



For you, I give everything



Some years ago one of my second or third grade school children, made a crucifix for me.

The cross was made from a paper towel tube and Jesus from heavy stock paper.

His body and head were small squares of the paper and His arms and legs small strips of it stapled to His body.

On His head the little girl drew Jesus' face with pencil. There was something so special about this crucifix that I put it in my vesting sacristy and looked at it every day. At first I was simply touched by how darling it was, and how creative for a young child, but soon I found myself meditating with it as if it were a replica of an Old Master crucifixion scene.

One day I was looking at the crucifix as I was vesting for Mass. A feeling of gratitude rose up in me, and I thanked Jesus for dying for me. Suddenly, I noticed something: Jesus was smiling!

I had never really looked at Jesus' face. The little girl had drawn a simple face the way children do. The eyes were circles with two dots for pupils, hair and eyebrows were blacked in with crayon, a pencil dot for a nose and a line for a mouth, but the

mouth was curved in a big, definite smile. As I noticed the smile, I heard a voice in my head say, "Happy to do it."

If this sounds irreverent to you, I assure you it did not feel so then, and I do not mean it to be now. The message felt profound: We speak most often of the horror and injustice and sacrifice of the crucifixion *as we should* and artists focus most often on the pain and suffering of Jesus – which He experienced; less often do we remember that it was first and foremost a **free act of love**.

"At the time he was betrayed and entered **willingly** into his Passion . . ." (2nd Eucharistic Prayer, emphasis mine) '**Willingly**' can mean Jesus freely chose the cross, but looking at my cardboard Jesus' smiling face, the word conveyed a meaning deeper still, that Jesus **wanted** to do this for us, that on some level, beyond the pain and suffering, He and the Father delighted to save us, that nothing could have stopped Them. "For God so loved the world that he sent his only son . . ." "Love one another as I have I have loved you." We human beings can do good grudgingly and be conflicted, but God is never ambivalent; God not only loves, but **desires** to love, **delights** to love, to use human words.



When the centurion thrust his lance into the side of Jesus, God's loving mercy flowed out; it flows out still whenever Christ is proclaimed.

We at Sacred Heart Radio are deeply honored and humbled to be chosen as a conduit of God's love and mercy. We hope that as you listen you feel it flowing to you. We hope that our broadcasts move you to look up and see the loving face of your crucified Savior smiling at you, assuring you that, despite the pain and humiliation of the cross, He is happy to die for you.

--Fr. Stef Bankemper

Beginning ANOTHER 25 years of broadcasting the Faith—Every Day! 2001 2026

For 25 years, Sacred Heart Radio has been a **powerful channel of God's grace**, sharing the Catholic perspective, broadcasting the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and bringing you trusted voices like Fr. Wade Menezes.

The effect? God has sparked conversions, healed marriages, inspired vocations, and strengthened the faith of millions—locally and nationwide through The Son Rise Morning Show.

So...what about the next 25 years? **It begins** with your support during our Lenten Pledge Drive on March 17–18! With your help, we can raise \$100,000 and ensure Sacred Heart Radio remains a strong, faithful Catholic voice for generations to come."

25th Anniversary Gifts:

- **A new pledge of \$25 per month:** Receive Dr. Ken Craycraft's book *Citizens Yet Strangers*.
- **\$250 one-time gift:** Enter to win two premium banquet tickets (\$740 value) to sit with Anna Mitchell, Matt Swaim, Dr. Ken Craycraft, or Fr. Wade Menezes. With four pairs of seats, your chances to win are even greater!

These gifts are a token of our gratitude, but the real reward is the lives your support touches. Join us to **pray, pledge, and give March 17–18** so Sacred Heart Radio can keep broadcasting the Faith **EVERY DAY** -- for the next 25 years.

We need volunteers to answer phones from 7am to 6pm on March 17th, 18th. If you're available, even for an hour--please sign up at sacredheartradio.com and click VOLUNTEER

DRIVING HOME THE FAITH

Taking the Scenic Route



Dr. Ken Craycraft

These differences can be described by three signposts.

First, I will try to steer the show between being a “secular” program and a “religious” one. This is not to deny that there are appropriate places for both. But I hope the new Driving Home the Faith will move beyond this false divide, affirming the goodness of all creation. Everything that exists is good, because everything that exists is made by God. This means that signs of truth, beauty, and goodness can be found in many unexpected places, often having nothing to do with explicitly “religious” themes. I plan to explore Catholic topics on the one hand, and on the other, to look at all things through a Catholic lens. The former will naturally take the lead. But I hope to expand the latter, showing that signs of holiness can be discovered in surprising places when seen with the eyes of faith.

The second signpost for the new Driving Home the Faith will be the three transcendentals: Truth, Beauty, and Goodness. These are different ways of pointing toward the limitless being of God.

