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## Catholic Radio: The Word of God is Closer Than You Think

By Christine Corbett Conklin

The Word of God is literally right at your fingertips, thanks to the miracle of Catholic radio. You don't need to search for Bible passages, scroll through internet sites or fumble through stacks of literature to be well-grounded in Catholic news, issues and doctrine.

For those of us in Central Washington, Catholic radio is becoming more and more accessible. We now have stations based in Yakima, Moses Lake, Wenatchee and Walla Walla. A Leavenworth station is soon to hit the airwaves, as are Spanish stations in Wenatchee and Yakima.

The beauty of Catholic radio is that it reaches people "in such a way that they don't put up defenses as if someone is preaching (directly) to them," observed Deacon Greg Haberman of St. Joseph Church in Waterville who is president of the board for the new Spanish radio station soon to air in Wenatchee.

Perhaps listening in the car, "it piques their interest. They'll stop and they'll actually listen," he explained. Catholic radio reaches Catholics, those who no longer come to Church, plus those who "normally wouldn't even hear about the Catholic Faith," he said.

It's typical for a new Catholic radio station to begin by broadcasting only programming from the multimedia Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN), based in Irondale, Alabama. Then, as time goes on, the hope is to introduce more local programming, explained Ron Belter, president & co-founder of Sacred Heart Radio based in Seattle (which includes KYTR 88.1 FM in Yakima). Now, Sacred Heart has five locally produced programs ranging from "Vocation Radio" to "Sound Insight" and "The Joyful Catholic" (dealing with issues of faith, family and Scripture) which also are broadcast in Yakima.

"The big picture in Catholic radio is that hearts are changed. It's making a difference in people's lives, in their journey of faith, in their walk with God," Belter said. He himself has received hundreds of calls, emails and letters since 1050 AM Catholic radio in Seattle began broadcasting 24-7 in 2001, from people whose lives have been positively affected. They include prison

inmates, shut-ins, those who entered the priesthood, reconciled families, those who began instruction in the Catholic Faith and even married couples who opened their hearts to having more children.

Others became involved in management of Catholic radio because of listening to Catholic radio! Tony Hillock, who now is president of Catholic Upper Valley Broadcasting which hopes to have KUVB 103.3 FM on the air in Leavenworth by early fall this year, says that he "probably learned more about my Faith (from Catholic radio) than I learned growing up, in CCD classes."

"It educated me. It fed me. It gave me inspiration to be more Catholic," he said, recounting how when he was far from home, working at an air base in Saudi Arabia for 10 years, he had "drifted" away from the Faith.

For the Central Washington area, Catholic radio "is one of the first things that connects us to the broader Church," added John Haberman, founder and administrator of Cor Christi Broadcasting based in Wenatchee and son of Deacon Haberman. "It allows us to become more aware of what's going on in our culture." A typical day of station programming includes everything from news coverage to practical insights on family issues, an in-depth look at spiritual life and cultural issues, and "apologetics" (how to defend the Faith in a society with many misconceptions about Catholicism).

And, in Central Washington, the



Catholic programming is on its way to a radio station near you. -Photo courtesy of Ron Belter, Sacred Heart Radio

STAY TUNED TO

# Catholic RADIO

As you travel across Central Washington, stay tuned to these Catholic radio stations:

Yakima: KYTR, 88.1 FM  
Moses Lake: KDMB, 88.7 FM  
Wenatchee: KEFA, 102.9 FM  
Walla Walla (with coverage into the Tri-Cities): KHSS, 100.7

Coming Soon:

Wenatchee: KJHS, 107.9 FM (Spanish)  
Yakima: KZTR, 103.5 FM (Spanish)  
Leavenworth: KUVB, 103.3 FM

innovations keep coming. To help reach a broader audience in the Moses Lake, Quincy, Chelan and Bridgeport area, for example, the Moses Lake station is currently in the process of arranging for both Spanish and English translators.

Deacon Haberman credited Bishop Joseph Tyson with being "a real solid backer" of Catholic radio. He also has noticed great

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# A Message from Bishop Tyson...

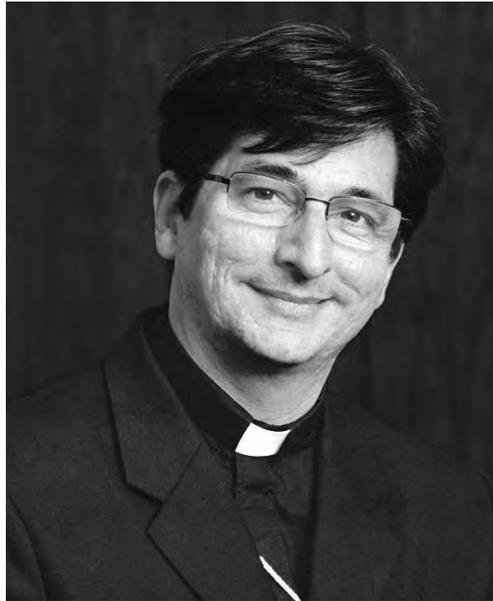
Dear Friends,

As we launch into a new school year, this issue of the Central Washington Catholic is really an issue on the “School of Life” we all share as the Faithful of the Catholic Church in Central Washington.

