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Fun Videos, a New Book Series, and More!



Left to Right: Br. Jonathon Hank, OMV and novice Miguel "Miggo" Roque engage in a friendly test of mind and muscle in a recent U.S. Province video.

A blessed month of March to our readers.

Oblates in the USA have been posting various videos on YouTube and Facebook. These are usually Mass videos or sometimes reflection videos, such as a short video reflection given recently by Fr. Dave Beauregard, OMV, on God's love. However, a more light-hearted video was posted recently, "Miggo's Cooking Show: Haircuts 101". The short video shows Miguel "Miggo" Roque (novice) giving a haircut to Vocation Director Fr. John Luong, OMV – with a lot

of fun joking as part of the proceedings. First rule of haircutting? Don't say, "Oops!" Other light-hearted videos include games at a vocation fair, arm wrestling at the seminary, and funny "instructions" on how to throw a snowball.

Yet another more recent USA video is a very nice and professionally finished video called "Final Vows and Diaconate Ordination: Brs. Leland Thorpe, Jonas Verdeflor, & Nathan Marzonie, OMV". No, this is not a full-length video, but a seven-minute summary video featuring ceremony clips, interviews with each new deacon, and some beautiful exterior and interior shots of St Clement Shrine in Boston.

Also in the USA, the Boston TV show "Chronicle" did a report on the relics present at the OMV-staffed Saint Francis Chapel in the Prudential Center. The video on YouTube is called "Replicating History at Handhouse Studio and bringing Catholic relics to the Prudential Center". Here is the URL: <https://youtu.be/YfXddfoidQA> (the video here shows two reports – the second report on the Chapel begins 3 minutes and 10 seconds into the video). In the segment, Fr. Bill Brown, OMV, is interviewed about the Chapel and its relics. The TV show "Chronicle" has been on the air for many years and is the recipient of several New England TV Emmy Awards.

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



Did You Know...?

...that Vatican News has its own website, featuring useful and interesting information?

The Vatican News website represents a cooperative effort between the various Vatican media. Originally, each media outlet was “in its own world,” so to speak, with Vatican Radio, Vatican TV, and other entities operating more-or-less independently.

Now as we near the end of the first quarter of the 21st Century, the Vatican News website features written news articles, video stories captured by Vatican TV, live streams of papal events such as the Wednesday General Audience, podcasts, a complete list of programs on Vatican Radio (all of which can be accessed through the website), the daily readings, the saint of the day, and so much more.

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Fr. Bill Brown, OMV, kneels in front of the relics at Saint Francis Chapel in this scene from a new “Chronicle” episode.

Fun Videos... (continued)

Congregação Dos Oblatos De Maria Virgem, the Facebook page of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary in Brazil, continues its practice of using social media to present the life of Venerable Bruno Lanteri. The illustrated life of our Founder printed many years ago, called *God is Love*, has been reproduced digitally and presented in parts using the “story” function on Facebook Messenger. The presentation includes a title slide and music as well.

Fr. Jude Oseni Ogunu, OMV has contributed to an important and landmark trilogy of books published in Nigeria. The series is entitled “The Christian Family as a Domestic Church” and consists of three volumes – *The Domestic Church and the New Evangelization*, *The Family as a Domestic Church: Experiences From the World Meeting of Families*, and *The Domestic Church: The Way to Holiness and to a Holy Death*. The author of the three books is Sir David E. Osunde. Well known in Nigeria, Sir David has been married for nearly fifty years. He and his wife have received the Papal Knighthoods of St. Sylvester. Additionally, Sir David is a good friend of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary and is a member of the lay group known as AOMV (Associates Oblates of the Virgin Mary).

Fr. Jude Oseni Ogunu’s contribution to this trilogy of books is a detailed “Review/Comments/Appraisals” which begins Volume One. Many other individuals, including bishops, have made contributions as well.

Recently, Pope Francis met with members of the International Catholic Media Consortium, otherwise known as Catholic Fact Checking. According to Rome Reports, this Consortium is composed of “scientists, theologians, and experts in bioethics to address the role of fighting misinformation in beating the pandemic”. The pope said that misinformation has created a second pandemic — what he calls an “infodemic”. “This,” the pope said, “is a distortion of reality based on fear, which in the global society bombards us with echoes and comments on false, if not made up, news. Let us work for the correct and truthful information about CoVid-19 and vaccines.” Here is the URL: <https://youtu.be/kVMs7ACdrYw>.

A reminder that the pope has declared tomorrow (March 2 — Ash Wednesday) a day of fasting for peace in the Ukraine.

God bless you all and grant you a blessed and holy Lenten season. We will see you again next month!