

ST. GABRIEL

CATHOLIC RADIO
AM 820



MESSENGER



Conversion
of heart

Fall 2013

AUREUS GRIFFITH FLIES INTO A VOCATION ON THE WINGS OF AM 820.

Aureus Griffith, age 30, has lived Psalm 139. "Where can I go from your spirit? From your presence, where can I flee?" She believes that the teachings of the Catholic Church on St. Gabriel Catholic Radio helped answer her question.

"In 2011, an AM 820 bumper sticker led me to St. Gabriel Catholic Radio. At the time, I was just coming home to the Catholic Church. One day, I was waiting in traffic. I noticed that bumper sticker on the car ahead of me, switched the radio to AM 820, and found answers that I desperately needed."

From St. Gabriel Radio to the feet of Our Savior

The answers led her to lay everything at the feet of Our Savior and become a postulant with a religious order, The Children of Mary, in surrender to God's love.

On Aureus' journey into the heart of the Faith, she says that Mother Angelica and Catholic Answers were constant companions. "I realized that God is real and the Church is His gift. The Catholic Church is not just a set of rules and regulations. It was out of love that God has given us the Church. I saw that I desperately needed to know The Truth and that the Church holds The Truth and teaches us how to find The Truth," explains Aureus.

"The day of the bumper sticker that I turned on AM 820, The Truth almost burned my ears. The Truth that I was hearing was the complete opposite of the way that I was living my life."

Hard as it was at first, Aureus stuck with AM 820. It started growing on her. Eventually, she came to appreciate what she was hearing. Today, she loves all of the apologetic programs where people call in with their questions. The Rosary sung at night is another favorite. And she always tunes in during drive time to and from work.

"There is no point in listening to secular programs anymore," according to Aureus.

A tireless Ambassador for The Truth

Aureus is a great ambassador for St. Gabriel Catholic Radio. She encourages friends and co-workers -- even Protestants -- to listen, gives them bumper magnets, and invites them into conversations about subjects that she hears on AM 820! Sometimes they talk about questions like the Sacraments and the Blessed Mother. "What I hear on AM 820 helps me answer these questions."

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OUR ADVENT PRAYER IS ONE OF THANKSGIVING.

Lord God, may we who await Christ's birthday live the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



St. Gabriel Radio staff prayed for computer help and Guilherme (Gee) Carvalho dropped from Heaven via Brazil. Gee, who earned an MBA in Business Management, is in Columbus preparing for a second Master's Degree! In

his spare time, he's upgrading the AM 820 website. Thank you, Gee!

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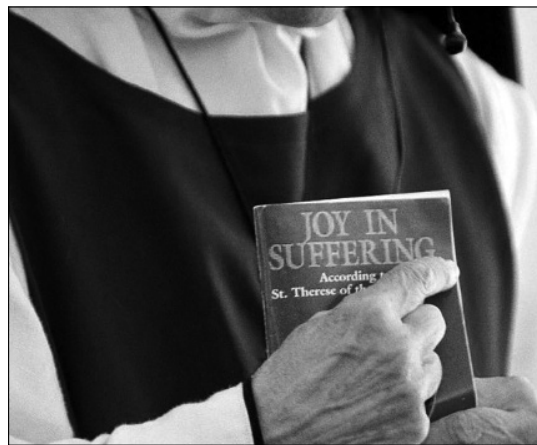
"A Protestant co-worker's son committed suicide," Aureus relates. "The co-worker had heard that, according to Catholic teaching, suicide victims go straight to Hell. I was able to explain to my colleague what the Catholic Church really teaches: not to despair of the salvation of persons who have taken their own lives. Only God knows and He can offer the opportunity to repent." (See CCC 2283.)

Step out in Faith!

"On AM 820, programs challenge us to invite the people around us to come closer to God. So, I ask the people around me why we believe what we do?" continues Aureus. "Sometimes, I send emails to co-workers. I'll ask them, 'What are the top three things that bother you about Catholicism?'. Then, I invite them to talk about those things. Our Faith teaches that there is Truth. So, instead of talking about my opinions, or what we feel, I draw the conversations to the objective reality of The Truth.

"On AM 820, I learn about events that I would never have discovered but for AM 820. During the crisis in Syria, I invited my co-workers to pray with me -- and the Pope -- at lunch. I really appreciate learning about motivational events, locally and worldwide, like these. AM 820 helps me stay connected to the Catholic community."

