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## Spring Mariathon to be held April 30 - May 6

Please join us April 30 - May 6 for the annual Spring Radio Maria Mariathon!

The focus of this Mariathon will be to support the mission of the new studio that is expected to begin broadcasting in early April in Houston. (See page 2 for details).

The English studio in Houston will assist the Alexandria studio in production and extended broadcasting hours on week nights and weekends.

The World Family of Radio Maria is supporting the initial efforts of the studio and is asking support from each of its other affiliates around the world for assistance.

During the Spring Mariathon, 10 percent of our proceeds will go to the start-up efforts of the new studio in Houston as part of Radio Maria.

Throughout the Mariathon, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held in the studio chapel. Local volunteers are asked to keep vigil in the chapel; our listeners are asked to keep Radio Maria in your prayers.



## Easter Blessings From Radio Maria!

Easter greetings to our whole Family of Radio Maria!

Alleluia!

Great is our joy, because the Lord has risen and has conquered death!

This year has been full of Joy in our work for Our Blessed Mother's radio as we continue to increase the quality of our programs with several new inspiring programs that will help you grow in your faith.

It has also been a great grace to continue to meet and work with our Bishops and volunteers. Although we have struggled with our financial situation at times, we have been blessed by your generous gifts and prayers.

We continue full of joy and peace, because we are fulfilling our mission of evangelization. With your help we are reaching even more souls with the Good News!

The resurrection of Christ must be part of our daily life. Whoever affirms that Jesus Christ has risen, must live a New Joy. The Resurrection of the Lord Jesus is a powerful call to truly live in accordance with the love of God with a real Hope that, "Yes! It is possible to be saints!"

This is not possible by our own human efforts, so limited and insufficient, but because "Nothing is impos-



sible for God." The Divine Power manifested in the Resurrection of the Lord is for us a guarantee that we can count on that Divine Force that comes to the aid of our weakness.

If we open ourselves and join humbly from our littleness, God will gradually work a real change in our lives. He will work our sanctification. So it is with Radio Maria. When we humbly open our hearts and join together to give what we can, then the Divine Force of God's Word can work a real change and bring about sanctification of many souls.

Your generous gift is so needed to continue this ur-

gent work!

With this Joyful letter, I want to invite you to be part of our Easter campaign. This is THE moment to evangelize the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Having the power of radio technology is a blessing that we have been given to use but we need your prayers and generous contribution to continue with this apostolic mission.

Please help us in our mission to bring others to Christ.

Easter Blessings!

Fr. Emilio Garreud  
National Priest Director  
Radio Maria USA



# World Family sets up English studio in Houston

## Alexandria studio doubles its power to reach wider listening area

Radio Maria USA president Carlo DiMaggio announced March 15 that a new studio is expected to begin broadcasting in early April in Houston Texas.

The announcement was made at the current site of the Spanish Radio Maria studio that was established years ago. The English-speaking studio will share much of the same equipment and office space with the RM Spanish studio.

“We are thrilled to announce the opening of this studio in Houston,” said DiMaggio. “Radio Maria is anxious to reach out and offer the English-speaking people of Houston, Our Lady’s programs of prayer, music and evangelization that our Hispanic brothers and sisters have enjoyed for the past several years. Welcome to Radio Maria, Houston!”

The studio will employ a full-time production person who will assist long-time production manager Frank Hare in the Alexandria studio with live programming later in the evening (til 10 p.m.) on weekdays and on the weekends. A full-time promoter will also be paid for by World Family to promote Radio Maria in the Houston area for one year.

Broadcasting from the studio is awaiting final ap-



**WORLD FAMILY PRESIDENT VITTORIO VICARDI MEETS WITH LAFAYETTE AND ALEXANDRIA VOLUNTEERS.** Volunteers from Lafayette and Alexandria met with Vittorio Vicardi, president of the World Family of Radio Maria and Father Emilio Garreaud, national priest director, March 15 to hear the announcement that the Alexandria tower’s signal is expected to be increased to include coverage in the Lafayette area. On the same day, Carlo DiMaggio, president of Radio Maria USA, met with volunteers in Houston to announce the start of a studio that is expected to begin broadcasting in early April from the Spanish Radio Maria studio in Houston.

proval from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The FCC is expected to grant Radio Maria an increase in power to two of its towers – the one in Alexandria and the one in Port Arthur Texas. Both towers are expected to receive an increase in power from 5,000 watts to 10,000 watts, making the strength of the signal reach a wider coverage area.

This means that in the Port Arthur area, (1250 AM) the signal will be

strong enough to reach the Houston area.

The increase in power at the Alexandria tower (580 AM) will also mean a wider coverage area that will include the Lafayette area near New Iberia and farther north past Natchitoches.

Making that announcement at the Alexandria studio the same day was Vittorio Vicardi president of World Family of Radio Maria and Father Emilio Garreaud, national priest director for Radio

Maria USA.

The signal at New Iberia is not far from Lafayette, but was never strong enough to reach that area, which is a much more populated area. This opens up a whole new area for new listeners.

Victorrio met with a group of volunteers from Natchitoches, Alexandria and Lafayette for the day at the Radio Maria studio in Alexandria – visiting and answering questions about upgrades to the towers.



