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Video Projection at Vatican, Podcasts, and More

This issue begins with news of a spectacular display at the Vatican.

For two weeks in October, a video presentation on the life of St. Peter was projected directly onto the façade of St. Peter's Basilica. The presentation, with narration and music, was shown utilizing a system called "video mapping." This means that the presentation was not merely shining onto the façade, but was coordinated in such a way as to use various elements of the façade as part of the show. Near the end of the eight-minute program, for example, animation seemed to show St. Peter's Basilica being constructed before our very eyes.



A spectacular video presentation on the life of St. Peter is projected directly onto the façade of St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City. Image from Catholic News Agency.

In other, OMV-related news, ... *Nunc Coepi – The Life of Venerable Bruno Lanteri*, the award-winning documentary on our Founder, enjoyed a world-wide television broadcast a few years ago on the Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN), with a repeat performance later on. Just a few weeks ago, EWTN gave the film yet another repeat showing, broadcasting it on October 3, 2022.

"Every fall, this church in Illinois holds the most authentic Oktoberfest in the state." This intriguing heading is referring to the OMV-staffed St. Mary's Parish in Alton, IL, USA. The parish just held its annual Oktoberfest and it turned out to be one of its most successful ever. Hats off to pastor Fr. Chris Uhl, OMV and all the priests and staff at St. Mary's. The article was featured on the "Only In Your State" website (onlyinyourstate.com) and posted on October 8 under "Illinois".

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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



On October 13, Catholic television in Italy (TV2000) featured our OMV-staffed Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima in San Vittorino (Rome) on the show “Di Buon Mattino”. Fr. Silvano Porta, OMV was interviewed at about 4 minutes into the program. It can be viewed on YouTube under the title “Di Buon Mattino, 13 ottobre 2022 – L’anniversario dell’ultima apparizione della Madonna di Fatima”.

Our Church of St. Rita in Nice, France has posted some interesting videos on their Facebook page. The videos are short but include music and extensive use of animated graphics. If you are on Facebook, check out their Facebook page – “Église Sainte Rita Nice”.

As he did earlier this year, Fr. Andrea Brustolon, OMV appeared on “La Libronauta,” a video podcast in Italy hosted by Franca Rizzi Martini. He talked about his book, *For Those Who are Looking for the Meaning of Everything*. The video stream is available for viewing on YouTube under the title, “Per chi cerca il senso di tutto di padre Andrea Brustolon”.

This author (Fr. John Wykes, OMV) was also on a podcast. I spoke about my media work, the documentary *Nunc Coepi*, and the life of Venerable Lanteri. The show is called, *Along the Way — Casual Conversations with Interesting People*, hosted by David Fortin. His podcasts can be found at “anchor.fm/along/episodes”.

Fr. Bento Pavão, OMV, one of our OMVs in Brazil, has this to share about a radio project he is doing with Fr. Benedito De Assis, OMV:

“Radio Web is radio that works over the Internet. The cost is very cheap. Fr. Benedito and I decided to create a radio ‘station’ with the name of Radio Web João Batista. It broadcasts 24 hours a day and can be tuned by cell phone, computer and Tablet. We live broadcast the Mass and the Angelus prayer every day at 6:00 pm directly from São João Baptist Church. Throughout the day, we play religious music and messages as well as both local Church news and news from the Vatican. Later in November we will do live shows.

“We are also going to invite some prepared lay people to do some broadcasts. Above all we think about the sick and the elderly -- this radio station gives them the possibility of participating in the celebrations of the Parish. Another reason is to take in the voice of the Church, especially that of the Pope, so that people can know the authentic teaching of the Church. Radio can be listened to anywhere in the world where there is an Internet connection.”

We ask for God’s blessings upon this special radio ministry in Brazil — and wish all of you a very happy November. We will see you next month — the last month of 2022!