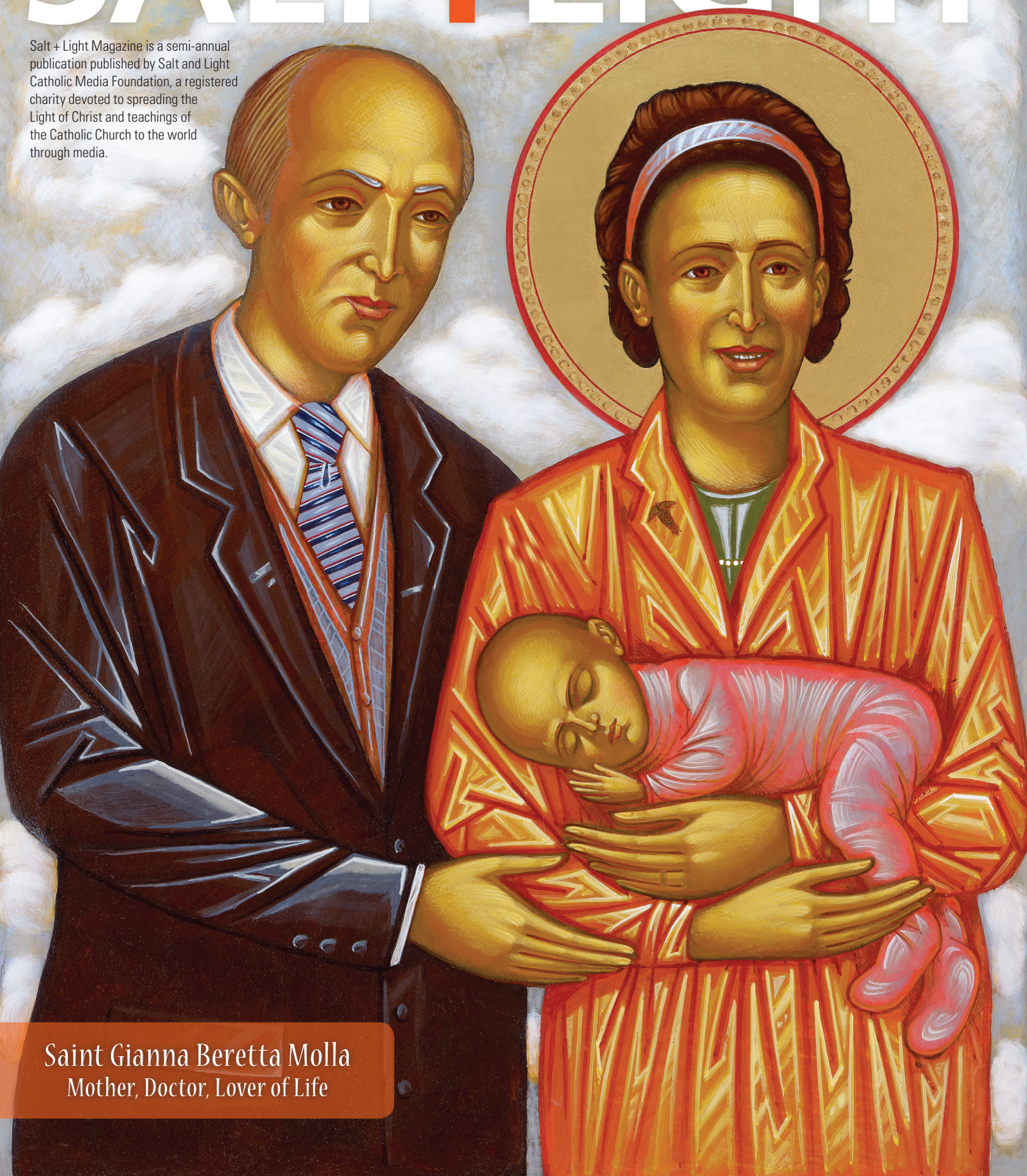


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Dear friends,

The publication of this magazine coincides with the beginning of Lent 2012 and I wish to send you my greetings, good wishes and to express my gratitude for your continued support.

The cover of this edition is quite special for us. It features a magnificent icon of Pietro Molla and his wife, St. Gianna Beretta Molla, holding their daughter Gianna Emanuela. When Salt and Light was founded in 2003, we selected St. Gianna Beretta Molla to be our patron saint. There could be no better role model for our times than this laywoman, wife, mother, doctor and lover of life. In this magazine you will read her story thanks to a column by our own Andrew Santos.

A Call to Holiness

Jesus made his own the call to holiness already addressed by God to the people of the old covenant: “You shall be holy; for I the Lord your God am holy (Lev 19:2)”. He repeated it continually by word and by the example of his life. Especially in the Sermon on the Mount he left to the Church a code of Christian holiness.

Blessed John Paul II spoke frequently to young people about the call to holiness and the vocation to be saints. In preparation for World Youth Day 2002, Pope John Paul II took up the theme of holiness in his message to the young people of the world as we prepared for that blessed event, already 10 years ago:

“Just as salt gives flavour to food and light illumines the darkness, so too holiness gives full meaning to life and makes it reflect God’s glory. How many saints, especially young saints, can we count in the Church’s history! In their love for God their heroic virtues shone before the world, and so they became models of life which the Church has held up for imitation by all.... Through the intercession of this great host of witnesses, may God make you too, dear young people, the saints of the third millennium!”

At the concluding Mass of World Youth Day 2002 on Sunday, July 28, 2002, Pope John Paul issued a stirring challenge that still resounds today:

“At difficult moments in the Church’s life,



Fr. Thomas Rosica, CSB, CEO of World Youth Day 2002, greeting Pope John Paul II upon his arrival in Canada on July 23, 2002 and leading Holy Father to helicopter that would take Pope to Strawberry Island in Lake Simcoe. © Michael Swan

the pursuit of holiness becomes even more urgent. And holiness is not a question of age; it is a matter of living in the Holy Spirit, just as Kateri Tekakwitha did here in America and so many other young people have done.”

Holiness, St. Gianna Beretta Molla, Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha (soon to be canonized), lie at the heart of our mission at Salt and Light and our catholic media ministry. For the past nine years we have done our best to tell the world about holiness through the lives of so many saints, blessed and holy men and women whose lives incarnate for us the beatitudes in brilliant colors and sounds at various moments of history.

Addressing the throng of young people during World Youth Day 2005 in Cologne, Pope Benedict XVI said:

“It is the great multitude of the saints — both known and unknown — in whose lives the Lord has opened up the Gospel before us and turned over the pages; he has done this throughout history and he still does so today. In their lives, as if in a great picture book, the riches of the Gospel are revealed. They are the shining path which God himself has traced throughout history

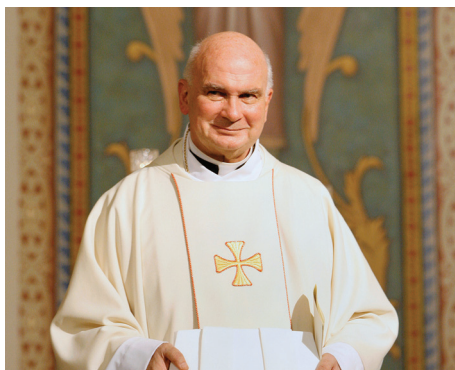
and is still tracing today. ... The saints ... are the true reformers. Now I want to express this in an even more radical way: only from the saints, only from God does true revolution come, the definitive way to change the world.”

Remembering Cardinal John Foley

The thought of holiness compels me to share memories of a great friend, supporter and role model for us at Salt and Light who left us recently. His Eminence John Patrick Cardinal Foley died on December 11, 2011 in Philadelphia after a long battle with leukemia. Known as the Vatican’s “Voice of Christmas” in his role as English-language commentator for the Pope’s Midnight Mass — the world’s most watched religious broadcast — for 26 years, Cardinal Foley retired to his native Philadelphia earlier last year when he knew that his health was deteriorating quickly.

After 23 years as president of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications, in June 2007 Pope Benedict named then Archbishop Foley the first non-European to serve as Grand Master of the ancient Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher, thus paving the way for his long-awaited elevation to the College of Cardinals five months later. One of the happiest celebrations I ever experienced in Rome was the consistory of November 2007 during which Archbishop John Foley was elevated to the College of Cardinals.

Cardinal John Foley was a very good friend since I first met him in 1999 when I was named to head World Youth Day 2002 in Canada. His characteristic kindness, warmth, humanity, encouragement and thoughtfulness were the hallmarks of our wonderful friendship. As then-Archbishop and president of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications, he led me through the labyrinth of Vatican communications departments. He opened countless doors in the Vatican during those first rounds of meetings in 2000 as we prepared for World Youth Day. For many throughout the world, the human faces and voices of the Vatican those memorable years were and remain those of Blessed John Paul



Cardinal John Foley presiding at Mass in St. Paul's Basilica in Toronto during International Catholic Media Convention in Toronto, May 2008.

