



NOTE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Have a Blessed Christmas Season

As we move toward the close of 2025, I want to say *thank you*. You are a vital part of the Real Presence Radio family. Your prayers, your financial support, and your enthusiasm for Catholic radio make it possible for us to continue sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ across our five-state listening area and beyond.

We've heard from so many listeners whose lives have been touched by Catholic radio. A young mother finding comfort during late-night feedings. A man rediscovering his faith after decades away from the Church. A teenager learning to defend what they believe. These moments of grace happen because of *you*.

But our mission isn't finished. There are still so many hearts waiting to hear a message of hope. That's why I'm inviting you—our listeners and supporters—to help us spread the word about Real Presence Radio in a simple but powerful way: **share this mission with others.**

If your pastor or parish staff aren't yet familiar with Real Presence Radio, consider introducing them to us. Would they be willing to display some of our brochures, bookmarks, or posters in the gathering space or parish office? Many priests and parishioners are grateful to find a local Catholic station that complements the parish's mission of evangelization. Your encouragement and witness can help open those doors.

Consider sharing your favorite programs and stories with others. Invite a friend to tune in during their commute, or post a link to our livestream on social media. Word of mouth remains one of the most powerful tools for evangelization—nothing can compare to the testimony of a friend saying, "This program changed my day."

Finally, as we approach **Giving Tuesday**, I'd like to ask you to prayerfully consider including Real Presence Radio in your end-of-year giving. Giving Tuesday is more than just a national day of generosity—it's an opportunity to unite your gift with others across the region in support of Catholic media that truly changes lives. Your gift, no matter the size, helps us reach more listeners with the truth of Christ's love.

Thank you again for being part of this beautiful mission. Together, we are building a network of faith that connects communities, strengthens families, and keeps Christ at the center of daily life. We continue to work each day to ensure that the radio stays up and spreads the Gospel message.

May God bless you and your loved ones abundantly this Advent and Christmas season—and may the message of Real Presence Radio continue to touch hearts, one listener at a time.

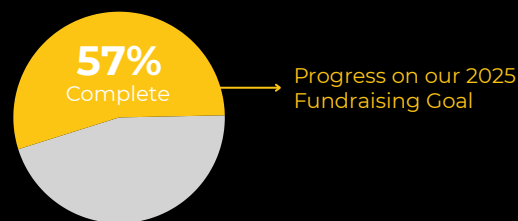
In Christ,

Lynne Devitt

Where is our 2025 Fundraising Goal at?

Overall 2025 Goal: \$2,500,000

Fundraising Progress as of 10/25:
(not including pledges) **\$1,419,044.42**



Major 2025 Milestones:

- Broadcast the election of our new pope
- Hired a new LRC in Rapid City
- Hired a new underwriter
- Broadcast from 40 locations across MN, ND, SD, WI, & WY
- Added 189 first-time donors



HELP US REACH THIS GOAL
BY SHOWING YOUR
SUPPORT TO OUR 2025
END OF YEAR APPEAL

Signs from the Spirit:

Rick and Cheryl Melbye's Discovery of the Faith



For years, Rick Melbye and his wife, Cheryl, attended Lutheran churches of varying degrees of traditionalism and belief. As these churches began to accept more modern worldviews regarding the sanctity of marriage and abortion, Rick sensed that there had to be something more solid and enduring in the spiritual realm.

"Around 2007, the church we were attending had started to stray from God's Word in key areas we could not ignore. We switched to a non-denominational church, and later another Lutheran congregation in Fargo," Rick says. With each transition, Rick continued to feel a nudge deep within his soul to strive for something greater. "God was trying to get my attention in several different ways throughout the process, pointing me in the direction of the Catholic Church," Rick asserts.

One way God reached Rick was through his friend Randy. Rick, an active participant in Bible Study Fellowship International, asked Randy if he would like to be a leader in the organization. When Randy declined because "he was becoming Catholic instead," Rick was shocked. "I thought Catholics were crazy, but if you know Randy, you know he is one of the smartest and most well-read people there is. He has to research facts before he makes a decision," Rick says. Randy explained the beauty of the Catholic faith, and the Holy Spirit began to work on Rick's heart, deepening his curiosity about the Church.

Another situation where Rick felt God's guiding hand occurred in Boston, where he was traveling for work. "I walked by a cathedral advertising all-day confession, with a sign that read 'Everyone Is Welcome.' I was not Catholic at the time, but I walked in anyway, and the priest was able to give me spiritual guidance. It was such a powerful moment." Rick felt a connection with the sacrament of penance and how it relates to the nature of forgiveness and salvation.

