

# CASTING WORDNET

Spring/Summer 2008



WORDNET PRODUCTIONS, 532 North D Street, San Bernardino, CA 92401, 909-383-4333  
Watch "The Word in the World" Wed 8:30 am PT, TBN, Catholic networks, and [wordnet.tv](http://wordnet.tv). Also [youtube.com/mikesvd](http://youtube.com/mikesvd).



## Goodbye, Mortgage!

Wordnet knows how to control studio production very well---lights, camera, action! When we get outdoors, it seems to be another story.

Last fall Wordnet's Grand Opening and Blessing was planned for the end of what had been a beautiful but dry summer. September 22 came and we were battling cloudbursts!

This month we gathered the Wordnet Mortgage Burners to celebrate the burning of our mortgage, yes, all \$400,000 of it!

Behold, once again we were upstaged by a quirk of nature---90-degree August-in-April weather, with persistent breezes! Lovely conditions for lounging; not so good for an outdoor program.

Nevertheless, the mood was totally "up," pure celebration, climaxing in the actual burning of the mortgage.

Wordnet supporters, you've done it again! You, too, Mother Nature!



## Keep opening those doors, Lord!

Greatly relieved by the burning of the mortgage, Wordnet is moving ahead into new life for the ministry!

If you can dream it, you can do. Many dreams have been dreamed and DONE by Wordnet and Father Mike:

---Inheriting a cable TV show in 1972 (thanks, Fr George Byrne).

---Establishing Wordnet in 1978 as a nonprofit Catholic television ministry, following in the footsteps of Archbishop Sheen and collaborating off and on with EWTN and TBN.

---Renting the SVD Riverside seminary space in 1982 for 22 years as a studio.

---Gaining four years' experience in full parish ministry at St. Anthony's '03-'07.

---Purchasing and renovating a beautiful building in San Bernardino in 2004, to transform it into a spacious, professional TV studio ready for Wordnet use and client ministries as well.

---Paying off the mortgage!!!

So, what is next in this list of miracles? If you ask Fr. Mike, you will hear (eyes sparkling)



"---I see greater use of the Web and reaching young adult seekers.

"---I see the young at heart getting into computers and

the Net, to reach us.

"---With life ever more complicated, I see two-way communication with many more people. The Internet can bring us together in Jesus. In fact, I'm convinced Jesus would be using that medium, were he walking the earth today---plus television, of course!"

## ---What are YOUR dreams for Wordnet's future??

Please see page 2 of this newsletter to tell us the hopes and dreams you have for Wordnet.

## ✠ Father Sony's Dad ✠

Please join us in offering sympathy to our producer-director Father Sony Sebastian, SVD, whose dad recently went home to God. Fr Sony flew to India in time to be with him and the family. We remember all of them in our prayer.



Springtime blossoms at Wordnet

## Miracles of Mexico tour planned!

Ready-set-GO!

Go on the next tour with Fr. Mike.

For six (or 8) days you'll savor the sites of faith-filled miraculous events, centuries old, in central Mexico. From **December 6 to 11 (or 13), 2008**, you'll learn the stories from a native guide and Fr Mike. Add-on days focus on celebration of the great Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe December 12 at the Basilica.

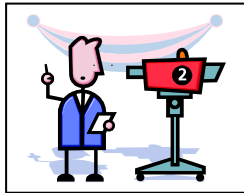
It's a **retreat**. It's **education**. It's **fun**. It's **good company**. It's a **good deal**. It's \$1499 (plus \$150 airport departure tax) and only \$300 more for two add-on days. Includes roundtrip from LAX, breakfast daily, sightseeing, Mass, and support of Wordnet. Call Brother Steve today: 909-383-4333 x9, or write [dev@wordnet.tv](mailto:dev@wordnet.tv).



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Fr. Michael Manning, SVD, Founder, 1978  
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## Production-Wise

Spring production for *The Power of Love* included eight new programs taped at the studio and two mini-documentaries produced on location.

The documentaries, "Response-Ability" and "Aid Pro Bono," showcased innovative ministries of the Holy Child Sisters which empower children. Watch online at [www.wordnet.tv](http://www.wordnet.tv) ("Watch Our Show").

Next production day will be May 15, 10 to 2. Drop by to watch. Give us a call if you can stay for lunch.



## We're looking for 12 Apostles

God is calling 12 of you (men and women) to come forward and become the "Twelve Wordnet Apostles," picking up our budget shortfall of \$2,000 per month.

You could choose one month to make your entire gift of \$2,000, connecting it with someone special in your life---a birthday, an anniversary, a loved one.

Or, you could divide the \$2,000 into four quarters or other plan. **Please call Brother Steve, 909-383-4333 x 9 to set up your plan.**

"I have chosen you." (John 15:16)



## O God, grant us grants!

Pray with us that more grantors align with us in our passion for "sharing God's love through media."

Since December, we have received grants for production and equipment totaling over \$47 thousand. We are applying for new production grants worth \$98,000. O God, grant us grants!!!



## [www.wordnet.tv](http://www.wordnet.tv)

Thanks to Byte Technology and our liaison Sister Pat, the new WP Web site is ready for your first visit and many more visits after that:

- ▶ Get the latest Wordnet scoop.
- ▶ Watch any of our recent shows and not get lost in other sites.
- ▶ Visit the Prayer Room.
- ▶ Link to Fr Mike's You Tube site for the day's reflection on video---and easily get back "home" to Wordnet.
- ▶ Link directly to sites of our friends.



## We really want to know...

What are you thinking / hoping for the next steps in Catholic TV and Wordnet programs? (below)

## DIGITAL TV COMING

Have you heard? "On February 17, 2009, your TV set will die."

Let's get some things straight. People who have cable, satellite or other TV service have no problem!

Antenna users may need a converter (about \$40). Government coupons will be available at 1-888-DTV-2009 or [www.dtv2009.gov](http://www.dtv2009.gov). Or, switch to cable or satellite (or buy a new TV!).

Digital TV is revolutionary, providing clearer pictures and amazing sound, plus added channels and info. Please visit [www.dtvanswers.com](http://www.dtvanswers.com).

## Fr Mike's schedule

All are welcome!

Call parishes for more information.s

### Healing Eucharists:

- **May 7 7:30 pm St Hilary**  
5465 S Citronell Avenue  
Pico Rivera CA 562-942-7300
- **May 14 6:30 pm St Mel**  
20870 Ventura Boulevard  
Woodland Hills CA 818-340-6020
- **May 19 7:15pm St Angela**  
585 S Walnut Avenue  
Brea CA 714-529-1821

### May 23 Concert in Las Vegas:

7:00 pm

Composer/performer

**GRAYSON BROWN**

Interview by Father Mike

**Our Lady of Las Vegas**

3050 Alta Dr, Las Vegas NV, 702-870-2767

## Survey: Your thoughts / dreams for Wordnet Catholic TV?

1) Fr Mike's TV programs? (circle one)

always good      usually good      sometimes good      other

Why? \_\_\_\_\_

Suggestions (topics? guests?): \_\_\_\_\_

2) Do you think live "webcasts" will be attractive & helpful to people?

3) Which was your favorite show?

Among the guests: \_\_\_\_\_

Father Mike alone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please clip or scan and return by U.S. mail or email (mail@wordnet.tv).

Name printed: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you very much for sharing your thoughts with us. WP*