

ST. GABRIEL

CATHOLIC RADIO  
AM 820



# MESSENGER

Winter 2013

## “CHERYL, YOU’RE CATHOLIC - YOU JUST DON’T KNOW IT YET!”

“I am a life-long Evangelical Protestant but the Lord has turned my heart to the Catholic faith,” says Cheryl Jackson of Grove City, Ohio. When Cheryl found Catholic radio years ago, she permanently set her car radio to St. Gabriel Catholic Radio AM 820.

Cheryl recently sent St. Gabriel Radio a note. “I am enclosing a small gift for your radio station. I am retired, so my income is more limited.” The letter continues, “Your station has been such a blessing to me. I have learned so much about the Catholic faith. I have seen bumper stickers on cars for AM 820. Can you send me one?”

Cheryl proudly displays her AM 820 bumper sticker on her car.

### *AM 820 proclaims the deep love of Christ.*

On St. Gabriel Radio, Cheryl found something very special. “It was the strong stand of the Catholic Church on moral teaching and pro-life issues,” that riveted her attention. “No matter which AM 820 program I listen to, I hear a consistent message in the Church’s teaching coupled with revelations of the deep love that Jesus Christ has for us.”

Cheryl recalls how her spirit was lifted up by the teachings of the Catholic Church that she heard on St. Gabriel Radio.

“I come from a very strong anti-Catholic background,” recounts Cheryl. She began her spiritual life in a Baptist family and as an adult became a member of an Evangelical church.

Her journey towards the Catholic Church actually began some fifteen years ago. At a friend’s Catholic wedding, she casually picked up a copy of *The Word Among Us*, a Catholic devotional publication. She especially liked reading about the lives of the Saints. The readings were so inspiring that she decided to subscribe and also sent subscriptions to her friends and family.

Next a friend, Judy Gerardi, invited Cheryl to attend silent Catholic retreats at St. Therese’s retreat house. This became a twice-yearly pilgrimage for Judy and Cheryl. Cheryl could feel the presence of the Holy Spirit during the retreats.

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Conversion  
of heart




TURN UP YOUR FAITH  
THIS LENT WITH AM 820

Turn on AM 820 this Lent for liturgy, devotions, encouragement, and practices that will help you turn up your faith. Please join our AM 820 radio family as we ask the Holy Spirit to help us create a clean space in our hearts where Our Lord can become the center of our lives.

May God bless you richly in your Lenten faith walk,

Bill Messerly  
Executive Director

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



René Haas is one of AM 820's most seasoned volunteers. René has been with the station since St. Gabriel Radio moved to Columbus. Thank you, René!

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Get to know our future priests: the seminarians (L-R) Stephen Vaccaro, Andy Forsythe, Christopher Bond, and Gabriel Lickteig who are attending the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio.

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“CHERYL, YOU’RE CATHOLIC -  
YOU JUST DON’T KNOW IT YET!”  
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“Cheryl, you’re Catholic – you just don’t know it!” claimed her friend, Judy.

Surprisingly, during an Evangelical retreat, Cheryl came upon an religious icon of a chalice on a table, surrounded by the Persons of the Holy Trinity. The icon transfixed Cheryl. She felt that the icon spoke to her, revealing an invitation to the Holy Eucharist. This life-transforming experience put her on a fast track. She told her husband that she wanted to explore Catholicism.

“My husband is very supportive of my faith walk.” Cheryl explains that although her husband has no plans to become Catholic – at this time – he does enjoy listening to St. Gabriel Radio with her.

Cheryl began to read about the Holy Eucharist and the Early Church Fathers.

***St. Gabriel Radio took me to a new understanding.***

At this point in 2005, St. Gabriel Radio debuted on the airwaves of Central Ohio. “The teachings on St. Gabriel Radio took me to a whole new understanding. I knew in my heart that these teachings were the right track as they added layer on layer of richness to my spiritual life,” she says. “Open Line,” “Catholic Answers Live,” “Mother Angelica,” and many other programs that she listened to on St. Gabriel Radio helped her grow and enter RCIA.

“On my first night in RCIA class, I was bowled over to see one of the church leaders from my Protestant church also taking RCIA! What a shock for both of us! He told me that he had also been listening to AM 820 and that Catholic radio had played a big role in his decision to join the Catholic Church. We both love the emphasis on the Church’s liturgy and living a holy life. And we hear this message consistently on AM 820.”

