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Quarterly Listing of Community Issues and Programs
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Quarterly Programming Report

Issues/Programs Lists

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The contents of this report is a listing of some of the significant issues responded to by Station WAOB®-FM (106.7 kHz), Beaver Falls, PA, along with the most significant programming treatment of those issues for the period October 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. The listing is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance.

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Programming Category: Heralds of Faith®
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Programming Category Description

This program consists solely of the homilies and teaching of the bishops (without additional conversation or commentary). The title of the program is drawn from the Prophet Isaiah and the teaching of the Second Vatican Council, where we hear about the importance of the heralding the good news and the bishops' privileged role as the heralds.

In the book of the Prophet Isaiah we hear God calling us to proclaim the Good News:

*Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, fear not;
say to the cities of Judah,
"Behold your God!"
(Isaiah 40:9)*

Who are the heralds of good tidings? The Second Vatican Council teaches us in Ad Gentes, the Decree On the Mission Activity of the Church, that the Good News must be proclaimed by witness and by word. Furthermore, the Council notes that the proclamation of the word is a primary responsibility of the bishops:

"By the life witness of each one of the faithful and of the whole community, let the particular church be a sign which points out Christ to others. Furthermore, there is need of the ministry of the word, so that the Gospel may reach all. The bishop should be first and foremost a herald of the Faith, who leads new disciples to Christ." (Ad Gentes #20)

In this radio program, we hear Catholic bishops carrying out their noble task of being The Heralds of Faith.

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Programming Category: Heralds of Faith®

Issue Discussed: Finding True and Lasting Joy

Program:	This particular episode is a Homily of Bishop Thomas Olmsted from Holy Mass on the 3rd Sunday of Advent 2020. This took place at Saints Simon and Jude Cathedral in Phoenix, AZ
Date:	12/16/2020
Time:	12:00pm
Duration:	11:09 Minutes
Source:	Locally Produced
Content Summary:	Bishop Olmsted offered some thoughts on 'joy' in light of Gaudete Sunday (the 3rd Sunday of Advent). The bishop recounted CS Lewis's connection between God and joy in his book "Surprised by Joy". We celebrate God's gift of joy in a special way on 2 Sundays of every year! Bishop Olmsted then noted how Mary's "Magnificat" is a canticle of joy! May Christ Himself be the only source of our joy, a joy the world and changing circumstances can never take away!

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Programming Category: A Kiss of Peace®

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*I will listen for what God, the LORD, has to say;
surely he will speak of peace
To his people and to his faithful.
May they not turn to foolishness!
Near indeed is his salvation for those who fear him;
glory will dwell in our land.
Love and truth will meet;
justice and peace will kiss.
Truth will spring from the earth;
justice will look down from heaven.
Yes, the LORD will grant his bounty;
our land will yield its produce.
Justice will march before him,
and make a way for his footsteps.
(Psalm 85:9-14)*

In this program, the shepherds of the Church, the bishops, provide reflections to give spiritual encouragement to their flocks. The content of the reflection is summarized in the psalm verse 85:10 -- mercy, truth, justice, and peace, all coming together in a kiss. The bishops' daily reflections are intended to communicate Christ's mercy and truth, justice and peace to the hearts of the listeners. This communication consists not just in information (although some teaching may be a necessary part of encouragement), but hopefully also facilitates transformation, through the communication of grace.

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Issue Discussed: Preparing our Consciences for Voting

Program: "A Kiss of Peace®" (Bishop's Reflection) which featured a rebroadcast of a September 2012 reflection by (now) Archbishop Alexander Sample, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Portland, Oregon.

Date: 10/22/2020

Time: 7:40am, 8:40am and 6:40pm

Duration: 7:43 mins

Source: Locally Produced

Content Summary: Archbishop Sample offered his second reflection on voting in a four-part series of reflections. This episode focused primarily on the respect for the sacredness of human life. This is one of the most important issues because innocent unborn life is under attack in this culture of death. Archbishop Sample used Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body to explain the importance of this more deeply. God uses man and woman to create new human life. From the moment of conception, a unique human person comes into existence. Human life is sacred from the moment of conception and must be profoundly respected and protected regardless of the cost. Abortion is wrong in every circumstance, and there is no good intention which can ever justify doing something morally wrong. In our fight to end abortion, we must show profound love for both the mother and the child. Archbishop Sample directed people to read Evangelium Vitae, Humanae Vitae, and the Theology of the Body to learn more.

