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Dear Friends of Salt and Light,

We are about to enter a momentous year of celebrations: our tenth anniversary as Canada's Catholic Television Network; the Year of Faith for the Universal Church; the 50th Anniversary of the Second Vatican Council; the twentieth anniversary of the publication of the Catechism of the Catholic Church; the World Synod of Bishops dedicated to the New Evangelization during the month of October, 2012; and the canonization of seven new saints on Mission Sunday (October 21, 2012).

Tenth Anniversary

Salt and Light Catholic Media Foundation was born on the wings of World Youth Day 2002 ten years ago. It is by no accident that we chose as the name and mission of our Catholic Television "Salt and Light" - one of Jesus' most graphic and vivid teachings on a Galilean hillside. The "Salt + Light" theme, drawn from Matthew's Gospel [5:13-14], lit our country on fire through World Youth Day 2002 a decade ago. To follow the Lord Jesus, to be salt and light for the world, to bring the world the flavor of the Gospel and the light of Christ, is as real as it gets!

Plenary meeting of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

For the second year in a row, we will be broadcasting live the general sessions of the annual Plenary Meeting of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops from Sainte-Adèle, Quebec from September 24–28, 2012. We give thanks to God for the great collaboration that exists between us and for the privilege of being at the service of the shepherds and leaders of the Church in Canada. Our very positive experiences at the plenary meetings each year have proven to be a fruitful time of networking, sharing, and mutual encouragement.

Year of Faith

The Year of Faith, called by Pope Benedict XVI, begins on October 11, 2012 – the exact date that marks the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council. The Second Vatican Council met at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome for four sessions from 1962 – 1965. The Year of Faith will end on November 24, 2013, the Solemnity of Christ the King. This special year will help each of us to understand once again how the Second Vatican Council sought to make the Church's ancient teachings understandable and meaningful in a world which is constantly changing at a rapid pace.



The New Evangelization

Blessed John Paul II first used the term "New Evangelization" to describe a second moment in the evangelizing mission of the Church and the need to repropose the Good News of Christ's love to those who do not know their faith well, or whose lives have not been changed by knowing Jesus or, in some cases, who have even moved away from the Church. It is ultimately our task to use new methods and new expressions and with a new enthusiasm, to retell the ancient story of who Jesus is, what he accomplished for us through His Church and sacraments. He is still present with us today. This is the mission of Salt and Light Catholic Media Foundation and our multi-platformed approach to telling the good news.

The Synod of Bishops

Every four years, the Pope calls a world Synod of Bishops on a particular theme. This year's theme of the "New Evangelization" is highly appropriate for our time and our work at Salt + Light. The Vatican has appointed me the English language Media Attaché for the upcoming Synod. This means that I will be present for all the Synodal proceedings at the Vatican during the month of October. I am also thrilled to share with you that our network will play a very important role on the inside of the Synod, preparing daily news reports, sharing them with the world, and producing for the Vatican two documentaries on the history of Synods of Bishops following the Second Vatican Council.

The New Saints

For the past decade, Salt + Light has made a priority to tell the stories of the new saints and blessed. On October 21, 2012, the Church welcomes seven new saints, including three close to us: Sts. Kateri Tekakwitha, the Lily of the Mohawks; Sr. Marianne Cope, Mother of Molokai's lepers; and Pedro Calungsod, the young catechist from the Philippines. Several years before his election to the papacy, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger told an interviewer, "The only really effective case for Christianity comes down to two arguments, namely, the

saints the church has produced and the art which has grown in her womb." As Catholics we have the blessed privilege of seeking the beauty of holiness and the holiness of beauty. The lives of the saints and blessed are truly salt and light for the world. They are a great consolation and source of hope and beauty, no matter how difficult are the times in which we are living.

An Enduring Image

It will be an extraordinary privilege for Salt + Light to really be at the heart of these great celebrations of the universal Church this fall. Not only will we be carrying the events live on our network, we will literally be in the midst of the events at the Vatican. Please count on our daily prayers for each of you, especially during the month of October. It will be a blessing for us to relive the great moments of the Second Vatican Council in the very places where those momentous events took place 50 years ago. I cannot help but recall the moving words of Cardinal James Francis Stafford, then President of the Pontifical Council for the Laity, as he presided over the opening ceremonies of World Youth Day of the Jubilee Year in St. Peter's Square on August 15, 2000. Cardinal Stafford's stirring words addressed to Blessed John Paul II still resound in my mind and heart today:

"Holy Father, as you walked in the 1960's to the Council's sessions to express again the mystery of the always youthful Church, you experienced the embrace of these great colonnades many times. Today we all pray that your happiness may be full. For these youthful multitudes, now embraced by the arms of St. Peter also, are living witnesses to the Council's hope and to yours."

It is precisely from these youthful multitudes and this creative nexus of energy and hope that Salt + Light was born, ten years ago. It is on this solid foundation that we are built, and poised to launch out into the deep, with renewed enthusiasm and boundless hope on our work of evangelization and education.

Thank you for your continued friendship, encouragement, generosity and support. We cannot do all of this without you! Be assured of my prayers of deep gratitude for all the ways you help us to share the flavor of the gospel and the light of Christ with the world, through the Salt and Light Catholic Media Foundation. Let the great celebrations begin!

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Thomas Rosica, CSB

A Prayer for Jerusalem and Rome

Lord Our God, we Praise you and we bless you for Jerusalem,
Because you have given this city to us
As the symbol of the story of God and the story of humanity;
The sign of your love for us and of your forgiveness for our sins;
The symbol of our earthly pilgrimage toward you,
A pilgrimage that involves so many difficulties and so many conflicts.

We pray for Jerusalem and for all of our Jewish brothers and sisters.
We give you thanks, Lord, because you have called us to serve Christ
And to carry his cross today in the Church,
The Church that has its center in Rome;
Since you have called us to be one with your Son,
You teach us to give a name to our oneness with him,
In the words of Ignatius of Loyola,
The true bride of Christ our Lord, who is our Holy Mother Church
We thank you for the Church and for Rome
That is the image of unity and the pilgrimage toward this unity,
And for the trials that we must undergo to achieve this unity.

We ask you that we may be faithful to Jerusalem and to Rome,
To your Son and to the Church, in this common journey of humanity
Toward the heart of the Trinity,
Toward the contemplation of your face
Of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Cardinal Carlo Maria Martini, SJ (1927-2012)

"Due Pellegrini per la Giustizia" (Centro Ambrosiano: Edizioni Piemme, 1992).
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Dear Father Rosica:

Thank you once again for bringing Salt and Light Catholic TV to the Knights of Columbus 130th Supreme Convention in Anaheim, August 7-9. This marks the fifth consecutive year that the network has broadcast the convention proceedings, and I am grateful for the opportunity to share the Knights mission and accomplishments with viewers in Canada.

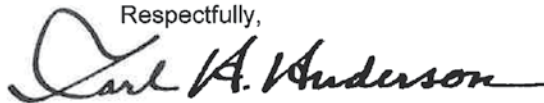
I am also pleased to work in partnership with Salt and Light on so many initiatives that advance and strengthen the Catholic faith in North America and beyond. Blessed John Paul II called for a New Evangelization in the Church and gave it practical and prominent application through World Youth Day.

As National Director of World Youth Day 2002 in Toronto, which ultimately led to the founding of Salt and Light Catholic Media Foundation, you witnessed the vibrancy of the Church in its young people, the hope and faith they hold, and their love for the Church and the Holy Father. You also have supported Pope Benedict XVI as he carries forward the spirit of World Youth Day through the New Evangelization. Whether measured in new vocations, renewed practice of prayer and reception of the sacraments, opportunities for service or modern methods of spreading the Gospel, the World Youth Day spirit of the New Evangelization has taken root.

Together with Pope Benedict, Salt and Light shares the vision of Blessed John Paul II for the future of the Church, which he termed a "new springtime" of Christianity (cf. *Redemptoris Missio*, 2). Your efforts to bring the faith to the masses through television and the Internet are in full accord with the New Evangelization and the missionary spirit it inspires.

