



Statement to the Priests and Deacons
From the Most Reverend Paul J. Swain
Bishop of Sioux Falls
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Feast of Saint Joseph, the Worker

Real Presence Radio

Thank you for the support you have provided to Catholic radio in the Diocese of Sioux Falls, an important instrument of evangelization. For some of you it has been provided even in the absence of a reliable signal in your area. Clearly Catholic radio stations are invaluable instruments capable of introducing listeners to and deepening the gifts of the Catholic faith for us all. In fact, there is moving testimony how Catholic radio has been an integral component to conversions and deepening their personal relationships with Jesus Christ.

I am pleased then to be able to share with you two steps that are being taken which will both increase the strength of signals broadcasting Catholic radio today and lay the groundwork for its future in our diocese. I offer my full endorsement of these developments.

- Real Presence Radio (RPR) has entered into a purchase agreement to acquire the 94.5 FM signal in the Sioux Falls area which will provide a substantially-increased coverage area and consistent signals. The purchase is contingent on a review by federal regulators.
- RPR has entered into an affiliate agreement which allows it to operate on the current Lamb Catholic Radio network, a network that has been in existence for nearly 6 years. RPR, like Lamb Radio, is EWTN-affiliated. RPR's leadership has committed to including locally-produced programs. RPR currently operates in the Diocese of Rapid City, as well as across other sister dioceses in North Dakota and Minnesota.

These steps are assuredly significant in our collective efforts to strengthen the connection listeners might hold with Catholic radio by increasing the geographic areas of the diocese where it can be heard. More information about RPR can be found with the FAQ document included with this statement or online at www.yourcatholicradiostation.com.

Please join me in welcoming Real Presence Radio to the Diocese of Sioux Falls. In the coming months you will be contacted by a Real Presence Radio representative and asked to participate in making this continuation and expansion of Catholic radio in our Diocese a reality. Thank you for your consideration of the ways you can support this ministry.

Saint Maximilian Kolbe, patron of Catholic radio, pray for us!