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Closing Out the Year with More Media News

The month of December prompts us to reflect upon the year soon to end. We have much for which we are grateful.

What seemed at first to be a crushing disappointment — one of our Oblates unable to leave his home country to be ordained near an OMV community — turned out to be a great blessing. Though no other OMVs could attend, the October 31 ordination ceremony of Fr. Herri Purnomo, OMV, the very first OMV ordination in Indonesia, was truly festive. Taking place at St.



Dancers grace the opening procession during the ordination of Fr. Herri Purnomo, OMV at St. Thomas More Parish in Maumere, Indonesia.

Thomas More Parish in Maumere, the ceremony was live streamed using multiple cameras, with the stream now available as a YouTube video (entitled “TAHBISAN IMAM RP. Yohanis Heri Purnomo, OMV | Minggu 31/10/2021 | Gereja St. Thomas Morus Maumere”).

Speaking of videos... the OMVs of the U.S. Province have been producing a number of them lately. There is the daily Mass that is streamed from Boston, Alton, and other locations. Also, two new Facebook videos highlight both older and younger Oblates. In one, we are told that “experience teaches – you don’t have to be young to be relevant.” The program, entitled *Lifetimes of Service: Caring for Our Oblate Elders*, features brief commentary from Fr. Dave Beauregard, OMV; Fr. Vincenzo Antolini, OMV; and Fr. Larry Darnell, OMV. In another video, the more youthful Br. Leland Thorpe, OMV shares part of his vocation story and some insights into community life.

Fr. Guy Simard, OMV in Montreal, Canada joyfully announces that his blog has reached the impressive benchmark of one million page views. Though it was recently concluded, the blog

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



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"My God, You gave me this heart for which it is already Yours, and now
You ask me for it. O God, will I deny You my heart?"
Venerabile Pater Bruno Lanteri

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Did You Know...?

...that the Oblates of the Virgin Mary in the USA have a new vocation poster?

They make an updated poster every year, which is a great way to show others the seminarians who are in formation at this time. The poster also has contact information, a website listing, and even a convenient QR code.

The poster is designed to promote vocations and to encourage people to support the seminary both spiritually and materially.

Closing Out the Year... (continued)

“Dieu ma joie” is still on-line, having passed the one-million-pages-viewed benchmark on November 11. We are happy that so many people have read Fr. Guy’s blog over the last several years.

Our Church of St. Rita in Nice, France is featured in a magazine article. *Famille Chrétienne* is a well-known French Catholic weekly with a 50,000 circulation. Pages 20-23 of the October 30—November 5 issue of this magazine profiles the church and its rector, Fr. Patrice Véraquin, OMV.

The shrine has its own publication, of course. As they do every year, *Sainte Rita* magazine is publishing its calendar for 2022. The theme for the calendar is “La prière, souffle de la foi” (“Prayer – The Breath of Faith”). Each month features images of famous personages in prayer. These include Old Testament figures such as Esther and Elijah, along with other models of prayer such as St. Francis of Assisi, St. Rita, and the Blessed Mother.

Fr. Timothy Gallagher, OMV, is pleased to announce that two of his books, *Discerning the Will of God* and *Spiritual Consolation*, have been published in Portuguese.

Fr. Bento Pavão, OMV, one of our Oblates in Brazil, remains busy with his radio ministry. His radio show can often be seen as a video on Facebook, where he streams this program on a regular basis. The show is carried by Radio Castanho, 103.3 FM.

Fr. Silvano Porta, OMV, who lives and ministers at the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fatima in San Vittorino (Rome, Italy) appeared on TV2000, the

national Catholic television network of Italy. This nationwide broadcast on November 25 featured Fr. Silvano talking about the Blessed Mother as a special protector of the Carabinieri, a national law enforcement agency of Italy, and how the OMV Sanctuary at San Vittorino has held special services for this group.

As we close out the year, may God bless you with a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Fr. Silvano Porta, OMV, appears on the studio big screen during this TV2000 program.