



## BUILDING BRIDGES: YEAR 2 OF THE ONE INITIATIVE

Dear Friends,

As we enter Year Two of *The ONE Initiative*, we do so with deep gratitude and renewed conviction. Year One awakened hearts - naming the reality of the lost sheep among us and reminding people that they are seen, known, and loved by God. Because of your support, those conversations moved beyond awareness and into real moments of encounter, healing, and hope.

This year, our focus becomes ***Building Bridges***: a mission deeply aligned with the heart of the Catholic Church. The Church is supposed to be a place of communion, accompaniment, and invitation, and Year Two intentionally lives out that call with our support.

*Building Bridges* is about walking with people who feel distant, disconnected, or unsure how to return - meeting them where they are and gently leading them back into relationship with Christ and His Church.

At the heart of *Building Bridges* is **story**. Faith has always been handed on person to person, generation to generation, through lived witness and shared experience. This year, we are helping people rediscover that their story matters - that their struggles, questions, losses, and hopes are not barriers to faith, but often the very places where God is most present. When people are invited to tell their story and listen to the stories of others, faith becomes human again - real, accessible, and alive.

My reminder of the power of telling our stories came to life during our tour this winter of ***The ONE Live Experience***. After finishing the final night of our event, a beautiful, but emotional woman, came up to me after to say, "After losing my husband of 60 years I felt I didn't have a purpose anymore. Now, I know by just smiling and talking to other people, I can make a difference." As Mother Theresa reminded us, "Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love." That's why this woman's testimony is so powerful: an understanding she still possessed great love.

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# THE ONE

LIVE EVENT EXPERIENCE

PRESENTED BY  
GREG WASINSKI

MUSICAL GUEST  
CARRIE FORD

LENT 2026

**FEBRUARY 22 & 23**  
MADISON, OH - IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

**MARCH 2 & 3**  
LANCASTER, NY - OUR LADY OF POMPEII

**MARCH 4 & 5**  
BUFFALO, NY - OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART

**MARCH 17 & 18**  
VALPARAISO, IN - ST. PAUL

**MARCH 23 & 24**  
WESTFIELD, MA - ST. MARY'S

We are intentionally creating spaces where bridges can form between generations and life experiences— between seniors and youth, widows and single mothers, fathers and their children, longtime parishioners and those quietly sitting in the pews wondering why they are there. *Building Bridges* is not only about welcoming those on the outside back in; it is also about engaging the person already inside who feels unseen, disconnected, or silently broken. Through honest conversation, shared witness, and compassionate accompaniment, these relationships become bridges to hope.

Because of you, *The ONE Initiative* is no longer just a vision - it is becoming a living movement. Year Two is about strengthening connections, deepening faith, and restoring purpose— so that no one feels forgotten, and no one walks alone. Together, we are building bridges that lead hearts back to Christ, back to community, and back to the life of the Church - one story, one family, one relationship at a time.

With Ultimate Respect,

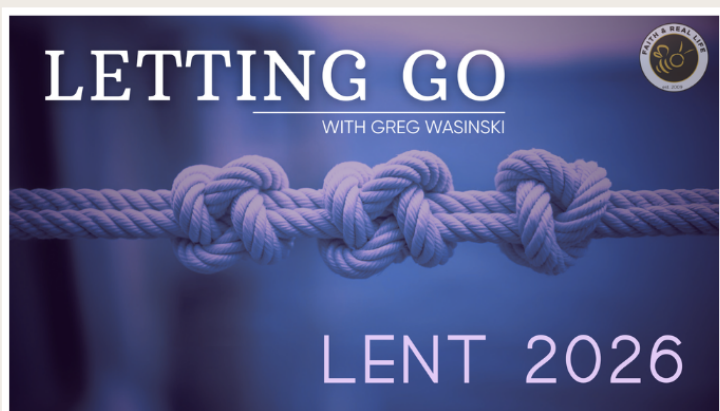


**Greg Wasinski**

Founder & Director, *Faith & Real Life*

## BOOK REFLECTION & LENTEN SERIES THIS SEASON

### LENT INSPIRATION



WEEKLY SERIES



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## WELCOMING NEW MINISTRY TEAM MEMBERS

Since we were granted our official non-profit status in 2012, we have worked to form a Board of Directors that could not only help guide the mission, but members who would live their own call to be active in the work Christ is calling us to do. Faith & Real Life has grown our Board to seven members and the addition of a priestly spiritual advisor role to affirm all our efforts stay rooted in the foundation of the Church.