II and John Patrick Foley. The Cardinal was a great source of encouragement and inspiration to me personally and to all of us at Salt and Light. He loved the work of Salt and Light and was thrilled with what he saw and experienced during his visit to our studios in May 2008 during the 2008 International Catholic Media Convention in Toronto.

I attended the Cardinal's funeral Mass in Philadelphia on Friday, December 16, 2011. During that Mass, then-Archbishop and now Cardinal Timothy Dolan of New York City summed up beautifully Cardinal Foley's life and ministry:

"Cardinal Foley, effective pedagogue that he was, would remind us of the scholastic maxim that grace builds on nature. And what an appealing nature John Foley provided to God so the Incarnation might continue! A courtesy that was so impeccable and the thoughtfulness that was so unfailing that we might not be surprised to find his photograph in the "pictionary" for the entry on "gentleman." ...All a nature upon which God's grace built, and which God's Word assumed, to keep the mystery of the Incarnation going.

The "Vatican's Voice of Christmas" may now be silent; but the Incarnation that made radiant the darkness of that night called silent will never go still, because the example of friends such as John Patrick Foley inspires us to emulate him and his Regina, Mary, in providing God a human nature."

Let us ask Cardinal Foley to continue to intercede for us from heaven, and



World Youth Day Cross carried in procession before Pope Benedict XVI at the Great Vigil at Cuatro Vientos Airbase in Madrid, Spain. August 20, 2012. © WYD National Office, Madrid

together with St. Gianna Beretta Molla, Blessed John Paul II, who inspired us to create Salt and Light, and Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, — may they bless the work of our hands and send us benefactors and donors to allow this good work to continue.

Tenth Anniversary of World Youth Day 2002

World Youth Day came to Canada at a very low ebb of the Church's history. The historical backdrop included the aftermath of September 11 and a world steeped in terror and war; a Church enmeshed in a major sex abuse scandal in the United States; a Pontiff who was visibly aging and feeble; and a Canadian culture of religious indifference and increasing secularity.

During July 2002, several hundred thousand young people from 172 nations descended upon Toronto—and with them came the elderly and infirm Pope John Paul II. Toronto may have lost the Olympic bid two years earlier, but it struck gold with World Youth Day. The sheer numbers of people taking part in the four days of events astounded us. More than 350,000 people packed Exhibition Place on Thursday afternoon, July 25, for the opening ceremony with Pope John Paul II.

The following evening, majestic University Avenue was transformed into the Via Dolorosa of Jerusalem as more than half a million people took part in the ancient Stations of the Cross. The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation/

Radio Canada told us that the worldwide television audience that night was more than a billion people in 160 countries.

The spectacular Saturday evening candlelight vigil at Downsview Park drew together more than 600,000 people, and the concluding papal Mass on Sunday, with its atmospheric special effects, gathered 850,000 people at a former military base in the city. Even the most cynical among us could not help but be impressed and moved by the streams of young people who expressed their joy at being Christians in a complex and war-torn world.

On the tarmac for the Saturday evening vigil, John Paul II spoke to the young people:

"The new millennium opened with two contrasting scenarios: One, the sight of multitudes of pilgrims coming to Rome during the Great Jubilee to pass through the Holy Door which is Christ, our Savior and Redeemer; and the other, the terrible terrorist attack on New York, an image that is a sort of icon of a world in which hostility and hatred seem to prevail. The question that arises is dramatic: On what foundations must we build the new historical era that is emerging from the great transformations of the 20th century? Is it enough to rely on the technological revolution now taking place, which seems to respond only to criteria of productivity and efficiency, without reference to the individual's spiritual dimension or to any universally shared ethical values? Is it right to be content with provisional answers to

the ultimate questions, and to abandon life to the impulses of instinct, to short-lived sensations or passing fads?"

The provocative images the Pope evoked that night remain engraved on people's memories. In fact throughout the Pope's messages delivered to us those blessed days, he touched upon all that had challenged us in our two-year preparation period. During the Angelus prayer at Downsview Park that Sunday, Pope John Paul II summed up beautifully the sentiments of millions of people who were touched in some way by World Youth Day 2002:

"As we prepare to return home, I say, in the words of Saint Augustine: 'We have been happy together in the light we have shared. We have really enjoyed being together. We have really rejoiced. But as we leave one another, let us not leave Him.'"

Conclusion

World Youth Day 2002 and the visit of Pope John Paul II brought us not gold, silver and bronze medals, but something even greater: it gave Canada its soul. In July 2002, we heard once again the summons to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. From that blessed event came forth the inspiration for Salt and Light Catholic Media Foundation. We consider World Youth Day 2002 to be the Pentecost moment for Salt and Light.

A person may choose to speak of his



Pope John Paul II presides over opening ceremonies of World Youth Day 2002 at Exhibition Place in Toronto on July 25, 2002. © L'Osservatore Romano

or her World Youth Day experience as something in the past that brightened the shadows and monotony of life at one shining moment in history. There is, however, another perspective. The Gospel story is not about "Camelot" moments but about "Magnificat" moments, constantly inviting Christians to take up Mary's hymn of praise and thanksgiving for the ways that Almighty God breaks through human history — here and now. In other words, the Christian life is not only nourished simply by memories, however good and beautiful they may be. The resurrection of Jesus is not a memory of a distant event in the past, but is the Good News that continues to be fulfilled.

In remarks at the concluding Mass of World Youth Day 2008 in Sydney, Australia, Sydney's Cardinal George Pell thanked Pope Benedict XVI with these words:

"Your Holiness, the World Youth Days were the invention of Pope John Paul the Great. The World Youth Day in Cologne was already announced before your election. You decided to continue the World Youth Days and to hold this one in Sydney. We are profoundly grateful for this decision, indicating that the World Youth Days do not belong to one pope, or even one generation, but are now an ordinary part of the life of the Church."

To all of our viewers, supporters, benefactors and friends, thank you for believing in us and supporting us. We cannot continue without your prayerful and financial support. May the Lord bless you and your families, communities and loved ones. Know that we pray for you in our Holy Cross Chapel at the heart of our Broadcast Centre.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas Rosica, CSB".

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1922 – 1962
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God our Father,

we praise You and we bless You because in Saint Gianna Beretta Molla You have given and made known to us a woman who witnessed the Gospel as a young person and bride, as a mother and doctor. We thank You because, through the gift of her life, we learn to accept and honour every human being.

Lord Jesus, You were for her a privileged reference. She was able to see You in the beauty of nature. As she questioned her choice of life, she was searching for You and for the best way to serve You. Through her married love, she became a sign of your love for the Church and for all men and women. Like You, Good Samaritan, she stopped at the side of every sick person, of the small and the weak.

Following your example, she lovingly offered up her life, while giving new life.

Holy Spirit, source of all perfection, give also to us wisdom, intelligence and courage so that, following Saint Gianna's example and through her intercession, we may serve every person in our personal, family and professional life, and thus grow in love and holiness.

Amen.

With ecclesiastical approval
+ Angelo Mascheroni, Auxiliary Bishop of Milan
+ Dionigi Cardinal Tettamanzi,
Archbishop of Milan

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A Hymn to Life

St. Gianna Beretta Molla

by Andrew Santos and Fr. Thomas Rosica, CSB

Gianna Beretta Molla is a 20th century saint and one of the more than 1,600 men and women canonized or beatified during the pontificate of John Paul II. Her story, which is being increasingly retold and remembered around the world, touches on some of the most important topics of our time - life, sacrifice and unconditional love.

Gianna was born near the city of Milan, in Italy, on October 4, 1922. After earning degrees in medicine and surgery from the University of Pavia, she opened a medical clinic in 1950. She specialized in pediatrics at the University of Milan in 1952 and devoted special attention to mothers, babies, the elderly, and the poor. While working in the field of medicine - which she considered a "mission" and practiced as such - she increased her generous service to Catholic Action, especially to the very young. By the late 1950s, Gianna and her husband Pietro had been blessed with three children: Pierluigi, Mariolina and Laura. She met the demands of mother, wife, doctor and her passion for life with simplicity and great balance.

In September 1961, towards the end of the second month of pregnancy with her fourth child, Gianna had to make a heroic decision. Physicians diagnosed a serious fibroma in the uterus that required surgery. The surgeon suggested that Gianna undergo an abortion in order to save her own life. A few days before the child was due, she was ready to give her life in order to save that of her child: "If you must decide between me and the child, do not hesitate.

