



# Catholic Television Network



We have a very good Catholic paper in the archdiocese of Vancouver. The BC Catholic is very helpful to bring to our people news about our Faith and the Holy Mother Church, which the daily press and other media channels very rarely mention. Before the Synod began, Archbishop Exner wrote a powerful pamphlet called "Signs of the Times". In it, he stated our diocesan population of 360,000 who claim to be Catholic are divided into three equal groups. The first group is those who are faithful in the practice of their faith. The second group is those who are irregular in prayer, in worship and in the actual practice of their faith. The third group is those who no longer practising their faith in prayer, worship and probably losing their faith. The real threat to our Faith is the materialistic value of life in the public media in printed form and television. Some may not realize this as harmful or even dangerous. Archbishop Exner claimed the media is now hostile to religion.

There is another service like our BC Catholic called EWTN, Eternal Word Television Network, 249. It runs 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and has been in operation for 22 years. It comes from Alabama running under the energetic and spirit filled Poor Clare Community. They do not use commercials. The only thing they sell is our Faith, books, videos or religious articles that assist us. I have had this station since I heard it was available. Our Canadian CRTC had up till then prevented this station from entering Canada. I am so grateful I have this station.

I personally recommend every Catholic family to subscript to this marvellous station for a small charge of \$2.00 per month. It has many good programmes such as preaching, teaching, introducing good authors with publications in the topics of confession, marriages, etc., learning about the conversions of 1000 non Catholic clergy to the Catholic Faith.

The papal events, such as the death and funeral of Pope John Paul II, the masses following his death and the election of the new Pope Benedict XVI, are the routine coverage of this network. It is my firm conviction families with children will learn quickly the comfort of having religious teachers in their homes available by turning in this EWTN 249 Network. Those of us who appreciate this station are willingly supporting them by free will contribution.



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# 愛



林泉

如果把聖經濃縮成一個名詞，這個名詞是「主」。如果把聖經濃縮成一個動詞，這個動詞是「愛」。因此「主愛」就是整部聖經的精髓。基督徒對聖經的默想，就是反覆思量如何去愛主這是理所當然的。

在一個苦風淒雨的冬日下午，才過四時，天已黑了，我迎著冷風細雨朝醫院奔跑，臉上分不出是雨是淚，心中念著「母親快死了，我要趕快。」

醫院大門在望，迎面來了一個西婦，她一定感覺到了我的失魂落魄。

「趕去醫院？甚麼事？」

「我母親做完心臟手術，陷入昏迷，送進加護病房，我要趕去看她！」

二話不說，她為我祈禱，為我覆手，為我劃十字。

「妳母親只是病了，不會死，去吧。」

我使勁點了點頭，拔腿就跑。

終於找到加護病房時，已汗流浹背，母親的頭滿是錯綜複雜的線，她的身上插了很多管子，一絲不掛，只蓋一張白單，傷口從頸下一直到臍邊，生命懸掛一線，我的任務是坐在床邊「Touch Her Call Her」。

那些身懷專業 (Specialist) 的白衣天使，川流不息地查這查那，完了只留下「OK」二字和一個鼓勵的眼神，他們步履輕快，動作敏捷，似乎誰都不想破壞那種凝聚而安詳的氣氛。

苦戰了整整九天九夜，終於從死神手中搶回了我的母親。感謝天主。

十二月廿四日下午四時，主診醫生替她作了全面檢查後，意外地恩准母親回家度聖誕。天啊！這是我有生以來收到最難忘的聖誕禮物。時間倉卒，我們沒有火雞，只有一顆顆充滿感恩的心。

「主愛」處處都在，無處不在，只得我們打開心扉去擁抱，去領受。