That gift of life is most weighted and anchored by our care and concern for the unborn whom our parishioners in Leavenworth will uplift soon in a Day of Remembrance. Our own Catholic Charities has very strong services supporting women and their children, born and unborn. This issue features the upcoming retirement of John Young who has been so instrumental in launching PREPARES as a positive response to the gift of life. His concern has not only been at the beginning at the life cycle, but anchored in this concern for life, he’s been instrumental in threading out programs across the entire life cycle for the Catholic Church here in Central Washington.

The upcoming World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia with our Holy Father, Pope Francis, provides a strong reminder that the family is the first “School of Life” so I hope you note that some of our parishioners here in Central Washington will be attending, including four folks whom we feature in this issue.

Also this year, we begin expanding our annual catechetical congress October 10 into a Diocesan Mission Congress, recognizing that the “School of Life” goes beyond just teaching our children. Father Stephen Rowan of Seattle and our own Father Jaime Chacón will anchor the Congress with presentations on the Gospel of Luke, and presenters in English and Spanish will address “Bringing Young Adults Back to the Church,” “Youth Ministry and Confirmation Preparation,” and “Social



**Bishop Joseph Tyson**

Ministry.”

We also feature in this issue wonderful supports to our “School of Life” including our ever-growing footprint of Catholic radio stations. The Yakima station first went on the air about the time I arrived four years ago. Strong stations in English are in place in Wenatchee and Moses Lake. We have new stations in Spanish under construction for East Wenatchee, Yakima and Kennewick. We have Spanish language repeaters for Mattawa and Quincy. I’m very grateful to so many volunteers from both language groups here in Central Washington, especially Deacon Greg Haberman of Waterville and his son, John, who have worked hard with various non-profit groups to put these stations on the air. I’m also grateful to Ron Belter from Sacred Heart Radio

as well as Richard Sevigny of Zillah, who helped get things started.

At Central Washington University, students will welcome a “new” campus minister in Marcus Ayers as they seek to deepen their Catholic faith in their “School of Life.” Marcus served as interim campus minister four years ago and returns from the west side of the state. We say goodbye and thank you to Janet Heva, who served the past three years.

By the way, I should also mention that our annual special collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious has a change in focus this year, to include support for the ministry of prayer of our diocesan hermit, Sister Janet Strong. In this year dedicated to Consecrated Life, we recognize that the “School of Life” also includes the hidden life of prayer that provides spiritual support to us all.

Finally, in this issue, we have sports coverage on our annual soccer match between priests and seminarians. Last year the seminarians won. This year the priests won. But what’s most significant is the “School of Life” for priests. Christ is at the center of our lives. We bring Christ into the center of every aspect of our lives – including our passions. That means we bring Christ in our passion for soccer. Ultimately for all of us it is Christ who is the main teacher in all we are and all we do in the “School of Life.”

Enjoy the issue. I hope you find yourself discovering Christ at the center of your “School of Life.”

With my every best wish and blessing!

Devotedly yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Joseph J. Tyson  
Bishop of Yakima

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enthusiasm for Catholic radio on the part of Hispanic parishioners in the East Wenatchee area, for example. There have been multiple fiestas held at Holy Apostles which have helped to benefit Catholic radio, he said. Semi-annual, on-air pledge drives are responsible for much of the funding needed to keep the stations afloat. And there are many other “unsung heroes” who have devoted time, expertise and dollars behind the scenes to help.

Catholic radio is versatile enough to go where you go. Field workers hear programming while they harvest. Other listeners in all walks of life like to tune in on their computer or Iphone.

There’s still something to be said for just listening on the car radio, however, John Haberman believes.

“Often, you’re alone, uninterrupted,” he said. “You simply have the beauty of the Word. It can stand alone in its own beauty.”

“You have to know it to live it,” added Belter.

For more information on Catholic radio in Central Washington, including maps that show coverage areas for individual stations and other details, visit the Yakima Diocese website at [www.yakimadiocese.org](http://www.yakimadiocese.org).

Also, contributions are welcomed by all of these non-profit broadcasting stations and may be made by contacting the Diocese of Yakima or your local parish.



Father Roleto Amoy blessed the Wenatchee radio tower in 2014 when the station first went on the air.  
-Photo courtesy of John Haberman

If you have been abused or victimized by a member of the Catholic clergy, please believe in the possibility for hope and help and healing. We encourage you to come forward and speak out.