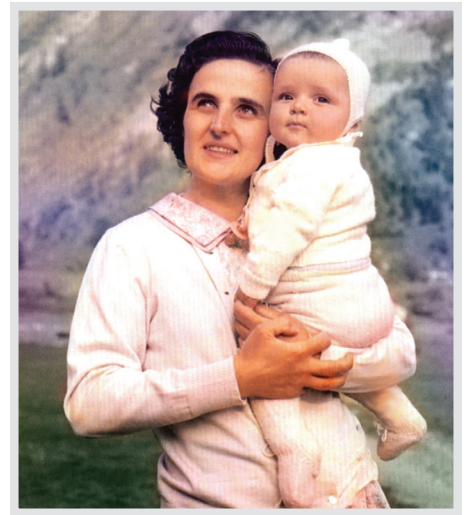
Choose the child - I insist on it. Save the baby."

On the morning of April 21, 1962, her daughter Gianna Emanuela was born. Despite all efforts and treatments to save both of them, on the morning of April 28, amid unspeakable pain and after repeated exclamations of "Jesus, I love you. Jesus, I love you," the mother died. She was 39 years old. Her husband Pietro described Gianna's life as "an act and a perennial action of faith and charity; it was a non-stop search for the will of God for every decision and for every work, with prayer and meditation, Holy Mass and the Eucharist."

Pope John Paul II beatified Gianna Beretta Molla in St. Peter's Square in Rome on April 24, 1994. The Pope said that her witness was a hymn to life. She was canonized on May 16, 2004 - the last person to be canonized by Pope John Paul II.

St. Gianna Beretta Molla is the patron Saint of Salt and Light Catholic Media Foundation. She was selected early on in our organization's history by Fr. Thomas Rosica, CSB, who saw in St. Gianna a powerful role model for the Church and the world today.

St. Gianna continues to remind the Church and the world of the necessity of a consistent ethic of life, from the earliest moments to the final moments of human life. We are being called to heroism by our choice of life. Let us ask St. Gianna to give us the courage to continue bringing light and life to this very chaotic world. Amen.

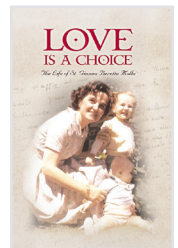


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LOVE IS A CHOICE

In September 2003, shortly after the Molla family was informed that the required miracle had been approved by the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, family members invited newly-founded Salt + Light to produce the official documentary on St. Gianna's life. It was an extraordinary privilege for us at Salt + Light to be entrusted with this honourable task. Our production, "Love is a Choice," is now an award-winning documentary that is available in numerous languages. For more information or to purchase a copy, visit saltandlighttv.org/shopping.



AN ICON IS UNVEILED In 2010, Fr. Thomas Rosica, CSB, commissioned an icon of St. Gianna to be written by Ted Harasti, a sacred artist who is also a sculptor, muralist, and iconographer. The icon was blessed and installed in the Holy Cross Chapel of our Salt and Light Broadcast Centre on the Feast of All Saints Day in 2011. This remarkable icon is the first of St. Gianna that has the full approval of the Molla family. It features Gianna's husband, Pietro, who died in 2010. Gianna is portrayed holding her daughter, Gianna Emanuela. Prints of this Greek Byzantine-style icon are now available for purchase. Please contact Ted Harasti at (905) 427-1775, tedharasti@sympatico.ca, or by mail - 50 Cluett Dr. Ajax, ON Canada L1S 7C3.

That Jesus Christ be known, loved and celebrated

by Most Reverend Richard Smith



RECENTLY the Archdiocese of Edmonton established its first official coat of arms. It was very important for us to have the first Bishop represented on it. We decided to do so by means of two snowshoes because this is how Bishop Vital Grandin visited much of his vast diocese. By snowshoe! The reason for such heroic dedication and self-sacrifice was his desire to share the good news of Jesus Christ. Since the Gospel is truly good news - the best news ever!! - it must be shared. Those who have been touched and changed by its transformative power cannot help but seek in every way possible to bring it to others. This is why St. Paul, Bishop Grandin, and countless others through history traveled far and wide and announced the good news of salvation by whatever means were at their disposal.

Had our forebearers had access to our modern media we can be sure that they would have made use of them for the purpose of evangelization. TV, radio, Internet, social networking and so on, make it possible to announce the Gospel



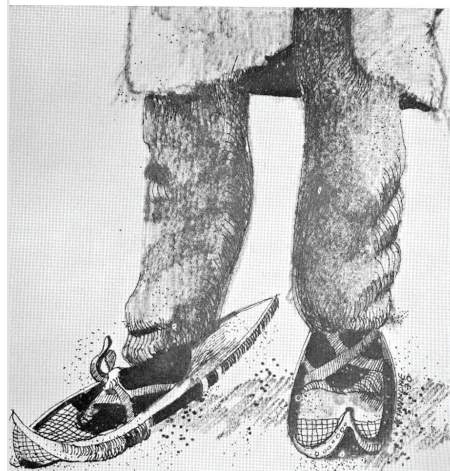
throughout the world in seconds. What took Bishop Grandin months and even years to do by snowshoe we can accomplish now in an instant. Our responsibility to use these modern technological means increases in proportion to the ease with which they make communication possible.

Salt and Light Catholic Media Foundation realized this long ago and jumped at the challenge. I have long been impressed by the vision and energy of its CEO, Fr. Thomas Rosica, CSB, as well as by the young women and men of S+L, who bring their enthusiasm, joy, and technical expertise to the task of evangelization. Blessed Pope John Paul II called, as is well known, for an evangelization that is new in its methods, expression and ardor. The good folks at S+L have embraced this wholeheartedly, and seek to support the dioceses and institutions of the Church, both here in Canada and abroad, with their technical know-how.

VEN. MONS. GRANDIN O.M.I.

Vescovo dei poveri

In quelle terre nordiche più che la mitra in testa bisogna avere le racchette ai piedi e camminare, camminare, camminare . . .



Bishop Grandin was famed for visiting the faithful of the West by snowshoe. Word of his method of communication made its way around the Catholic world, as seen here on this cover of an Italian magazine.

I have experienced that personally. In aid of the new evangelization, the Archdiocese of Edmonton has launched *Nothing More Beautiful*, a five-year series of catechetical and witness presentations on the great and wondrous truths of our faith. Salt + Light sends people out to Edmonton for every session, records it professionally for us, and broadcasts it over their network. They also recently produced a stunningly beautiful

**"I have come that
they may have life and
have it to the full."**

John 10:10



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documentary on our new St. Joseph Seminary, a production which will aid greatly in the fostering of vocations, I am sure. For these efforts and more, the people of my Archdiocese are very thankful.

Catholics today, especially the young, need to be very discerning in their use of modern media. A variety of messages bombard us daily from many angles, and constantly crowd our consciousness. Not a few of them are very unhealthy, even dangerous to our spiritual lives. Recently I met with a group of grade twelve students for a question and answer session in a town-hall-like format. At one point I asked them what the most significant influences upon them and their peers were, and they started to name rock stars, television shows and celebrities. I noticed that my professed ignorance of the people they named brought great relief to the teachers present! When I asked the youth if these influences lead them away from or towards our Lord, they did not hesitate in their rapid response: "Away!" Then my question, of course, was, "Why are you paying them any attention?"

Precisely because of the enormous influence exercised by the media on our culture, especially upon our beloved

young people, and also because of the vast prevalence of unhealthy messaging, the Church needs to be strongly present in the world of modern communications. We need to be there in ways that demonstrate and communicate clearly the beauty, hope, and life of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and then help our people to know about our resources and navigate through the maze of possibilities to find them. Salt and Light does precisely that. The zeal for the Gospel that prompted our first Bishop to put on snowshoes impels them to the computer, the microphone, and the camera. They share with Bishop Grandin the deep desire that Jesus Christ be known, loved and celebrated. Thank you Salt and Light!

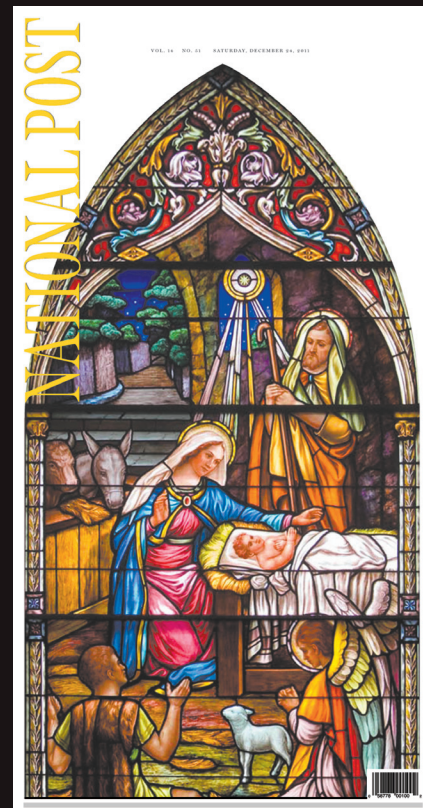
DID YOU KNOW?