As together we seek to build the future of the Church, bringing hope to the world, please know that the Knights of Columbus will continue to look to Salt and Light as a vital partner as we pursue the New Evangelization.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carl A. Anderson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Carl" being the most prominent part.

Carl A. Anderson
Supreme Knight

Saint Kateri

by Gillian Kantor

“Catherine Tekakwitha is the name of the sainted young woman, who I am going to write about. She is today so renowned in New France because of the extraordinary marvels that God has performed and continues to perform everywhere through her intercession.” – FR. PIERRE CHOLENEC



WHEN FR. PIERRE CHOLENEC penned these words, he was hopeful. His own life, his faith, his work as a missionary in the New World, had been changed by a quiet Native woman who prayed fervently in the woods. And now he wanted the world to know that Kateri Tekakwitha was indeed a saint. Born as, simply, Tekakwitha to a baptized Algonquin woman and a Mohawk Chieftain in 1656 along the Mohawk River, the young woman travelled a long spiritual journey. She battled near-fatal illness, cultural expectations, animosity from tribe members, and the forces of nature to live out her faith the way in which she believed God was calling her. The result of each brave footstep is, today, a worldwide following of faithful who call Kateri friend, sister, and healer. And over 300 years later, Cholenec's hope has come true as the Church witnessed the canonization of St. Kateri Tekakwitha on October 21.

Her story begins in what is now New York state, where Tekakwitha was born into the Mohawk tribe of the Iroquois Nation. When she was just six years old, small pox ravaged her village, claiming the lives of her mother, father, and brother. And although she, too, suffered from the fevers, aching bones, and painful blisters of the deadly disease, Tekakwitha lived – though her face left scarred and her eyes and health weak.

Tekakwitha was taken in by an uncle and the close-knit women of the matriarchal society and, despite her infirmities, she fully participated in the duties of the traditional Iroquois longhouse, carrying wood, fueling fires, grinding corn, fetching water, sewing, and crafting intricate beadwork.

As Tekakwitha and the Mohawk people carried out their traditional roles, a new world was developing around them. European settlers were looking for territory to claim and, with them, came Catholic missionaries seeking souls to claim. Jesuit missionaries lived and worked among Tekakwitha's people, teaching the faith and baptizing those who expressed an interest in the Church. For years, Tekakwitha's interaction with the missionaries remained limited until, one day, suffering from injury and unable to go into the fields, she met the young Fr. Jacques de Lamberville. Though a language barrier stood between them, Tekakwitha devoured the words and actions of the faith and, with his teaching and assistance, was baptized on Easter Sunday, 1676. She took the name Catherine, after St. Catherine of Sienna, and fully embraced and emulated the life of the 14th century mystic, who was persecuted by her own people and punished her own flesh out of her love for God.

“In less than a few months she became to her companions a model of humility, devotion, sweetness, charity, and all of the other Christian virtues.... Her extraordinary virtue brought upon her the persecutions even from those who once admired her.” – Cholenec

Living as a devout Catholic among an Indian tribe was not easy. After she was baptized, it was hard for Kateri to stay in her village. Her uncle was mad and her tribe taunted her and accused her of being lazy when she wouldn't work on Sundays. With

Fr. de Lamberville's urging, she moved to Kahnawake, a Christian Iroquois village on the banks of the St. Lawrence River. There was a woman named Anastasia who was a friend of her mother's and acted like a godmother to Kateri. Anastasia tested her and taught her the faith. She also met two Jesuit missionaries working at Kahnawake – Fr. Pierre Cholenec and Fr. Claude Chauchetiere. They read the letter from Fr. de Lamberville that Kateri brought with her. It said, “You will soon know the treasure that we have given you. Guard it well then!”

In Kahnawake, Kateri was better able to live out her faith life. She surrounded herself with a group of women who embraced the Church and desired to grow closer to God. It was with these women that Kateri first practiced asceticism. She and a friend would whip each other with willow branches, tearing their flesh in devotion to God. Alone, she would expose her bare skin to the bitter cold of the winter ice and snow, and place burning coals between her toes. She slept on a bed of thorny branches and sought Jesus in her sacrifice.

Her devout faith impressed Frs. Cholenec and Chauchetiere, and Kateri received her first Communion on Christmas Day, 1677. Her first taste of the Eucharist made her hunger for God even more – she wanted to be his bride. But even in Kahnawake, a life of religious devotion wasn't encouraged. In the longhouse society, women were expected to marry. Without a husband, how could Kateri bring food to the family's pot, or provide the hides and moose hair she needed for her handiwork, or contribute pelts to the trade? She would become a burden on her family. But even though the matriarchs insisted she marry, Kateri refused. She was committed to celibacy and



[Photo] Saint Kateri Tekakwitha holds a cross in the oldest known portrait of her painted about 16 years after her death in 1680. It was painted by Jesuit Father Claude Chauchetiere, who personally knew Saint Kateri. © CNS photo/courtesy of the Cause of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

loving Christ alone.

Kateri was never a healthy woman. Her smallpox had left her weak and, when she caught cold in the winter of 1680, it would prove too much for her. For two months she lay sick. As Holy Week approached, the sickness grew worse and the missionaries and her friends kept bedside vigil. They held her hands and prayed for her, but Kateri was not afraid. She spoke words of encouragement to them as they gathered. This was her heart's desire, her soul's longing, to be face to face with her Saviour. On Holy Thursday, April 17, Kateri succumbed to her illness. "I love you, Jesus." These words left her lips and she died as if she were falling asleep.

"Then her face suddenly changed. It appeared to be smiling and devout and everyone was extremely astonished. We were all admiring her face, and we could not have tired ourselves of looking at her."

- Cholenec

From that miraculous change came others. Right from the time of her death, Kateri has been attributed as the healing grace to save many from sickness, near death, and dire situations. After 300 years of collected stories and healings, Pope John Paul II beatified Kateri in 1980 based on, not one proven miracle, but a reputation of healings and answered prayers. The cause for her sainthood now relied on just one miracle as a result of her intercession, and that miracle would come in the life of a little boy.

In 2006, in Ferndale, Washington, five-year-old Jake Finkbonner contracted a vicious flesh-eating bacterium as a result of falling into the bleachers while playing basketball. The bacteria that entered a cut on his lip quickly spread through his face and, as doctors performed surgery after surgery to remove pieces of his skin, they told parents Elsa and Donny Finkbonner to pray. Pray, they did, offering their son to Kateri's protection at the advice of their then-parish priest. Where medical hope was lost, Kateri persevered and after three weeks of rapidly deteriorating health, the disease suddenly disappeared. Jake was healed. The Vatican would examine the case and, with six years of study, interviews, and research, confirm Kateri's hand in saving Jake's life.

With all of this within her – a life of persecution, illness, devotion, and courage – Kateri's sufferings, sacrifice, and grace resonate with many people. Most particularly, she stands as a source of hope for Native American people who see her canonization as both an apology from and a welcoming into the Church after a history of persecution and alienation. Finally, the Church is holding up a Saint who represents the lifestyle, spirituality, and strengths of the Native American people and, as Cholenec wrote so many years ago:

"Among the miracles seen as having been rendered through Catherine Tekakwitha, I consider the greatest of them all to be Catherine Tekakwitha herself, as she is truly the Wonder Worker of the New World."

THE NEW SAINTS



MARIANNE COPE (1838-1918) is affectionately known as Mother Marianne of Molokai. Mother Marianne was a Sister of Saint Francis of Syracuse. She spent many years caring for lepers on the island of Molokai, Hawaii.



FATHER JACQUES BERTHIEU (1838 - 1896) was born in Polminhac in France to a family of 7 children. At the Jesuit formation house he discovered his call to be a missionary. He was ordained and sent to Madagascar where he preached the sanctity of marriage in a hostile environment and cured the lepers. He died for his faith during an insurrection.



