

November 26, 2014

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

About three years ago, I gave my blessing to an effort by Relevant Radio, one of the preeminent Catholic radio networks in the country, to establish a broadcast station within the Archdiocese of Newark. We are now blessed that Catholic talk radio is available to assist us here in New Jersey in our efforts to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Relevant Radio is a Catholic talk radio network founded 14 years ago with a mission is to assist the Church in the New Evangelization by helping people bridge the gap between faith and everyday life through live interactive programs 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Its programming currently airs on 15 owned and operated stations and 21 affiliates in 18 states to a potential listening audience of 48.6 million. The national headquarters of Relevant Radio are located in Green Bay, Wisconsin and operates with the blessing of my fellow bishop, the Most Reverend David L. Ricken, Bishop of Green Bay.

Through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Joseph, Relevant Radio succeeded in securing WNSW 1430 AM on June 19, 2014, the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. The first on-air broadcast of Relevant Radio 1430 AM was heard on August 28th, 2014, Feast of Saint Augustine. The offices of Relevant Radio for WNSW are located here in the Archdiocesan Center, and the station's staff is working side by side with our own Archdiocesan Communications Office.

We have been given a great gift with this Catholic radio station, as it will help us in our ordained ministry of teaching the Faith, especially with its capacity to reach 16 million souls in our area. I encourage you to spread the news of WNSW 1430 AM far and wide: from the pulpit to your parishioners, posting frequent notices in your parish bulletins, and perhaps inviting Father Francis Hoffman, Executive Director of Relevant Radio, or other Relevant Radio representatives to speak in your parishes. In light of the Church's increasing focus on the family, especially with the World Meeting of Families occurring in Philadelphia next September, the timing for the establishment of Catholic radio in the Archdiocese of Newark is perfect.

I personally endorse Relevant Radio and its efforts to spread the Catholic Faith on WNSW 1430 AM. I encourage each of you to tune in to the station and share with all in your parish and school communities this tool of the New Evangelization for the good of the Church, her people, and all who seek the Truth.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely in the Lord,

₩Most Reverend John J. Myers

Archbishop of Newark

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