

# FAQ: Catholic Radio 101.9 KZZQ

## **Who is Real Presence Radio?**

Real Presence Radio is a Catholic, non-profit organization that have served North Dakota since 2004, when they put up their first stations in Grand Forks. They have since added stations in Fargo-Moorhead, Bismarck, Minot and Williston. Catholic radio has proven financially viable in these areas, and an effective way to “reach and teach.” Our mission is to assist the Roman Catholic Church in drawing all people to the knowledge and love of Jesus and His Church through the medium of Catholic Radio, in full accord with the Magisterium of the Catholic Church.

## **What sort of programming is carried by Catholic radio?**

Catholic radio is a talk format. Most programming is provided by EWTN, and includes inspirational faith and Scripture study, current event commentary from a Catholic perspective, interviews and call-in talk by well known hosts such as Fr. Mitch Pacwa, Teresa Tomeo and Raymond Arroyo, and Al Kresta. On Monday afternoon and Tuesday mornings, Real Presence Radio Live shares local news and events. And throughout the day, Catholic radio helps promote the good works of area parishes and apostolates, for example, in publicizing retreats and parish events.

## **Who listens to Catholic radio?**

On November 6, 2004, Real Presence Radio went “on the air” in Grand Forks with its first station. We were soon surprised to learn that our listeners came from all walks of life. It included those who desired to learn more about their faith, as well as a significant portion of non-Catholics. People are attracted to Catholic radio because it allows them to ponder the Truths of the Faith in the privacy of their car or home. For many who are curious about the Church, it is an easy, ‘safe’ way to explore what the Church teaches and believes. For others, it is a source of inspiration in their walk of faith.

## **What does it cost to maintain a Catholic radio station? How do you cover these costs?**

Monthly expenses for a Dickinson area station are estimated at \$3,125. Real Presence Radio has five other stations throughout North Dakota. Support comes from monthly donors called messengers, semi-annual on-air fund drives and an annual banquet. These have proven sufficient to operate the stations. Real Presence has completed 2 of the 4 required remaining payments of \$40,000 to complete the purchase of KZZQ. The remaining 2 payments are due October 2013 and January 2014.

## **Have our bishops endorsed Catholic radio? How about our local pastors?**

Yes. We have received letters of endorsement from all Bishops served by our signal(s). Most recently, on June 8, 2012, Bishop David Kagan of the Diocese of Bismarck granted permission to proceed with fundraising for a Dickinson-area station. Area pastors were among the first to see the benefits of Catholic radio, and endorsed its quick adoption. Their leadership has been instrumental in making Catholic radio in the Dickinson area possible.

## **Further questions?**

Contact our staff at 1-877-795-0122, or see [www.yourcatholicradiostation.com](http://www.yourcatholicradiostation.com).

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