

# Real Presence Radio Review

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**Happy Easter!**

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## Montevideo, MN Welcomes Real Presence Radio!

By Fr. Mark Mallak  
Holy Family Area Catholic Community  
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At the Easter Vigil, the Church burst into song with a celebration of light, started with fire, then the lighting of the Easter candle. Each person took a taper and shared in the light, honoring Christ the Light of the World, the Light that pierces the darkness.

The Easter Sunday Gospel from John says nothing of earthquakes or angels, unlike Matthew's resurrection account read at the Easter Vigil. John's account begins before daybreak.

Visiting the tomb during the three-day period following burial according to Jewish custom, Mary Magdalene discovers that the stone has been moved away. She runs to tell Peter and the others. Peter and the other disciple race to get there and look inside. Note the different reactions of the three: Mary Magdalene fears that someone has taken Jesus' body; Peter does not know what to make of the news; but the "other" disciple—the model of faithful discernment in John's Gospel—immediately understands what has taken place. The Gospel passage says, "He saw and believed." So great are the disciple's love and depth of faith that all the strange remarks and dark references of Jesus now become clear to him.

While the Easter mystery does not deny the

reality of suffering and pain, it does proclaim reason for hope in the human condition. The empty tomb of Christ trumpets the ultimate Alleluia—that love, compassion, peace, generosity, humility and selflessness will ultimately triumph over hatred, bigotry, prejudice, despair, greed, sin and death. The Easter miracle of Christ's resurrection enables us, even in the most difficult and desperate of times, to live our lives

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in hopeful certainty of the fulfillment of the resurrection at the end of our life's journey.

The Risen Christ is present to us in the faithful witness of every good person who

shares the good news to bring resurrection into this life of ours! Notice that in the Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 10, Peter—who was afraid before and denied Jesus—is bold in his testimony now. Anointed by God with the Holy Spirit, he gives witness to Jesus, who went about doing good and healing the oppressed; who was put to death on a tree, and raised on the third day. We are chosen witnesses to this. He commissioned us to preach and testify that He is appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead—everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name. What a glorious witness of faith!

Speaking of witness to the faith, there is a new Catholic presence coming to Montevideo, and by extension, to the Diocese of New Ulm. The Real (Continued on page 3)

## ***New Staff Spotlight*** Jamie Rader, Rapid City

The Real Presence Radio Network is pleased to introduce Jamie Rader, Listener Relations for the Rapid City area:

### **Tell us a little about yourself:**

I grew up near Rapid City with my grandparents and older sister. After high school, I attended NDSU and graduated with a Bachelor's in English literature with a minor in mass communication. After my husband, Jerrod, and I married, he enlisted in the Air Force and we spent the next eight years living near Washington, D.C., Alaska, Texas, and Oklahoma before returning to Rapid City. We now have five joyful children with a little one in heaven. We attend the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Although I worked briefly as a technical writer, I have primarily been home raising my children.

### **What drew you to apply and eventually accept the position at RPR?**

The position for listener relations encompassed everything that I had experience in or joy in doing. My time as a peer minister at the NDSU Newman Center, coupled with the farmers market booth I ran while living in Alaska prepared me to take on this new challenge. I also get excited at the opportunity to meet people and talk about the Church! Listening to peoples' life stories has always held an interest for me.

### **What excites you most about your position? What is the best experience you've had since working at RPR?**

What excites me the most about my position are the opportunities to travel across the Diocese and inform people about this amazing tool for deepening their faith, and the chance to hear their stories and be part of their parish for a little while. The best experience I've had since I began working at



*Jamie Rader*

RPR was traveling throughout the listening area last summer. I was blessed to meet many of the holy priests, deacons, and sisters serving in the parishes, as well as all of the truly amazing people that shared their smiles or stories with me. I look forward to visiting each church again to see everyone!

### **What are your favorite hobbies and activities?**

I love to go for walks with my family and just generally spend time outside or traveling. I also tend to bake nearly every day and will never pass up the opportunity to go somewhere adventurous with my kids.

### **What is your favorite prayer or spiritual practice?**

Adoration is very powerful; I also find spiritual growth when I do the Examen or say the Liturgy of the Hours. There's such an uplifting of the spirit when prayer is focused on praise to our Lord for His love and mercy.

### **What is your favorite program on RPR?**

I really enjoy Celtic Connections! I also like Real Presence Live and Reflections with Fr. Mike Schmitz. What originally drew me to RPR, though, was listening to Fr. Larry Richards and Fr. Benedict Groeschel.

## ***RPR Pilgrimage to Visit EWTN in October***

Real Presence Radio is taking a pilgrimage to the EWTN studios and the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville, Alabama October 10-14, 2017, and you are invited to join us! We'll also see the Ave Maria Grotto in Cullman, Alabama and the Holy Spirit Cistercian Monastery in Georgia. We'll fly from various locations within the RPR Network to Atlanta and then take a bus the rest of the way. The pilgrimage includes tickets for the EWTN Live show



and a visit to the Atlanta Botanical Gardens and St. Bernard's Monastery. We'll spend the anniversary of Fatima at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament! Daily Mass, prayer, and confessions will also be included. Cost for the pilgrimage is \$1330 with airfare or \$732 if you prefer to meet us in Atlanta. Prices are per person and based on double occupancy. For more information or to register, contact [lisa@yourcatholicradiostation.com](mailto:lisa@yourcatholicradiostation.com) or call 877-795-0122!