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Programming Category: In the Footsteps of Saint Peter®

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"And Peter directed his gaze at him, with John, and said, 'Look at us.' And he fixed his attention upon them, expecting to receive something from them. But Peter said, 'I have no silver and gold, but I give you what I have; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.' And he took him by the right hand and raised him up; and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. And leaping up he stood and walked and entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God." (Acts 3:4-7)

We are strengthened in our needs and in our weakness by the authoritative word of St. Peter who speaks in the name of Jesus Christ. Through Saint Peter's successors, the Popes, Saint Peter continues to strengthen us and heal us by his authoritative teaching, enabling us to follow him in offering a sacrifice of praise.

In this program, a bishop or priest reads and comments on the teachings of the Successors of Saint Peter, the Popes. Throughout the course of this program, papal encyclicals and apostolic exhortations, apostolic letters, homilies and messages are read in their entirety, one section at a time.

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Issue Discussed: Being People Anchored to Hope

Program: In this episode, Father Boniface Hicks, a priest and monk of St Vincent Archabbey, Latrobe, PA, read Pope Benedict XVI's homilies for the 1st Sunday of Advent 2008 and 2009. Father Boniface also provided pastoral commentary on this Audience.

Date: 11/27/2020

Time: 2:30pm

Duration: 27 Minutes

Source: Locally Produced

Content Summary: In this episode, Fr. Boniface Hicks, OSB, reads and comments on Pope Benedict XVI's homilies from the 1st Sunday of Advent in 2008 and 2009. The Holy Father notes how the 1st Sunday of Advent begins a new liturgical year, a season of preparation for the birth of our Lord. The term "Advent" comes from the Latin word *adventus*, which means "coming". In the ancient world, this term was used to indicate the arrival or visit of a king or emperor to his province. Jesus is the King who entered this poor "province" called "earth". A fundamental element of the Advent season is expectation which is at the same time hope. Christ is the Messiah who was expected for many long centuries. Because of him, we can be always be people of hope - life is not empty and does not lack meaning! Advent is therefore also a season of joy. This joy, invisibly present within us, encourages us to journey through life with confidence.

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Programming Category: The Teaching of the Apostles®
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They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their property and possessions and divide them among all according to each one's need. Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes. They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people. And every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved. (Acts 2:42-47)

The Teaching of the Apostles® continues to be definitively important for the Christian community. Teaching, on We Are One Body® (WAOB®), is always led by the Pope (using his addresses, audiences, homilies, etc.) and the bishops who are the Successors of the Apostles. In the first segment of the program the Pope or a bishop gives a 20-30 minute teaching (periodically the teaching takes up the whole hour, but that is the exception). The content of the bishop's teaching is meant to be substantial and more catechetical in nature (a higher level theologically). Normally, this teaching is followed by a 25-35 minute conversation between priests, helping to deliver the magisterial teaching to the listeners. The priests can also bring out some additional pastoral dimensions from the bishop's teaching. In this way, they act in accord with what is taught in the Catechism of the Catholic Church on the role of the priest as "prudent cooperators of the episcopal college and its support and instrument, called to the service of the People of God . . ." (CCC 1567)

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Programming Category: The Teaching of the Apostles®

Issue Discussed: Encouragement

Program: In this episode of “The Teaching of the Apostles,®” we heard a General Audience of Pope Francis from 9/20/2017 entitled, “Educating in Hope.” The Audience was read by Father Boniface Hicks, a priest and monk of St Vincent Archabbey, Latrobe, PA.

Date: 12/15/2020

Time: 10:00am

Duration: 8:32 Minutes

Source: Locally Produced

Content Summary: In this General Audience, Pope Francis continued his reflections on Christian hope by reflecting on how we teach the virtue of hope. The Holy Father spoke directly to us, as a father to a young person, offering some beautiful words of encouragement and guidance. In his wisdom, the pope called us to love people, one by one, to not be afraid to dream, to live for something greater than ourselves, to stand up again when we fall, and to never despair. With God’s grace, let us let go of all bitterness; let us take the pope’s words to heart and be beacons of hope to all around us.

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Programming Category: Saint Peter is Still Speaking®

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Then Peter proceeded to speak and said, 'In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him. You know the word [that] he sent to the Israelites as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all, what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and (in) Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised (on) the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name.' While Peter was still speaking these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon on all who were listening to the word. (Acts 10:34-44)

The power of Saint Peter's office was bestowed on him by Christ: "You are Peter and on this rock I build my Church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." (Matthew 16:18) The power of Saint Peter's office calls down the Holy Spirit on all the Jews gathered in Jerusalem on Pentecost and even calls down the Holy Spirit on the Gentiles in the encounter with Cornelius and his household. The power of Saint Peter is still at work through the Successors of Saint Peter, the Popes. Through the Pope, Saint Peter is still speaking and the power of the Holy Spirit is still falling on those who listen.