PEDRO CALUNGSOD (1654 -1672) was born in Cebu, Philippines. He was a sacristan and missionary catechist who accompanied the Jesuit mission to the Ladrone Islands (modern day Guam). He was 17 years old when he suffered a martyr's

death while trying to defend his companion, Jesuit priest Blessed Diego Luis de San Vitores.



FATHER DON GIOVANNI BATTISTA PIAMARTA

(1814-1913) was ordained priest in 1865. After some years as a parish vicar, he founded an institute dedicated to the professional formation of

disadvantaged young people. This institute would eventually become the Foundation of the Order of the Sacred Family of Saint Joseph.



CARMEN SALLES Y BARANGUERAS (1848-

1911), also known as Blessed Maria del Carmen, founded the Conceptionist Missionary Sisters of Teaching. She worked with disadvantaged girls and

prostitutes as she saw that early education was essential for helping young women. She died in 1911. She was beatified on March 15, 1998.



ANNA SCHAFFER (1882-1925) a lay German woman who wanted to be a missionary but could not because of a succession of physical accidents and diseases. She accepted infirmity as a way to sanctification. Her grave has been a pilgrimage site since 1925.

New Media & Balance

by Alicia Ambrosio

IN A CLASSROOM overlooking a small park bathed in mid-morning sunlight, a gentle breeze wafts through an open window. The peace is shaken by a man at the front of the room who slams his hand down on the table in front of him and booms, "because we're afraid of being alone!"

That phrase was the answer to a question his roomful of students failed to answer: "Why is it that after or after a long in-person chat with a friend, we say goodbye and go our separate ways, already pulling out our cell phones and messaging other people?" His answer had many people pulling back in self defense. Thought bubbles with the words "I'm not afraid of being alone" could almost be seen over students' heads.

That scene happened almost ten years ago. Since that day cell phones have evolved even further, tablets have appeared on the scene, new forms of media have been developed almost exclusively for mobile devices. We have arrived at a point where, for many people, being caught without their mobile device is a distressing experience.

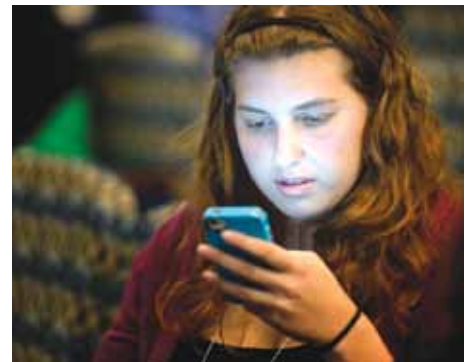
Connectivity certainly has its benefits. In Cuba one activist uses her mobile phone to post to Twitter, circumventing government control of the internet, while in the Middle East, Twitter and Facebook have

been credited for helping spread the word about the protests that led to an upheaval of the governments in Egypt and Tunisia. Reporters from the largest agencies down to the smallest local papers have embraced mobile internet phones and devices to help tell their story.

If it's not being used to foment change or push out information that needs to get out, what is all this connectivity doing?

Sherry Turkle, the Abby Rockefeller Mauze professor of the Social Studies of Science and Technology at MIT, wrote recently that face-to-face conversation develops slowly and teaches many interpersonal skills, including patience. On the other hand, connecting with other people via mobile technology speeds up the pace of interaction. We learn to expect faster, but shorter replies. Face to face conversation becomes too slow for the mobile mind and requires too much reflection.

This connectivity also creates a bubble of silence around the individual. It is not, however, a silence we sit with and use to restore the mind. It is what Turkle calls the "silence of connectivity." We are blind, deaf and dumb to the physical world around us because we're too busy sending instant messages to our colleagues.



[Photo] A young woman tweets a message to pharmaceutical companies urging them to join the Medicines Patent Pool during a July 21 plenary session of the Interfaith Pre-Conference on HIV at at Howard University in Washington. © CNS photo/Paul Jeffrey

Constant connectivity also extends the work day long past its usual end, disrupting the balance between work and rest. In a poll conducted by Good Technology, a company in the United States that specializes in creating software to help people work away from the office on mobile devices, a total of 40 percent of people polled said they check their e-mail after 10pm. Two thirds of respondents said they can't sleep without checking their e-mail.

Linda Druxbury, an expert on work-life balance who teaches at Carleton University, explains that people are checking their mail and working from home at odd hours because they feel they have no choice. Their bosses and customers, or other stakeholders, expect replies at any hour of the day,

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

John 10:10

regardless of physical location.

How do we overcome this need for constant connectivity and learn once again how to be fully present at any given moment?

Mobile technology and new media users simply have to take matters into their own hands. In one study conducted in 2005, more than half of participants said the best solution they found was simply turning the phone or tablet off at a certain hour and not giving out their contact information. It is a strategy upon which many workplace health and productivity experts agree. Ann Max, an Ottawa-based productivity expert, says that this is the best way to reduce dependency on constant connectivity.

With the smartphone off, the temptation to check mail, snoop on friends' Facebook statuses or tweets is minimized. In the silence that comes from being unplugged, we can place our priorities in order and focus on those people and things in our lives that need us to be present.

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Tweeting the faith alive

When television was still a new medium, Archbishop Fulton Sheen embraced it wholeheartedly and used it to turn the nation into his own catechism classroom. Today the new medium is Twitter, and many priests and bishops are adding it to their toolkit of teaching instruments. Here are some of the clerical tweeters and bloggers worth checking out:



@cardinaldolan

Cardinal Timothy Dolan links to meditations and articles on his blog.



@archbishopgomez

Archbishop Jose Gomez of Los Angeles tweets 140 character reflections, updates, and links to resources on daily readings.



@bridgesandtangents

Fr. Stephen Wang, a British priest, tweets links to his blog Bridges and Tangents, offering reflections and a critical look at popular culture. Fr. Wang helped start Catholic Voices, a group of young Catholics who serve as media liaisons for the Church in the UK.



@fatherroderick

Fr. Roderick Vonhogen, Dutch priest, CEO of Star Quest Podcasting Network, offers technical advice to those who want to take embrace social media, reviews movies, games, new technologies, and trains for marathons.



@jamesphalan

Fr. James Phalan, director of Holy Cross Family Rosary International, tweets about around the world the Marian devotions he's seen.

If you are multilingual, here are a few others to check out:



@DomOdiloScherer

Cardinal Archbishop of San Paulo, Brazil tweets photos from events he attends, reflections, and invites followers to give their input on the readings of the day. Tweets are in Brazilian Portuguese only.



@angeloscola

Cardinal Angelo Scola of Milan tweets links to his blog, offering reflections on feasts of the day, and other themes. Tweets in multiple languages, but mainly in Italian.



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The Story of Kateri Tekakwitha

Beatified by Blessed John Paul II in 1980, Kateri Tekakwitha will be proclaimed the first native woman saint by Pope Benedict XVI on October 21, 2012. This moving documentary takes us on a journey from Upstate New York to Montreal and Kahnawake; from Washington State to New Mexico, as we follow St. Kateri's incredible journey of deep faith, heroic sacrifice and love of Christ. Featuring many people who have been touched by her — including the little boy who received the miraculous healing that led to her canonization — this splendid film shows that no one is too simple or too young to follow Christ.

In Her Footsteps paints the vivid picture of a brave young native woman, with scarred face and poor vision, who would become a source of healing, courage and divine insight for millions of people throughout the ages.



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THANK YOU to all our summer interns!

Here are what they have to say about their experience..



[Photo] From left, Julian Paparella, Christopher De Facendis, Tim Theriault, Fr. Thomas Rosica, Daniel Jodoin and Francis Denis

Julian Paparella

My time at Salt + Light has afforded me exciting opportunities to grow in my faith and develop my gifts. Being part of a media ministry on the frontier of the New Evangelization has greatly enriched my understanding of the Church: macroscopically in the nature and scope of our work here, and microscopically in the community of disciples who bring it to life.