***Please meet our newest members...***



### **DIANE SCARTZ**

I am deeply committed to the mission of restoring faith, rebuilding community, and reaching those who feel disconnected from the church. I believe strongly in the vision of THE ONE Initiative and its focus on guiding people back to a meaningful relationship with God, purpose, and belonging.

I am especially passionate about expanding online faith-based programming - so that individuals and families, regardless of location or circumstance, can experience spiritual growth, healing, and connection. I see digital outreach as a powerful way to meet people where they are and remove barriers to faith.



### **MIGUEL CHAVEZ, DMin, MA, MBA**

I currently serve as Senior Vice President of Mission and Ministry for the Sisters of Charity Health System in Cleveland, Ohio and was previously the Director of the Office of Missionary Discipleship for the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland. As a consultant in evangelization, discipleship formation, and pastoral leadership, I am passionate about forming and engaging men and women as evangelizing storytellers.

I'm honored to serve on the board of Faith & Real Life and have seen firsthand how this powerful ministry draws people to Christ through the grace of the Holy Spirit. It's authentic approach reaches hearts through joyful accompaniment, thoughtful wisdom, and faithful leadership.



### **FR. JACOB BEARER, Pastor St. Edward & Lucy, Parkman, OH**

I've been privileged to have had the Faith & Real Life team out at our parish and see how the faith is being shared in an authentic and theologically sound way. What I see is a team that wants to build people up in their faith using retreats, tools, and media. Lay vocations are an important way to connect with those who have drifted away and I see the work of this ministry as a bridge to help welcome them back.

## NOTES FROM THE ROAD & TOURING



Church of St. Patrick, Sarasota, FL

Our Advent tour of The ONE Live Experience took us south this year. A few thousand miles traveled with three team members, a trailer, and lots of "road snacks" found us in Florida, in the cities of Osprey and Sarasota. From there we traveled to North Carolina for a combination of events in Wilmington and Hampstead. Not only did we meet amazing people, we saw the biggest impact on people's hearts that we have ever seen over the last sixteen years. The message of this event is changing lives in ways we couldn't have imagined.

The story that sticks out the most is a lady named Stella in Sarasota. After the show she came up to me and said, ***"I am 88 years old and have been Catholic my whole life. I feel like tonight is the closest I have been to a relationship with God ever. Thank you."*** While we are the ones who do the events, it is your support and prayers that make encounters like this possible for those we are able to evangelize to - THANK YOU!

## DON'T JUST OBSERVE LENT - ENTER INTO IT

Lent is a sacred season of reflection, repentance, and renewal — but it can easily get lost in the noise of daily life. A personal retreat creates intentional space to slow down, pray deeply, and listen for God's voice. At Faith & Real Life Ministry's **Trilogy Retreat Property**, you'll find peaceful surroundings, prayerful spaces, and quiet solitude designed to help you step away from distractions and step into encounter.

### AT TRILOGY OUR MINISTRY CAN HELP YOU:

- FEEL CLOSER TO GOD
- BLOCK OUT THE NOISE OF LIFE
- LAY DOWN BURDENS
- RENEW YOUR HOPE
- RETURN REFRESHED AND STRENGTHENED



**DON'T LET LENT PASS YOU BY. SET ASIDE TIME, COME AWAY, AND BE RENEWED.**



*"Thank you so much for this weekend. When I dreamed about having an uninterrupted chance to write, my hopes paled in comparison to this! I am so grateful that God brought me here and that you welcomed me through your ministry. Thank you for this amazing gift and I look forward to coming back and sharing it with the people I love!"*  
~ Ariane, TRILOGY GUEST



### WITH DONATIONS LAST YEAR, WE WERE ABLE TO:

- Offer hundreds of books to those in need at no charge
- Provide retreats to EVERYONE who desired time away with God
- Transform the lives of over 2,000 people who attended live events
- Bring lost sheep back to church communities
- Update Ministry website increasing videos & resources to accompany people in their faith

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## YOUR GENEROSITY COULD CHANGE THE COURSE OF A LIFE!

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