

2023 Year in Review

Celebrating Our 5th Anniversary As We Look Back On Another Grace-Filled Year.

As we celebrate the 5 Year Anniversary of the founding of Journeys Revealed Ministries on January 28, 2024, we find ourselves reflecting on 2023 with much wonder and awe. This past year was another one of great growth for us. Now, we'll admit, this growth looks a little different on the surface than in previous years. But perhaps what we're noticing is a deeper, more rooted growth taking place. As our humble nonprofit continues to mature, one of the developments we are noticing is that we are finding ourselves coming to better know who we are and who we are not. Though our mission "to Spread the Love of Jesus by Sharing the Stories of Our Souls, One Intimate Moment at a Time" hasn't changed these past five years, how we're striving to carry out this mission and communicate it with others certainly has. With that being said, we are beyond grateful for the countless ways the Lord has grown us and shaped us over our time here, and we pray for the grace to continue to follow where He leads in the years to come.



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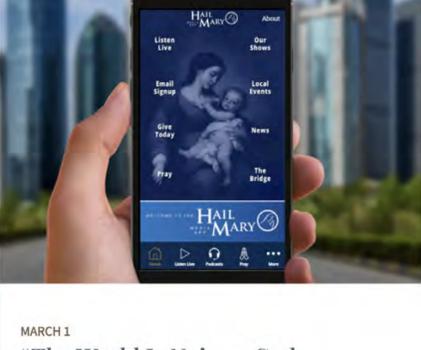


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FEBRUARY Hail Mary Media App Partner Podcasts

Edified and inspired by the messages we are sharing on our podcasts, Mater Dei Radio (based out of Oregon) began "partnering" with us by sharing some of our podcasts on their own platform. In their "Hail Mary Media" app, listeners can find JRM's *The World Is Noisy – God Whispers®* podcast as well as Julia Monnin's *The Schoenstatt Way of Life* podcast and Julia & Fr. Sean Wilson's podcast *Darting Through The Faith*. (Sidenote: We've never been to Oregon before but have heard it's beautiful. Who wants to go!?)

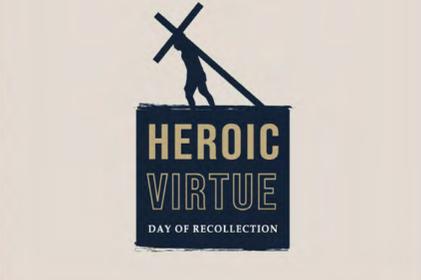


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The first of JRM's podcasts, *The World Is Noisy – God Whispers®* podcast reached the 81st episode mark as host Julia Monnin continues to share her "behind the scenes" thoughts and ponderings related to the reflections found in her books on this monthly show. Keep reading this Year in Review to learn more about some of the special episodes she produced (with some very special guests) in 2023! And click [here](#) to see a full list of all 81 episodes (and counting!).

MARCH 14 "Heroic Virtue" Day Of Recollection

On our list of firsts for JRM, we hosted our very own Day of Recollection in March of 2023. Thirty men and women (priests and parish staff members) joined Julia Monnin at The Retreat Center in Maria Stein for this day of discussion, reflection, and prayer. Some of the main themes from the day's talks included: Growing in Holiness, Building Saintry Relationships, and Understanding Realistic Expectations. To learn more about this Day of Recollection and consider hosting it in your own parish family, [click here](#).



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DECEMBER 25 "The World Is Noisy – God Whispers®" Blog Turns 9!

Nine years: that's how long it's been since Julia has been "sharing the story of her soul" in her *The World Is Noisy – God Whispers®* blog. She's sent out over 400 reflections to her subscribers over the years through these weekly posts. To quote a footnote of hers found in Volume II of her writings, "I'm certain you won't be surprised to hear that I did not want to [start a blog]. I had made up my mind that if I really was meant to share any of my writing with the public, then I would just wait to share it all at once when my book was actually in print. But [my spiritual director] was very persistent in his directive [about me doing so] and, besides, sometime, I knew he was probably right about the matter. Besides, whether he was actually right or not, I had an obligation to proceed with what he was asking of me. So, out of obedience to him, I began sharing my journal reflections, one by one, with others. And this is when (and why) I started my blog." You can subscribe to Julia's blog [here](#).

As you can see from the above Year in Review, we've been striving eagerly to make the most out of the many gifts and graces our good and gracious Lord has sent our way over the years. And we certainly don't plan to stop serving Him as we grow in our love of Him anytime soon! In addition to all of the above, it seems noteworthy to mention that we sat down one-on-one with 32 people at 78 different Spiritual Companionship meetings in 2023. (Again, you can learn more about this ministry [here](#).) We also had 14 meetings with different men and women discerning the possibility of sharing their writings with others. (Which perhaps might, one day, lead us into turning these writings of theirs into a book!) Additionally, we spoke at 16 events in 2023 which connected us with over 700 people. Oh, and lest we forget what is most important of all, we rooted all of these external works of service in prayer encouraging everyone we've been blessed to meet along the way to join us in invoking the intercession of our patron saints during our novenas leading up to their feast days throughout the year. In short, 2023 was a year unlike any other! It's given us. We've shared. We've learned. We've loved. We've journeyed. We've revealed. And, you know what? God willing, that's *exactly* what we'll keep doing in 2024!