Tim Theriault

My experience this summer at Salt + Light has opened me up to many different aspects of the Church that I am not necessarily exposed to in the seminary or at the parish level. We are in the midst of very exciting, albeit challenging times as Catholics, and I am grateful for having been able to experience this excitement first hand at Salt + Light.

Christopher De Facendis

As disciples of Jesus we are called to be a people of joy and constant conversion. It is important that each day we take one step forward in our journey of faith through prayer, hope and a genuine love of Our Lord. I am from Vaughan, Ontario and am thankful to have been a part of the new evangelization here at Salt + Light this summer.

Daniel Jodoin

When I became a seminarian for the remote Archdiocese of Grouard-McLennan in northern Alberta, I never imagined that I would spend a summer in the big city of Toronto working with an amazing group of dedicated, young, enthusiastic, professional Catholics in media-ministry. God is good, and Salt + Light is a blessing to this country and the world. The New Evangelization is happening here and it is exciting.

Francis Denis

My experience at Salt + Light this summer was amazing. In fact, I was able to learn so much about media and how it relates to the Catholic Church. I think, as a seminarian, it was an incredible opportunity to improve my P.R. skills and my knowledge of how to present the faith. Thanks to all the S+L staff for that wonderful experience!

Canadian Saints: Reflections of God's Holiness and the Canonical Process

By Claude Auger

ON OCTOBER 21ST, 2012, a young Native American woman named Kateri Tekakwitha will be canonized, becoming the twelfth Canadian to be declared a saint. Thirteen other Canadians have been beatified, and currently, the causes of 16 people have been formally introduced and are at different stages in this process. Furthermore, the causes of six Canadian-born individuals have been opened in other countries: USA, Dominican Republic, France, Bangladesh, and China. In 2011, the Canadian liturgical calendar was extended with the celebration of these saints and blessed's into all the dioceses across Canada.

Of course, there are many holy people who live their vocation in silence and will never be officially recognized. The Catholic Church does its best, however, to acknowledge as many holy souls and to use them as examples by proposing sainthood and blessed status. The holiness of these baptized individuals not only reflects the very holiness of God, but also encourages us to be inspired by their lives and to request their intercession before the Lord. To maintain the integrity of this process, people are recognized as saints and blessed's after a strict canonical process.

A well-structured canonical procedure

The process leading to canonization has undergone several changes over time. In the first centuries, saints were spontaneously proclaimed by members of a particular Christian community. Gradually, the approval of this recognition fell under the responsibility of the bishops; just before the first millennium, this task was reserved for the Pope. Since the most recent revisions (norms of 1983 and 2007), this procedure has been simplified, by giving renewed importance to the role of the diocesan bishop.

The First Phase: Proclamation of the "Servant of God"

Any Catholic individual or group may apply to the bishop (usually that of the diocese where the candidate died) to introduce a cause of beatification and

canonization. Upon adequate due diligence the bishop may proclaim the applicant as a "Servant of God" and direct the file to the next phase.

The Second Phase: Proclamation of the "Servant of God" as "Venerable"

After the individual has been named "Servant of God", a canonical diocesan investigation is opened. Three teams perform three crucial tasks: interviewing witnesses of the candidate's life and reputation for holiness (diocesan tribunal); reviewing the published writings (theological commission); investigating the unpublished writings, as well as any other documents relating to the life and work of the Servant of God (historical commission). After the initial diocesan investigation, the process moves to the Vatican and the acts of the diocesan inquiry are received and reviewed. This forms the basic material for the writing of the *Positio*: the official document presenting the life, virtues and reputation of holiness of the Servant of God. After reviewing this document, the Congregation for the Causes of Saints must decide and affirm that the candidate has practiced, to an exceptional degree, the theological virtues (faith, hope and charity) and the cardinal ones (prudence, justice, fortitude and temperance). If the candidate has practiced these virtues, the Church declares the person venerable; in Canada, eight people carry this title.

The Third Phase: Proclamation of the "Venerable" as "Blessed"

Beatification moves a step beyond the initial process: a miracle (usually a healing), an event that remains scientifically inexplicable, must be obtained through the intercession of the candidate. Once this event is recognized formally as a miracle, the beatification takes place, and the candidate is declared a blessed.

The Fourth Phase: Proclamation of the "Blessed" as a "Saint"

The final stage, that of canonization, requires a second miracle. At this stage, a blessed is proposed for the veneration of a

portion of God's people: the dioceses where he lived or his religious institute. After canonization, the candidate is declared a saint and is recognized as a model for the Universal Church.

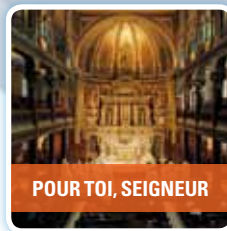
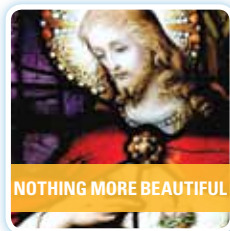
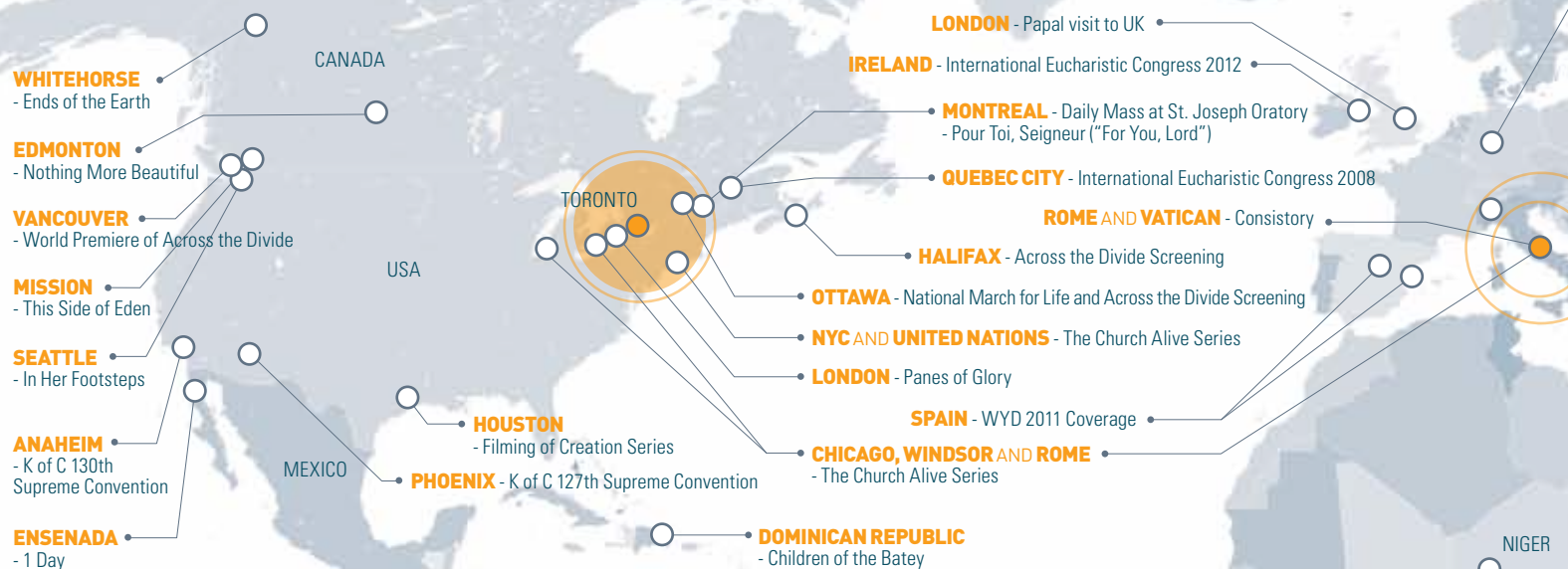
The most recent Canadian case: Eugène Prévost

Recently, on July 4, 2012, in the Cathedral of Trois-Rivières, Quebec, Bishop Luc Bouchard presided a Mass celebrating the introduction of the cause of beatification and canonization of Father Eugène Prévost (1860-1946). In the afternoon, people involved in different aspects of the cause (bishop, postulator, ecclesiastical tribunal, theological commission, historical commission) carried out the usual canonical formalities. The day marked both the culmination of over 60 years of work, as well as the beginning of the canonical diocesan inquiry.