In this program, recent audiences, homilies, messages and addresses of the Pope, the living successor of Saint Peter, are broadcast. Most often this is the actual voice of the Pope. When the Pope is not speaking in English, voice-over of the English translation is broadcast. In some cases, such as with the Pope's messages, when there is no recording of the Pope's voice to broadcast, the teaching may simply be read by a bishop or priest without the Pope's voice.

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Programming Category: Saint Peter is Still Speaking®

Issue Discussed: Ending Wars

Program: This episode of “Saint Peter is Still Speaking®” was a rebroadcast of an Address of Pope Francis given 9/13/2014 which was the 100th anniversary of the beginning of World War I. This took place in Redipuglia, Italy during the Holy Father’s Pastoral Visit to the region and to the World War I memorial. Father Boniface Hicks, OSB, from St Vincent Archabbey provided the voiceover.

Date: 11/11/2020

Time: 12:30pm and 5:00pm

Duration: 16:24 Minutes

Source: Locally Produced

Content Summary: In this episode, we listened to Pope Francis’s homily on the 100th anniversary of the beginning of World War I. The Pope began by noting how man is called to collaborate in God’s work of creation; but war destroys the most beautiful creation of God: the human being. So many people could care less about others who have died because of the madness of war. They think, “What does it matter to me?” This attitude is the exact opposite of what Jesus asks of us in the Gospel. Jesus says that he is in the smallest of our brothers and sisters. Let us recognize our mistakes, feel the pain caused by war, repent, ask for forgiveness, and cry. Humanity needs to cry for all the victims of the madness of war; this is the hour of weeping.

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Programming Category: Speaking Truth from the Heart®

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*LORD, who may abide in your tent?
Who may dwell on your holy mountain?
Whoever walks without blame,
doing what is right,
speaking truth from the heart;
Who does not slander with his tongue,
does no harm to a friend,
never defames a neighbor;
Who disdains the wicked,
but honors those who fear the LORD;
Who keeps an oath despite the cost,
lends no money at interest,
accepts no bribe against the innocent.
Whoever acts like this
shall never be shaken.*
(Psalm 15)

This program features the writings of the Doctors of the Church, read and commented on by a bishop or priest. The Doctors of the Church are 35 saints, including both men and women, who have been declared by the Pope to be trustworthy teachers of the faith. The original declaration of the four western Doctors (Saint Ambrose, Saint Augustine, Saint Jerome, Pope Saint Gregory the Great), followed by the declaration of four eastern Doctors (Saint Athanasius, Saint Basil, Saint Gregory Nazianzen, Saint John Chrysostom) point to the heart of the Fathers of the Church. Subsequently, Doctors were named who were not Fathers of the Church, but who fulfill three conditions: *eminens doctrina*, *insignis vitae sanctitas*, *Ecclesiae declaratio* (eminent doctrine, a life of remarkable holiness, and a declaration of the Church). We bring you the eminent doctrine of these Doctors through reading their teaching, as well as insights about their life of remarkable holiness through the comments given by the bishop or priest who is leading each episode.

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Programming Category: Speaking Truth from the Heart®

Issue Discussed: Faithfulness and Sacrificial Love in Marriage

Program: Reading and commentary on the writings and teachings of Doctors of the Church. The subject of this particular episode was a chapter of the work “Hidden Beauty” by St. Bonaventure. It was a rebroadcast that had been prepared by Fr. Rick Martignetti, OFM.

Date: 12/10/2020

Time: 1:00pm

Duration: 27 Minutes

Source: Locally Produced

Content Summary: In this episode, Fr. Rick Martignetti, OFM elaborated on reflections of St. Bonaventure regarding faithfulness in our vocation. He began by reflecting on Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. Jesus sweat drops of blood because he allowed himself to enter into the suffering of our humanity. Fr. Rick pointed out that so often we hear husbands and wives say, “Oh, if I knew then what I know now, I would have never married him (or her).” This is a worldly way of thinking that sees marriage as purely a means to our enjoyment. Yet, there are times when marriage requires sacrifice and we need to remain faithful in the good times as well as the bad. In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus was preparing to wed his bride, the Church. How willing are we to make the necessary sacrifices in our life vocation?