1. From 1871 to 1902, Vital Grandin was the first bishop of Edmonton (then called the Diocese of St. Albert). At the time, the diocese was twice the size of France. According to one estimate, Bishop Grandin's travels during his missionary career aggregated eight or nine times the circumference of the globe.

2. *Put Out Into the Deep*, a new documentary on Edmonton's St. Joseph Seminary, is available for purchase at saltandlighttv.org/shopping.



Most Reverend Richard Smith has led the Archdiocese of Edmonton since 2007. In November 2011, Archbishop Smith was elected as the 34th president of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops.



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Right to the point.

ACROSS THE DIVIDE

by Kris Dmytrenko



Across the Divide sheds light on a beacon of hope in the Holy Land.

WHEN YOU THINK of the Israel-Palestinian conflict, who do you think of? If you conjure a face at all, it is likely a political figure. You may be thinking of soldiers or militants. For most people, the face of this conflict is not a studious young woman cramming for her exam.

When I traveled to Bethlehem to film the S+L documentary *Across the Divide*, I was forced to see the situation in a completely different way. The first day I arrived, I began meeting with students of Bethlehem University. I hoped to find young men and women who would be good candidates for interviews.

One of the first people I met was Marian. She, like her classmates, would not look out of place in any Western university. Her English is strong—in fact, she has just published a book of essays that she collected and translated from Arabic.

Our discussion began with the usual questions — degree program, career goals, extracurriculars. She then recounted a story that shook me, both for its content, and for the fact that she would calmly tell it to me, a stranger.

When Marian was 15, her younger sister was accidentally killed during a military operation in downtown Bethlehem. From then on, for Marian, the conflict became not about settlements, or statehood, or historical land claims, but rather about freedom from anger and helping a mother who can't stop grieving.

Marian was just one of countless students I met whose lives had been shaken by violence and injustice. Every student at Bethlehem University and its faculty and administrators has a story. It's a story told every day on the news, but one that few of us ever really know.

Across the Divide is being launched this year. Please help us share and screen this documentary widely. You can learn more at saltandlighttv.org/acrossthedivide

WYDCENTRAL.COM AN ONLINE HOME FOR WORLD YOUTH DAY PILGRIMS

by Alicia Ambrosio



NO MATTER the way in which one participates, World Youth Day has an awesome potential to leave people changed. For some it is a new vocation; for others a calling to a stronger relationship with Christ. Yet once the suitcases have been unpacked and the pilgrim t-shirts washed, participants still run the risk of spiritual drought and might benefit from reminders of their WYD “mountain top” experience. In August 2011, Salt + Light launched WYDCentral.com as a way to keep pilgrims connected to the fruits of World Youth Day throughout the year and between World Youth Days. While visiting the site, pilgrims can easily jog their memories and remember the singular experiences that brought them into the heart of our faith

while staying connected to the life of the global Church.

The site is home to all things World Youth Day-related including papal homilies, English catechesis sessions, theme songs, papal messages and other highlights from past World Youth Days. Also available are reflections from Salt + Light team members and pilgrims who have harnessed the graces of WYD and implemented them into their lives. Their best advice on how to prepare for Rio de Janeiro is featured in an article on the home page of WYDCentral.

Visit wydcentral.org for more information.

CATHOLICISM

by Cheridan Eygelaar

IN FALL 2011, Father Robert Barron from Word on Fire ministries launched Catholicism, a ten-part series that received unparalleled acclaim and praise throughout the world. Catholicism invites people to rediscover the beauty of the faith they thought they knew. With some of the best film-making talent in the business, including Executive Producer Mike Leonard of Today Show and NBC News fame, Fr. Barron tells the story of our faith and shares its beauty using the best possible means available to us.

In typical Father Barron style, the script is engaging and insightful. Equally powerful are the visuals and music, which perfectly complement every segment.

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rich musical traditions of the Church. I remember someone once commenting that beauty is poignancy, pathos and triumph.

Catholicism scores top marks on these three elements of beauty and brings to life what I consider to be the most beautiful message of the saga: God humbles himself to save us. The Christian story is the story of triumph, of joy. But how do we use modern resources to transmit this reality? *Catholicism* is bold, and that is why it thoroughly evokes the spirit of the new evangelization. Pope John Paul asked people to be confident, to proclaim the Word boldly, with joy and with the best that we have. We're asked to find new paths of evangelization. Christ himself invites us to participate in this mission, and it's a mission that the Saints have undertaken for the past 2000 years.

Let us join Fr. Barron in proclaiming our "yes" through whatever means are available to us.

To purchase a copy of *Catholicism*, visit www.wordonfire.org

CHINESE MINISTRY

by Paul Yeung

THIS PAST NOVEMBER, nearly a thousand people gathered at the annual fundraiser in support of the Chinese language ministry of Salt + Light.

Highlights of the gala included powerful witnesses by Maggie Chan, a celebrity from Hong Kong, and Anna Wang, one of the founders of San Francisco-based "Friends of Children with Special Needs". Maggie explained how she accepted God's plan to adopt a chronically-ill orphan from Shanghai, and how that decision allowed her to flourish as a person and lead a better, more fulfilling life.

Anna Wang shared her struggles in raising an autistic child and how she has been able to make manifest the power of God's love through her motherhood and the help she provides to families facing similar struggles. Everyone in the hall was on their feet when Lawrence Wang, Anna's son, performed the saxophone and recorder, live on stage.

2012 will be a watershed year for Salt + Light's Chinese ministry. Through various programs during the year, audiences will hear inspiring stories from men and women from the Archdiocese of San Francisco who are doing wonders in the community – the fruit of the team's first international filming shoot. The Chinese division continues to expand on the radio and web fronts, bringing important Church news to people in faster and easier

ways. The group also recently launched the Chinese version of Perspectives which, with the addition of a new studio, will help Salt + Light Chinese ministry produce more TV content than ever before. Information: saltandlighttv.org/chinese



Father James Webb, SJ, Provincial of the Upper Canada Province of the Society of Jesus (bottom row, left), Fr. Thomas Rosica, CSB, Fr. Bill Burns (right) and core members of S+L Chinese Ministry (back row) join Bishop Pearse Lacey at a recent gala.



Bosco Chan inaugurates the first airing of Perspectives – Chinese Edition, offering Chinese speakers throughout the globe access to events, information and timely updates from the Universal Church.

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A CHURCH THAT WALKS WITH US

by Cheridan Eygelaar



The disciples walked along the road to Emmaus, distracted and disoriented by the recent events in Jerusalem. They did not perceive as Christ drew near and walked with them.

Doesn't that sound familiar? Sometimes we can be so focused on what's just happened and where we're going that we forget to perceive the graces that abound. We're unable to 'see' God's presence in the present of our lives. This innate forgetfulness is an important part of the *raison d'être* for holding and attending an International Eucharistic Congress. What is stopping you or a family member from exploring or diving into the mystery of the most holy Eucharist, the tangible sign that God is in our midst?

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The Irish, hosts of the 50th International Eucharistic Congress, are ready to welcome you. This is the second time Ireland hosts the Universal Church, the last time being in 1932. The first Eucharistic Congress was held in 1881 with the goal of promoting an awareness of the central place of the Eucharist in the life and mission of the Church, improving our understanding and celebration of the liturgy and drawing attention to the social dimension of the Eucharist. The Congress takes place every four years and features cultural events, catechesis, workshops and, of course, a daily powerful encounter with the Eucharist.

Quebec City played host to the 49th International Eucharistic Congress in 2008 – a memorable and successful event that reached its climax with the evening Eucharistic procession where thousands walked with lit candles through Quebec's old quarters. It was a poignant metaphor for the work of the Church in our world.

Like World Youth Days, International Eucharistic Congresses have the effect



Clonmacnoise Monastery on the Banks of the River Shannon, Ireland

of a time-release capsule, offering an endless potential of graces throughout one's lifetime: an enriched understanding of the Eucharist as Communion with Jesus Christ, a greater appreciation for the Church as a real Eucharistic and temporal community, and a deeper sense of purpose and possibility, for example.

Spiritual renewal brings a host of gifts. So if you're feeling a little like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, then consider going to Ireland. Perhaps you'll realize that He never left your side. And if you cannot go physically to Ireland, please join Salt + Light through television, internet or radio to follow the IEC as closely as possible.



