

faith & real life

inspire • encourage • restore



OCTOBER 2020

a message from founder & director of LMBM, greg Wasinski ...

Let me say before anything else; we pray for you often and give thanks for **YOU** daily.

March 12, 2020: I boarded a flight to St. Petersburg, FL for an event. The flight was normal, we were picked up as usual by our host, and then the year changed completely. After arriving at the church, we were told they were concerned about this "Corona Virus" and booked us a hotel room for the night, so we should look for flights to head back home. I had no idea we would watch the rest of our events cancel one by one during our busiest season. Ministry, as we know it, changed that day.

Although I was frustrated, I could feel God's presence reminding us of the many decisions we made as a ministry the year prior that had prepared us for this very thing. As missionaries, we have to work harder than ever for a world whose churches were closing, businesses shutting down, and all school events cancelled. Since our return home from that Florida commute, we began making our message available daily LIVE with our first broadcasted conversation on March 16th, 2020.

This October newsletter update comes **SIX** months since our April Showers Fundraiser, when so many people made it possible for us to continue our work during a time of financial loss. We have worked to be good stewards of the donations received and put forth an unceasing effort to be God's instrument despite the "shutdown." Although, most live events are still on hold till 2021, we have been blessed to see lives changed by the ministry offered through media, livestreams, and other resources.

Here is a brief overview and a few updates on all the ministry is accomplishing:

“ I started Coffee and Conversation because I was stuck home, scared and not seeing anybody. I needed to socialize. I continued because I truly learned how to get even closer to God... ~ Carrie (Buffalo, NY) **”**

“ I love listening to Coffee and Conversation. It helps get my day started on a positive note... The message always seems to be exactly what I need to hear that day! ~ Lynnette (Lorain, OH) **”**

“ Their work is professional, inspirational, life giving and an incredible gift to our parish community. Thank you for your phenomenal work!" ~ Fr. Max Cole (Holy Angels Church) **”**

inspire coffee & conversation live



Our mission is to serve as an extension of the church. When people are away from the physical building, we must bring the church to them. Our morning show broadcast on social media starts a faith based daily conversation that allows viewers to comment and be in community with each other; a chance to re-connect.

After **SEVEN** weeks of **FIFTY** consecutive shows, Greg invited ministry collaborators, Carrie Ann Ford and Millie Prebel to host two days a week. **Coffee & Conversation** can be found live on the Faith and Real Life Facebook page with episodes cataloged on our Bee TV YouTube channel, as well as on our web site: FaithandRealLife.com

since march: 185 shows with 3,300 viewers

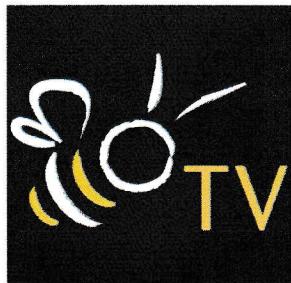
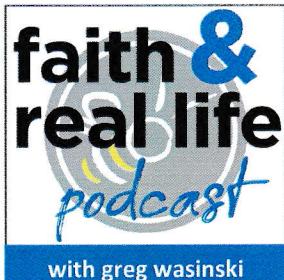
encourage community outreach

We remain responsible for each other. One way the ministry has continued serving our larger community throughout this pandemic is by sharing our skills and equipment for video production. LMBM has recorded and edited all Sunday Masses for the Church of the Holy Angels, as well as other Sacramental celebrations in Northeast Ohio for those unable to travel. We are called to help the community feel connected while they are celebrating spiritual communion at home.



over 400 hrs. of filming and editing

strengthening hearts... feeding souls



restore media

Along with the new daily program schedule the ministry has aired EIGHT livestream events, led SIX online conferences and workshops, and released TWENTY-THREE podcasts. The Faith & Real Life Podcast can be found on all podcast platforms, including Apple. Additionally, we plan to offer THREE more live events online this year, a weekly Advent reflection series, and, for the first time in nine months, we will visit local parishes to share nights of music and inspiration, while safely social distancing.

While we continue to work on other projects and resources for the beginning of next year, we are looking for the best ways to connect with people during this time in history. Many issues relating to mental health, fear, hopelessness and a lack of church attendance need to be addressed to restore people back to the amazing child of God they are created to be.



2020 volunteer of the year

bob reisinger



As a "Ministry Advocate," Bob's involvement is truly inspiring. He volunteered countless hours, offered fundraising assistance, and created key relationships to help our ministry. Most importantly we are blessed to have him as our friend.
Bob, we thank God for you!

in-person fundraiser update announcing #wegivecatholic!

By now you've probably figured out that we were forced to cancel the 2020 Night in New Orleans Annual Fundraiser altogether. This was done after thoughtful consideration, and with an abundance of caution. We currently have a date for April 17, 2021 on hold for an in-person gathering. For now, put that date on your calendar. More information will come in the New Year as we can confirm the best way to gather.



Northeast Ohio's Online Day of Catholic Giving

Our fundraising focus now relies on our year-end donations. We are kicking off efforts with the #weGIVECATHOLIC online Giving Tuesday event, December 1, 2020. Last year, through this support we raised funds necessary to purchase tour equipment needed for the ministry. Looking ahead, without live events that normally provide our funding, we remain faithful to sharing God's message through different resources. We can't do it alone, so we need your help to fund our missionary work. Please watch your mail and email in the next few weeks with more information about this day. We have some special plans and a few surprises to make it a time of celebration to close out the year! www.wegivecatholic.org/organizations/lmbm-inc



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