

**“CHRIST is
both the content and
the dynamic source
of the Church's communications
in proclaiming the Gospel.”**

--Aetatis Novae, 6

FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF OUR LORD

“During His life on earth, Christ showed himself to be the perfect Communicator, while the Apostles used what means of social communication were available in their time. It is now necessary that the same message be carried by the means of social communication that are available today.

...Therefore the Second Vatican Council invited the people of God ‘to use effectively and at once the means of social communication, zealously availing themselves of them for apostolic purposes.’”

-- Communio et Progressio, 126

Catholic radio is truly following in the footsteps of our Lord. As a direct, personal and cost-effective tool for evangelization and catechesis, it is touching souls with the message of Christ’s love and salvation.

From 1997 to 2005, Catholic radio in the United States has grown from just seven stations to over 90. The conversion stories and testimonies resulting from Catholic radio are numerous and continuous. From positively impacting Diocesan and Parish life, to drawing non-Catholics to the Faith, Catholic radio is renewing the Church and the world.

Unite with Others Involved in Catholic Radio

The Catholic Radio Association was founded in 1999. It serves as the trade association for Catholic radio. The CRA works to advance the cause of Catholic radio by providing member services, facilitating the sharing of knowledge and resources, and speaking with a unified voice for its members. The Association's membership includes virtually all Catholic radio apostolates in the country, Catholic radio program providers, the USCCB, and several (arch)dioceses.

By joining forces, the Lord will multiply the influence of Catholic radio throughout the nation. United in solidarity through the Association we can strengthen each other for the salvation of souls and the greater glory of God.

MEMBER SERVICES

- Diocesan Media Integration
- English and Spanish Programming
- Station acquisition assistance
- Equipment Discounts
- Newsletters/Information Exchange
- Loan Program
- Engineering/technical
- Station operating systems
- Fundraising
- Grant program for mission territories

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Effects of Catholic Radio...



*...touching Hearts
the World Over*

LET THE PASTORS SPEAK...

Catholic radio leads to increased activism in parish life. It has a synergistic effect upon the outreaches of the local church. The stories and examples below highlight just some of the ways in which Catholic radio has positively impacted the communities in which it is present.

At St. Stephen's Parish, Midland, TX, (KJBC's listening area), RCIA classes every year are populated by people who listen to Catholic radio. The parish uses Catholic radio to advertise RCIA (many attend who were non-practicing Catholics, but who now want to learn about the Faith).

Catholic radio has influenced Hispanics to actively catechize their children. There is a tremendous increase in the number of Hispanics being catechized. The parish classes are 85% Hispanic. – Rev. James Bridges, St. Stephen's Parish, Midland, TX

Catholic radio “has become a spiritual and faith formation aspect of our parish life... It is also a positive addition to our religious education program.”

– Deacon Jim Bemis, Our Lady Star of the Sea, Esperance, WA

Parishioners share with Fr. Jim Northrop of Sacred Heart Parish, WA what they learn on Catholic radio. Many listen in the car on the way to work. Many in RCIA listen to Catholic radio as a way to learn more about the Faith. People have come back to confession in response to Catholic radio.

“Catholic radio is a great source of encouragement for those in RCIA. It is something that is so convenient, doesn't take a big diocesan effort, but will be a great help.” – Fr. Phill Bloom, Holy Family Parish, WA

Msgr. Lawrence Moran of St. Patrick's Parish, Terre Haute, believes that the station positively affects Mass attendance and RCIA and that it draws people to the Church. He believes many respond to Catholic radio by going to church more often and/or going to confession.

A MEANS OF CONVERSION AND CATECHESIS

Catholic radio continually calls souls to the Catholic Church. The following represent a small basket of “fruits” resulting from Catholic radio:

“I am a Baptist Preacher and I did not know that Catholics studied or

preached the Word of God until my wife and I started listening to KJBC. We have been so inspired at what we have heard it has given us a great hunger to know more...KJBC is the only station I listen to now, and it has led us to join RCIA.”

–B.G., Listener to KJBC,
La Promesa Foundation, Midland, TX

“The other day I was speaking with a local businessman who knew I was involved with the radio station. He walked across the street to tell me how much he enjoyed WDTF. He is not a practicing Christian of any kind that I know of. When I asked him what he thought about the station his response was “sure clears up the muddy waters”.

-- WDTF, Great Cacapon, WV

Ladies in a local restaurant washing dishes always pray the Rosary in Spanish during the Lunch hour.

-- Galilee Radio, Breckenridge, TX

“I was baptized Catholic but knew nothing of the faith. Because I had no understanding, it had no meaning for me and I didn't go to church for many years... But then, this wonderful station came to our area...When I learned about the Real Presence, everything else just fell into place... God used you to find me, His lost sheep. I was lost and now I'm found.”

-- M.D., Listener to Immaculate Heart Radio, Reno, NV

...COMFORTS THE HURTING AND ILL

Catholic radio reaches listeners in the privacy of their home or car. It comforts and offers truth during life's struggles, when no one else is there.

"I am recovering from temporary blindness and for three weeks had to be in a darkened room. You have no idea what a comfort to me were your broadcasts during this period."

-- Genya L., Listener to Immaculate Heart Radio, Sacramento, CA

One person having financial, business, and family problems was listening to the radio in the small hours of the morning and states that she was consoled by a program and prevented from committing suicide.

-- Galilee Radio, Breckenridge, TX

Two suicides were prevented through KBVM. Two people sent letters saying that what they heard was so beautiful, they couldn't go through with killing themselves. One person heard the Spanish Rosary and said it was so beautiful he couldn't commit suicide.

-- KBVM, Portland, OR