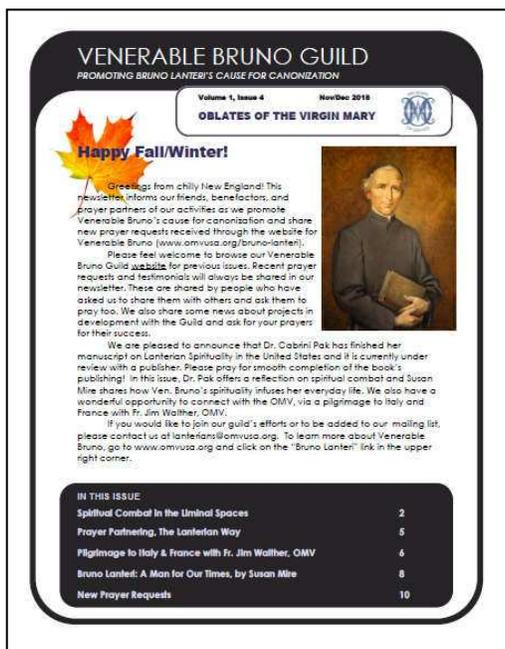
# Monthly Media Monitor



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## End of the Year Media Wrap-Up



The cover page of the latest Venerable Bruno Guild Newsletter.

During these final weeks of 2018, we are happy to report that OMV involvement in the media is alive and well.

The newest issue of the Venerable Bruno Guild newsletter was published recently. The guild, located primarily in the USA, was created to promote our Founder's cause for canonization. Interesting articles in this particular issue include "Spiritual Combat in the Liminal Spaces," "Prayer Partnering, The Lanterian Way," "Pilgrimage to Italy and France with Fr. Jim Walther, O.M.V.," and "Bruno Lanteri: A Man for Our Times."

The Guild's nation-wide efforts to promote Lanteri's cause are being led by Dr. Cabrini Pak, Ph.D., research consultant for the O.M.V.s. In addition to authoring most of the Guild Newsletter, Dr. Pak is also author of the book *Men of Mercy, Sons of Mary: Lanterian Spirituality in the United States*, which will be published sometime next year.

Speaking of Venerable Bruno Lanteri — a very interesting ESPN interview with NFL Quarterback Philip Rivers surfaced recently. You might ask yourself — what does an ESPN interview with the quarterback for the Los Angeles

Chargers have to do with Fr. Lanteri? Well, in the interview Rivers spoke of his frequent use of the phrase "Nunc Coepi," which means "now I begin." This phrase, a favorite one of Venerable Lanteri's (and the title of the documentary on Lanteri's life), was given to Rivers by a priest friend of the family. The NFL quarterback, a devout Catholic who is married with seven children, likes the phrase which suggests to him a "never-ending beginning."

"As a quarterback, it's play-to-play," said Rivers in the interview. "You're always starting again, whether it's good or bad. If you ask any of my children, 'What's dad's favorite phrase?', they would be right on it."

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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, O.M.V., Director of Communications, O.M.V. General House, Rome



## Did You Know...?

...that Signis is the international organization for Catholic communicators?

Signis was created in 2001 by merging two Vatican-sponsored organizations — UNDA (radio and television) and CCIC (cinema). It is a world Catholic organization for communication with a membership from over one hundred countries throughout the world.

Signis supports Catholic filmmakers, produces programs, and helps build studios and other facilities. The primary objective of Signis is to promote a culture of peace through the media.

[www.signis.net](http://www.signis.net)

Radio, Video... (continued)

The internet article ends with: “As Venerable Bruno Lanteri said, ‘If I should fall even a thousand times a day, a thousand times a day I will, with peace in my heart, turn to God, ask his forgiveness, and begin again.’”

Read the article here: <https://churchpop.com/2018/10/30/nfl-quarterback-philip-rivers-explains-favorite-latin-motto-in-espn-interview/>

Still speaking about media activities in our U.S. Province — the live stream of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass from Boston’s St. Clement Shrine continues to attract viewers on Facebook Live. Not leaving the event to a simple feed, the Shrine always includes the invitation, “Welcome. Please share today’s Mass. Add your prayer intentions to the comments below.” Many people view the Mass, post comments, and share.

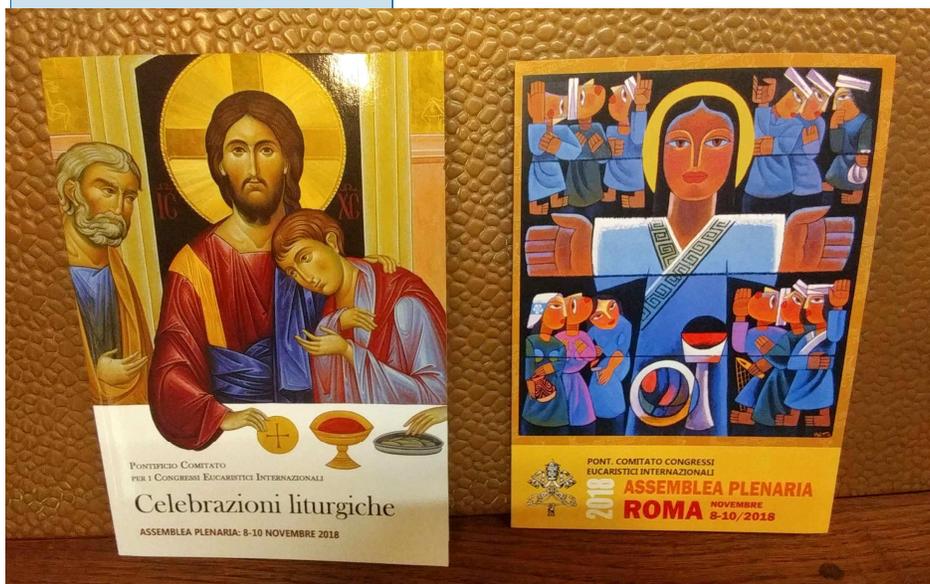
Over in Italy, this author (Fr. John Wykes, OMV) continues to maintain the OMVs intra-congregational website. I am also working on a video that I hope will be ready sometime in the coming weeks — a short little video of images from our General House in Rome.

I have also been asked to do an article for one of our OMV publications in Nigeria. The article, entitled “Effective Communication Skills for Young People Today,” will be published in the next issue of the *Nigeria Catholic Encounter*. I am very happy to contribute to this publication.

Fr. Pierre Paul, OMV has recently prepared booklets (pictured below) for the 2018 Plenary Assembly held in Rome in mid-November. The

beautifully-printed publications helped guide the attendees as they made preparations for the next International Eucharistic Congress, to be held in Budapest in 2020.

Well, that about does it for the year 2018. We hope you have a Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Holy New Year! Enjoy this special season and we will see you in January!



It was Fr. Pierre Paul, OMV who put these booklets together for the 2018 Plenary Assembly in Rome, in preparation for the next International Eucharistic Congress.