As Cheryl’s RCIA experience progressed, she received another surprise. “My mother, a life-long Protestant, told me out of the blue that she had made a decision that she had never shared with me: ‘I’m joining the Catholic Church.’”

***I’m joining the Catholic Church!***

At that point, Cheryl’s mother was not aware of Cheryl’s own decision to join the Catholic Church. Cheryl and her mother were both pilgrims on their way to Catholicism, each following a different path.

It was easy for Cheryl to understand her mother’s decision. Cheryl says, “My mother was making a conscious decision at the same time that I was. In fact, her journey started long ago and she didn’t realize it. My aunt is Catholic and my mother used to go to Mass with my aunt.”

A skeptical, practical kind of person, Cheryl’s mother said that she had heard a voice, not once but twice, saying to her, “You need to become Catholic.”

***I can’t wait to take the Eucharist!***

Cheryl responded to her mother’s announcement, “Mom, you don’t just join the Catholic Church! You need to go through RCIA first.” In fact, her mother did go on to complete RCIA and entered the Church at Easter Vigil last year in St. Catherine parish, at the age of 84.

Cheryl is especially grateful for the support from Judy Gerardi, who recently passed away following heart surgery. Judy was sponsoring Cheryl through RCIA at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Grove City, Ohio. Cheryl mourns the loss of her sponsor and friend and continues her RCIA formation with a new sponsor, Mary Gamble. Cheryl asks her AM 820 radio family to pray for the soul of her dear friend. Cheryl plans to enter the Church as soon as a previous marriage is annulled.

In the meantime, she is part of a wide circle of family and friends who are being fed by the teachings of the Catholic faith on AM 820.

“I can’t wait to take the Holy Eucharist!” concludes Cheryl.

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Lenten Devotion

Lent. It begins with ashes, the mark of the penitent, a public sign that we are about to embark on a conversion of heart. It arrives quickly, nipping at the heels of the joyous promise of the Christmas season. It arrives so very quickly that it nearly comes as a shock. A painful reminder that in our joy we have strayed. A startling reminder that our lives, too, will pass quickly.

Our lives pass so quickly that when the number of days He has granted us have been spent, perhaps that, too, will come as a shock.

Lent. A time to turn to God. To repent. To prepare.

Lent. Don’t waste it.

**HELLO DAYTON, LIMA, FINDLAY,  
AND ZANESVILLE**

Do you have friends or relatives in Dayton, Lima, Findlay or Zanesville? If so, be sure to let them know that AM 820 provides car-friendly reception during daylight hours.

Automobile reception is good in these metro areas but listeners will not receive a signal in their homes.

For a complete program schedule, visit us online at [StGabrielRadio.com](http://StGabrielRadio.com).

TESTIMONY

“St. Gabriel Radio gives me the Catholic viewpoint of news and Church teaching. I listen to Patrick Madrid every day at four in the afternoon. I love the way Patrick listens to his callers, allows them to speak – whether he agrees with them or not – and answers them in a profound way,” says John Downey of Granville.

Tune in to “Right Here Right Now” with Patrick Madrid Monday through Friday at 4:00 p.m. EST.

2013 LENTEN CATHOLIC  
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LAUSCHE BUILDING



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February 23  
[ColumbusCatholicWomen.com](http://ColumbusCatholicWomen.com)



Columbus Catholic Men's Conference  
March 2  
[ColumbusCatholicMen.com](http://ColumbusCatholicMen.com)

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St. Gabriel Catholic Radio's mission is to provide quality programming that is faithful to the teachings of the Church and presented in a way that inspires conversion of heart and a deepening faith while building up the local Body of Christ.

## COMING SOON

### *Spring Spirit Drive*

March 13, 14, 15

Join us for our twice-yearly fundraising campaign. As a listener-supported station, we keep the lights on and the doors open thanks to donations.

## NEW PROGRAM!

### *Raising Saints*

Starting Saturday, March 9 on AM 820 Katy Wyatt engages teens and parents on the challenges that young adults face in life and today's complicated world. Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. and Sundays at 1:00 p.m.

RAISING  
**SAINTS**

## LENTEN CHALLENGE

INVITE A  
LOVED ONE  
TO LISTEN TO  
**AM 820**  
**DURING LENT.**