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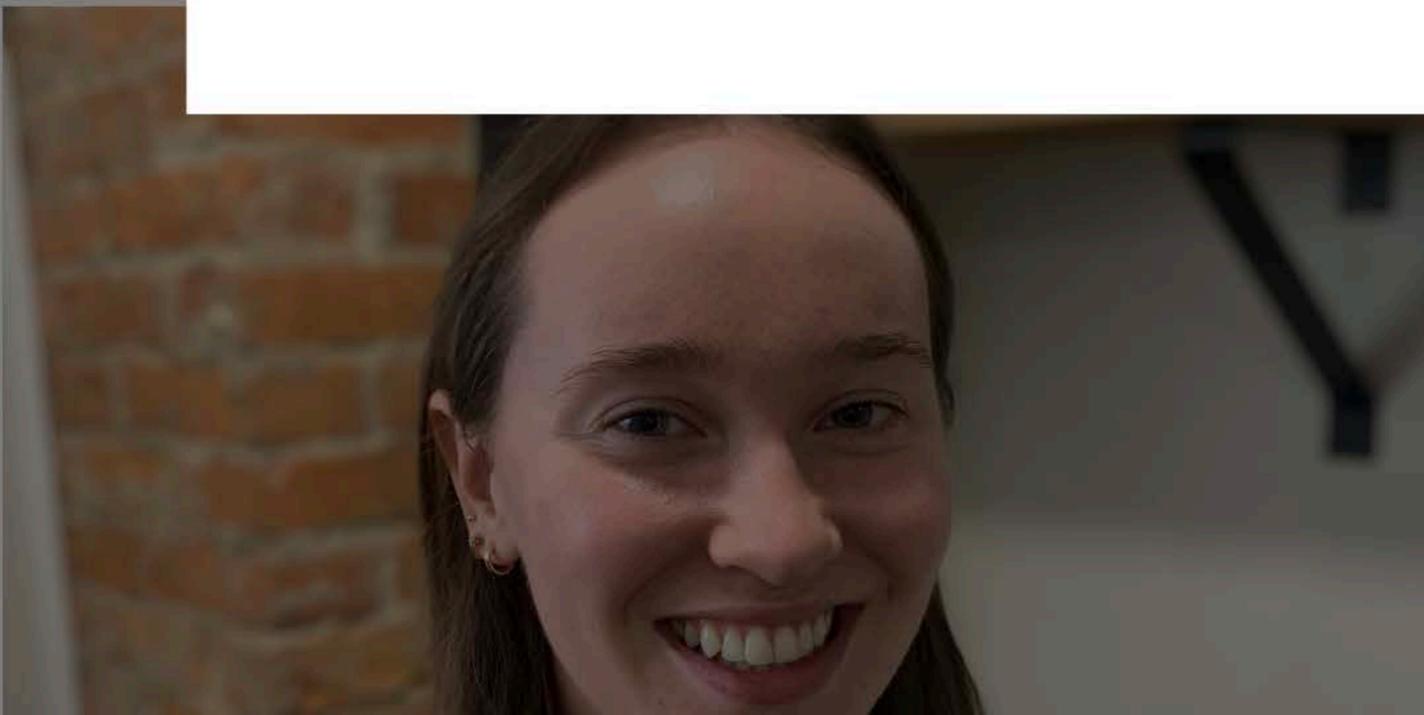
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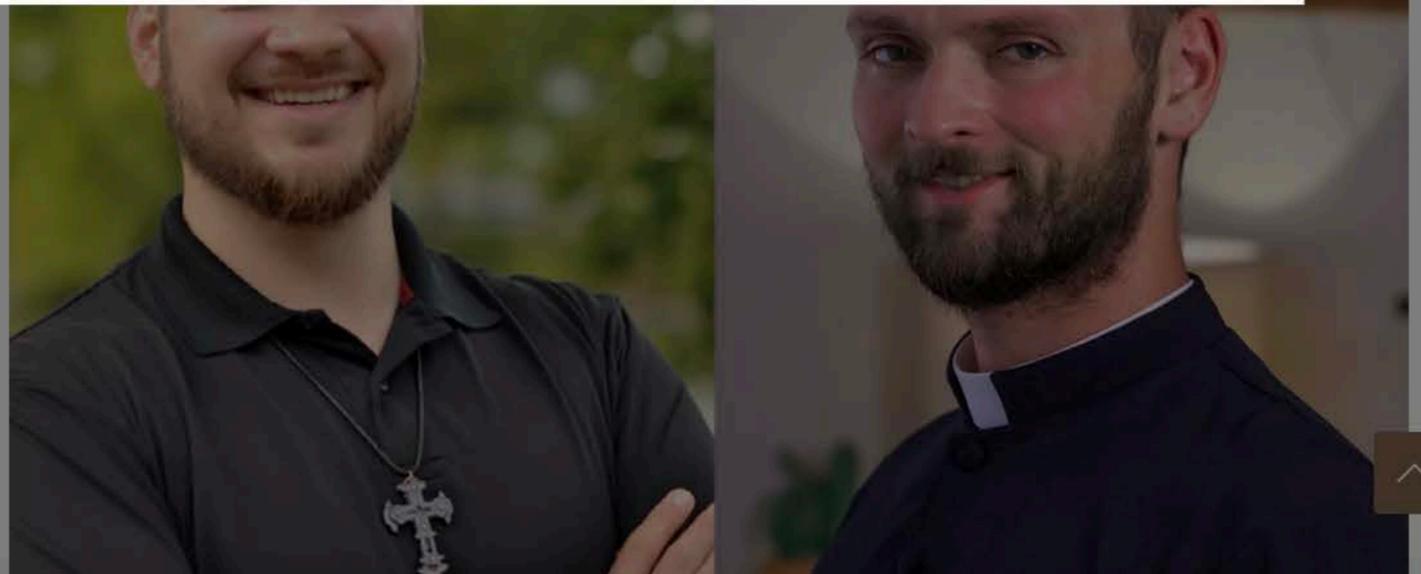
