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Fr. John Fletcher named interim National Priest Director

Father John Fletcher, CC, has been named the interim National Priest Director of Radio Maria USA. The appointment was made by Carlo DiMaggio, president of Radio Maria USA, after the resignation of Deacon Al Vacek in early June.

As national priest director, Fr. John will primarily be responsible for approving the programs on Radio Maria, providing spiritual support for listeners through programming,

and making decisions regarding the general operations of the stations.

Many listeners are already familiar with Fr. John since he has been a presenter on Radio Maria for almost 10 years and has served as a director in the past. He is currently the host of two programs including Mary Queen of Peace (live Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m. Central time and rebroadcast Fridays at 4:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 6:30 a.m.) and



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33 Days to Merciful Love (live Wednesdays and

Thursdays at 8:30 a.m.) He also celebrates Mass on the air every Monday at 8:00 a.m.

He is a member of a community of priests and seminarians called the Companions of the Cross. He recently celebrated his 19th anniversary of ordination. He has served as a pastor and spiritual director. He currently lives in Detroit, MI., where he ministers as a campus

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Pope adds 3 new titles to litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary

By Courtney Mares
Catholic News Agency

Pope Francis has approved the inclusion of three additional invocations in the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

In a June 20 letter to the presidents of bishops' conferences, Cardinal Robert Sarah, prefect of the Congregation for the Divine Liturgy and the Discipline of the Sacraments, said the invocations *Mater misericordiae*, *Mater spei*, and *Solacium migrantium* should be inserted in the Marian litany.

In his letter, Cardinal Sarah noted where each invocation should be added, using the Latin formulations. *Mater misericordiae*, which



means, "Mother of mercy," should be placed after *Mater Ecclesiae*.

Mater spei, which means "Mother of hope," should follow *Mater*

divinae gratiae, and *Solacium migrantium*, which means "Comfort of migrants," should follow *Refugium peccatorum*.

Sarah said Pope Francis welcomed people's desire to include these invocations in the formulary of the litany.

The Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, also known as the Litany of Loreto, has been an approved prayer for the intercession of Mary by the Church since the late 16th century, with its usage recorded even prior.

It consists of the recitation of formal and informal titles of Mary, followed by the request to Mary to "pray for us."

New Priest Director

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chaplain at Wayne State University in Detroit. He also serves as a chaplain in the U.S. Army Reserves.

Before becoming a priest, he earned a degree in Industrial Engineering from Ohio University. He worked as an engineer for a defense contractor and was a bartender in Silicon Valley for a few years before entering the priesthood. He has taken a class in production broad-

casting at the University of Dayton and has a general class amateur radio license.

"Radio Maria is such an important ministry, especially during these challenging times. We need Our Blessed Mother more than ever and it is such a privilege to be part of her mission to bring the Good News of her Divine Son Jesus into the hearts and homes of the people of this great nation." said Fr. John.

Thank you Deacon Al!

It is with great sadness that Radio Maria had to say farewell to Deacon Al Vacek, priest director of Radio Maria for the past year.

As a deacon in the Diocese of Houston/Galveston, Deacon Al was recently assigned a new position as chaplain in a Houston hospital.

"We wish Deacon Al the best of luck in his new assignment," said Carlo DiMaggio, president of Radio Maria. "Deacon Al



was a great asset to Our Lady's mission through Radio Maria and we appreciate all of his hard work. We will miss him."

Mary, the Prophet for Our Times

We live in very challenging times even without the Covid virus and all the civil unrest in the United States. Society has been increasingly making efforts to remove God from any kind of public mention and discouraging even personal belief.

We've seen these trends take place throughout the Old Testament. As the Israelites abandoned God more and more and went over to false gods and inappropriate behaviors, God got the message: they didn't want Him around.

So God sent prophets to help the people correct wrong ways of



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thinking and behaving. For the most part, they weren't listened to. So God pulled back, so to speak, from the Israelites who rejected Him.

But as God pulls back, His protection goes with Him. Soon the Israelites were overcome by conquering nations resulting in times of severe oppression. This gave them the

opportunity to repent and return to God. God honored their sincerity and once again their nation would prosper.

I believe that this is pretty much what's taking place in our world today and that the pandemic and unrest are merely consequences of a world that has told God to get lost. God is sending us prophets even in our day and age and His greatest prophet is His own Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary. She has been appearing in many places over the past 175 years and now more than ever.

In a recent message given in Medjugorje, Our Lady encourages us. She wants us to know that she

hears our cries and prayers and that she is interceding on our behalf with her Divine Son Jesus. She invites us to return to prayer and to open our hearts and embrace conversion. Our lives are short, she says, and she warns us that without God our lives have no meaning. She wants to lead us to Jesus more than anything else.

So during these difficult days, let us heed Our Blessed Mother's words, let us allow her to take us by the hand and bring us to her Divine Son.

There is no better way to Jesus than through Mary.

Racial injustice protests ‘hijacked’ by violent anarchists

Catholic News Agency

After the toppling of a saint’s statue in San Francisco, the city’s archbishop said that important protests over racial injustice have been “hijacked” by a mob bent on violence.

