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Association Happenings

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Now that 2004 is underway, we have the opportunity to look back at 2003 and see the great work God has accomplished through Catholic radio and the Association.

We had two very helpful meetings with our Episcopal Advisory Board last year wherein we showed the great good that Catholic radio is doing. More and more individual bishops are seeing the indispensability of Catholic radio in accomplishing the Church's mission of catechesis and evangelization, especially within the Hispanic community. We will continue to work through the Episcopal board with the US bishops to determine how best we may aid them in their sacred task and to explain to them how they may comfortably rely upon our members and Catholic radio.

In addition to numerous individual AM and FM engineering studies for our members, in March the CRA assisted several dioceses and apostolates in the submission of over a hundred FM translator applications. We also helped several members with FM NCE engineering studies and allocation applications. To top off our engineering assistance for the year, in January of 2004 we finished up with the engineering studies and FCC applications for 60 new AM stations across the country. This work alone can practically double the number of Catholic-programmed stations. Pray that God grant us success with these applications.

If you are interested in bringing Catholic radio to your community, keep watching your e-mail inbox. As soon as the FCC releases its Public Notice announcing the next application opportunity, we will relay that notice on to newsletter subscribers.

In June the Association and EWTN again held the national Catholic radio conference. We had record attendance and significant improvements in topics, presenters and organization. Plans are already underway for the **2004 Catholic radio conference on June 10-12**. We will be adding additional tracks and workshops, a new hotel, as well as a Vatican representative (invited).

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One-0-Five Live: the Pope's Radio Online!

Vatican City

There is only one radio station in the world that is entitled to call itself 'The Pope's Radio'. It was created by the combined efforts of a Pope and the inventor of radio, Giulelmo Marconi. It was the first radio station in the world. There is only one radio station that broadcasts in forty seven languages to every corner of the earth. Its name is Vatican Radio.

One-0-Five Live is the dynamic youngest child of Vatican Radio. It is bilingual English and Italian and reaches out to the whole world. ***One-0-Five Live*** keeps you up-to-date with all that is latest in the Church and the world, offering an in-depth, balanced insight into all that is happening.

The Catholic Church is the only organization in the world that is represented in even the most remote and isolated areas. That is why Vatican Radio is able to present a unique panorama and outreach through its transmissions. ***One-0-Five Live***, as part of Vatican Radio, is committed to share the Word of God with all peoples, regardless of gender, nationality, culture and economic and social status.

One-0-Five Live broadcasts on FM in Rome, but also through the Internet, using its website. If you look at 105live.vaticanradio.org, you will see the varied diet we can offer you for your enjoyment. The website is updated daily.

We can provide news of both the Church and the world through our news program and 'The Paper Chase'. But, at the same time, our team presents features on wide-ranging issues and interviews with a vast range of interest and expertise.

One-0-Five Live is making its programs freely available for use by the media worldwide. Take a look at the website. Click on the audio archive. See if there is something that would be of value to your schedule and your audience. Contact us. Our e-mail address is 105live@vatiradio.org. Perhaps there is a way in which we will all be able to work together for the benefit of the people we serve. Ω

Association Happenings cont'd

In October the Association, with the technical assistance of EWTN and Queen of Peace Radio, hosted the first ever national Catholic radiothon as a means to assist stations with their fundraising efforts. It proved very helpful with one station even raising \$200,000. Through the radiothon the Association was able to raise approximately \$5,000 that will be distributed to Catholic radio efforts in the Caribbean and Central America.

In addition to the above visible initiatives, the Association assisted many apostolates with their efforts to establish a Catholic station - several of those are now on the air.

2004 holds great promise in the establishment of two loan programs through which members may acquire capital for the purchase or upgrade of a station; the second national radiothon, to be held **September 22-24**; the institution of an Association health plan through which members may access health insurance at reduced rates; our continued outreach to the hierarchy and an expansion of other member services.Ω

Simian Version 1.6 is now available

Broadcast Software International (BSI) recently announced the release of Simian 1.6. BSI has incorporated over a hundred user suggestions in recent releases, including improved deckfade macros to increase user control, improved index handling and playback on MP3 files, added control over the Async deck, increased webcasting functions and serial strings, and a "Reset Cart" command to allow Simian to go back to the first item in a cart, even if all the items have not been played.

Other new features include Dynamic Time Compression, which allows broadcasters to condense their broadcast without any pitch-shifting, enabling them to easily meet top-of-the-hour deadlines every time. BSI's Smart Carts ensure that out-of-date spots will not be played, and Simian can also check a log "as-of" a certain date so that broadcasters can check their schedule days in advance. Mixer fader gang control has been added to the satellite feature set and BSI Simian also has improved Voice-Tracking with remote capability. Simian is available directly to CRA

members at a 20% discount off list price. Ω

[HELP WITH YOUR PUBLIC INSPECTION FILE](#)

Are you not quite sure what is supposed to be in your Public Inspection File? Well, Graham Brock has put together a checklist to assist you in complying with the FCC's rules. Visit their website at www.grahambrock.com and click on "Services" for more information or contact Cliff

EWTN/CRA National Radio Conference

Plan now to attend the annual Catholic radio conference scheduled for **June 10-12, 2004** in Birmingham, AL. This year's conference will again contain an FCC update provided by the Assistant Chief of the FCC's Audio Division, an LPFM track to cover areas and answer questions specifically pertaining to LPFM stations, a detailed program to aid you in making the most out of this year's national radiothon, a short retreat and much more. Whether you've attended in the past or not, there will be something for you. Look for registration materials in your inbox soon. Ω

The Gabriel Awards

"For more than 38 years, Catholic Academy for Communication Arts Professionals has sponsored the Gabriel Awards, designed to honor works of excellence in broadcasting--programs, features, spots and stations -- which serve viewers and listeners through the positive, creative treatment of concerns to humankind. By sponsoring this annual awards competition, Catholic Academy for Communication Arts Professionals hopes to encourage broadcasters and producers to provide programming that serves, enriches and challenges their communities."



To enter one of your programs visit the Catholic Academy web site at www.catholicacademy.org.Ω

Adobe Audition Replaces Cool Edit Pro

Syntrillium, has been purchased by Adobe Software. This will mean some changes to those of you who use their award-winning audio editor, Cool Edit Pro. If you already have Cool Edit Pro 2.0, you can download Adobe Audition for free, or purchase a CD for just \$20 through Adobe Software. If you have Cool Edit 2000 or Cool Edit Pro 1.0 and are a CRA member, you can upgrade for \$89. Adobe Audition includes 4,500 royalty-free loops, but Syntrillium's loopology.com has been discontinued. Adobe Audition is just \$269 for CRA members. Visit www.adobe.com for more information about Adobe Audition.Ω

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