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Association Happenings

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We must continuously give thanks to God for all the good he is accomplishing in and through Catholic radio. God's fidelity to himself in blessing those whom he has called to participate with him in this great work of evangelization and catechesis and those he has blessed through Catholic radio is a constant source of wonder and encouragement for me as I am sure it is for each of you involved in this apostolate.

I am completing this column after returning from a long but very fruitful trip to Birmingham and Denver.

Birmingham was the site of the 2004 Global Catholic Radio Conference, which we co-host with EWTN each year. The blessings of the conference are manifold each year. Here are just a couple highlights:

- We began the conference this year with a retreat. The response from the attendees as to the way in which God touched them through it was profound. Several commented that it was the best part of the conference.
- Michael Wagner of the FCC provided helpful insights as to how to acquire new licenses in upcoming FCC application windows and how to operate lawfully in regards to sponsorships.
- Steve Kellmeyer (author, speaker, comedian) of Peoria, IL gave an insightful and witty exposition on the importance of sound catechesis as part of the process of evangelization. His talk was widely acclaimed as the finest of the conference.

This year's conference was commonly hailed as the fbest yet. With such a high bar to meet for next year, conference planning for 2005 is already underway. We plan to have firm dates for you by this Fall so that even more people may attend.

In Denver the Association carried on its outreach to U.S. Bishops. The Board of Directors and the Episcopal Advisory Board hosted our semi-annual luncheon. It was well attended by over 30 bishops. Even though we had to deal with severe time

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Political Responsibility & Pro-Life Ads

Staten Island, NY

The 2000 Presidential election was decided by the fewest votes in American history. If just 269 people changed their votes, the election would have been decided differently. Yet in this important election, half of American Catholics did not vote! The problems is that there is a common misunderstanding that Catholics are supposed to focus more on the world to come instead of the world in which we live.

Priests for Life is seeking to change that. Through our educational efforts, we are showing that not only are Catholics asked to fulfill our civic duty, but that the Faith demands that we do so. We are bringing the message that it is because of the world to come that Catholics are called to improve upon this world. The words used during transubstantiation, "fruit of the vine and the work of *human hands*" and "...bread, which earth has given and *human hands* have made", illustrate this point. God does not want Catholics to be separated from the world, but rather wants us to bring about good, which He then raises up.

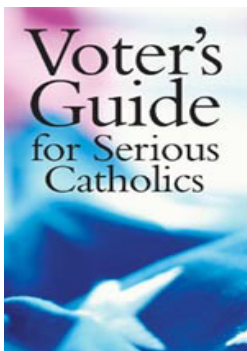
As a major part of this educational effort to activate Catholics, we have produced a number of radio ads available for download on our website at <http://priestsforlife.org/radio/index.htm>. The ads inform Catholics about aspects of the political process, talk about particular opportunities for activism, and call Catholics to register and vote. You have full permission to use the ads to spread the pro-life message in this extremely important year. Please use the ad or ads that you think would be most suited to your audience. If you have further questions, please contact us at media@priestsforlife.org. Thank you for helping us to inform Catholics about the importance of political responsibility. Ω

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constraints and did not have the time necessary to develop many of our themes, the bishops gathered spoke highly of the need for and the importance of Catholic radio. Please pray for our shepherds frequently that God may grant to them the wisdom and fortitude they need to fulfill their grave responsibilities.

Finally, plans are well underway for the 2004 national Catholic radiothon. Look for something in your Inbox soon.Ω

Catholic Answers Voter's Guide



Millions of American Catholics consistently vote for politicians who support abortion, euthanasia, fetal stem cell research, human cloning, homosexual "marriage," and other intrinsically immoral policies.

American Catholics must learn how to vote—not just as Americans but as Catholics too. They need to judge each candidate individually based on

where he stands on key moral issues. They need to exclude from their consideration any candidate who is wrong on any of these issues.

But before that can happen, Catholic voters need to know what those key moral issues are—and what the Church teaches about each one.

Catholic Answers plans to tell them. We've put together an easy-to-read "how-to" voter's guide. We call it the "Voter's Guide for Serious Catholics."

Our voter's guide clearly and concisely gives official Church statements on five "non-negotiable" moral issues.

After reading it, there will be no doubt or confusion about what the Church teaches and requires of her children.

It also explains the Catholic citizen's duty to participate in political life by voting—and by voting in line with Church teachings. The voter's guide does not endorse any particular candidate or political party. But it does teach the reader how to determine a candidate's position on the non-negotiable issues. It even explains which offices a conscientious Catholic should worry about.

It gives the reader complete references for all Church documents cited, and it encourages the reader to share the voter's guide with others. Ω

FCC FM AUCTION

Important cut-off dates are fast approaching for the oft-postponed and last worthwhile commercial FM Auction (see dates below). Perhaps in some way the constant delays to this auction have been a good thing in that they have allowed the apostolate of Catholic radio time to mature in order to take advantage of as many of these unique opportunities as possible. With the incredible numerical growth that our Protestant brothers and sisters are accomplishing in the AM and FM band, and are poised to repeat in this auction, the importance of Catholics giving priority to this auction cannot be overemphasized.

We have a listing of the 290 channels which are on the auction block, their opening bids and proposed coverage maps to help you determine the value and feasibility of pursuing any of the available channels. Simply send an e-mail request to SGajdosik@CatholicRadioAssociation.org and ask for information on auction channels in your area. Please note that a number of these opportunities are upgradeable to cover a larger populace than that which the original allocation allowed.

Dennis Kelly, J.D., a long-time friend of Catholic radio and a superb communications attorney, is available to assist any Catholic entity through the actual auction process.

Please contact the Association and Dennis as soon as possible if you have any interest in obtaining an FM license for Catholic broadcasting.

Important Dates:

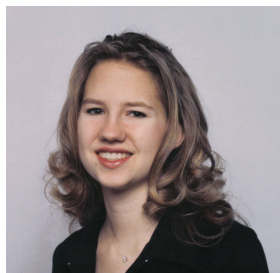
July 22, 2004--an auction seminar in Washington

August 6, 2004--deadline for the filing of FCC Form 175 applications

September 24, 2004--deadline for making "upfront payments"

November 3, 2004--auction starts Ω

Welcome Mary Beth!



With the continued growth of Catholic radio and the corresponding demand for service from the Association, we have hired Mary Beth Bolle as Administrative Assistant to help in providing you with timely service. Mary Beth holds a degree in History from Steubenville with minors in Theology and Communications.

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