“What is happening to our society? A renewed national movement to heal memories and correct the injustices of racism and police brutality in our country has been hijacked by some into a movement of violence, looting and vandalism,” Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone said in a statement June 20.

The archbishop’s statement came after a statue of St. Junipero Serra was torn down in San Francisco’s Golden Gate Park June 19, along with statues of Francis Scott Key and Ulysses S. Grant.

“The toppling and de-



facings of statues in Golden Gate Park, including that of St. Junipero Serra, have become the latest example,” of that shift in the protest movement, the archbishop added.

“The memorialization of historic figures merits an honest and fair discussion as to how and to whom such honor should be given. But here, there was no such rational discussion; it was mob rule, a troubling phenom-

enon that seems to be repeating itself throughout the country.”

“St. Serra made heroic sacrifices to protect the indigenous people of California from their Spanish conquerors, especially the soldiers. Even with his infirmed leg which caused him such pain, he walked all the way to Mexico City to obtain special faculties of governance from the Viceroy of Spain in order to discipline the military who were abusing the Indians. And then he walked back to California.”

“St. Junipero Serra also offered them the best thing he had: the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ, which he and his fellow Franciscan friars did through education, health care, and training in the agrarian arts.”

Other headlines have surfaced in places around the world:

• A man has been arrested and charged with vandal-

ism and assault after swastikas were painted on the graves of several Dominican friars and a security guard was assaulted at Catholic college June 22.

• The mayor of a Dutch town in the Netherlands has condemned vandals who defaced an image of Our Lady of Czestochowa and daubed the letters “BLM” (Black Lives Matter) beneath it.

• The Catholic former president of a Florida university’s student senate says he was removed from office for questioning controversial policy positions of the Black Lives Matter group in a text message thread with fellow Catholic students.

Cordileone emphasized the importance of calls for racial justice and an end to police brutality, which began after the May 25 death of George Floyd, a black man killed by a Minneapolis police officer who kneeled on Floyd’s neck for 8 minutes.



Summer Mariathon

Join us on air for our Summer Mariathon

August 5-8

featuring a tribute to **Fr. Duane Stenzel, OFM**

Share a reflection on your fond memories of Fr. Duane in a written piece or short audio/video clip (no more than 3 minutes)

to be played on air or posted on Facebook.

Submit your reflection via email to development@radiomaria.us by July 20, 2020.



New Alexa App for Radio Maria

We are pleased to announce the rollout of the new ALEXA App for Radio Maria USA, which is just one more way you can listen to your favorite programs in your home! This is the official App recognized and supported by the Radio Maria network.

If you are already using an Alexa device, you know how quick and easy it is! All you need to do is say the new command:

‘Alexa, Open Radio Maria!’



