

RadioActive Messenger

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2005 RADIO CONFERENCE

"THAT ALL MAY BE ONE"

2005 Global Catholic Radio Conference in October

Make plans to attend this year's Global Catholic Radio conference co-hosted with EWTN. The conference is set for October 20-22, 2005 at the Wynfrey Hotel in Birmingham, AL. The conference will be an opportunity to learn, be inspired, and network with others working in Catholic radio. New this year is a Spanish track. Register early to receive a discount. Visit the [CRA website](#) for more details.

ASSOCIATION HAPPENINGS

EPISCOPAL LUNCHEON

Our annual Episcopal Luncheon took place on June 16th in Chicago, IL. Doug Sherman gave a heartfelt talk about how Catholic radio can be of great service to the Bishop and his Church. There was a fruitful discussion following Doug's talk. Several bishops asked questions which showed their interest in Catholic radio and a number of bishops publicly expressed support for Catholic radio efforts in their dioceses.

MEMBER SERVICES

The Catholic Radio Association offers its members several vital products and services that aid in all aspects of radio station operation:

- **Station acquisition assistance**
- At the member's request, the Association will help members to locate, evaluate and negotiate a station in their market. The Association has contacts developed with multiple radio station brokers to

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THE PASSING OF A TORCH

For years many of you have been reading the Catholic Radio Update put out faithfully by Mike Dorner. After several years and thousands of hours of dedication Mike has decided to pass the torch to the CRA that he may spend more time with his family. Kudos and thanks to Mike for his selflessness. Please remember Mike and his family in your prayers.

With the incorporation of the Catholic Radio Update into the RadioActive Messenger (RAM) we will be redesigning the format. The RAM will be published monthly beginning in September. The commentary and information blocks will be shorter as they will come more frequently. There will be a section devoted to what is happening at the FCC and one to what is happening in the world of Catholic radio. Finally, the newsletter will come to you in HTML format with an attached .pdf. This will allow you to easily archive the files and have less fear of viruses. Newsletters will continue to be archived on the [CRA web site](#) as well.

Finally, we have almost completed the conversion of the many databases over which Mike has labored into one database to facilitate easier access to information. This database will be updated monthly and available as a resource to you. We will disseminate it semi-annually or as requested.

Once again, thank you Mike for your labors.

THE CRA AND SUNNY SOUTH CAROLINA

Have you encountered a disconnected phone line or returned or delayed mail the last couple months while

quickly find stations that are for sale and can also members to locate and negotiate a station acquisition directly with the owner.

- **Marketing** – The Association is committed to and currently developing a marketing strategy incorporating the internet, Catholic periodicals and Catholic television to promote Catholic radio across the nation.
- **Credit card processing** – The Association has developed a discounted credit card processing plan for members.
- **Special events** – The Association co-hosts with EWTN an annual Global Catholic Radio conference each year to provide members with the most up-to-date information and guidance available.
- **Newsletters/information exchange** – The Association provides to its members a [bimonthly newsletter](#) with information, pertinent news and ideas relevant to Catholic broadcasting.
- **Regulatory** – The Association shares with its members via its newsletter and/or e-mail broadcast any regulatory changes or updates of which it becomes aware.
- **Resource sharing** – The Association makes known to its members via its newsletter of any items or abilities possessed by Association members which other members may be interested in.
- **Engineering/technical** – The Association will evaluate the coverage area of a station that a member is seeking to purchase and provide recommendations as to its upgrade-ability, suggested purchase price, and signal enhancement. The fee for a detailed upgrade analysis is only \$495. [V-Soft Communications](#), a broadcast consulting firm, has agreed to offer its AM/FM spectrum

trying to contact the CRA? You are probably not alone. Less than five weeks after we moved the offices of the CRA to Central Wisconsin from Green Bay we received an invitation to move the Association to Charleston, SC.

The invitation was proffered by the Most Rev. Robert Baker, Bishop of Charleston. Bishop Baker sits on our Episcopal Advisory Board and believes so deeply in the work of the CRA that he invited us to his diocese and gave us office space in his Chancery. We are deeply indebted to him for his generosity and confidence.

Bishop Baker along with Archbishop Elden Curtiss (Omaha) and Archbishop John Donoghue (Atlanta ret.) will be at the 2005 Global Catholic Radio Conference. Come meet them.

FCC NEWS

LPFM Comment Date Extended: The FCC extended the comment date on its Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for the LPFM service to August 22. The CRA has filed comments on behalf of the LPFM service. We invite you to do the same. You may access the Notices and electronic filing at <http://www.fcc.gov/mb/audio/lpfm/index.html>

The September issue of the RAM will contain all the decisions and applications before the FCC for June, July and August.

IN THE WORLD OF CATHOLIC RADIO

New Stations:

KHOJ AM 1460 in St. Charles, MO is another addition to the stable of Covenant Network in St. Louis. KHOJ (formerly KIRL) offers a much better signal to the Western metropolitan area of St. Louis and completes Covenant Network's coverage of the entire St. Louis metro. WHOJ operates at 5 kW day and 85 watts at night.

