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JIM AND CHERYL MANFREDONIA MEET WITH CARDINAL JUSTIN RIGALI

JIM AND CHERYL MANFREDONIA MET WITH THE ARCHBISHOP OF PHILADELPHIA, JUSTIN CARDINAL RIGALI, THIS AFTERNOON AT HIS OFFICE IN PHILADELPHIA. THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS TO INTRODUCE THEMSELVES TO THE CARDINAL, TELL HIM OF THE WORK AND MISSION OF THEIR FAMILY APOSTOLATE, DOMESTIC CHURCH MEDIA, AND TO ASK FOR HIS BLESSING.

"HE IS OUR BISHOP", JIM MANFREDONIA SAID, "AND IT WAS VERY IMPORTANT FOR US TO INTRODUCE OURSELVES AND TO MAKE HIM AWARE OF OUR APOSTOLATE AND OUR MISSION." MANFREDONIA SAID THAT THEY ALSO SOUGHT AND RECEIVED THE CARDINAL'S COUNSEL ON THE IMPORTANCE OF MEDIA EVANGELIZATON THAT IS THE MISSION OF THEIR APOSTOLATE. "WE ASKED FOR HIS BLESSING", CHERYL ADDED, "AND HE SAID THAT WE HAVE HIS 'FULL SUPPORT' – THAT MEANT A LOT TO US." THE CARDINAL TOLD THE MANFREDONIA'S THAT THEY HAD HIS BLESSING IN WHAT HE REFERRED TO AS A 'VALIANT AND NOBLE EFFORT' TO EVANGELIZE THROUGH THE MEDIA, ESPECIALLY IN RADIO.

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"WE TALKED ABOUT OUR MAIN PROJECT RIGHT NOW – THAT OF ESTABLISHING A FULL-TIME CATHOLIC RADIO STATION IN THE AREA", MANFREDONIA SAID, "THE CARDINAL WAS VERY INTERESTED, SAID WE NEEDED IT, AND EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF QUALITY LOCAL PROGRAMMING." THE MANFREDONIAS AGREED WHOELHEARTEDLY SAYING THAT "MOTHER CHURCH DESERVES THE BEST THAT WE HAVE TO OFFER."

CHERYL MANFREDONIA SAID THAT IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL EXPERIENCE. "WE PRAYED WITH HIS EMMINENCE AS WE BEGAN OUR MEETING AND AT THE CONCLUSION – AND HE GAVE US HIS BLESSING. THAT WAS THE VERY SPECIAL", SHE SAID.

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