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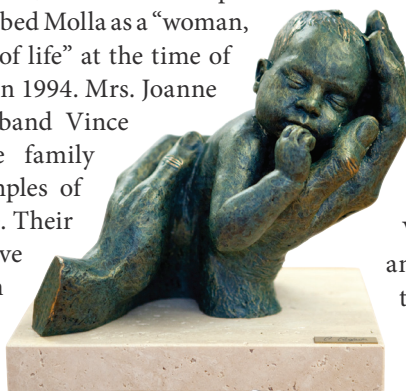
LOVER OF LIFE AWARD

by Daniel Torchia

THIS PAST ADVENT, Salt + Light inaugurated a special annual tribute to honour a person who has played an important role in protecting and promoting the dignity and sacredness

of human life in Canada. The award, called "Lover of Life", was presented to Mrs. Joanne Verduci of Brampton, Ontario. Mrs. Verduci is a founder and executive director of the St. Gianna Beretta Molla Centre in Brampton, Ontario, a residential centre that welcomes young pregnant women in crisis. Since 2009, the centre has opened its arms to a growing number of women, providing them and their families with a nurturing and hopeful environment and services that are based on the example of charity and love lived by St. Gianna Beretta Molla.

The award takes its name from Cardinal Carlo Maria Martini, then Archbishop of Milan, who described Molla as a "woman, doctor and lover of life" at the time of her beatification in 1994. Mrs. Joanne Verduci, her husband Vince and their entire family are sterling examples of the Gospel of Life. Their quiet, decisive leadership in pro-life causes remind us of



Joanne Verduci, founder and executive director of St. Gianna Beretta Molla Centre in Brampton (ON), receives the inaugural Lover of Life Award, presented by Father Thomas Rosica (left) and Archbishop Thomas Collins in 2011 (right)

the necessity of a consistent ethic of life from conception to natural death. It is an honour for us to present this first annual award to such a worthy recipient.

Congratulations Mrs. Joanne Verduci. May the Lord bless her and the entire Verduci family for their beautiful commitment to life!



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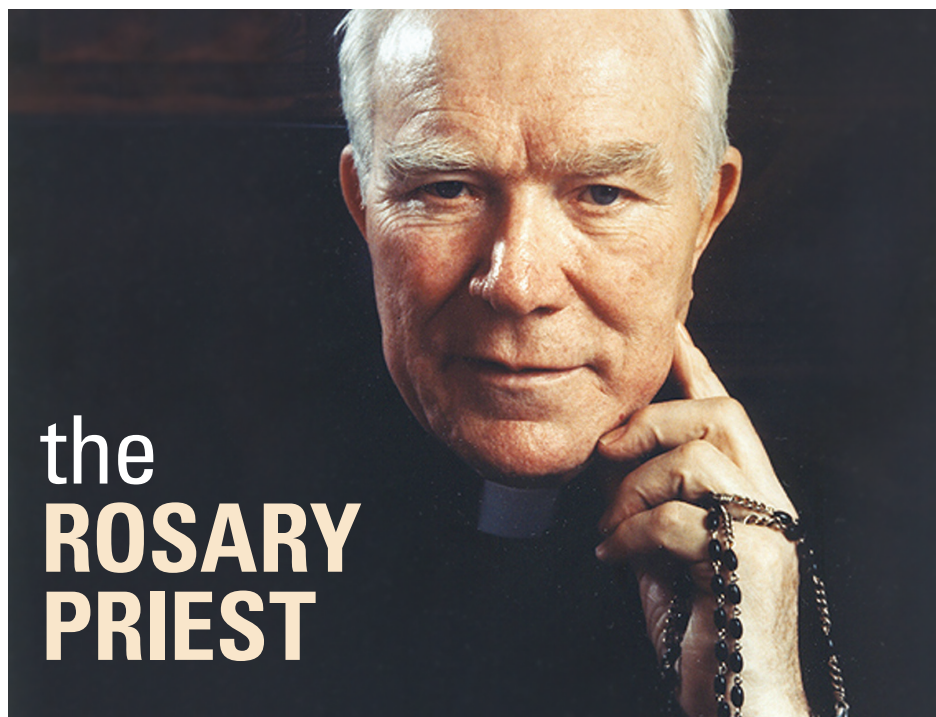


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the ROSARY PRIEST

Servant of God Father Patrick Peyton, CSC, 1979. © Holy Cross Family Ministries

by Fr. Jim Phalan, CSC

I met Father Peyton once and I never forgot that moment. I knew I was in the presence of a saint..." Dozens of times, in different parts of the world I have heard these words. Often it was a meeting several decades ago. Sometimes the person will even say it was a life-changing encounter. I have heard several compare the meeting to being in the presence of Blessed John Paul II or Blessed Mother Theresa. "There was something about him"...

What was it? What is it that makes someone recognizable as a "saint"?

When I have probed more about Father Peyton people continue: "He was so humble"... or, "He was so sincere". People knew that he lived for Jesus and could sense how he loved Mary, his Mother and Queen. "All for her" was his personal motto. He was so clearly consecrated to her that his life itself communicated his message of the importance of family prayer of the Rosary.

It was a message that he learned and lived at home, in a very poor family in County Mayo, Ireland, where he was born in 1909.

Each night his father called all the children to their knees with him to pray the Rosary. Father Pat often commented that though poor materially they were rich in faith, love and family unity.

Needing work, when he was 21 Pat emigrated with his brother Tom to Scranton, Pennsylvania, where two sisters were already living. There he was finally able to realize his childhood dream of studying to become a priest. Several Holy Cross priests were in the area preaching parish missions. The Rector of the Cathedral where young Pat had found a job as a janitor recommended both him and his brother to these visiting priests and they were soon able to go to the Holy Cross seminary at the University of Notre Dame.

At Notre Dame he showed himself to be a gifted student. All seemed well. Advancing to theological studies he expressed interest in missionary work and began to prepare for work in Bengal. Yet the Lord had other designs for him, to be revealed through crisis and suffering.

Soon after his diaconate ordination, he was found to have tuberculosis and in spite of

a year of treatment his condition became increasingly grave. Doctors gave up hope, yet at that time a spiritual director challenged him to have faith as the seminarians dedicated themselves to a novena of Masses and Rosaries for his healing. Within days he was fully recovered.

Ordained a priest soon thereafter together with his brother Tom, he knew he had a particular mission ahead of him. He prayed to know what it would be. In 1942 the World was at war and the crisis of the family that is now epidemic was looming on the horizon. Father Peyton's mission came to him from his own experience: something concrete that would make a difference in the home and in the world - the Family Rosary.

The mission of the "Rosary Priest" spread quickly to the whole Catholic world. His pioneering media ministry in radio, TV and film found uncanny success. His diocesan missions, "Family Rosary Crusades", reached many millions around the globe who committed themselves to pray the Family Rosary each day. The rest, as they say, is history but also a very lively and flourishing "grace in progress"!



Bobby Driscoll, Rita Johnson and Fr. Peyton at a radio broadcast, 1952 © Holy Cross Family Ministries



Rev. James H. Phalan, CSC

is the Director of Family Rosary International of Holy Cross Family Ministries, continuing the work of the Servant of God Father Patrick Peyton, CSC. Father Phalan's

responsibilities take him to many countries, giving him a rich experience of the Church and its mission around the world.

Salt + Light's Rosary in the Holy Land airs daily at 8am and 3:30pm ET / 5am and 12:30pm PT.

The Lily of the Mohawks

Kateri Tekakwitha

by Gillian Kantor

Last December, the Vatican confirmed a second miracle attributed to Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, a heroically strong and devoted Native American who lived in the second half of the 17th century. Later this year, she will become the first Native American woman to be declared a saint of the universal Church.

Born in 1656 in an Iroquois village on the Mohawk River, in what is now New York State, Tekakwitha knew hardship and persecution from an early age. She lost her mother and brother to smallpox, was left sickly and frail by the same disease, and her conversion to Catholicism was a reason for ridicule among her village and kin. Moving to the Christian Iroquois Village of Kahnawake (just outside of Montreal, Quebec) in 1677 allowed her faith to flourish, but the pressures of cultural expectations,



A stained-glass window featuring Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha in the chapel of the Newman Centre of Toronto. Photo by Bill Wittman

such as marriage and participation in some Native practices, remained.

Her story is told to us in the centuries-old biographies written by two Jesuit priests who knew and prayed with her: Frs. Pierre Cholenec and Claude Chauchetière. Their written accounts emphasize Blessed Kateri's virtuous life, devotion to chastity, hatred of sin and self, and extreme practices of penance until her death at the age of 24 in Kahnawake.

While the story of her sincere and devout faith is beautiful, the history and environment surrounding her was less so. This is the time of colonialism, of war raging between the Algonquin and Iroquois nations, and of the Native Americans' hostile regard of the missionaries accompanying the European fur traders. And so her story is a curious one. We hear little of her voice in her biographies and must seek to answer many questions: What pulled Kateri toward baptism? Where did her love of Christ and the Church come from? And how will her faith impact the First Nations people today?

To try to answer these questions and, more importantly, to share the story of her life and legacy with today's youth and future generations, Salt + Light has embarked on an important journey to produce a new documentary on Kateri Tekakwitha in time for her canonization.

