

On the 25th of September, high upon a scenic hill off route 50, Grafton, a tower for a recently activated radio station (On air March 5, 2010), WVUS 1190 A.M. Catholic Radio, received a blessing with Holy Water by Father Jim O'Connor, administrator of St. Augustine's Catholic Church in Grafton and St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Philippi. The ceremony was requested by volunteers for the station, Irene and Bob Carubia. The station is owned and operated by Light of Life Community Radio Ministries and can be found at www.lolradio.org// The unique ceremony, which took place under cloudless, blue skies included a spiritual song by the attendees, led by Fr. O'Connor. The highlight of the proceedings was the following prayer, penned and recited by Fr. Jim:

Almighty God and Father we give thanks for your many and innumerable blessings. Today we come before you asking for a special blessing. Through your archangel and messenger, Gabriel, you have revealed your power, will and might as he appeared to the prophet Daniel envisioning the coming of the Messiah; as he appeared to Zachary, announcing the coming of his son, John the Baptist; and finally as he appeared to Mary, the Blessed Mother, announcing your favor and calling to be the mother of Jesus, your only-begotten son.

We ask that through the guardianship of the archangel, Gabriel, you guide and protect this radio station as an instrument in the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ, who said to his disciples, "Go into the whole world and proclaim the Good News of Salvation to all the nations."

We also ask that all who hear the "Good News" proclaimed over the airwaves of this radio station experience conversion, inspiration, renewal, encouragement consolation, instruction, correction and conviction in their efforts to live out your will in their lives.

We ask all this in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God forever and ever. Amen. Concluding prayers were the Our Father and the Hail Mary.

Fr. O'Connor stated during his initiation of the event that ; "This was the first time I've ever blessed a radio tower! And, I am honored to do so."

Respectfully submitted for publication by,

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