

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Catholic radio is coming to Baltimore on 92.7 FM! One of Baltimore's first new stations in over 30 years, WVTO will be broadcasting Catholic programming from 2:00 AM to 10:00 AM, right here from St. Benedict Parish's bell tower.

After three years of negotiations, the FCC granted a broadcasting license to WVTO in September for eight hours of airtime daily. The remainder of daily time was awarded to two non-religious broadcast groups. This shared arrangement was the FCC's solution to the multitude of competitors for 92.7 in Baltimore, the only open FM frequency in the area.

We are now in the process of purchasing radio equipment. Our next step is to install an antenna and build a studio. This includes a temporary set-up to get on the air and test our broadcast signal.

We also plan to broadcast EWTN radio's programming. To facilitate this we will travel to Birmingham, Alabama in November for EWTN's Annual Catholic Radio Conference. The Archdiocese of Baltimore made a special grant to St. Benedict's to allow this. . Locally based programs, such as Archdiocesan shows, are a possibility for the future, but not at this early stage.

Our goal is to start broadcasting on December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and the final day that our parish mission 33 Days to Morning Glory. Our signal should be able to be heard in most of Baltimore and as far as Catonsville, Brooklyn Park, and possibly even Dundalk.

As always, we look to the communion of saints, EWTN's foundress Mother Angelica, St. Gabriel the Archangel, patron saint of radio broadcasting, and our Blessed Mother, for continued success. Please ask their intercession for WVTO as you pray during our parish mission.

We also ask that each of you keep us in your prayers, especially as we approach our launch date. Get ready to tune your radio to WVTO 92.7 FM and enjoy Baltimore's new Catholic radio station.

***Signing off,
Cody Barber,
For The WVTO Radio Team***