Tekakwitha's story speaks to the suffering, the persecuted, the afflicted. Her roots stretch from the United States to Canada, to French and English communities. She is a voice for Native Americans and her intercession is already sought from faithful around the world. We hope this newest documentary will find its way into your homes, families and life, and that it helps you in your own journey of faith.

NEW APP for SALT + LIGHT

by Chris Adamczyk

SALT + LIGHT will soon launch its first iOS/iPhone application. The app, which is offered free of charge, will become our sixth media platform.

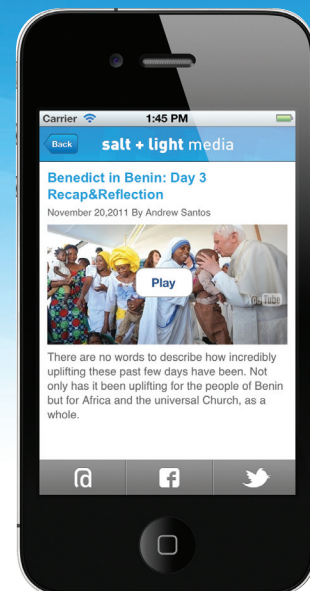
The date of release is still unconfirmed, but when it's ready, it will deliver almost everything that Salt + Light can offer: Biblical reflections, articles, Vatican updates and complete episodes of shows such as *Witness*, *Perspectives* and *Catholic Focus*. It will also offer daily Mass readings, reflections on the saint of the day and much more.

The home page will be organized with side-swipe boxes categorizing content. Our blog's integration in the app is smooth, simple and clean. It will also be compatible with iPad and Retina Display.

As a media ministry at the service of all people, we must be prepared to share God's message through the means of the day – wherever that may lead us! Visit saltandlighttv.org for up-to-date information or register to receive our weekly email newsletters.

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The Salt + Light App was made possible thanks to the devotion and drive of Salt + Light volunteer Pierre Wirawan, a donation from an anonymous donor and two hard-working post-graduate students from Indonesia, Edric Satyaka and Rendy Onggana. The Salt + Light team wishes to thank them, as well as our very own Joshua Lanzarini, for their invaluable assistance and leadership.



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MARY

Painting of Our Lady of Guadalupe © CNS photo/Nancy Wiechec 2008

A UNIVERSAL DEVOTION by Sebastian Gomes

Have you ever wondered about the origins of Marian devotions? Admired their diversity or commonalities? There are many more questions to explore. In this latest edition of our Salt + Light magazine, we begin a series of articles that introduces devotions to our Blessed Mother as they are experienced in different parts of the world.

OUR LADY OF CHARITY (Cuba)

"La Virgen de la Caridad" is a small figure of the Virgin Mary residing in a basilica overlooking the town of El Cobre, just west of Santiago de Cuba. Historically, El Cobre was a mining town, established by Spanish colonists in the mid-sixteenth century.

According to Cuban tradition, two Indians and a young slave were gathering salt off the coast of the Bay of Nipe. As they rowed along they saw a mysterious figure floating on the water. Approaching cautiously, the men discovered it was the Blessed Virgin Mary holding the infant Jesus on her arm. She was fastened to a wooden plank with the inscription: "Yo soy la Virgen de la Caridad" ("I am the Virgin of Charity"). The figure was revered immediately and a shrine was built for her in which to dwell. But on several occasions she mysteriously disappeared and was found on the hill overlooking El Cobre. This hill would come to be her permanent home, and where today the basilica stands, built in honor of her in 1927.

At the time of her discovery, slavery was a rampant issue and, with the presence of the

copper mine, El Cobre was no exception. But when the mine was shut down and the slaves were freed in the mid-seventeenth century, the Virgin became a symbol of liberation and hope. Ever since, Cubans of all faiths have had a strong and unified devotion to their "Lady of Charity." With several attested miracles and her elevation to "patroness of Cuba" by Pope Benedict XV in 1916, the Virgin has become a national icon. Each year Catholics and non-Catholics alike visit her shrine en masse.

While visiting Cuba in 1998, Blessed John Paul II commented that Our Lady of Charity, "the Queen and Mother of all Cubans — regardless of race, political allegiance or ideology — guides and sustains the steps of her sons and daughters towards our heavenly homeland, and she encourages them to live in such a way that in society those authentic moral values may reign which constitute the rich spiritual heritage received from your forebears." (Homily of John Paul II, Santiago de Cuba, January 24, 1998)

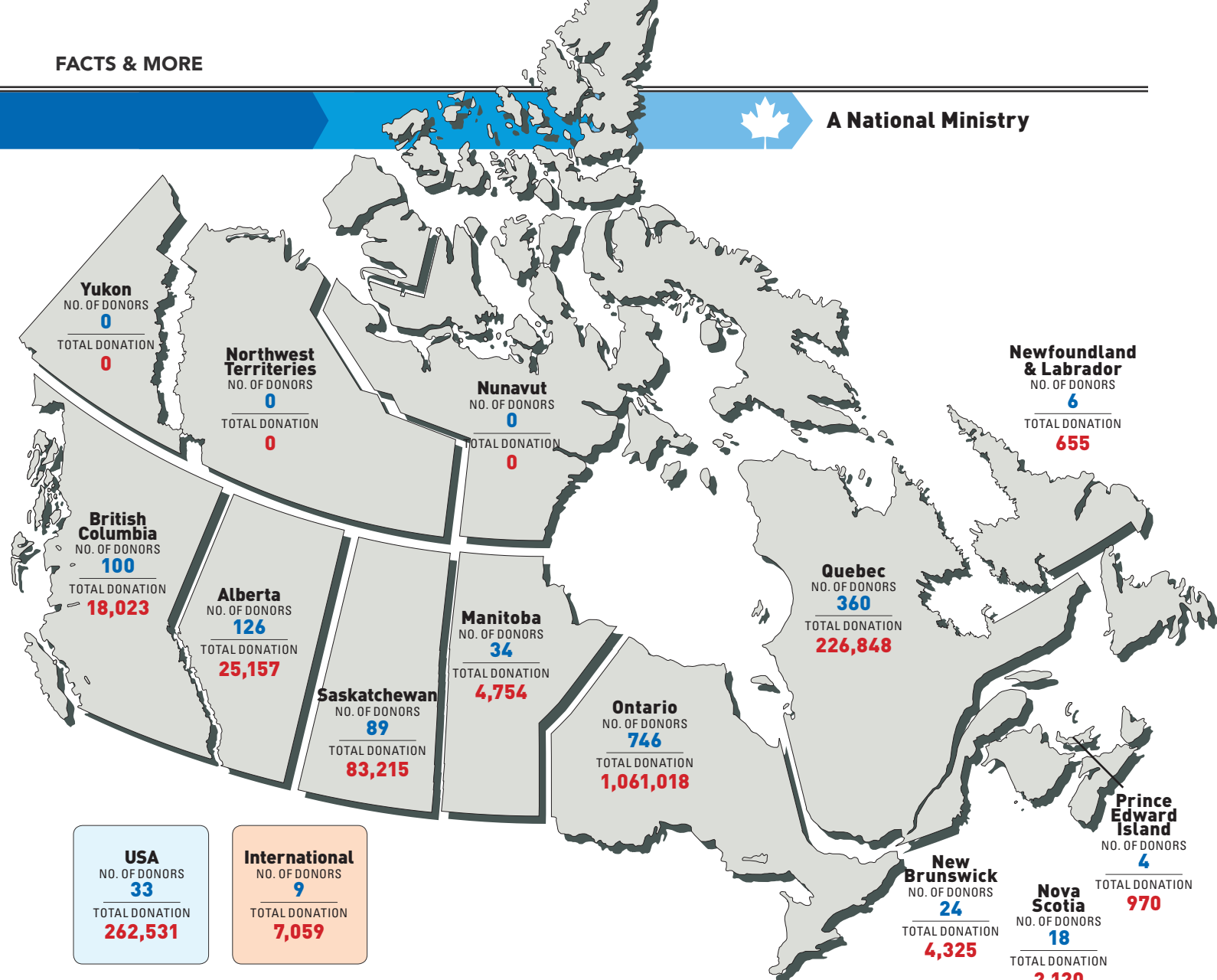
Pope Benedict's journey to Cuba in 2012 is the first since the historic visit of JPII in 1998. Amidst

his busy itinerary and meetings with the Catholic community and political leaders, the Pope made sure to include a special visit to La Virgen de la Caridad to commemorate the 400th anniversary of her discovery. Perhaps more than any other national icon, she remains a symbol of peace, unity, and hope for all Cubans and those who come to know her.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE (Mexico)

"The Guadalupe Event meant the beginning of evangelization with a vitality that surpassed all expectations. Christ's message, through his Mother, took up the central elements of the indigenous culture, purified them and gave them the definitive sense of salvation." (Homily of John Paul II, Mexico City, July 31, 2002) The power and depth of that event, encountered in the image of Our Lady, continues to inspire millions of devotions and pilgrimages each year.