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that she hears on AM 820!*



Aureus was born into a Catholic family in Trinidad, the fifth of six children. Her family received the Sacraments regularly. Aureus' mother taught her the basics of the Faith and introduced Aureus to the love of God and the Church. "My mother had a special devotion to Our Lady and would go out of her way to support priests and the parish."

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"The idea of joining a religious order was at the back of my mind at a young age. My mother even said that, on the night that I was born, she had a dream that I would be a nun. Signs throughout my life have pointed towards religious life. But growing up, I had trouble deciding what to do. Vocational counseling didn't include any spiritual discernment.

"As a teenager, I became lax in the practice of my Faith. In college, I jettisoned the Faith. I ran away from Faith. I was afraid of it."

Aureus came to the U.S.A. to complete a Master's Degree, then landed a job with a well-known bank in Columbus. She was planning to marry and had even started pre-

Cana instruction. "Yet, it seems that a religious vocation followed me around!" she says. "But I didn't know how to discern a vocation so I went to my parish priest, Fr. Augustine at St. Mary's parish in Delaware. His prodding took me outside of my comfort zone, but it was essential."

God closes the deal in a homeless shelter.

"It was at a homeless shelter that I first felt God's presence. The homeless, lonely men were so thirsty for God and so abandoned. They were OPEN to learning about God, His Truth, and the Blessed Mother."

A dizzying number of religious opportunities opened for Aureus. She went on retreat at the Children of Mary in Newark and felt awed by the environment of whole days ordered around the Eucharist, Adoration, and prayer. God closed the deal then and there.

Aureus gave notice at work, sold her home, was accepted as an aspirant by Children of Mary in 2013, and applied for a religious visa. Her employer has been very supportive. Her employer has allowed her to continue working during the waiting period. During this year of discernment, she has spent lots of time on weekends with the sisters. She will not return to Trinidad, but will go directly into the order this December.

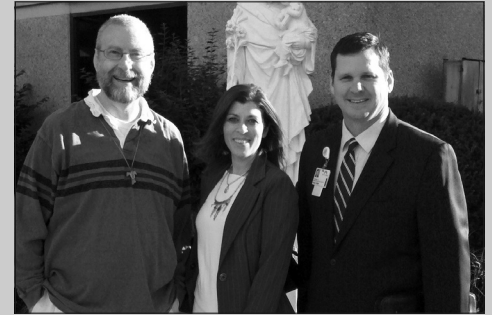
Parting words for AM 820 listeners

Advice for the AM 820 Radio family of listeners that Aureus offers: "If it ever comes to your mind that you have a religious vocation -- at least talk with your priest. Don't fall prey to the Jonah and the Whale syndrome."

She invites us all to share the Good News proclaimed on St. Gabriel Radio, "Just comment about something you heard on AM 820. Give folks a bumper magnet and a program guide. Give them an invitation. It might be a slow start like with me -- that grows on them."

*"Where can I go
from your spirit?
From your presence,
where can I flee? If I
ascend to the heavens, you
are there; if I lie down in
Sheol, there you are. If I
take the wings of dawn
and dwell beyond the sea,
Even there your hand
guides me, your right
hand holds me fast."
Psalm 139, 7-10*

ST. GABRIEL RADIO, BEDSIDE AT MOUNT CARMEL HOSPITALS - CHANNEL 35



Doug Stein, Mount Carmel Foundation, with Dave Orsborn and Carrie Magalski, St. Gabriel Radio (R - L).

Patients at Mount Carmel West, East, and St. Ann's now can tune into bedside inspiration on Channel 35, St. Gabriel Catholic Radio.

LISTENER TESTIMONY

"I'm a junior at Ohio State. St. Gabriel Catholic Radio is such a blessing in my life! I've been listening to it for a few years now. I enjoy every moment of it and I listen to the whole 2 hour drive home to my parent's house. I enjoy especially From The Bishop's Chair with Bishop Campbell, The Seminarians, and Mornings with Mother. It's important for me to learn more about my Catholic Faith and to know how to answer questions about my Faith, especially in the difficult school environment."

Faithful Listener

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT



The Seminarians from the Josephinum

Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. + Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Geroge Mahas, Nic Ventura, Max Landman,
Anthony Zilch (L-R)

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AN ADVENT CONCERT NARRATIVE

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