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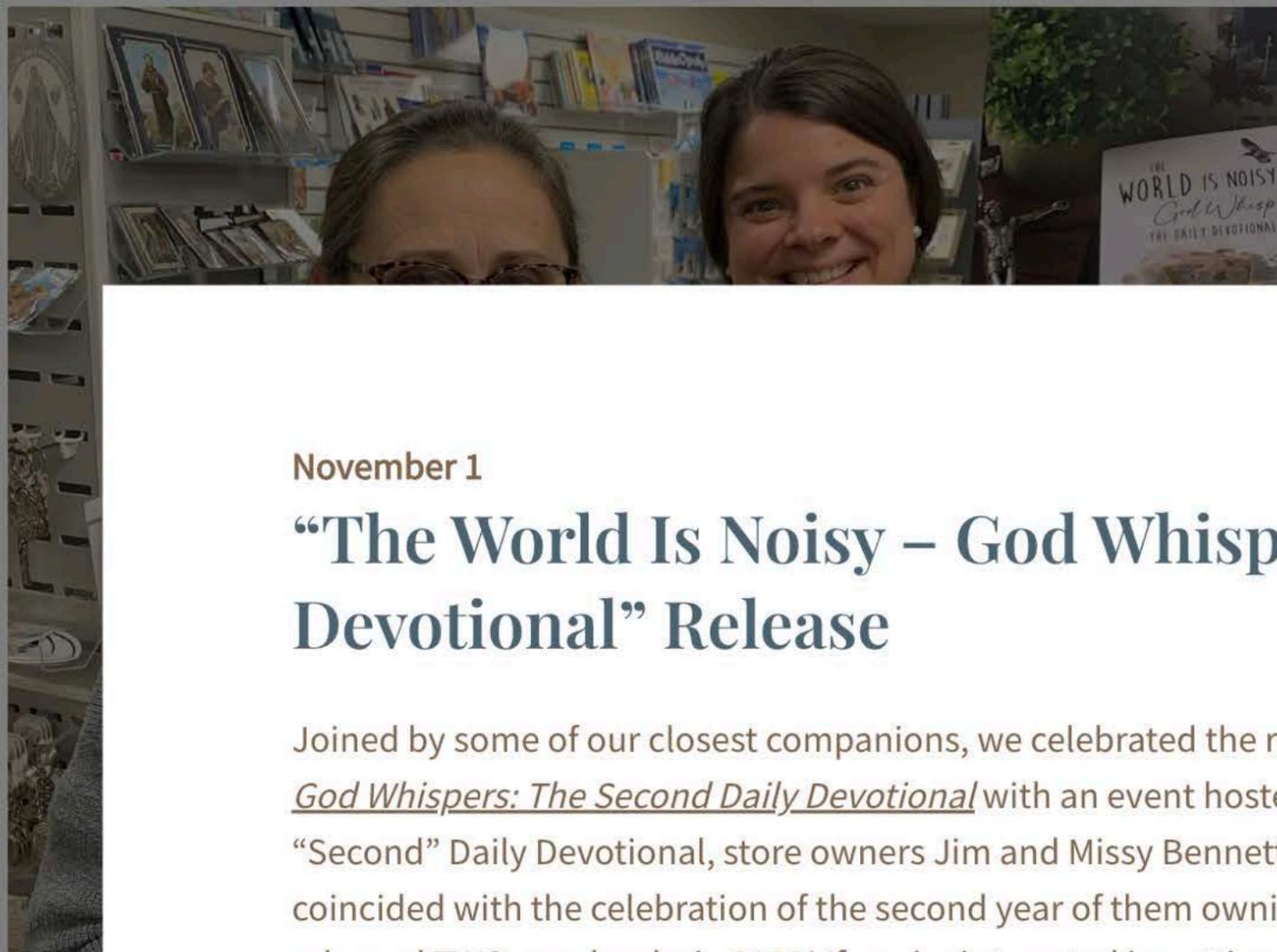
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