

ST. GABRIEL

CATHOLIC RADIO
AM 820



MESSENGER

Spring 2013

GENERATION X: FROM ROCK 'N ROLL TO AM 820

"My family is Catholic. I was raised Catholic. My parents did everything they could to pass on the Catholic Faith to me. But the pull of our godless culture was overwhelming. St. Gabriel Radio played a major role in bringing me back," says Tony Romano.

Tony thanks Fr. John Riccardo, Mother Angelica, Patrick Madrid, and our own Bishop Campbell for helping him find his way home through their programs on AM 820.

Valley of dry bones

As a youth, Tony attended Catholic high school and a Jesuit university by choice but as a young adult, he wandered into Evangelical Protestant practices. "I'm a member of Generation X – growing up in the 1980s, coming of age in the 90s. Sadly, despite my parents' efforts, the effects of religious confusion swirling around me as a teenager bore some rotten fruit later on," Tony recounts.

"My early post-graduation years were a valley of dry bones in terms of my faith. I remember at one point thinking, 'I believe in Rock 'n Roll!'"

Tony moved around from Lutheran to Presbyterian and among a variety of Evangelical congregations. Eventually, Tony married outside of the Church. "I tried to show my parents and anyone else stuck in 'Catholicism' that they should experience the 'freedom' of private interpretation, faith-only salvation, and liturgy-free worship. I'm deeply grieved for all of the awful aspersions I cast at God's Family during those days."

Grace, grace, grace. . .

Tony says that his fellow Protestants talked about "grace, grace, grace... saved by grace alone!" But Tony felt that the real, underlying message he was hearing from the people around him was more about trying harder, doing more, and being better in order to merit God's grace. "I found no mechanism for reconciliation with God in the Protestant practices and started to realize how much I missed the Sacraments," concluded Tony.

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Conversion
of heart

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WALL OF THANKS

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STATION FOUNDERS
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Please stop by the AM 820 studio to take a peek at the “Station Founders” wall of thanks that now graces the reception area. The wall of thanks recognizes 200 faithful listeners who have joined in the “Building Faith, Sharing Christ,” Capital Campaign.

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Bill Messerly, Executive Director

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



irrepressible, Italian flair to his conversations with Catholic businesses. Thank you, Brother Anthony!

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**GENERATION X:
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“I used to listen to Evangelical radio programs on my way to work,” Tony says, but he found contradictions in the ideas he heard. “I was thirsting for more substance. I remembered being told about AM 820, and so I started listening,” says Tony. “It was like a tall, cool drink of water in a desert.”

Tony rediscovers the Sacraments.

Tony was fascinated to discover that EWTN and AM 820 programs like those of Fr. John Riccardo were Biblically based. “The Truth was presented with warmth and compassion. The programs are hugely comforting!” Tony also rediscovered the Sacraments, including the Sacrament of Penance.

And so, on the eve of Advent in 2012 – during the Year of Faith – Tony met with Father Kevin Lutz, a dear, old friend of his family from “back home.” Talking with Father Lutz, Tony remembered how much he’d loved Father’s homilies as a kid. “He heard my confession then and there, and I became fully reconciled to Jesus Christ and to our Holy Mother Church, that day. Thanks, and praise be to God, Amen!!!!”

An appeal to heart and mind

Tony has met with opposition from non-Catholic friends but he’s convinced that he has to live his life for the Lord without compromise of his Catholic Faith. Fortunately, Tony and his wife share a deep love for God, even though they no longer share the same religious practices. Tony is especially grateful to his wife for sharing with him a deeper appreciation of Scripture and its role in living our faith. He fondly recalls the time they spent together on a Biblical reading project, *The Bible in 90 Days*.

“This passion about Scripture has helped me grow in faith. When I started listening to AM 820, it blew me away to hear radio hosts like Patrick Madrid and Scott Hahn explain the Biblical foundations of the teachings of the Catholic Church. They also clearly explained the important role of grace in living our faith. AM 820 helped me understand how truly Biblical Catholic teaching is. I began to see a Divine Logic that, coupled with the Biblical foundation of the Church, appealed to my mind AND my heart.