CENTRAL	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	EASTERN	
6:00AM	Full Rosary Pope John Paul II	Angelus, Holy Rosary with Various Bishops, Litany						7:00AM	
6:30AM		Food for the Journey, Sr. Ann Shields					Mary Queen of Peace Fr. John Fletcher	7:30AM	
7:00AM		Morning Prayers & Holy Rosary						8:00AM	
7:30AM	Morning Prayers	Morning Office of the Liturgy of the Hours (Lauds) and Preparation for Holy Mass						Lauds & Bishop Glen Provost	8:30AM
8:00AM	Healing Through the Mass Fr. Duane Stenzel	Sacrifice of the Holy Mass						Companions on the Journey Mark Poletunow and Michael Norton	9:00AM
8:30AM	God's Word Alive: Sunday's Readings Tom Webb	Living the Lectioary (Sun. Mass Readings) Various Presenters	Mary Queen of Peace Fr. John Fletcher	St. Faustina's Diary Fr. John Fletcher		God's Word Alive: Sunday's Readings Tom Webb		9:30AM	
9:00AM	Writings of Pope Francis Fr. Vincent Euk	Faith and Culture Nest Center for Faith & Culture at the University of St. Thomas in Houston, TX	The Gathering Place Den. Al Vacek	Jesus: the Promised Messiah of Judaism Roy Schoeman	The Gathering Place Den. Al Vacek	The Catholic "Take" on Truth & Culture Fr. Peter Pilner	Apologetics - Understanding Catholicism Jimmy Seghers	10:00AM	
10:00AM	Sacrifice of the Holy Mass time varies by week	Forming Faithful Families James Littleton	Beyond the Veil Fr. Thomas Loya	Marian Apparitions Mary Pypier	Live with Passion Fr. Cedric Pasqua	Aim High Fr. Jason Kalczynski	Homeschool Lifeline Katy Moran	11:00AM	
		The Master's Money Jon and Evelyn Bean			Forming Faithful Families James Littleton				
11:00AM	Renewing Our Faith Den. Bill Brennan	Spirit and Truth Live Joe Patch	Quest for a Culture of Life in America Steve Koob	Hearty Recipes for Life and Love Francesca Franchina	The Flame of Love (1st, 3rd, 5th) Visit McGrath The Good News Hour: Personal Testimonies (2nd, 4th) Penny Antill	Pro-Life Activism from Creation to Death Jim Sedlak	Learning to Live in God's Divine Will Fr. Joseph Iannuzzi	Noon	
Noon	Angelus, Midday Office of the Liturgy of the Hours & Holy Rosary							1:00PM	
12:30PM	God's Word Alive: Sunday's Readings Tom Webb	Food for the Journey - Sr. Ann Shields / Vatican News					God's Word Alive: Sunday's Readings Tom Webb	1:20PM	
1:00PM	Catholic Kaleidoscope Alyssa Bormes	Am I Not Here? Katy Moran	Spirit and Truth Live Joe Patch	It's A Ponderful Life Den. Adrian Marchi & Sary Kelly	Marian Studies & Spirituality Marian Library at UD	Hope and Purpose Den. Larry Oney	Divine Mercy Diary Fr. John O'Brien	2:00PM	
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2:00PM	Companions on the Journey Mark Poletunow and Michael Norton	Sacred Treasures In The Church Kathie Duggan	Be Your Best As A Catholic Christian John Wright	A Light In The World Christine Rossi	Meet the Author Ken Huck	Catholic Classics Fr. Joseph Koterski	Jesus: the Promised Messiah of Judaism Roy Schoeman	3:00PM	
3:00PM	Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Holy Rosary, Music & Inspiration							4:00PM	
4:00PM	The Word of the Lord Florinda Iannace & Fr. Vincent Euk	Prayer Time Penny Antill	Companions on the Journey Mark Poletunow and Michael Norton	Family Caregiving Dr. Warren Hebert	Prayer Time Fr. John O'Brien	Winning Souls Isaac Longworth	Sacrifice of the Holy Mass	5:00PM	
						Mary Queen of Peace Fr. John Fletcher			
5:00PM	Marian Apparitions Mary Pypier	Carmelite Conversations Mark Danis and Francis Harry	Gospel of Life: Pro-Life Issues Priests for Life	Homeschool Lifeline Katy Moran	Apologetics - Understanding Catholicism Jimmy Seghers	Good Night, Good Day Marta Varga	Beyond the Veil Fr. Thomas Loya	6:00PM	
6:00PM	The Catholic "Take" on Truth & Culture Fr. Peter Pilner	Vigilant Hearts Annie Karto	The Catholic "Take" on Truth & Culture Fr. Peter Pilner	The Joy of Discovery in Sacred Scripture Hal Fletcher	Putting Faith and Hope in Your Job Search Robin Brun	Stations of the Cross God's Word Alive: Sunday's Readings Tom Webb	Vigilant Hearts Annie Karto	7:00PM	
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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. But it quickly grew in popularity into other countries. Radio Maria began broadcasting from its first English-speaking station in the US on May 25, 2000 in Alexandria, La. It has since expanded to include 10 frequencies in five other states.



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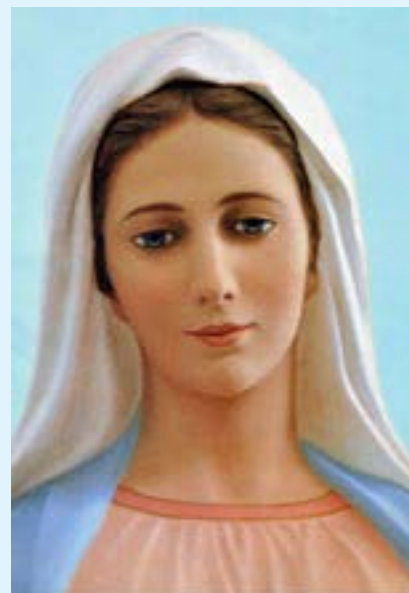
June 25, 2020 Message to Marija

“Dear children!

I am listening to your cries and prayers, and am interceding for you before my Son Jesus, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Return, little children, to prayer and open your hearts in this time of grace and set out on the way of conversion. Your life is passing and, without God, does not have meaning.

This is why I am with you to lead you towards holiness of life, so that each of you may discover the joy of living. I love you all, little children, and am blessing you with my motherly blessing.



Thank you for having responded to my call.”.

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



June 30 - July 8, 2020

The Novena for Difficult Times can be prayed for any difficult journey or moment in your life.

During this novena, we ask for the intercession of these saints:

Day 1 -- All the cloud of witnesses, the saints in Heaven

Day 2 -- St. Matthew the Apostle and St. Nicholas

Day 3 -- St. Joseph and St. Cajetan

Day 4 -- St. Dymphna and Venerable Matt Talbot, and St. Frances de Chantal

Day 5 -- St. Benedict Joseph Labre and St. Elizabeth of Hungary

Day 6 -- St. Anne, Mary, Undoer of Knots, and St. Charbel

Day 7 -- St. Joseph

Day 8 -- St. John Paul II, St. Ignatius of Antioch, and St. Charles Borromeo

Day 9 -- St. Jude and St. Rita We hope that this novena will bring you closer to God's loving embrace, that He will help you through your difficult time, and that you will feel His presence in your life. You are not alone.

Read more at: <https://www.praymorenovenas.com/the-novena-for-difficult-times>

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- **On Alexa** - say "Alexa, Open Radio Maria"



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