Born in Saint-Jérôme, Quebec, Eugène Prévost studied in the Montreal area before embarking for Brussels, where he became the first Canadian novice of the Fathers of the Blessed Sacrament. He had a fruitful apostolate as director of the association of Priests Adorers. With the support of Pope Leo XIII, he left his community and became the founder of two new congregations, the Sacerdotal Fraternity, and the Sisters Oblates of Bethany. His goal was to help the clergy, especially those experiencing difficulties of any kind, while glorifying "Jesus the Priest", source of all priesthood. Members of the Fraternity and the Oblates in Canada, France, and Colombia continue to offer their lives for priests by their discreet service and daily Eucharistic adoration.



Claude Auger. Born in Quebec City, Claude Auger completed a doctorate in theology at Saint Paul University. After 17 years as a senior editor for the publishing house Novalis, he now works for the Sisters Oblates of Bethany and teaches Church history at the Dominican University College, Ottawa.



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Seattle, WA
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Lewiston, NY
Montreal, QC
Kahnawake, QC
Midland, ON
Gallup, NM

2012 YEAR IN REVIEW

Through the generosity of our donors, Salt + Light has been able to be part of the global Catholic message by attending, responding, and bringing to you the latest in Catholic news, ideas, thought provoking and spiritual enriching content.

FEBRUARY



- Live coverage and broadcast of the events prior to and following the elevation of Archbishop Thomas Collins to the College of Cardinals at the 2012 Consistory at the Vatican.

MARCH



- Live coverage and broadcast of the Papal Journey to Mexico and Cuba.

APRIL

- In fulfillment of the CRTC regulations, we at S+L purchased

our own closed caption software that allows us to minister to the deaf public and to keep the translations true to the faith. This purchase was made at the National Association of Broadcasters convention in Las Vegas.

MAY

- We continued our ongoing advancement into the HD world by purchasing a Canon



300HD Camera EOSC300 and a Sachtler tripod. This will help us in our quest to move to a 100% digital environment and to discontinue using tapes.

JUNE

- Our film *Across the Divide*, premiered in Vancouver and Halifax with great acclaim from both cities.
- S+L was selected as the International Eucharistic Conference's official Canadian broadcaster and broadcasted live

• **GERMANY** - WYD 2005 Cologne



46 Documentaries produced
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12 Awards received



HOLY LAND

• **HOLY LAND**

- Within Your Gates, Across the Divide
 - Blessed Journeys Pilgrimage

• **NIGER**

- Filming Documentary



Cities visited:
 Collegeville, USA
 Minnesota, USA
 Chicago, USA
 Ottawa, Canada
 Windsor, Canada



• **SYDNEY**

- WYD 2008 in Sydney, Australia
 - Mary MacKillop: Australia's First Saint

from Ireland.

- We celebrated the launch the S+L mobile iPhone and iPad app.



JULY

- We dedicated this month to the 10th anniversary of World Youth Day 2002 in Toronto, and celebrated by rebroadcasting the emotional final WYD of Pope John Paul II.

- We aired interviews with key contributors and relived memories of this monumental time of

transformation within the city of Toronto.

AUGUST

- S+L broadcasted live at the 130th Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention in Anaheim, California.

SEPTEMBER

- We celebrate the launch and outreach of our latest documentary *Across the Divide* in Toronto and Ottawa.

OCTOBER

- *The Church Alive* series is scheduled to premiere at the 2012

Synod of Bishops in Rome.

- We are scheduled to premiere our newest film *In Her Footsteps: The Life of Kateri Tekakwitha* at the Vatican on the eve of her Canonization.



NOVEMBER

Kick-off of our 2012 Advent Fundraiser campaign.

DECEMBER

To celebrate 10th year anniversary of Salt + Light, *The Priests* will perform a fundraiser concert for S+L in Toronto and Windsor.



S+L TAKES EYE-OPENING DOCUMENTARY COAST-TO-COAST

by Kris Dmytrenko



[Photo] Audience gathered at Empire 17 Cinemas in Halifax, NS for screening of *Across the Divide*

IT WAS an unlikely venue for a Salt + Light screening. When *Across the Divide* came to Halifax on June 25, the documentary was shown at Empire Theatres—the city’s go-to multiplex for mainstream films like “Total Recall” and “The Bourne Legacy”. On one screen, a full house of viewers saw bomb blasts, courtroom clashes, and political intrigue. And then, down the hall, there were the Hollywood blockbusters...

Indeed, for the university students profiled in *Across the Divide*, real life can resemble a movie. They live in Bethlehem, home to one of the oldest Christian communities in the world, yet also one of the epicentres of the Palestinian uprisings. Even during a period of relative calm, like when the S+L crew traveled there to film *Across the Divide*, its citizens know that the situation remains ever volatile.

As a Canadian, the whole experience felt surreal. The academic environment wasn’t unlike my own alma mater, and I could easily relate to the joyful, well-spoken students that I met. That is, until a young man recounted his family’s efforts to prevent their property from being annexed by an encroaching settlement, or when another student described her daily commute through Israel’s infamous concrete wall. For me, and likewise for many viewers of *Across the Divide*, this was a startling introduction to the Christians of the Holy Land.

As the writer and co-director of *Across the Divide*, it’s my hope that a wide audience of Catholics will hear their stories. We’re off to a good start. The documentary premiered

to a packed theatre in Vancouver before our sold-out Halifax event. In September, we took the film to Toronto and Ottawa, with more cities to come. Each event concluded with a panel discussion featuring Church leaders and experts on the Holy Land.

The cross-country tour is a first for S+L. In each city, it would not be possible without an enthusiastic team of volunteers—most notably from the Fountain of Love and Life and Catholic Christian Outreach—as well as our sponsors: CNEWA Canada, the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, the B.C. Catholic, and the respective archdioceses.

WHAT I SAW IN DUBLIN

by Sebastian Gomes



[Photo] Sebastian Gomes with Manila’s Archbishop, Luis Antonio Tagle at the IEC 2012

IN JULY of this year Canada celebrated the 10th anniversary of World Youth Day Toronto. The images of the event on Salt + Light rekindled the souls of those who participated and made the rest of us stand in awe. That is what happens when the reality of the Universal Church hits you.

That same reality manifested itself on a smaller scale a month earlier, when pilgrims descended upon Dublin, Ireland for the 50th International Eucharistic Congress. For eight days the Royal Dublin Society was transformed into a Eucharistic village where daily Mass was celebrated, 18 keynote addresses were delivered and over 150 workshops were filled to capacity.

There were a few particular experiences during that week I will never forget, not because of the scale or numbers, but because they were authentic experiences of church.

I was fortunate enough, for example, to sit and talk at length with a number of bishops from around the world. To the outsider the

bishop may seem like a distant executive, out of touch with the real lives of the faithful. But this is a misconception. Their genuine interest in my life and work, their ability to listen and respond to my concerns, and their willingness to seek and offer perspective and advice were extraordinary. Vatican II decreed that the bishop should “listen to his subjects whose welfare he promotes as of his own children and whom he urges to collaborate readily with him,” and that was precisely my experience at the IEC. (Lumen Gentium, ch. 3, n. 27)

Then there were the liturgies: beautiful, simple and reverent – Sacrosanctum Concilium brought to life. That constitution called for the “full, conscious, and active participation” of the faithful to which they are bound “by reason of their baptism,” and such participation was apparent throughout the week. (Sacrosanctum Concilium, ch. 1, pt. 2, n. 14)

Finally, I end where I began with the incredible realization of the universality of the church. In our daily lives we manage to forget that the most unifying element in the universe is Christ, who is beyond all barriers and borders, and that celebrations like World Youth Day and the IEC are those tangible expressions of a life lived “in communion with him and with one another.” (Lumen Gentium, ch. 1, n. 7) Thank you, Ireland.