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Programming Category: The Hands of God®
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In Psalm 143 we hear about the power of God's hand:

"I remember the days that are past, I ponder all your works, I muse on what your hand has wrought and to you I lift up my hands. Like a parched land my soul thirsts for you." (Psalm 143)

In St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians we hear how we are called to be the hands of God. St Paul says, *"Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it."* (1 Corinthians 1:27) The saints are formed by the hands of God and the saints are the hands of God by which He is forming us.

In this program, led by a bishop or priest, we reflect on the lives of the blessed and saints with a special focus on their virtues, and we pray that the same virtues might also grow in us. The program begins with a text on the life of the blessed or saint. This text is always an official text—published on the Vatican web site for the beatification or canonization of that individual or from a papal homily, audience, address or other magisterial document. In some cases we have biographies of one saint written by another saint. We may also draw on these accounts.

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Issue Discussed: Showing Charity Towards All

Program: In this program a priest read and reflected on a Vatican Biography for the Beatification of a Venerable Servant of God. In this particular episode, Fr Boniface Hicks, OSB, of St Vincent Archabbey, reflected on Blessed Charles de Foucauld.

Date: 11/30/2020 and 12/1/2020

Time: 9:02 pm and 11:00 am

Duration: 13 Minutes

Source: Locally Produced

Content Summary: In this episode of the Hands of God, we mediated on Bl. Charles de Foucauld (1858-1916). Our reflection was based on the Vatican's biography for his beatification. Bl. Charles was a cavalry officer in the French Army, an explorer and geographer who eventually became a Catholic priest and hermit. He fell away from the faith as an adolescent, but then in his 20s, in his struggle of faith, he desperately cried, "God, if you exist, let me come to know you!" By God's grace, he came to know the Lord, fell in love with him, and discovered his priestly vocation during a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Bl. Charles was determined to "shout the Gospel" with his life. In 1916, he was martyred by tribal raiders in French Algeria. Bl. Charles was a great inspiration to all who came to know him. During his life, we know that Bl. Charles de Foucauld had an incredible trial of faith, but when he came to believe, his faith overflowed into charity; he recognized his brotherhood with all people.

Blessed Charles de Foucauld, pray for us.

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Programming Category: Liturgy of the Hours

Programming Category Description

"Now Peter and John were going to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour."

(Acts 3:1)

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that the liturgy of the hours is "like an extension of the Eucharistic celebration." (CCC #1178). Furthermore, the Catechism elaborates, "The mystery of Christ, his Incarnation and Passover, which we celebrate in the Eucharist especially at the Sunday assembly, permeates and transfigures the time of each day, through the celebration of the Liturgy of the Hours, 'the divine office.' This celebration, faithful to the apostolic exhortations to 'pray constantly,' is 'so devised that the whole course of the day and night is made holy by the praise of God.' In this 'public prayer of the Church,' the faithful (clergy, religious, and lay people) exercise the royal priesthood of the baptized. Celebrated in 'the form approved' by the Church, the Liturgy of the Hours 'is truly the voice of the Bride herself addressed to her Bridegroom.' It is the very prayer which Christ himself together with his Body addresses to the Father." (CCC #1174)

The Liturgy of the Hours is broadcast five times per day on We Are One Body® (vigils/office of readings, morning prayer, mid-afternoon prayer, evening prayer and night prayer). WAOB® broadcasts the liturgy of the hours from various forms, always approved by the Church. Most often used is the Roman Rite, but other eastern rites and monastic forms of the liturgy of the hours are also broadcast to give a clearer picture of the universal Church at prayer, in all her legitimate diversity.

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Programming Category: Liturgy of the Hours

Issue Discussed: Praying without Ceasing

Program: **Divine Office (Office of Readings, Morning, Mid-Afternoon, Evening and Night Prayer)**

Date: Sunday through Saturday

Time:

<u>Office of Readings</u>	
Sunday through Saturday	6:15am
Monday through Saturday	2:00pm
 <u>Morning Prayer</u>	
Sunday through Saturday	7:15am
 <u>Mid-Afternoon Prayer</u>	
Monday through Saturday	2:15pm
 <u>Evening Prayer</u>	
Monday through Friday	5:30pm
Saturday and Sunday	7:30pm
 <u>Night Prayer</u>	
Sunday through Saturday	9:30pm

Duration: 10 to 25 Minutes

Source: Locally Produced

Content Summary: The Divine Office is led by various families and religious communities. When we pray the Divine Office, we are reminded that we are praying with the whole Body of Christ throughout time and space. Although most communal faith-based activities outside of the Sacred Liturgy have been limited or cancelled because of Covid, this prayer continued in homes and in convents and monasteries around the country and around the world.