The Yakima Diocese has a sexual abuse hotline for those who wish to report some incident concerning that issue as regards a bishop, priest, deacon or diocesan employee or volunteer. (888) 276-4490

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## Diocesan Priests Score Another Win In Annual Soccer Match

In the final seconds of the August 2 soccer match at Marquette Stadium in Yakima, the priests managed to once again smite the seminarian team.

With the score tied at 5-5, and temperatures hovering in the 90s, Father Lalo Barragan scored the victorious tie-breaker kick. This gave the priests their third win in four years against the agile but long-suffering seminarians.

During the game, there was a combination of humble rhetoric and smack talk coming from members of both teams. A couple hundred fans cheered their favorites from the bleachers.

"We're pretty good. We just don't score," observed Father Felipe Pulido, captain of the priests' team, at one early point in the match, before the scoring drive began in earnest.

"The soccer game not only builds community among those who come to watch, but also among the priests and seminarians," offered seminarian and player Kurt Hadley.

Other individuals, including young men who were scheduled to attend the Quo Vadis retreat which began the next day, also had the opportunity to play on the seminarian team, added seminarian Luis Trujillo. (That provided variety, but also some widespread confusion as to the names of those who actually scored in this informal contest!)

The match showed a very human side of "men of prayer and men of faith" who played for both teams, suggested Bishop Joseph Tyson, who played on the priests' team.

As the priests began to build a lead over the seminarians, Bishop Tyson was asked about the role of mercy in the annual soccer match.

"They (the priests) are mercifully teaching the seminarians humility," he said with a smile, adding, "I just want to make sure we don't run up our insurance premiums too far!"

Dan Steele, newly ordained deacon and captain of the seminarians' team, patiently suggested, "We don't want to WIN. We want the priests to LOSE."

The seminarians were not to get their wish this year. However, there's still plenty of time to pour on the novenas for next year's competition!



Father Felipe Pulido moved the ball down field.

## October Congress Gets New Name

The annual diocesan catechetical congress October 10 at Holy Family Parish in Yakima is getting a new name and an expanded focus as the Diocese holds its first Church Mission Congress, with the theme: Forming Missionaries of Mercy.

While there will still be plenty of good information available for catechists to deepen their teaching ministry, the new format is meant to broaden the Congress' appeal. This year's congress will include presentations on Church Social Ministry by John Young, President of Catholic Charities for the Diocese of Yakima, and Syndee Saucedo Cavazos, diocesan coordinator for the PREPARES program.

Father Stephen Rowan of the Archdiocese of Seattle returns as the English keynote speaker, previewing the Gospel of Luke for the upcoming Cycle C of liturgical readings. Father Jaime Chacón of the Yakima Diocese will offer a similar keynote address in Spanish.

Father Gary Zender, Vicar for Charities of the Archdiocese, will address the topic "How to Bring Young Adults Back to Church" in English, with Yakima Bishop Joseph Tyson offering the same talk in Spanish.

Finally, Stephanie Bafus, a member of the Confirmation preparation team at St. Rose of Lima Parish in Ephrata, will talk about "Youth Ministry and Confirmation Prep" in English while her pastor, Father Miguel González, will address the same topic in Spanish.

Registration information will be available soon in parishes and on the diocesan website, [www.yakimadiocese.org](http://www.yakimadiocese.org).

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# NEWS

## From Around the Diocese

### Leavenworth Sets Day of Remembrance-

To mark the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children, a gathering is planned at noon, Saturday, September 12, in The Meadows adjacent to Our Lady of the Snows Church in Leavenworth.

The ecumenical memorial service, to which all are invited, will include a homily by Father Alex Trejo, scripture readings and music. In addition, testimonials are planned by two families on the potential of unborn life. Participants also will be invited to place flowers at a memorial for the unborn.

Attendees are welcome to bring their own lawn chairs for the event.

### Ayers Named To CWU Ministry

Marcus Ayers has been named as the new director/campus minister for Central Washington University's Catholic Campus Ministry (CCM).

Ayers graduated from CWU in 2009 with a B.A. degree in history and geography. He was an active member of the Catholic Campus Ministry in Ellensburg until 2012 when he moved to Olympia with his new wife, Emily, whom he met through the campus ministry program.

In Olympia, he was active in youth and young adult ministry.

"CCM at (Central Washington University) played a very large role in the development of my faith and I am very excited to be given an opportunity to come back and serve this community," he said.

### Retirement Collection Shifts Focus

The annual special collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious September 12-13 in the Diocese of Yakima shifts focus this year to include support for the housing and health care needs of Sister Janet Strong, our diocesan hermit.

