



## MEDIA TIP SHEET

### Synopsis

The Mysteries of the Rosary is a film series of meditations and contemplative guides on the five mysteries of the Rosary. The first installment began with the Sorrowful Mysteries in early 2023. The second installment, the Joyful Mysteries, is the next installment. The Mysteries of the Rosary series was all filmed in the Holy Land, narrated and guided by Mark Hartfiel, vice president of Paradisus Dei, and filmed by Dan Johnson, creative director and co-founder at 4PM Media. The Joyful Mysteries series consists of seven episodes; the first episode was released on Sept. 8, with all seven episodes slated to be released on Oct. 7, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.

### News Hooks

**The post-COVID world has brought an overwhelming mental health crisis of loneliness, depression and a lack of connection with others. The Joyful Mysteries is a perfect entryway into the immense joy that is found in saying yes to God, especially in the midst of crisis and loneliness.**

Mental health has deteriorated worldwide since 2020, sucking the joy out of life for millions of individuals. But the Gospel is filled with immense joy, especially as seen through the eyes of Jesus' mother, Mary, in the Joyful Mysteries. This series is a chance for many who are suffering to come to know the joy of the Gospel message.

**The back to school season gives families a natural window of opportunity to start new devotions and deepen their spiritual lives.**

The first episode of the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary film series was released on the birthday of the Blessed Mother, September 8, a time of new beginnings for families as children often start back to school at that time. The Joyful Mysteries series is a wonderful devotion for families and parishes looking to deepen their Catholic faith together during this often chaotic time. People interested in seeing the series can visit [www.therosaryseries.com](http://www.therosaryseries.com) and sign up for the email newsletter.

## **Bios**

### **Mark Hartfiel, Vice President of Paradisus Dei**

For over 15 years, Mark has worked tirelessly to help thousands of men recognize their calling as authentic leaders in their marriages and families through the That Man is You! men's program. Mark is the developer and host of TMIY: The Vision of Man Fully Alive, The Fight of Faith, All Things New, and Thy Kingdom Come. He graduated from Franciscan University in Steubenville, and is the author of "The Hinge of the Hail Mary: The Art of Praying the Rosary," which was published in 2020. He lives with his wife, Katie, whose love story is told in the book, "Woman in Love", and their four children in Houston, Texas.

### **Michael Gormley, Mission Evangelist of Paradisus Dei**

Michael "Gomer" Gormley has spent 20 years evangelizing and discipling men and women, teens and young adults in the Catholic faith.

He spent 17 years in full-time parish ministry, while also running LayEvangelist.com, his apostolate of evangelization for the last 12 years. He is also a successful podcaster and frequent guest on Catholic podcasts and radio shows.

### **Dan Johnson, Co-Founder and Creative Director of 4PM Media**

Dan Johnson graduated from the Franciscan University of Steubenville in 2007 with a degree in theology. He worked as a youth minister for several years before co-founding 4PM Media, a Catholic production company based in Alabama and most well-known for "The Wild Goose" series featuring Fr. Dave Pivonka. 4PM Media is a full-service production company located in Daphne, Alabama. Founded in 2014, 4PM Media seeks to create something beautiful for God and pride itself on bringing this inspiration into every project. The production company makes films that bring about an encounter with truth to awaken the viewer to a new way of thinking and inspire them to act accordingly.