As a Protestant, you cannot lose your salvation as long as you accept Jesus as your Savior," Rick says. But he realized that since humans continually fall into sin, there is a need to run back to the mercy of God.

Rick and his wife officially entered the Catholic Church during Easter of 2015 after years of discernment. "It was not an instant decision, and it really came down to what God showed me, how Jesus loved me, and how the Holy Spirit moved me," Rick says of his conversion. "To find a Church that believes in the sanctity of life and the sacrament of marriage—that meant a lot to me and Cheryl."

As Rick and Cheryl were progressing through RCIA and preparing to enter the Church, they were introduced to Real Presence Radio.

"Discovering and listening to Real Presence Radio had a huge impact on us. We love what you bring to the airwaves!"

To this day, Rick and Cheryl continue to tune in to Catholic radio. "When we are in the car, RPR is our first stop for radio stations. We especially enjoy Dr. Ray and Real Presence Live."

Rick sees now the many subtle ways God was nudging him toward Catholicism, whether through his friendships or the discovery of the sacraments. When asked to share a piece of advice for a non-Catholic who may feel a tug on their heart toward a greater calling, Rick encourages openness to God's quiet promptings. "First, realize that Jesus and the Holy Spirit never leave you. Just open yourself up to what God is trying to show you." He adds, "The Church will never move away from its beliefs on the sanctity of life and the Holy Sacrament of Marriage, and neither will we! We are now quite happy to be included among the crazies."

Authored by : Sebastian O'Donnell

WELCOMES & FAREWELLS



INTRODUCING GRIFFIN SERIO

Underwriter

I grew up on Chincoteague Island Virginia where I enjoyed a relaxing, yet exciting beach style upbringing. In my early years I was shaped by experiences in both the Baptist and Catholic communities, which enriched and deepened my journey of faith. I played soccer, golf, and ran cross country in high school which led me to play soccer in college.

I attended the University of South Carolina where I majored in Mass Communications with a minor in sports and entertainment marketing. I have made my way to Fargo with the help of my beautiful girlfriend who is the ultimate role model and keeps me going day in and day out!

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LORI KALGARD

The Next Chapter

It's hard to believe it's been six and a half years since I first joined Real Presence Radio. Looking back, I am filled with gratitude and honestly a little amazed at how quickly the time has flown. When I started, I never could have imagined all the ways God would work through this ministry and through me.

From live drives and banquets to those spontaneous moments of prayer that somehow always seemed to happen at just the right time, I've been blessed to see faith in action every single day. I've learned that when the Holy Spirit moves, you'd better hang on because He's usually taking you somewhere beautiful (and maybe a little unexpected!).

One of the greatest blessings has been meeting our listeners and supporters. Hearing your stories of faith and generosity has inspired me more than you'll ever know. And getting to work alongside such a joyful, faith-filled team—that's truly been the icing on the cake.

As I wrap up my time here at the end of the year, I'll be starting a new chapter as a Senior Assistant Manager at Kirkland's. For a long time, I thought the only way I could serve Him was by working in a Catholic apostolate. But when He called me to serve Him in the marketplace, I heard that familiar nudge and said "yes." Now I get to bring His light to a different corner of the world maybe through a kind word, a smile, or a little extra help finding the perfect home décor piece!

I'll always be thankful for my time at RPR and for everyone who's been part of this journey with me. God's been so good, and I can't wait to see what He has in store next.

-Lori Kalgard



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◆ Merry Christmas

FROM OUR FAMILY AT
REAL PRESENCE RADIO!

Spring 2026 Banquets

Come and invite your friends to hear **Dr. David Anders** in **Fargo, ND** and in **Duluth, MN!** Enjoy an evening filled with inspiring speakers, a delicious meal, and uplifting fellowship with fellow listeners. Reserve your spot today!

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for our
Upcoming
Banquets!



Want to know what's playing and when?

Son Rise Morning Show
6:00-7:00 am Mon-Fri

**Divine Mercy Chaplet+Daily
Readings+Homily**
3:00-4:00 pm Mon-Fri

Catholic Answers Live
5:00-7:00 pm Mon-Fri

Central Time



This & SO much more
Scan the QR code for our
full program schedule

START YOUR END-OF-YEAR PLANNING NOW



Our time on earth is brief, but the seeds we plant in faith can bear fruit for years to come.

By including **Real Presence Radio** in your estate planning, you help ensure that the Good News of Jesus Christ continues to be proclaimed across our region, changing lives and drawing hearts to Him.

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