A professed hermit for more than 30 years, Sister Janet came to the Diocese in 1997 and established the Beit Mery ("House of Mary") Hermitage, with dreams of building a residence and guest cottages in the hills above Burbank Creek north of Yakima.

While that dream has faded, she has remained unceasingly in prayer for the needs of the people of the Diocese of Yakima. Retired from a career as a psychiatric nurse, Sister Janet is provided by the Diocese with housing in the old caretaker's residence at the Ahtanum Mission, and assistance with her health care needs.

Fifty percent of the collection will be kept in the Diocese to help pay for that support. The balance will go to the Retirement Fund for Religious, which benefits some 35,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests - women and men who have consecrated their lives to serving God and the Church.

"Pope Francis tells us, 'Every consecrated person is a gift for the People of God on its journey,'" noted Bishop Joseph Tyson. "I recognize these are but two of numerous worthy causes in need of assistance; I ask simply that you give what you can ... in supporting this collection and in praising God for the gifts that consecrated life offers our Church."



Pope Francis will visit Philadelphia in conjunction with the World Meeting of Families Congress.  
<http://www.worldmeeting2015.org/>

### Local Parishioners Traveling to World Meeting of Families

As the date nears for the World Meeting of Families Congress and the ensuing visit of Pope Francis to Philadelphia, excitement is growing for four women from the Diocese of Yakima who are scheduled to attend.

Sandy Kahle, Cathy Schlieman, Linda Gabel and Janice Bommersbach, all parishioners of Holy Family Church in Yakima, will be among some 45 people traveling to Philadelphia next month as part of a contingent organized by the Archdiocese of Seattle.

"We hope to enrich our faith and to become better informed about Church teaching, so we are better equipped to minister God's love to His people," observed Kahle.

"Love Is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive" is the theme of the Congress sponsored by the Holy See's Pontifical Council for the Family. From September 22-25, a variety of keynote speeches and breakout sessions are planned, addressing topics ranging from the Eucharist and the Bible to virtue and forgiveness, the dignity of the human person, vocations, the Hispanic family, parents as primary catechists, environmental stewardship, divorce and dating. Pope Francis is expected to be in Philadelphia September 26-27, offering Mass both days.

In another development, arrangements have been made to bring the remains of St. Maria Goretti from Italy to Philadelphia for a couple of days that week, allowing veneration of the relics.

In preparation for their pilgrimage, the four Yakima women have been doing advance reading, including a text put together by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia entitled, "Love Is Our Mission," said Gabel.

"I'm looking forward to learning about what the Church teaches about families," she said.

Bommersbach said that she is especially enthusiastic to see Pope Francis, but is also looking forward to learning from the educational sessions about everything from the Pope's recent encyclical on the environment to how divorced Catholics can more fully participate in the Church.

"It's a once-in-a-lifetime trip," observed Schlieman. "To see the Pope and hear him in person is very exciting." She's looking forward to "being involved in the whole experience of many, many people gathering together to share together his hopes and dreams."

Michelle Fischer, who is coordinating travel for the Washington State contingent through the Archdiocese of Seattle, said that the Philadelphia pilgrimage leaving from Seattle is already wait-listed due to enthusiastic response.

"These pilgrimages are always filled with blessings and quite often in ways we cannot expect," she said.

### John Young Plans Retirement from Catholic Charities

As he looks back on almost 19 years at the helm of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Yakima, John Young is proud of the growth and development of services in which he's played a part.

Preparing to retire at the end of December from his post as President and Chief Executive Officer, Young gives high praise to the "really great people" such as clergy, staff, and volunteers including board members with whom he's worked.

"I have always felt that this is where I needed to be," he said.

Since Young assumed his position in December 1996, Catholic Charities has grown to include some 325 staff members across the Diocese, and a \$30-million-a-year budget, he said. The organization now has three branches: Catholic Family and Child Service with 10 service locations, Catholic Charities Housing Services and St. Vincent Centers with two locations, including a food bank.

Looking at one branch, for example, Catholic Charities Housing Services developments currently house about 3,000 people, including farmworkers and the elderly, in multi-family dwellings from Yakima to Chelan, Warden, Quincy, George, Royal City, Mattawa, Granger, Sunnyside, Grandview, Wapato, Toppenish, Buena, Mabton and Benton City. In addition, there are 130 single-family homes in five subdivisions across the Diocese.

"We've grown to be a large, visible part of the Church's outreach in Central Washington," Young suggested. For him, personally, it's been a blessing to "get paid to work on making things consistent with Catholic social teaching," he said.

Following his retirement, Young and his wife, Celia, plan to move back to Mobile Bay, Alabama, where they both have family members and will "discern what the Lord wants (them) to do next."

The Board of Directors for Catholic Charities has formed a search committee to do a nationwide search for Young's successor.

We wish John and Celia the very best in the years to come.



John Young