Truth speaks to the intellect, beauty to desire, and goodness to the will. Together, they form a road map to God, who is the source of all that can be known, desired, and loved. We are not meant to create these things ourselves, but to take part in them—and to delight in the participation of others. We will express this by broadening our attention to music, literature and other creative writing, film, television, sports, architecture, and other expressions of truth, beauty, and goodness.

The third guiding principle for the new Driving Home the Faith will be the four pillars of Catholic Social Doctrine: Dignity, Solidarity, Subsidiarity, and the Common Good. These are the principles I explore in my latest book, *Citizens Yet Strangers: Living Authentically Catholic in a Divided America*.

If you haven't yet had the chance to pick up a copy, we will be offering it as a premium during our upcoming Lenten Pledge Drive.

These foundational principles of public life will always guide us. Each human person, uniquely made in the image and likeness of God, possesses infinite dignity. Created in and for community, we are social beings bound together in solidarity. Subsidiarity teaches that smaller and more local institutions and solutions should be preferred to larger and more distant ones. All of this points toward a vision of the common good: living together in a peaceful and just community.

Driving Home the Faith will emphasize these principles, always with our eyes fixed on heaven.

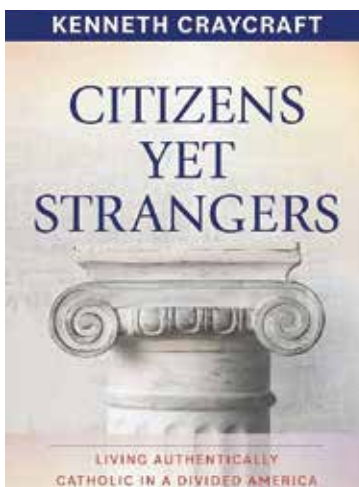
Hop in and buckle up.

It's going to be a great ride!

I have taught nine children how to drive a car—three of them on a manual transmission. Especially with the latter three, the process was slow and cautious. Full of stalled engines, jerky shifts, missed gears, wrong turns, screeching tires, over-revved engines, and more than a few tears, it was a frustrating and sometimes exhausting experience.

You know, sort of like hosting a live radio show with no experience on the host's side of the microphone.

Yet here I am behind the wheel of **Driving Home the Faith**, taking over from a popular and much-loved priest. I cannot replace **Fr. Rob Jack**; but I do intend to carry forward the legacy of an informative, entertaining, and hopeful program while also making the show my own. The differences from the prior Driving Home the Faith will be matters of emphasis, not direction.



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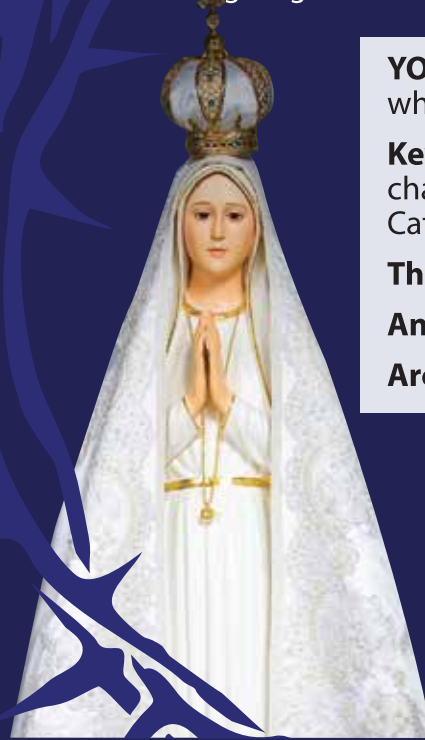


SACRED HEART RADIO CORDIALLY INVITES

You!

Are you coming to celebrate 25 Years of God's grace through Sacred Heart Radio?

For a quarter century, the Lord has used this apostolate to bring truth, hope, and the Gospel into countless hearts and **YOU** have been part of that story. Join us for a special weekend of thanksgiving and celebration with:



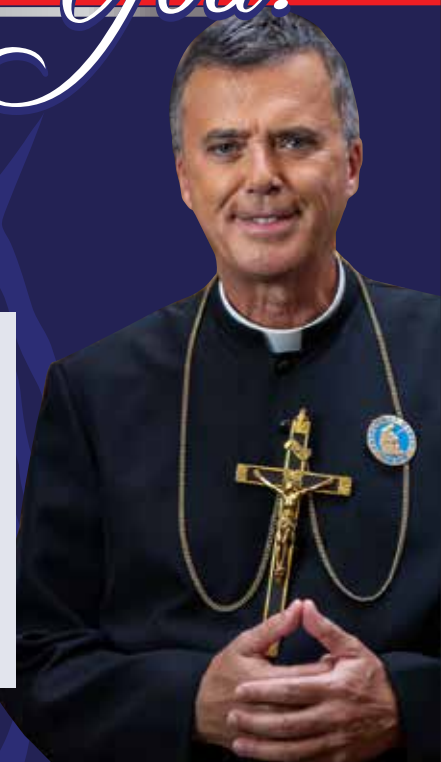
YOU—our listeners and supporters, whose faith and prayers make this mission possible

Keynote Speaker: Fr. Wade Menezes, CPM challenging us to take part in the vital work of Catholic media evangelization

The Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima

Anna, Matt, and Dr. Ken, who will host the evening

Archbishop Robert Casey, joined by many priests



Anna Mitchell



Matt Swaim



Dr. Ken Craycraft

June 12 & 13, 2026

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Looking Forward



Do you see what I see?