In the Lord’s hands

“My wife and I are on different paths now,” Tony explains, “and our future is in the hands of the Lord. My Mom and Dad, true examples of Christian compassion as they are, have shown each of us tremendous love and support through this whole journey. How my parents’ hearts must have ached in those 10 years I’d been away!”

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Spiritual sustenance: the Eucharist

“I’m currently reading through the beautiful, Old Testament Deuterocanonical books which I have sorely missed. The Mass is even more dignified and reverent than I remembered it, thanks to the new Missal. I’ve been welcomed back joyfully by more people than I can name, who had been praying for me all those intervening years.

“I have rediscovered the irreplaceable treasure of the Eucharist,” confesses Tony, “and the only place where we can find the Eucharist is in the Catholic Church.”

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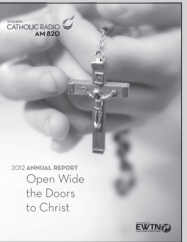


“I am Christian, but not Catholic. Thanks to the AM 820 bumper magnet campaign, I’ve been listening regularly. It’s been a revelation to learn about the Catholic

Church as she really is, rather than the caricature often portrayed by the media. My faith has been deepened by your programming. . .”

- Listener – AM 820 Radio family

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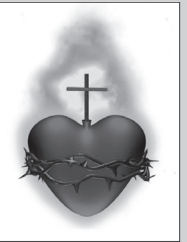
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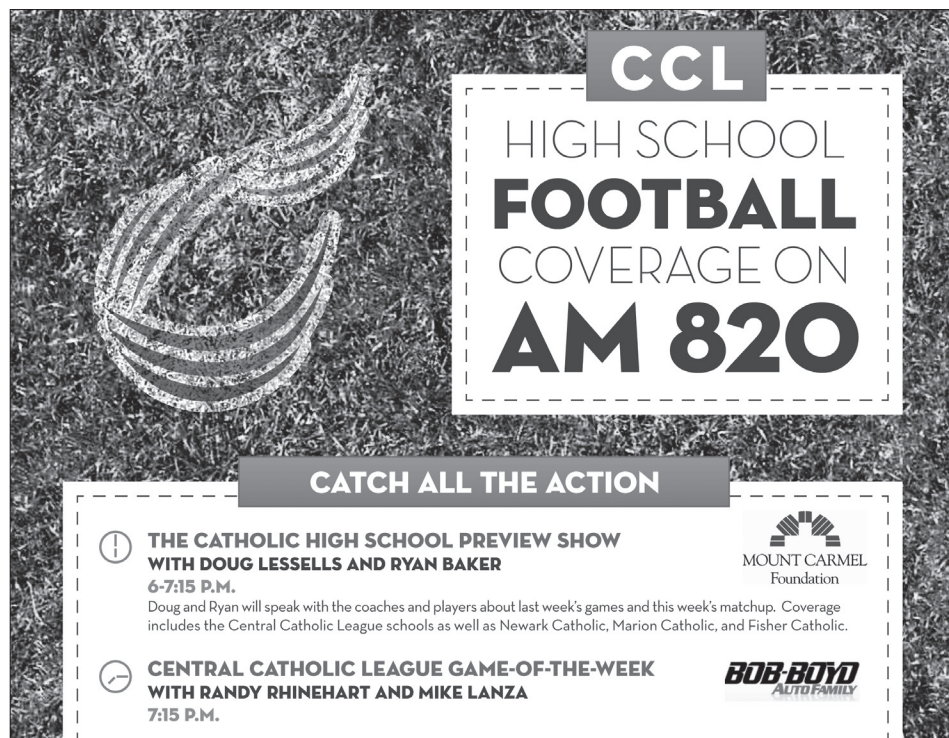
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Mystery of Marriage*



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AM 820

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 **THE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PREVIEW SHOW**
WITH DOUG LESSELLS AND RYAN BAKER
6-7:15 P.M.
Doug and Ryan will speak with the coaches and players about last week's games and this week's matchup. Coverage includes the Central Catholic League schools as well as Newark Catholic, Marion Catholic, and Fisher Catholic.

 **CENTRAL CATHOLIC LEAGUE GAME-OF-THE-WEEK**
WITH RANDY RHINEHART AND MIKE LANZA
7:15 P.M.


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