S+L CHINESE MINISTRY

by Bosco Chan

IN JANUARY this year, Salt + Light introduced the Chinese version of its weekly show, *Perspectives*, to our Mandarin and Cantonese Chinese speaking viewers. This 5-minute weekly program is intended to bring the current events of the Universal Church, the Church in China, and the Canadian Church to our viewers, as well as to help Chinese viewers to better understand the Church and her teachings.

The primary focus of *Perspectives* in Chinese is to focus on the current developments in the Church in China. Recently, the illicit ordinations of bishops in China have brought unsettling feelings and sadness to Chinese Catholics both in China and overseas, as well as the Catholics



[Photo] Paul Lee (Producer), Jane Qian (Mandarin host), Ricky Tang (Cantonese Host), and Jonathan Hilsden

of the Universal Church. It is particularly challenging for overseas Chinese, including the 160,000 Chinese Canadians Catholics, to understand the struggle of the Church in China under the Communist regime and the Magisterial teachings in relation to the communion of the Chinese bishops with the Holy Father. *Perspectives* in Chinese also covers courageous stories of Chinese Catholics defending the faith. The recent coverage on the Shanghai's bishop's ordination is a good example. Auxiliary Bishop Ma Daqin was ordained with papal approval in Shanghai in early July. At the end of the ordination mass, he denounced

his membership in the Chinese Patriotic Association, a semi-governmental agency that was established by the Communist regime over and above China's Conference of Catholic Bishops in order to control the Church in China. His courageous declaration had gained him praise both inside and outside of China, but he has also lost his freedom and is prevented from exercising his sacred duties as auxiliary bishop of the Shanghai Diocese.

For more in-depth coverage of the story of Church in China and of Bishop Ma Daqin in particular, please tune in to watch the one-hour special in Mandarin Chinese, *2012 Ordination of Bishop Maqin of Shanghai*.

CALLED TO SERVE

by Stefan Slovak

ON SATURDAY MAY 26, 2012, Salt + Light's own Pedro Guevara Mann was one of 14 men ordained to the permanent diaconate for the Archdiocese of Toronto.

The ordination mass was presided by His Excellency Bishop Vincent Nguyen,



[Photo] Pedro Guevara Mann gives his promise of obedience to Bishop Vincent Nguyen.

Vicar for Deacons for the Archdiocese. In addition to his work at Salt + Light, Deacon Pedro has been assigned to Holy Martyrs of Japan parish in Bradford, ON. His ministry will be focused primarily on working with the Hispanic community and the migrant workers in the area. Permanent Deacons also perform baptisms, assist at weddings, and preach the gospel.

From everyone at Salt + Light, we wish Deacon Pedro and his whole family God's blessings in his new vocation.



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THE NEW EVANGELIZATION

by Cheridan Sanders

TO CELEBRATE THE YEAR OF FAITH, we've set out on a daring new enterprise; production of a 15-part series called *The Church Alive*.

This fast-paced, segmented, interactive show aims to tackle the epic question: what is the New Evangelization and where is it happening? When I consider the nature of our undertaking, I can't help but think of the beginning of G.K. Chesterton's *Orthodoxy*.

In his introduction, Chesterton talks about a story he always wanted to write. It's about an English yachtsman who sets out for the South Sea, but slightly miscalculates his course and ends up rediscovering England. He talks about how foolish the young man must have felt, but Chesterton goes on to write that the yachtsman's predicament is enviable: "What could be more delightful than to have in the same few minutes all the fascinating terrors of going abroad combined with all the human security of coming home?"

Chesterton's fable illustrates the enviable



[Photo] Co-hosts of *The Church Alive* series, Cheridan Sanders and Sebastian Gomes

position that we find ourselves in. What is the New Evangelization, if not the challenge to set out on an exciting and perilous journey only to return to the comfort of home? Sebastian Gomes and I think we're heading into new territory, but with any luck we'll end up where the saints have already been.

The Church Alive makes its debut this fall, coinciding with the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council. Please join us through our web-based polls, video responses, Twitter, Facebook and email as we stand in awe of the beauty of our faith, and, in setting out, begin our long journey home to the peace of God's embrace.

UPCOMING CREATION SERIES

by Tim Theriault

IN HIS 2005 CHRISTMAS address to the members of the Roman Curia, Pope Benedict XVI reflected back on the World Youth Day celebrations earlier that year in Cologne, saying:

"[T]here was the invitation not to see the world that surrounds us solely as raw material with which we can do something, but to try to discover in it 'the Creator's handwriting', the creative reason and the love from which the world was born and of which the universe speaks to us, if we pay attention, if our inner senses awaken and acquire perception of the deepest dimensions of reality.

As a second element there is a further invitation: to listen to the historical revelation which alone can offer us the key to the interpretation of the silent mystery of creation, pointing out to us the practical way towards the true Lord of the world and of history, who conceals himself in the poverty of the stable in Bethlehem."

With these words, Pope Benedict gives us a brief yet profound glimpse of the Christian's relationship to God's creation. This is the

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[Photo] Sr. Damien-Marie Savino and students Andrew and Celine admire the fruits of their community garden at the University of St. Thomas, Houston

starting point from which Salt + Light, in partnership with the Environmental Studies Department at the University of St. Thomas – Houston, has developed a new series that explores what Christian environmentalism looks like, what it should look like, and how Christians can take an active and discerning role in the various environmental movements around the world.

Whereas many of today's environmental movements tend to the more secular perspective, this new Salt + Light production will provide a view of what integral environmentalism (that is to say, care for God's creation as God's creation) looks like. Join host Deacon Pedro Guevara Mann for this exciting six-part series on creation.

VATICAN CONNECTIONS

by Alicia Ambrosio

THE MOST MISUNDERSTOOD words in the Catholic vocabulary might very well be “the Vatican”. Does it mean the buildings where the Pope lives? Or, does it mean the people who run the day-to-day affairs of different Vatican departments?

The history of the Vatican and the sheer grandeur of the location make it seem like a far off, mysterious place where things happen in secret.

In truth, the Vatican is full of faithful men and women who go to work everyday to serve the Church and the people of God in their own way. From the engineer who oversees the decoration of the buildings, to the Monsignor who serves at the doctrinal congregation, to the theologian who translates papal speeches so that they can be read online by Catholics everywhere.

It's difficult to see this in action unless you have a Vatican connection, someone who works or lives there and gets a chance to see this hidden world up close.

The daily work of these dedicated



people, the decisions and discussions they have, affects us all in some way. This fall Salt + Light opens the doors of the Vatican to bring you a close-up look at what happens there and how it affects you.

Our very own Vaticanista, Alicia Ambrosio, leads the way using her knowledge of the Vatican and its inner workings to make sense of this place that is the heart of our Church. Each week she looks back at what happened at the Vatican in the last few days, introduces you to key players in the life of the Church, and brings to life the history and traditions of the Roman Church.

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FROM THE DIOCESE OF CHARLOTTETOWN

JERRY MCCABE: "GOD PROVIDES"

by Julian Paparella

From the beginning, faith was important to Jerry McCabe. His primary influence growing up was his grandfather, a simple farmer in rural Prince Edward Island and a man of great faith. After leaving his native Charlottetown for the University of Guelph in Ontario, Jerry became embroiled in drug addiction. He soon returned to Charlottetown where he worked with horses and in a lobster pound owned by his Confirmation sponsor. He sought help, joining a support group, but it wasn't until he tapped into what he calls the "spiritual dimension" that real progress began to be made.

