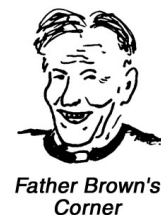




# EWTN 249 Helps Spread the Eternal Word cable249



Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN, cable249) is a new T.V. station with programs directed by Mother Angelica in her Poor Clair Convent in Alabama USA. Since its inception in 1980 the station has grown to 40 million subscribers worldwide, running 24/7. Mother Angelica has recruited many competent television professionals, working on a budget of \$1 million a month.

EWTN was only allowed into Canada by the CRTC this Spring. With the help of friends, I managed to obtain a subscription, and now watch it 90 percent of the time. I have come to appreciate the professional competence, high quality of presenters, and involvement of the viewers calling in.

Other than religious movies and documentaries, there are preaching programs, readings of Church documents that many Catholics never bother to buy or hear, as well as explanations of the Holy Father's letters to the Church, and documents of the Vatican Council. It is almost like a retreat available to you at the click of a button.

"We don't know what we don't know", is a favourite observation of mine and I apply it to myself. Through this station, we open the door to the truth that is there for all Catholics, particularly the history of the Church and consequences of the Reformation, which gave rise to non-Catholic Christian churches all differing in what they believe and teach. A program called "The Journey Home", features present day Christian clergy discussing their discovery of truth about the Catholic Church and their return to it with great joy.

Other programs feature new books on faith by outstanding writers on issues every adult Catholic should strive to understand, together with interviews with their authors. Historical events of the Church, even political relationship agreements by concordats with Italy, Nazi Germany, and Communist Russia are thoroughly explained. Of particular interest for English-speaking countries such as Canada and the US, the history of the Church since Henry VIII and subsequent governments in their treatment of Catholics is also exposed.

Competent priests and laity explain the Sacraments, in ways that stimulate the faithful to practice with greater confidence. For parents who are concerned in the development of faith for their children, EWTN provides children's programs on Saturday mornings and weekday afternoons.

From our own Catholic community in Vancouver, Archbishop Adam Exner and Father John Horgan, pastor of Sts Peter & Paul Parish, are personal friends of Mother Angelica, and have appeared several times on the network.

The truth is often different from what the news media has presented. Especially in times when sensationalism sells, the Church has often been misrepresented unjustly. I recommend this station to everyone.

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