

Press Release

For Immediate Release

New Catholic Radio Station

Radio Maria WHHN 88.1 FM *“A Christian voice in your home”*

On Saturday June 13th a new Catholic radio station will begin broadcasting to Blair County and surrounding areas. The new station will be WHHN on 88.1 FM and has its transmitter on Brush Mountain in Blair County. The station is owned and operated by Radio Maria USA which is based in Alexandria Louisiana. With the addition of this new station, Radio Maria USA will have a total of eight operational stations across the United States. Radio Maria USA is affiliated with the larger World Family of Radio Maria based in Rome. The World Family of Radio Maria and its affiliated organizations operate over 2,000 Catholic radio stations in 42 countries.

Programming will be provided by the Radio Maria radio network. In addition, WHHN 88.1 FM will be broadcasting Sunday Mass from a different local Catholic parish on the 2nd Sunday of each month. The other Sundays will be filled with live Mass broadcasts from other stations in the network. WHHN 88.1 FM is also planning to broadcast select special events within the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese. The first event to be broadcast will be the Faith Rally July 17th at the Blair County Ball Park, home of the Altoona Curve baseball team. During the Faith Rally Bishop Joseph Adamec will celebrate Holy Mass at the ball park which WHHN 88.1 FM is planning broadcast live.

Radio Maria operates each station as a local organization under the leadership and in obedience of the local bishop. The organization seeks to be 100% in accordance with the teaching of the Holy Catholic Church of Rome. It is the policy of Radio Maria to provide air-time to the bishop anytime he requests it.

Radio Maria does not accept advertising in any form. The organization feels that such support would compromise both its independence and freedom. Financial support is left solely in the hands of Divine Providence. The network of stations lives and grows with the sacrifices of its audience. This means that listeners are involved in each step forward and in each new project. The income at each local station is used to support day to day expenses. Income that is over and above operating expenses is used to help fund new stations in other areas. Radio Maria's experience has shown this to be a sound strategy and has been on a slow but sure path to expansion.

All staff at WHHN 88.1 FM will be volunteers. There will not be any paid staff in the local area. Volunteerism is a fundamental aspect of Radio Maria. From its beginnings, all aspects of the Radio Maria project have been supported by the people of God.

For a programming schedule and more information about Radio Maria USA, please visit the web site at www.radiomaria.us.

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