Enter Fr. Brady Smith, then Associate Pastor of Jerry's home parish. He instilled in Jerry the three pillars that would become the keys to his recovery: prayer, the twelve steps, and daily Mass. From then on everything changed. He began attending daily Mass and was hired as the parish's caretaker. Though leery of public speaking, Jerry began proclaiming the Word at weekday and then weekend liturgies. The strength of the parish community and his activity in liturgical ministry nourished the sense of purpose and well-being he longed for, and became the springboard from which he would rebound from his past.



He quickly became involved in RCIA, the folk choir, and the liturgical ministries committee, as well as narrating and acting in the annual Easter Cantata. All this, he says, "drew out his gifts" and "gave him the confidence of the Holy Spirit." In 2005 he began formation as a Pastoral Associate, and today serves as Director of Catechetics at St. Pius X.

He is active in youth ministry and formation, coordinating sacramental preparation, organizing children's liturgy and retreats, and screening and preparing catechists and catechist's aids. He also serves on the diocesan liturgical commission.

Jerry finds strength in going back to the touchstone experience of his healing, especially through the Eucharist. He finds consolation in the working of the Holy Spirit in his life and that of his family. He is married with two young boys, aged eleven and three. His life story is evidence that no matter how bleak, no matter how dire or desperate, God is always present. In Jerry's words, "God provides."

GABRIEL AWARD by Stefan Slovak

ON WEDNESDAY JUNE 20, 2012, the Catholic Academy for Communication Arts Professionals held its annual award ceremony in Indianapolis, Indiana. Salt + Light's own Fr. Thomas Rosica, CSB and Fr. Michael Prieur, professor of moral theology at St. Peter's Seminary, were on hand to accept the Gabriel Award for best documentary for the 2011 mini-series *Panes of Glory*. The documentary, based on Fr. Prieur's book *Panes of Glory*, chronicles his 11 years of research on the origin and meaning of the stained glass windows in the St. Thomas Aquinas



chapel of St. Peter's Seminary in London, Ontario. The film also features the many majestic voices of the Amabile Choir, also from London, Ontario.



The Gabriel Awards honour excellence in Catholic film, television and radio with an emphasis on uplifting the human spirit. They are open to all filmmakers, television stations and radio outlets in the United States and Canada. This is the fourth Gabriel Award for Salt + Light in the last ten years.



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Our Lady of Lebanon

by Tim Theriault

The year 1854 is remembered by Catholics everywhere as the turning point that defined and instated the dogmatic theory of the Immaculate Conception or the promulgation of the papal bull *Ineffabilis Deus* by Pope Pius IX.

During the celebration of its 50th anniversary, Maronite Patriarch Elias Hoyek, together with the Apostolic Delegate for Lebanon and Syria Archbishop Carlos Duval, praised the people of Lebanon for their unwavering devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and originated the idea of marking the people of Lebanon's love for Mary with a monument.

Completed in May of 1908, the brilliantly white statue of Our Lady of Lebanon stands atop Harissa Hill overlooking the mountains and sea which surround Lebanon as a reminder of her continuous intercession.

The unwavering devotion that the Lebanese people have toward the Blessed Virgin Mary have been attributed by many as a natural development from Lebanon's rich biblical roots.

The Old Testaments, and the Psalmists refer to the hills and cedars of Lebanon incessantly, and many Lebanese Christians believe that Jesus' first public and documented miracle occurred in the southern Lebanese town of Qana, at a wedding feast. This intense biblical heritage, from which flows the country's deep

faith in Lebanon's two dominant religions, Islam and Christianity, has enabled Lebanon to develop a deep and mature devotion to the Blessed Mother, since she is venerated by both religious traditions. In the Muslim tradition, Mary is seen as a chaste and virtuous woman set aside by God to bear a son, Jesus, whom God has ordained to be one of His prophets; Mary conceives this child after the spirit of God is breathed upon her, thus allowing Mary to maintain her virginity and purity before God.

Despite the obvious fundamental difference of how Muslims and Christians understand Jesus, the similarities between Mary's role in the Muslim tradition and her role in our Christian tradition are quite striking. With this in mind, Our Lady of Lebanon takes on an added role: that of a bridge between Muslims and Christians; a starting point, perhaps, towards greater inter-faith dialogue between the two dominant religions within Lebanon.

The people of Lebanon are described as peaceful people; unfortunately, due to the violence of political wars in the Middle East, they often find themselves being dragged into the conflicts with their neighboring countries. The suffering experienced by the Lebanese people has been a challenge to their faiths. As Mary, herself, trusted fully in God, so too have the people of Lebanon, who continually trust in God's providential care and Mary's own continuous intercession on their behalf.



[Photo] Our Lady of Lebanon, Harissa – Mount Lebanon



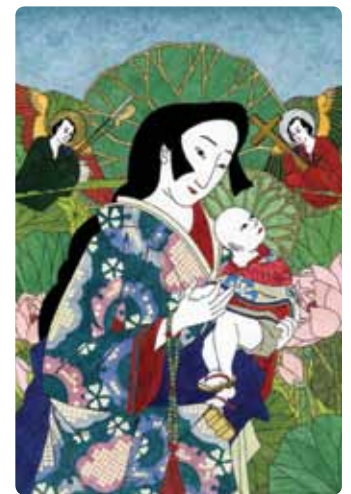
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**Our Lady of Perpetual Help
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artist Daniel Mitsui**

Receiving Vatican II with Perspective and Balance 50 Years Later

by Sebastian Gomes

IN THE FALL OF 2012 the Catholic Church celebrates the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council. Together with the inauguration of the Year of Faith and the Synod of Bishops on the New Evangelization, the time is right to reflect on the significance of the Council and offer an approach for healthy and productive discussions of its implementation today.

I do not propose a specific interpretation of the Council and its sixteen documents. That is the role of the Holy Father, together with the Bishops, who “in their role as teachers and pastors,” exercise the “supreme and full authority over the universal church.” (Lumen Gentium, ch. 3, n. 22) Rather, I intend to make a series of observations concerning the current state of the discussion surrounding the Council, in line with the tradition of the church, in the hope that such observations may serve as a useful clarification.

Vatican II was convened under Blessed John XXIII in 1962, in the aftermath of two world wars and the rapid development of Modernism. Globalization and its consequences for the economic, political and social development of the human family was a new reality. Unprecedented advances in science and technology were cause for great hope and also concern. Oppressive political regimes abounded.

It was in this context that Pope John invited the bishops of the church to discern the “signs of the times” (Matt 16:4) and take “a step forward toward a doctrinal penetration and a formation of consciousness in faithful and perfect conformity to the authentic doctrine, which however, should be studied and expounded through the methods of research and through the literary forms of modern thought.” (Opening Speech at VCII, Pope John XXIII)

The fruits of this collegial effort are the sixteen documents of Vatican II,

which, according to Pope Benedict and his predecessor Blessed John Paul II, are to be “widely known and taken to heart as important and normative texts of the Magisterium,” for “there we find a sure compass by which to take our bearings.” (Porta Fidei, 5)

But despite the consistent promotion of the Council and its texts by these and the other post-conciliar pontiffs, they remain unknown to most Catholics, and unspoken of by most priests and bishops. The situation is all the more disturbing within the present culture where, despite widespread ignorance of the Council and the church’s two thousand year old conciliar tradition, accusations of misinterpretation are fired from all directions.

The truth is that fifty years after Vatican II the discussion has degenerated into the polarizing web of worldly politics. “Vatican II” itself has become a loaded term – a means by which to determine and quantify another’s measure of orthodoxy – as though the Council were a hot-button issue in the next federal election. The position that many Catholics take on the Council often depends on which side of the political spectrum they fall. Look to the political extremes, and there you will find the ecclesial extremists.

This impulse to conform the faith to any political ideology, whether it is derived consciously or subconsciously, must be clearly identified and emphatically challenged. “The church... is not identified with any political community nor is it tied to any political system.” (Gaudium et Spes, pt. 2, ch. 4, n. 76) The faith, if it is loyal to Christ and His church, must inform our political perspective, not the other way around.