WUCO AM 1270 in Marysville, OH went on the air with 24 hour Catholic programming on August 1. WUCO is the first station for St. Gabriel Radio in their work to cover the Diocese of Columbus with Catholic radio. It operates at 500 watts with a directional antenna. St. Gabriel Radio also has purchased a construction permit for **89.5 FM** in Lexington, OH to cover the NE corner of the diocese. It hopes to have that station up by the end of the year.

WCVC AM 1330 went on the air in Tallahassee, FL on August 15, the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. WCVC operates with 5 kW during the day. Bruce Conroy and crew have been working for years to make this station a reality. Below is an excerpt from Bruce's e-mail to us announcing the good news:

analysis services to CRA members at a \$950 discount if the initial engineering is done by the CRA. The Association has developed an LPFM equipment list that costs under \$11k.

- **Legal** – The Association has developed relationships with two attorneys practiced in FCC law, contractual work who offer their services to the members at reduced rates.
- **Purchasing** – The Association has developed discount purchase plans for members on a wide variety of needed services and equipment:
 - **Broadcast Software International (BSI)** - 20% discount on all its proprietary software to Association members, and a 10% discount on all other software and hardware.
 - **Armstrong Transmitter Corporation** - 25% discount on the purchase of all transmitters and a 20% discount on the purchase of all other hardware to members.
 - **Gorman-Redlich** - 5% discount and free shipping on its well-known Emergency Alert Systems (EAS) to members.

How About a FREE NCE FM???

NCE FM Application Window

According to notices released by the FCC, its flurry of activity in clearing up mutually-exclusive applications in the NCE band (88.1-91.9 MHz) and comments made by some of its staff, it is very likely that the FCC will open an application window this year for new NCE applications. **Now** is the time to begin engineering studies, site location, etc. Once the window is announced applicants will only have a limited amount of time to complete all of the required aspects of the process. E-mail us today for an informational packet and see how

In thanks to Mary for her intercession, for the prayer of the Sisters of Mother Angelica's Order, to the many donors, to a fine Anglican station manager at the station currently who convinced an anti-Catholic owner to sell to us, to a fine station broker who persisted, to Saint Joseph to whom I prayed each day, and most of all to our Lord for His merciful grace, I wish to announce that by only the unfathomable power of His Will that:

On Monday, August 15, 2005, Kepha Communications, Inc., will begin operation of WCVC radio, 1330 AM, in Tallahassee, Florida. Monday is the Solemnity of the Assumption and the 24th Anniversary of EWTN television. May this station bring the Good News to all who hear!

After 2 1/2 years of errors, mistakes, and struggle I wish to thank you for your help. I hope to speak with both of you soon. God Bless.

KQOV-LP 98.5 FM went on the air 24/7 on Sunday, August 21 with full-time Catholic programming. Below is an excerpt from Greg DePuydt at Queen of Victory Radio announcing the station:

QUEEN OF VICTORY IS NOW ON THE AIR 24/7 IN BUTTE, MONTANA WITH THE EWTN GLOBAL CATHOLIC RADIO NETWORK.

TUNE IN AT 98.5 FM.

PLEASE TELL YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

These are just the stations that have begun broadcasting recently. There are a number of them in the works right now. A number of contracts have been signed and new stations will be coming on the air shortly in a number of cities. God is good!

Prayer for Catholic Radio Station

By Tom Neal, Kepha Communications

God our Father, we humbly seek this day your all-powerful blessing on the work we have begun and ask you to bring it to completion. Give success to the work of our hands.

Lord Jesus, we seek your blessing on this new radio station and ask you to consecrate it to the bold proclamation of your living Word, proclaimed in the midst of your one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. Guard us from the Evil One and from all those who would sow destruction or despair. Keep us in communion of mind and heart with our Pope and Bishops, upon whom we invoke your mercy.

Spirit of God, rain upon our labors your sevenfold gifts that we may make known in truth and love the voice of Jesus. Keep us ever-faithful to your inspirations, always open to the Truth, and never allow us to be conquered by pride. Create unity in our

you can establish an FM Catholic radio station in your area.

work and broadcast through us the seeds of the Word. Make us instruments of reconciliation among all your people, and of genuine renewal and reform.

Mother of the Word incarnate, remember this work as you come into the presence of your Son. Help us to remain humble in the image of your own heart, and guide us to the Heart of your Son. Protect us from all evil and bring to us the God of Life whom you bore in your womb and nursed at your breast. Help us to proclaim the greatness of the Lord and to ever-rejoice in God our Savior.

May the offering of our service and the prayer of the blessed Archangel Gabriel, patron of radio broadcasting, be acceptable in your sight, O Lord.

Lord, show us your mercy and love,

And grant us your salvation.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

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Give your prayer wings: Accompany your prayer day with one *secret* sacrifice.

When you call the next link in the prayer chain: "Just a call to remind you to remember the intentions of our new Catholic Radio Station in prayer. If the Lord does not build this station, in vain will we labor."

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ASSOCIATION

"The era of missions is not over. Christ still needs generous men and women who will become messengers of the Good News to the ends of the earth. Have no fear of following Him. Share freely with others the faith that you have received!" -- John Paul II