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Father Emilio Garreaud, Bishop Louis Kihneman, Terry Dickson, and Mike Miller meet in Biloxi.

## Radio Maria meets with Bishop Louis F. Kihneman and Biloxi, MS volunteers

Father Emilio Garreaud's goal last fall was to meet with each of the five bishops in the three southern states of Louisiana, Texas, and Mississippi, where there are Radio Maria frequencies. Since then, with the help of volunteer promoter Mary Ann Reddoch, these meetings have taken place and have been very successful.

The final meeting was held March 7 when Father Emilio met with Bishop Louis Kihneman, bishop of the Diocese of Biloxi; Terry Dickson, editor of the Gulf Pines Catholic; and Mike Miller, long-time Radio Maria volunteer for the frequency at 88.1 FM in D'Iberville, Mississippi.

Father Emilio shared the history

and the reach of Radio Maria with Bishop Kihneman, as well as the mission and scope of RM USA and the struggles of a station that is listener supported and volunteer run.

Bishop Kihneman was given the programming schedule and the reach of the D'Iberville signal. Although the low frequency signal does not cover the entire diocese, Radio Maria can be listened to via a smart phone app available at radiomaria.us or by listening live on the website also at radiomaria.us.

Bishop Kihneman and Terry Dickson both gave Father Emilio a show of support for Radio Maria and look forward to a good working relationship with Radio Maria in the future.



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Radio Maria was born as a parish radio in 1983 in the Diocese of Milan, Italy. Its purpose was to keep parishioners informed and to help them through prayer, the daily Mass and the Rosary. Radio Maria began broadcasting from its first English-speaking station on May 25, 2000 in Alexandria, Louisiana.



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**March 2, 2018**  
**Message to Mirjana**

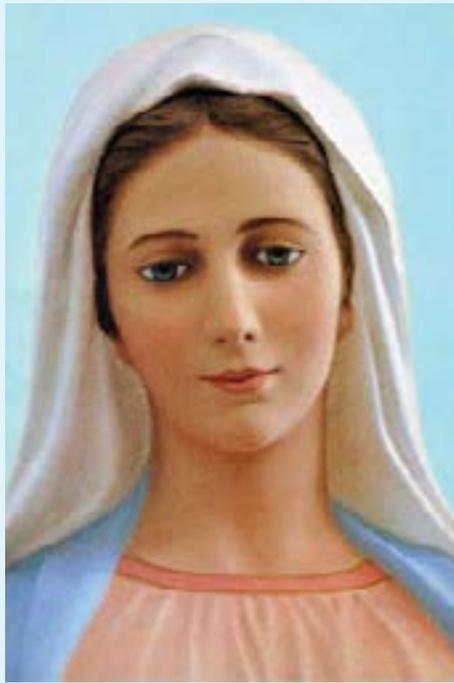
“Dear children,

Great are the works that the Heavenly Father has done in me, as He does in all those who love Him tenderly and who faithfully and devoutly serve Him. My children, the Heavenly Father loves you, and it is through His love that I am here with you. He is speaking to you. Why do you not desire to see the signs? Everything is easier alongside Him.

Also, pain lived with Him is easier because faith exists. Faith helps in the pain, and pain without faith leads to despair. Pain lived and offered to God raises up. Did my Son not redeem the world through His painful sacrifice? As His mother I was with Him in the pain and suffering, as I am with all of you. My children, I am with you in life, in suffering, in pain, in joy and in love.

Therefore, have hope. It is hope that makes you comprehend that life is there. My children, I am speaking to you, my voice is speaking to your soul, my heart is speaking to your heart.

Oh, apostles of my love, how much my motherly heart loves you. How many things I desire to teach you. How my motherly heart desires that you be complete, and you can be complete only when your soul, body and love are united within you.



I implore you as my children, pray much for the Church and her servants - your shepherds; that the Church may be such as my Son desires - clear as spring water and full of love. Thank you.

**Our Lady's Message of**  
**March 18, 2018**  
**Mirjana Soldo**

Dear children! My earthly life was simple. I loved and I rejoiced in small things. I loved life - the gift from God - even though pain and sufferings pierced my heart. My children, I had the strength of faith and boundless trust in God's love. All those who have the strength of faith are stronger. Faith makes you live according to what is good and then the light of God's love always comes at the desired moment. That is the

Note: These messages are not yet recognized by the Catholic Church as having a supernatural origin.

strength which sustains in pain and suffering.

My children, pray for the strength of faith, trust in the Heavenly Father, and do not be afraid. Know that not a single creature who belongs to God will be lost but will live forever. Every pain has its end and then life in freedom begins there where all of my children come - where everything is returned.

My children, your battle is difficult. It will be even more difficult, but you follow my example. Pray for the strength of faith; trust in the love of the Heavenly Father. I am with you. I am manifesting myself to you. I am encouraging you. With immeasurable motherly love I am caressing your souls. Thank you.

**March 25, 2018**  
**Message to Marjia**

“Dear children!

I am calling you to be with me in prayer in this time of grace when darkness is fighting against the light. Pray, little children, confess and begin a new life in grace. Decide for God and He will lead you towards holiness; and the cross will be a sign of victory and hope for you. Be proud that you are baptized and grateful in your heart that you are a part of God's plan. Thank you for having responded to my call.”



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