## "Every Program Was Speaking to Me"

by Vicki Surges, Duluth

"My wife and I have become Roman Catholics."

With those few words my heart sank. I had innocently asked my doctor how his (Protestant) church was, and he'd answered me with a statement I couldn't comprehend.



Vicki Surges

My husband and I had left the Catholic Church back in 1994. We'd regularly attended a non-denominational Protestant church. Then, in 2004, my husband had a TBI (traumatic brain injury). We would later find out he had Parkinson's Disease, ischemic heart disease, and end stage congestive heart failure, courtesy of Agent Orange/Vietnam. Thankfully, in 2011, the VA awarded him 100% compensation. To the end of his life in January, 2016, he was not bitter and would proclaim his love of the Lord.

After my husband's death, I didn't want to go to our church. I had been my husband's full-time caregiver for over four years, and the place had too many memories.

During the late winter, spring, and summer of 2016 there were *many* God-incidences where the Lord kept guiding me back to the Catholic Church. I successfully ignored them until I went to my doctor that fateful August when he dropped those life-changing eight words about joining the Catholic Church.

I left his office, shaking my head (inwardly). "Okay," I thought to myself. "This guy is brilliant,

AND I know he's a believer, AND I respect him immensely. Maybe I'll read just one little Scott Hahn book." The doctor also mentioned that there now was a Catholic radio station called Real Presence Radio in our town.

I started listening to RPR every time I got in the car. If I couldn't hear the whole thing, I'd listen on my iPhone. Every program was speaking to me. I was fascinated by a Church I had never really known. My doctor suggested more books, and between the radio and the printed word, I was getting fed in a way I never expected.

Courage and curiosity kicked in, and I called/texted various programs on RPR. As I relayed what was going on in my heart, a priest on one of the shows gently suggested that perhaps my husband was trying to tell me via the Holy Spirit that the Catholic Church was the True Church. It made sense. I had fought returning to the Church in every way, but now it was time to be obedient.

I was determined to learn as much as I could about the Church, and the more I read and absorbed from RPR, the more in love I became. Many times as I sat in my driveway (not wanting to turn off the car radio and make a mad dash into the house, thereby missing some of the program!), I realized how much I was growing spiritually.

Almost one year after my husband's death, I went to Confession and could participate fully in the Mass. I try to attend daily, and feel bad for my Protestant friends who have to wait until Sunday to go to church! Some of those same friends have accused me of "Mary Worship" or "Praying to Dead People (Saints)." Though I have no need to defend my spiritual journey, I do set them straight as lovingly as I can.

And I do it with the Holy Bible, the Holy Spirit, and Real Presence Radio by my side!

**Tune in at 9:00 am CST Friday, May 12, to hear Vicki and her doctor, Jonathan Glickstein, share more of their conversion stories!**

(Continued from page 1) Presence Radio Network is a lay apostolate currently with signals in North Dakota, Minnesota, South Dakota and Wisconsin. RPR is dedicated to answering the call of Pope St. John Paul II for a New Evangelization. Bishop John LeVoir, our bishop, has given his blessing and encouragement to this initiative. Tune in to the newest member of the Real Presence Radio Network, FM 89.5

in Montevideo, MN when you get a chance!

Easter is the Christian feast par excellence. In the resurrection, Christ conquers death and overcomes evil. The resurrection of Jesus is our sure and certain hope. Where He has gone, we hope to go as well. Let us rejoice in this great mystery of our faith: He is truly alive!



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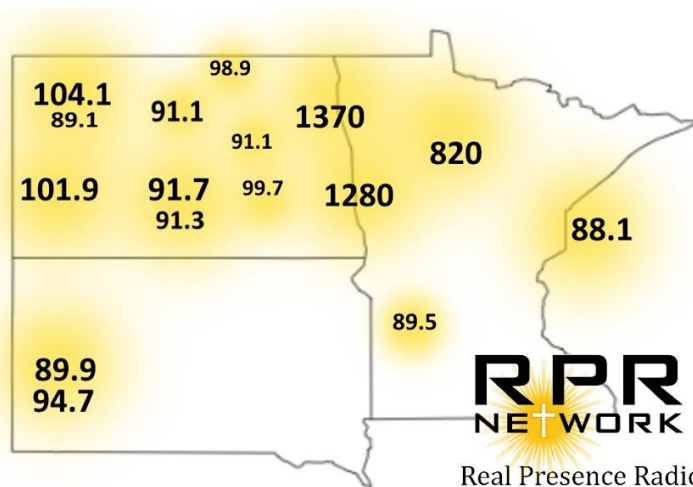
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## The Spring Live Drive is Going on a Drive!

It's that time of year again! May 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, we'll be driving across our listening area to broadcast special stories of faith and hope, live and local. We'll stop in Williston, Grand Forks, Duluth, and Fargo, and we'll be joined by guests from additional locations. Our guests include Bishops Folda, Gruss, LeVoir, Powers, Fr. Kovash, and many more. To see the full schedule of guests, go to <https://yourcatholicradiostation.com/live-drive>.

As we continue to grow, expanding to 16 signals



across the Midwest, we are continuously blessed in hearing from people whose relationship with Christ has grown because of Catholic radio. As our listening family expands, however, so do our expenses. The operating expenses for our network of stations are now more than \$100,000 per month. To cover these costs, our goal for the Spring Live Drive is to raise \$350,000 and have 1,000 participants. Will you tune in and prayerfully consider making a donation to help us share the Gospel and

change hearts across the Midwest?



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