Amidst this general trend of unreflective conformity to the political culture of our time, there is one particular movement within the church that seems to pretend that Vatican II never happened, either by



[Photo] Bishops fill St. Peter’s Basilica as Pope Paul VI presides over a meeting of the Second Vatican Council. © CNS photo/Catholic Press Photo

deliberately ignoring it or subtly promoting its dissolution. It seems to me that such a position cannot be reconciled with the authentic history and tradition of the church, which holds, as the Council Fathers reiterated, that “the supreme authority over the whole church, which this college possesses, is exercised in a solemn way in an ecumenical council.” (Lumen Gentium, ch. 3, n. 22)

No, the Second Vatican Council happened. It cannot be undone. And if we are Catholic, that is, if we belong to Christ, who “established and constantly sustains here on earth his holy church, the community of faith, hope and charity, as a visible structure through which he communicates truth and grace to everyone,” we must not only accept the Council, but continuously strive to better understand it, and implement it, so that “the kingdom of God may come and the salvation of the human race may be accomplished.” (Gaudium et Spes, pt. 1, ch. 4, n. 45) This is, and always has been, the sole purpose of the church.

The gift of our tradition equips us with a special degree of perspective and balance in ecclesial matters, and these are precisely what are needed fifty years after Vatican II. Salt and Light Catholic Media Foundation plays a crucial role in the Church and the world in this respect: that as a vehicle of the New Evangelization it serves the Council and works to bring its rich and penetrating message to life.

SLRadio: YOUR HOME FOR CATHOLIC MUSIC AND CATHOLIC ARTISTS

by Deacon Pedro Guevara Mann

When people ask me about *SLRadio*, I explain that it is a cooperative between artists. After all, we could not create the scope of radio station without the generous support of Catholic artists everywhere. Today, over 30 Catholic artists support *SLRadio*, and the list is growing. Among them, you'll recognise names representing diverse styles of music, such as John Michael Talbot, Fr. Stan Fortuna, Tom Booth, Susan Hookong-Taylor, Critical Mass, Janelle, Chris Bray and Fr. Robert Galea.

Many people do not understand what is considered Catholic music. There are many questions around it, such as: does it refer to music made by Catholics? Does it refer to music that is Catholic in theme? Does it refer to music that is ministry in motive?



According to singer/songwriter Susan Hookong-Taylor, co-author of WYD 2002's *Song of the Cross*, Catholic music is music that is written to build up the body of Christ: Catholic

music has that intent at its core, whether it is shaped to use in liturgy or in other settings.

A Catholic artist therefore is a person who is in creative conversation with the Holy Spirit. It is a person whose work is informed by his faith, but may or may not speak specifically about his faith in the work he creates.

Our Catholic tradition demands music and song. The Mass was meant to be sung. The psalms are meant to be sung. To sing is to pray twice, said St. Augustine. Susan Hookong-Taylor added, "Music has accompanied us throughout our spiritual journey, from Old Testament to new, from medieval times to post modern times. In particular, using our voice to sing out words of truth in a way re-aligns our mind and heart and soul to that same truth in a way that is like no other activity that I know. It is a transformative and healing activity."

Music is a powerful force and it is hugely helpful in allowing us to enter into the spirit of prayer, reflection, worship, rejoicing, and thanksgiving. Music is indispensable in our

tradition: so often it facilitates that journey of the heart into the great mystery of God.

And that leads us to the work we are doing with *SLRadio* in providing this music to our listeners and also a space where Catholic artistic work is showcased. Susan Hookong-Taylor told me that we should listen to Catholic music because what we do throughout our days and at key moments in our lives shapes who we are. Why not listen to Catholic music? If it truly is designed to build you up, then surely you will be better for it.

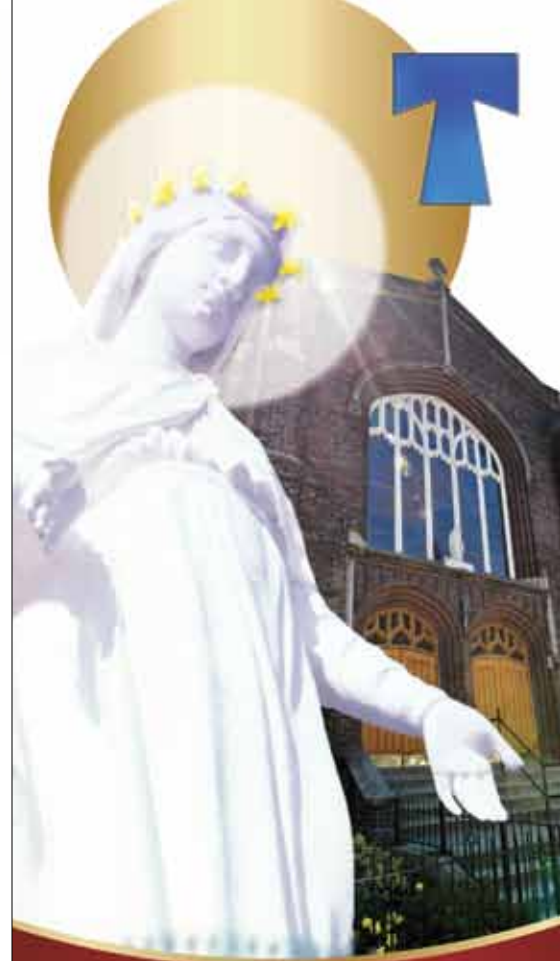
YOU ARE LITERALLY CHANGING THE CULTURAL LANDSCAPE BY CHOOSING THIS [CATHOLIC] MUSIC.

As for supporting our Catholic artists, by attending their concerts or buying their music, Catholic artists like Hookong-Taylor have put themselves on the line, artistically, emotionally, physically, and financially, to create these works of art for you with the hopes that you will be blessed by what God has given them for you. They have acted on faith, and put their money behind it. They are awaiting your response.

Hookong-Taylor says, "Catholic artists are writing, playing and singing about things that matter—our faith, our struggles and triumphs, as we try to live out that faith. By supporting Catholic artists, you are helping to build up Catholic culture within your own home and your communities. You are literally changing the cultural landscape by choosing this music to have on your iPod, your phone, or in your CD player."

Traditionally, the Church has been a great supporter and patron of all the arts. But WE are the Church. We need to support our artists and encourage them to continue doing good work. Through our support, Catholic artists are able to create more music and to produce better quality music for the Catholic community. It's a win-win.

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6:30 AM	In Conversazione con Gaetano Gagliano							3:30 AM
7:00 AM	Perspectives hebdo	Jean Vanier en Terre Sainte	Perspectives/ Perspectives hebdo	Perspectives / Églises du monde	Perspectives / Témoin	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		Mothering: Full of Grace	Fountain of Love and Life	Documentary / Series	Documentary / Series	Documentary / Series	Cherub Wings	6:00 AM
9:30 AM	My Hometown	The Gist						6:30 AM
10:00 AM			The Choices We Face	Facing Life Head-On	The Choices We Face	The Gist	Context with Lorna Dueck	WOW
10:30 AM	Documentary / Series	Le chapelet à Lourdes						
11:00 AM		Daily Mass						8:00 AM
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12:30 PM	Sunday Mass	Witness	Perspectives hebdo	The Gist	Word on Fire	Witness	Rome Reports	9:30 AM
1:00 PM	Fountain of Love and Life	Rome Reports	Aide à l'Église en Détresse	Mothering: Full of Grace	Dogmatic Theology	Documentary / Series	Where God Weeps	10:00 AM
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2:00 PM	Catholicism	Documentary / Series	La foi prise au mot ou Hors les Murs	Facing Life Head-On	General Audience	Fountain of Love and Life	Life is Worth Living	11:00 AM
2:30 PM				This Is the Day			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
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9:30 PM			Facing Life Head-On			Life is Worth Living		6:30 PM
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people of the Beatitudes in our day, so that
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flavour of the Gospel and our lives be shining
examples of Jesus, who is the true Light of
the world.

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