



It's difficult to imagine, but according to Wikipedia, the first official recognition of the term "podcast" took place in 2005. Since then, this popular form of new media has taken off like wildfire, adding another great communication tool.

Podcasts are digital media files which are distributed over the Internet and can be listened to on portable media devices or personal computers. In the Catholic realm, podcasts have proliferated. Googling the simple term "Catholic podcast" yields well over 270,000 results, so *Grapevine* Magazine has decided to help you in your search for great shows. In each issue, we will spotlight three podcasts. I welcome your submission of your favorite shows – feel free to email me at lisa@catholicmom.com with your tips and suggestions. This month's profiles include two podcasts produced by Roman Catholic priests, and an award winning Catholic music podcast.



The Daily Breakfast

(www.sqpn.com/scripts/dailybreakfast.php)

"The Daily Breakfast," presented each weekday



by Dutch priest Father Roderick Vonhögen, ranks at the top of Catholic podcasts on iTunes and is the recipient of the People's Choice Podcast Award in the Religion/Inspiration Category for the past two years. Fast paced and delightfully entertaining, "The Daily Breakfast" looks at everything from popular culture to segments on Roman Catholicism.



Catholic Rockers

(www.catholicjukebox.com/catholicrockers.aspx)

George Leite, a tireless promoter of Catholic music, shares the "Catholic Rockers" podcast each week. This upbeat show features a mix of music and interviews with a broad variety



of Catholic musicians. "Catholic Rockers" recently earned the 2007 People's Choice Podcast Award in the Podsafe Music category. This recognition underscores the power of podcasting to reach out in faith to secular audiences with great Catholic



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content. One popular feature of "Catholic Rockers" is the "Inquisition" where listeners are invited to respond to a weekly discussion question.



iPadre Catholic Audio and Video Podcasts (www.ipadre.net)

Father Jay Finelli, a priest from the Diocese of Providence, Rhode Island, produces the popular "iPadre" audio podcast on a weekly basis, looking at "All Things Catholic and more" with great insight and humor. Father Finelli's video podcasts look at everything from his travels to such Roman Catholic topics as the color of Liturgical Mass vestments worn by priests. The "iPadre" audio podcast features great interviews and invites listener participation through feedback and podcast contests. †

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