Visit saltandlighttv.org/mary for the complete story on Our Lady of Guadalupe and additional information on our Blessed Mother.



Highlights of 2011

1 LAUNCHED 8 new documentaries or TV series, including: *Panes of Glory*, *This Side of Eden*, *Put Out Into the Deep*, *Anglicanorum Coetibus Conference*, *Nothing More Beautiful - Season 3* and *Pour Toi, Seigneur*

2 COVERED 4 Papal journeys including Benin, Germany, Croatia and Assisi



3 OFFERED unparalleled coverage of World Youth Day and launched WYDcentral.org, a new permanent online home for WYD pilgrims

4 COVERED the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) Annual Plenary Assembly



5 DELIVERED a growing number of video productions for Church partners including Bishops, school boards and Knights of Columbus Supreme Council

6 RECEIVED Gabriel Award for religious television station of the year for a third time



Salt + Light by the numbers

2,500+ Number of articles on the Salt + Light English blog

40 Number of DVDs (documentaries, TV series and special productions) produced by Salt + Light and available on the S+L Store

135 Number of radio programs produced by Salt + Light Radio and available for podcast/listening

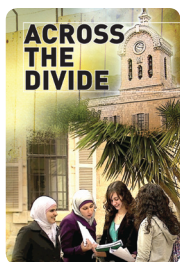
50,000+ Average monthly visits to S+L website

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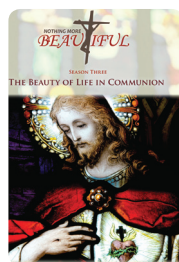
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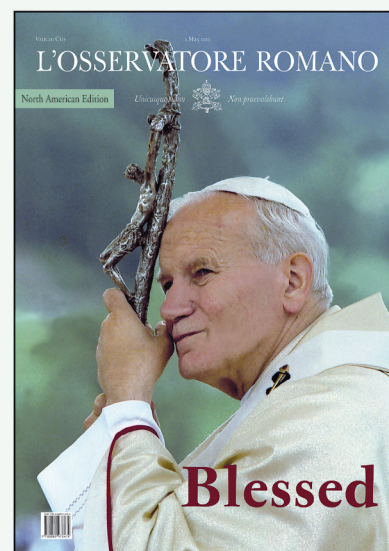
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God's Grandeur

by David LeRoss

THE MUSIC WORLD is a busy place. Artists of all stripes vie for their time in the spotlight against attention-seekers, fame-cravers and, regrettably, against each other. In the face of this music machine and cacophonous ensemble, what are the prospects for Catholic artists? Who can stand out amidst the noise?

The answer can be found in history. Most of the great composers whose works are still performed today came from a religious worldview. This is not to say that long-dead musicians and composers are the only artists worth listening to, but rather that belief in God, and a desire to express the greatness of God through art shows why certain artists stand out. Sacred music, or music written by someone of a religious background, is more likely deeper than songs churned out by a run-of-the-mill record label songwriter.

Beautiful music can indeed lead us to God, and I would like to introduce you to two artists whose work does just that quite well.

Piotr Rubik is a popular Polish composer of religious oratorios. Joe Zambon is a Canadian singer-songwriter whose day job includes chaplaincy work. Rubik is outlandish and energetic; Zambon is quiet and unassuming. Their personalities show in their individual styles of music, and their musical expression reveal how they relate to God. Both artists write mainly religious music. Both consider art to be their vocation rather than their profession.

They, like many other Catholic artists, have been featured on S+L in various capacities – Rubik in interviews and Zambon through performance. (For instance, S+L viewers can hear Zambon's "God is Love" on the soundtrack to *Within Your Gates*.) What makes their particular music notable is their ability to express humanity's experience of God through vastly different styles of music.

Piotr Rubik tackles particular aspects of Catholicism – the life of Christ, the psalms, the saints. His sacred music points us



Piotr Rubik performing in his concert "Santo subito" in Trnava, Slovakia © Tono Kulan

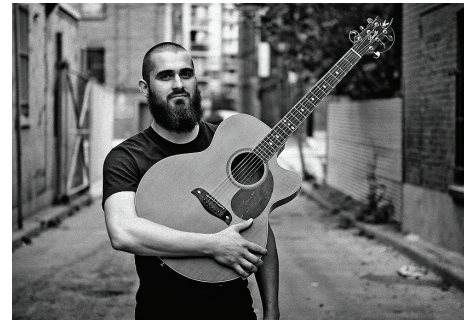
towards the grandeur and glory of God. Much of it is written for a full orchestra and large choir, set as oratorios with six main soloists and a narrator. His latest work, the oratorio *Santo Subito*, presents the life of Pope John Paul II in song, and gives us a glimpse into the life of prayer of the Polish pontiff – his hopes, his struggles, his vocation, his love for Mary.

Santo Subito includes songs ranging from the operatic "Le Porte di Roma" to the sacred "Ave Maria of Jasna Góra", to the calypso beat behind "Papal Pilgrim." "Habemus Papam" places us in St. Peter's square, awaiting word of the conclave; "Il Canto dell Colombo" returns us there to witness the assassination attempt. Each piece cries forth the glory of God through the explosive sound of a hundred-member orchestra.

*"Since the time of the Middle Ages...
A tradition in Polish families held,
That the baker's son would be a baker,
The shoemaker's son a shoemaker,
The glassblower's son a glassblower.
But nobody ever heard, I truly believe,
Of an army officer's son becoming a Pope
Let it be as You willed it, Lord,
And now lead Lolek through life!"*

from "Lolek", *Santo Subito* (Piotr Rubik)

Joe Zambon, on the other hand, expresses in his music universal themes such as love, mercy, repentance, and longing for God. His third CD *There and Here*, released in 2009, shares his own experience of God through personal, intimate songs like "The One that Leads", "God is Love", and "I'm Down." More upbeat songs express



Joe Zambon with his guitar © Joshua Lanzarini

the same searching, such as "Run Away", "Psalm 128", and "Since the Last Day". Simple piano, guitar, and voice draws us into an intimate relationship with God, a meditation on the mysteries of life, and joyful hope in a God who loves.

*"God is love and where true love is
God himself is there
In the darkest night of my soul
To walk with me on the day I cross over
And if I climb to the highest mountain
And if I run to the edge of the ocean...
God himself is there."*

from "God is Love" (Joe Zambon)

The poet Gerard Manley Hopkins once tried to articulate the grandeur of God, and in struggling to find apt metaphors he discovered two opposing images: "It will flame out, like shining from shook foil" and "it gathers to a greatness, like the ooze of oil / crushed." God's glory can be revealed in brilliance or in a whisper on the wind. In the music of Piotr Rubik and Joe Zambon, we experience God in both of these ways, revealed through beautiful art.

Salt + Light has built a repertoire of concerts and musical performances in a variety of languages, styles and formats, including regular performances by The Priests and Canadian singer/songwriter Rosanna Rivero.

Be sure to also tune into Salt + Light Radio for uplifting music and conversation.



THE TRANSFORMING MIRACLE OF COMMUNICATIONS

by Most Reverend Pierre Morissette



SOMETHING IS ALMOST “MIRACULOUS” about human communication. Ideas and mental images are translated (physically, materially, electronically), then transformed by other hearts and minds into new ideas and mental images. When this works, we communicate. When it does not, we say it’s the challenge of communicating!

Salt + Light, if not miraculous, is extraordinary. Months after being founded, it established a competent, committed TV team. After nine brief years, it is involved in daily perspectives and reflections, documentaries, production services, radio programs, magazine publishing and social media (including blogs, Facebook, Twitter and YouTube). This is no communications challenge but a phenomenon!

Yet there is more to the miracle. Salt + Light responds to Christ’s call to be light to the world and salt of the earth. More than a candle in the dark, it is a beacon of that Light which conquers darkness and enlightens all (John 1.5,9). Its salt not only cleanses and seasons, but in its own way is a sign of God’s covenant (see Leviticus 2.13).

Salt + Light is a galaxy of light born of the explosion we know as World Youth Day 2002, a project of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. This involved the largest gathering our country has ever seen. It touched hearts across the land with its pilgrim cross. It has resulted in so many being called in life to be priests, religious, engaged laity, and members of new movements.

The same enthusiasm and energy which characterize World Youth Day also empower Salt + Light. Both WYD and S+L assist the Church in its mission to gather the people of God (“ecclesia” means assembly) and to “go out to all nations” (Matthew 28.19). From its first days, Salt + Light collaborated with the Bishops of Canada. This extended and deepened over time. During the past few years, Salt + Light has carried interviews with the Bishops of Canada and with the Apostolic Nuncios serving in Canada. It has covered episcopal ordinations, installations and funerals. It has broadcast international events of special importance for the Church in Canada, including the canonization of Brother André and the upcoming canonization of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. Its staff have prepared discussion guides and YouTube videos for youth on pastoral letters by the Episcopal Commissions of our Conference. It produced a DVD to assist in implementing the revised English-language version of the Roman Missal for use in Canada. Parts of the October 2011 meeting of our Plenary Assembly were live-streamed and broadcast by Salt + Light. When Bishops gather, it is important in our Church’s life and mission. Catholics across our country will now be even better informed about these events, and more involved, thanks to Salt + Light.