A Catholic community that has grown in its knowledge of the faith and its love for the Lord Jesus—through a quarter century of God's grace poured out through Sacred Heart Catholic Radio.

How I wish every local Catholic were as "on fire" for the faith. That's the task of the next 25 years, starting right now! Hopefully, I'll see it in my lifetime.

But if not, cheering the last runner across the finish line from "paradise," seated beside Fr. Rob Jack, would certainly be a win-win.

In this edition, we discover the true joy our Savior found in laying down His life for us. We get a driving lesson from Dr. Ken Craycraft, dress Annie and Matt in matching T-shirts, and even plot the "fuel costs" required to keep the fire of the Holy Spirit blazing across our airwaves and streams as we look ahead to Sacred Heart Radio's 50th anniversary.

But first—let's celebrate!

Join us June 12 and 13 as we mark our first 25 years on the days we honor the loving hearts of Jesus and Mary.

I am so looking forward to the prayers, the party, and being together with you—and with everyone whose faith you've helped ignite through Sacred Heart Catholic Radio.

I'll see you there!




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12:00am	EWTN Live (Encore)	Fathers of Mercy Hour	Take 2 with Jerry & Debbie (Encore)				
12:30am							
1:00am	The Journey Home (Encore)	Best of The Journey Home					The Wisdom of Fr. Groeschel
1:30am		EWTN Bookmark					
2:00am	Mother Angelica Live Classics						
2:30am							
3:00am	Scripture & Tradition	The Miracle Hunter	Women of Grace with Johnnette Benkovic Williams (Encore)				
3:30am							
4:00am	Fathers of Mercy Hour	Fathers Know Best					The World Over (Encore)
4:30am							
5:00am	The Catholic Café	Chaplet of Divine Mercy/ Fire on the Earth					Vatican Insider
5:30am	The Rosary	Rosary for Vocations with Archbishop Schnurr					
6:00am	Vatican Insider	 					Scripture & Tradition
6:30am	Divine Intimacy Radio						The Best of Son Rise Morning Show
7:00am	The World Over (encore)						Daily Mass
7:30am							
8:00am	Sunday Mass from EWTN Chapel (Live) & Stories from the Heart		Catholic Connection with Teresa Tomeo (Live)				Mast Appeal with Coleen Kelly Mast (Live)
8:30am	EWTN Bookmark		Daily Bread w/ Fr. Al Lauer Chaplet of Divine Mercy / Rosary for Vocations				
9:00am							
9:30am	EWTN Pro-Life Weekly						The Spirit World
10:00am	The Catholic Cafe		Christ is the Answer w/ Fr. John Riccardo				
10:30am	Register Radio						Women Made New
11:00am	Light of the East	The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass					
11:30am	Fr. Spitzer's Universe					The Miracle Hunter	
12:00pm							
12:30pm	Scripture & Tradition	The Doctor Is In (Live)				Catholics Coast to Coast	
1:00pm	Mother Angelica Answering the Call	Called to Communion with Dr. David Anders (Live)					
1:30pm	The Catholic Sphere					EWTN Live (Encore)	
2:00pm	The World Over (Encore)	EWTN Open Line (Live)					
2:30pm	Word on Fire					Register Radio	
3:00pm	Blessed 2 Play					EWTN Bookmark	
3:30pm	Journey Home (Encore)					Conversations with Consequences	
4:00pm	Catholics Coast to Coast					The Bear Woznick Adventure	
4:30pm	The Spirit World					The Miracle Hunter	
5:00pm	Mother Angelica Answering the Call	The Journey Home	Mother Angelica Live Classics	EWTN LIVE (Live)	The World Over (Live)	EWTN News In Depth	Beyond Damascus
5:30pm	Live with Passion						
6:00pm	Beloved and Blessed	EWTN News Nightly					Vatican Insider
6:30pm	The Rosary is a Place						
7:00pm	Bible in a Year/Catechism in a Year						
7:30pm							
8:00pm	Divine Intimacy Radio	Called to Communion with Dr. David Anders (Encore)					Fr. Spitzer's Universe
8:30pm	Family Theater Classic Radio						