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REDEEMER RADIO GIVES THANKS FOR 2009 FALL SHARATHON



Redeemer Radio, Fort Wayne's local Catholic Media Apostolate, announces success "by the numbers" for its Fall 2009 "HANDS THAT SERVE" Sharathon, held October 21-23, 2009. Celebrity Host Jerry Usher, the nationally acclaimed "Catholic Answers Live" Founder, anchored **three 12-hour days** featuring live broadcasting that raised **\$146, 539.00** through **1,073 pledges**. Guests included **21 Priests** and a special half-hour phone interview with **the one and only** John M. D'Arcy, Bishop of the Fort Wayne South Bend Diocese. **15 hours** highlighted Fort Wayne and area Parishes, including supporters from Northwest Ohio. More than **14 Apostolates, Charities and Diocesan Ministries** helped to raise funds while on air, educating listeners about their work. More than **175 volunteers** actively participated in the event, in addition to the more than **115 guests** on the air. **Over 500 "Sizzle Gifts"** were donated by local businesses, and awarded to callers—as well as **200 turkeys** donated to the Franciscan Center by Tim Didier Meats.

Listeners also enjoyed local Midday Hosts Jim Tighe, Dr. Matt Bunson, and Mariam Schmitz. Local voice talents Sean McBride and Bob Hartenstein served as "Studio B" live break announcers. Executive Director Dave Stevens commented, "Each Sharathon 'activates' **hundreds of listeners** who then become supporters of the Redeemer Radio." Chair Couple Dr. Mike and Mrs. Grace Mastrangelo, remarked "We thank God, and the **more than 1,100** generous supporters for a fantastic Fall Sharathon."

Redeemer Radio, Catholic Radio, AM 1450 WLYV Fort Wayne, is a listener-supported radio station broadcasting the truth and beauty of the Catholic faith. The mission of Redeemer Radio is to evangelize, educate, and serve the Catholic community and others who are seeking more information about the Catholic faith.

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