Salt + Light producers, (from left) Alicia Ambrosio, Kris Dmytrenko and Cheridan Eygelaar recap highlights of 2011 on a special edition of Perspectives Weekly, the 30-minute current affairs program that premieres Fridays and is archived online at saltandlighttv.org/perspectives.

Salt + Light CEO Father Thomas Rosica has served as a resource person for our Plenary on questions about social media. A member of our Conference’s Standing Committee for Communications, he is frequently consulted on our communication challenges and concerns. In 2009, Pope Benedict XVI appointed him a consultor to the Pontifical Council for Social Communications. In this capacity, Father Rosica brings the communications experience of the Church in Canada to the universal Church, as well as sharing with us here insights into the larger communications picture.

Last year, the Executive of our Conference participated in an international meeting that focused on communications. Bishops from Canada, the United States and Latin America came away determined to embark on a new approach to communications and information technology. In all this, Salt + Light for us is model, mentor, enabler, coach and inspiration. To paraphrase the Holy Father in his 2006 message for World Communications Day, Salt + Light is “a network for communication, communion and cooperation”. For the present, this challenge is stimulating; for the future, indispensable. Communications are essential to that new ardour, new methods and new expressions Pope John Paul II said are needed for the New Evangelization.

The New Evangelization will transform the Church in its interactions with our world, just as it will transfigure the Church in its interior life. Pope Benedict XVI has reminded us that communication is more than exchanging data (2011 Message for the 45th World Communications Day). It means sharing oneself, one’s view of the world, one’s hopes, one’s ideals. If we are to be authentic and coherent with the fundamental reality of the Church as sign and instrument of Jesus Christ, we must communicate how we are salt and light!

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Why are we paying any attention to them?

POPULAR CULTURE challenges our faith. Many of us, especially our youngest, struggle to reconcile our convictions with heavily-publicized messages that seem to conflict with the tenets of our Catholic faith and run on an endless loop – across all media platforms. We all know someone who is struggling with the fight, intimidated by the sheer frequency and hostility of Church-opposing messages. Media, after all, like any other staple and sought-after product category, is a commodity that has a powerful ownership group. And most of these owners appear to have precious little time for a Catholic message, especially if it challenges their stronghold on our youth. There is “good news” though: a growing group of persons and organizations is going to great lengths to spread the eternal Good News through media.

In 2009, I joined Salt + Light after years of working in mass media, marketing and public relations. At the time I could not easily watch TV or consume any form of popular culture or media – I had become so disenchanted by work, the state of “my” industries and pop culture in general. My career appeared misaligned with God’s will. I turned to Salt + Light because I realized how deeply our civilization needs to hear the Catholic story and message of Christ, not only through the parish but also through modern media. As we embrace a new season, I invite you to take a fresh new look at Salt + Light and to devote some time to speak about its media initiatives with friends and family – in particular the young.

Together, through media, let us join our voices, energies and limited resources to become better bearers of His Light and conduits of His love for all.

Thank you for your support of Salt + Light.

CONVERSATIONS

Q. I would like to become a Guardian of Salt + Light but wish to make my monthly donations via automatic bank withdrawals. Is this possible?

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► Salt + Light Radio is a weekly program that airs on Sirius XM Radio. The program is also available online at www.saltandlighttv.org/radio or on iTunes 24/7. Hosted by Pedro Guevara-Mann, S+ L Radio offers inspiring messages, interviews, commentary and music as well as news updates, Saint of the Week and Canadian diocesan updates.

It airs on the Catholic Channel (#129) on Saturdays, 3-4pmET (12-1pmPT) and 10-11pmET (7-8pmPT); and Sundays, 2-3pmET (11 am-12 pm PT).

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Time - ET	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Time - PT
6:00 AM	Palinsesto Italiano							3:00 AM
6:30 AM	In Conversazione con Gaetano Gagliano							3:30 AM
7:00 AM	Perspectives hebdo	Focus catholique	Perspectives/ Perspectives hebdo	Perspectives / Églises du monde	Perspectives / Témoïn	Perspectives / Audience générale	Lumière du monde	4:00 AM
7:30 AM	Catholic Focus	Perspectives: The Weekly Edition	Perspectives / Catholic Focus	Perspectives / Catholic Focus	Perspectives / Catholic Focus	Perspectives / Catholic Focus	Perspectives: The Weekly Edition	4:30 AM
8:00 AM	The Rosary in the Holy Land							5:00 AM
8:30 AM	Miss Charity's Diner	Messe du jour en direct de l'Oratoire Saint Joseph						5:30 AM
9:00 AM	The World I Know	Word for Word	Fountain of Love and Life	Documentary / Series	Catholicism	Documentary / Series	Cherub Wings	6:00 AM
9:30 AM	Manifest Mysteries	The Gist					WOW	6:30 AM
10:00 AM	In Your Faith	The World I Know	Facing Life Head-On	In Your Faith	Mothering: Full of Grace	Context with Lorna Dueck	Miss Charity's Diner	7:00 AM
10:30 AM	Concerto o evento del Vaticano	Le chapelet à Lourdes					My Hometown	7:30 AM
11:00 AM		Daily Mass						8:00 AM
11:30 AM		Fountain of Love and Life or Chinese Program	Word On Fire	Perpetual Help Devotions	Context with Lorna Dueck	Perpetual Help Devotions	The World I know	8:30 AM
12:00 PM	Angelus del Papa	Angelus / Perspectives: The Weekly Edition	Angelus / Catholic Focus	Angelus / Catholic Focus	Angelus / Catholic Focus	Angelus / Catholic Focus	Angelus / Perspectives: The Weekly Edition	9:00 AM
12:30 PM	Sunday Mass	Witness	Perspectives hebdo	This is the Day	The Nazareth Jesus Knew	Witness	Rome Reports	9:30 AM
1:00 PM	Fountain of Love and Life	Rome Reports	Jean Vanier : St Jean, l'évangile de la relation	Catholicism	Dogmatic Theology	Documentary / Series	Where God Weeps	10:00 AM
1:30 PM		Aid to the Church in Need	Lumière du monde				Facing Life Head-On	10:30 AM
2:00 PM	Catholicism	Documentary / Series	La foi prise au mot ou Hors les Murs	My Hometown	Word on Fire	Fountain of Love and Life	Word for Word	11:00 AM
2:30 PM				Facing Life Head-On	General Audience		This Is The Day	11:30 AM
3:00 PM	Sunday Mass	Daily Mass						12:00 PM
3:30 PM	The Rosary in the Holy Land							12:30 PM
4:00 PM (1 h)	Concerto o evento del Vaticano	Documentario in italiano	Concerto o evento del Vaticano	Udienza Generale	Fountain of Love and Life	Documentario in italiano	Udienza Generale	1:00 PM (1 h)
5:00 PM		Messe du jour de l'Oratoire Saint Joseph					Context with Lorna Dueck	2:00 PM
5:30 PM	Octava Dies	Vêpres à Notre- Dame de Paris	Vêpres à Notre- Dame de Paris	Vêpres à Notre- Dame de Paris	Vêpres à Notre- Dame de Paris	Vêpres à Notre- Dame de Paris	Real Faith TV	2:30 PM
6:00 PM	Angelus del Papa	Fountain of Love and Life	The Choices We Face	In Your Faith	My Hometown	Real Faith TV	Fountain of Love and Life	3:00 PM
6:30 PM	Rome Reports	In Conversazione con Gaetano Gagliano						3:30 PM
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10:30 PM	Sunday Mass	Daily Mass					General Audience	7:30 PM
11:00 PM	REPEAT OF PRIME TIME							8:00 PM

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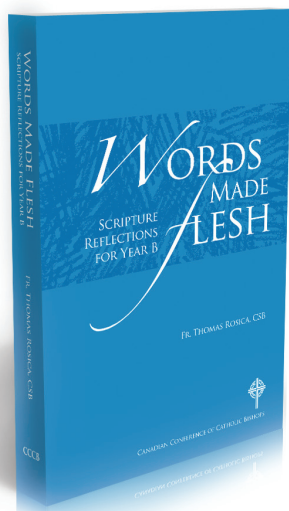
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Give us strength and wisdom to become the people of the Beatitudes in our day, so that our words may season the world with the flavour of the Gospel and our lives be shining examples of Jesus, who is the true Light of the world.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



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