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Programming Category: Behold the Pierced One®
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The Psalmist prophesies the sufferings of Jesus, saying, "They have pierced my hands and my feet--I can count all my bones--they stare and gloat over me." (Psalm 22)

And the Evangelist John gives the historical account of His suffering telling us,

One of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth—that you also may believe. For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled, "Not a bone of him shall be broken." And again another Scripture says, "They shall look upon him whom they have pierced." (Jn 19:34-37)

"The prayer of the Church venerates and honors the Heart of Jesus ... which, out of love for men, he allowed to be pierced by our sins. Christian prayer loves to follow the way of the cross in the Savior's steps. The stations from the Praetorium to Golgotha and the tomb trace the way of Jesus, who by his holy Cross has redeemed the world." (Catechism of the Catholic Church #2669)

In this hour, a priest leads the listener in gazing, with eyes of faith, on the pierced Heart of Jesus. It is this pierced Heart that reveals God's love for sinners, in other words it reveals Divine Mercy. The Hour begins with a prayer, such as a Divine Mercy Chaplet, Prayer of Saint Bridgette, or the Way of the Cross. This prayer is followed by meditations on the Lord's Passion and Mercy drawn from Scripture, papal teaching, the Doctors of the Church, the Fathers of the Church, and the Saints. The meditations are followed by silence and music to give the listener a sacred space to encounter the merciful love of our crucified and risen Lord.

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Programming Category: Behold the Pierced One®

Issue Discussed: Love Solves All Difficulties

Program: **Behold the Pierced One™ (with Divine Mercy Chaplet)**

Date: Tuesday, May 19th and Wednesday, May 20th

Time: Tuesday 3:00pm
Wednesday 3:00am

Duration: 1 Hour

Source: Locally Produced

Content Summary: The hour began with the Divine Mercy Chaplet and then the Chaplet of the Seven Sorrows of Mary. Each day these prayers are prayed and recorded by various families of varying locations. The prayers are chosen because they reflect on the Lord's Passion and indicate the extent of God's mercy.

The prayer is followed by meditations from Scripture, the Pope, the Doctors, the Fathers, and the Saints on the Lord's Passion and Mercy. In this particular episode, a priest read and reflected on the work "Suffering with Christ" by Blessed Columba Marmion, OSB. These passages of the Blessed's writing remind us that Love will solve all the difficulties which may crop up in our lives, helping us to choose and embrace our crosses.

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Programming Category: A Scriptural Rosary
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"Hail, full of grace the Lord is with you. . . Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb." (Luke 1:28,42)

Blessed Pope John Paul teaches us in his Apostolic Letter, Rosarium Virginis Mariae, "The Rosary of the Virgin Mary, which gradually took form in the second millennium under the guidance of the Spirit of God, is a prayer loved by countless Saints and encouraged by the Magisterium. Simple yet profound, it still remains, at the dawn of this third millennium, a prayer of great significance, destined to bring forth a harvest of holiness. It blends easily into the spiritual journey of the Christian life, which, after two thousand years, has lost none of the freshness of its beginnings and feels drawn by the Spirit of God to 'set out into the deep' (duc in altum!) in order once more to proclaim, and even cry out, before the world that Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior, 'the way, and the truth and the life' (John 14:6), 'the goal of human history and the point on which the desires of history and civilization turn'" (#1)

WAOB® broadcasts Scriptural Rosaries every day, prayed and recorded by all the various and diverse members of the mystical Body of Christ.

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Programming Category: A Scriptural Rosary

Issue Discussed: Connectedness during the Holidays during a Pandemic

Program:	A Scriptural Rosary		
Date:	Sunday through Saturday		
Time:	Sunday	11:30am, 6:20pm and 11:00pm	
	Monday through Saturday	11:00am and 11:00pm	
Duration:	30 to 40 Minutes		
Source:	Locally Produced		
Content Summary:	In the Scriptural Rosary, various families lead us in meditating on the mysteries of Christ’s life with the guidance of scripture verses and the intercession of Our Lady. These broadcasts of families praying the Rosary together provided a way of connecting people spiritually as Covid numbers rose and travel was discouraged in this quarter that ended with Thanksgiving and Christmas.		