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New Year Brings New Hope and New Media Ministry

Every New Year brings new hope. This particular new year, the hope is that the world will finally start to recover from Covid-19 — and that the Oblates of the Virgin Mary will continue using the means of communication to proclaim God’s love and mercy to a world in need of spiritual solace.

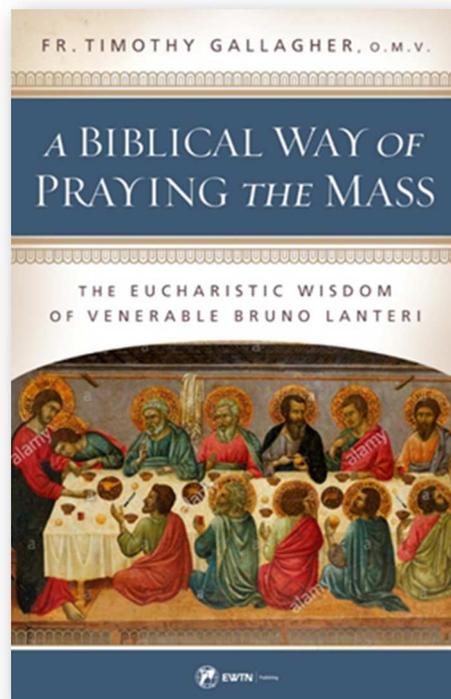
Available this month is the new book by Fr. Timothy Gallagher, OMV, entitled *A Biblical Way of Praying the Mass — The Eucharistic Wisdom of Venerable Bruno Lanteri*. “Too often, the Mass feels like a missed opportunity for grace,” says the on-line description of the work.

“To help you fully tap into (this) grace,” continues the description, “... Fr. Timothy Gallagher resurrects the teachings of Venerable Bruno Lanteri... (who) developed a biblical way of praying the Mass that transforms it into a true prayer of the heart.”

We pray that Fr. Tim’s new book meets with great success and furthers the cause of our Founder, Venerable Pio Bruno Lanteri.

In other news... the persistent (but hopefully waning) pandemic means that OMVs around the world have continued to use social media and live streaming to nourish the People of God. In Pisa, Italy, one of our seminarians, Br. Fabrizio Crucitti, OMV, has directed an interesting, on-line prayer experience.

“It is a different way to spend a Saturday night,” said Br. Fabrizio in his Facebook post in November when promoting this event. “We focus on things that really matter — Jesus who loves us so much that he forgives us our sins.” The event took the form of an evening of public prayer on-line, with litanies, proclamation of the Gospel, the praying of the Holy Rosary, and on-line spiritual guidance provided by Br. Fabrizio. Group conversations were made possible by using Microsoft Teams. The prayer event took place during evening hours on certain dates in November and December.



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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 YouTube is the second-largest search engine in the world?

...that over 30 million people use YouTube on a daily basis?

...that over 1 billion videos on YouTube are watched every day?

... that over 500 hours of video are uploaded onto YouTube every minute?

...that 89 percent of all YouTube users come from outside the United States?

...that YouTube services 88 countries in 76 different languages?

...that the annual cost to run YouTube is 6 billion dollars, but total revenue it brings in every year is 15 billion dollars?

See these and other fun statistics at: <https://www.omnicoreagency.com/youtube-statistics/>

New Year Brings New Hope... (continued)

We talked about Fr. Greg Cleveland's new book last month (*Beholding Beauty*). Now that book has a new video trailer. The short video is called "Beholding Beauty OMV" and is found on the "Greg Cleveland" YouTube Channel. Here is the link: https://youtu.be/c_w2vPenad8

Speaking of YouTube videos — "Merry Christmas from the Oblates of the Virgin Mary" is a Christmas greeting video made by the OMVs of the U.S. Province. It includes video footage and commentaries from OMV communities throughout the USA. Here is a link: <https://youtu.be/cmmY6csmYg0>

A reminder that many Oblates have their own personal YouTube Channels with many interesting videos. These include Fr. Peter Grover, OMV (the name of the channel is "Peter Grover"); Fr. Ed Broom, OMV ("Fr. Ed Broom, OMV"), Fr. Armando Santoro, OMV ("Padre Armando omv") and this author ("FilmFan232").

An article from the Catholic News Agency entitled "Spiritual Direction – What is it, who needs it, and why?" was re-published on December 29. The article profiles the Oblate-run Lanteri Center for Ignatian Spirituality in Denver, CO, USA. Many people were interviewed in the piece, including Center Director Fr. Greg Cleveland, OMV. The article was originally published back in 2018 but was re-published this year just two days ago — perhaps as a reminder that spiritual direction and the Oblates who offer it are important and noteworthy.

In Italy, the San Gaetano Film Theater in Pantelleria is celebrating its 60th Anniversary this year. The founder of this cinema was an Oblate of the Virgin Mary — Fr. Giovanni Piccirilli, OMV. Actually, in this new

year, the theater is happy to celebrate TWO big anniversaries — the 60th Anniversary of the theater and the 100th Anniversary of Fr. Piccirilli's birth.

In these Covid times, we pray that you stay safe and healthy. Let us march forward into this new year with hope in our hearts.

That's all the news for this month. Happy New Year and see you in February!



The logo of CineTeatro, the movie theater founded in Pantelleria, Italy, sixty years ago by Fr. Giovanni Piccirilli, OMV.