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Father Gruner Profiled by TVOntario's STUDIO 2

on-screen or editorial interference.

The 20-minute profile has already earned high praise from viewers for the quality, candor, and unexpected intimacy of the profile. The program helps to dispel many of the myths that have arisen over the years about the priest who leads what is arguably the world's largest Fatima Apostolate and one of the largest apostolates in the Church. Repeat-



Apostolate. Father Gruner's relationship with the Vatican, the status of his work and refreshing disclosures from Father himself about his feelings for Our Lady and the whole Fatima story make this documentary profile a

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In November, 1998, David Hawkins, award-winning producer for TV Ontario's prestigious *Studio 2*, learned about Father Gruner's struggle with Vatican bureaucrats and asked if he could produce a documentary profile on Father and his case. The program

was broadcast on *Studio 2*'s regular Wednesday broadcast on January 20, 1999.

The "Profile on Father Gruner" was the first up-close and in-person look to be done on Father by a major news organization in Canada. The result, as intended by Mr. Hawkins (whose profile on Edmund Hu won the 1998 Gemini Award [Canada's Emmy]), was to let Father Gruner and his associates tell their own stories, without

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edly, viewers have expressed appreciation at being able to see and hear a man they have heard so much about.

The "Profile on Father Gruner" does contain some surprises which are certain to interest all friends of Our Lady and Her

refreshing disclosures from Father himself

must-see for all Fatima devotees.

Joining Father Gruner to round out the commentary are Christopher A. Ferrara, legal counsel and author; and one of Father Gruner's biographers, author James W. Demers

A few copies, in VHS format of this TVO tape, have been given to us. As members of the League of the Immaculate Heart, we want you to obtain a copy to see and to show your friends. Write us soon while supplies last.

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On Location for a TV Shoot

When Father Gruner travels out of town to a Rosary Rally or Conference, he often arranges to take part of the Television/Radio staff to document the event. The following is an account of how a TV shoot is done, written by a member of Our Lady's Apostolate staff.

We get up early in the morning and generally plan to leave by 5 a.m. We travel many, many hours, sometimes up to 14 hours with only short meal breaks. Many decades of the Rosary are said on these journeys.

Arriving at our destination, we immediately set up the Pilgrim Virgin Statue, placing bouquets at Her feet, unload the van and set up our equipment and the book tables.

When everyone is gathered, Father Gruner begins the Rosary. After Father is introduced, the first talk begins right away, usually with Father Gruner praying the Hail Mary, and we begin taping on video or audio - sometimes both. We have to be constantly on guard, checking the length of time remaining on the tape. If a speaker goes over his time limit, we have to make a real fast change to the tape. To avoid this, we hold up time cards to signal five, three, and one minute before the tape ends.

We have to remain quiet and inconspicuous throughout the day while we are taping and checking the cameras, so as to not disturb the audience or the speakers.

Between speakers we have a quick break and then begin setting up for the next talk. Sometimes we have to rearrange the cameras and the microphone if the next speaker

is standing in a different location. We reload the tapes and get ready for the talks to continue. We find the speakers very interesting and enjoy these events.

At the end of the rally or conference, the guests gather and talk amongst themselves along with the speakers and the staff. Slowly, the guests begin to leave and the staff members remain until the last person is gone.

At the scheduled time, Father Gruner and other attending priests say their Masses. If time is available, the Rosary is said before Mass. We have up to three Masses per day, depending on the number of priests at the event, and at times we tape the Mass.

Every Rosary Rally or Conference in each city has different topics and the attendees are mixed with new faces as well as regular supporters. The people who come to see and hear Father Gruner for the first time are thrilled to see him in person and usually try to meet him afterwards. People who have attended his Rosary Rallies or conferences before, return again and again to show support for him. Father Gruner always makes time after the talks to personally speak to those who have been waiting patiently.

My Rosary

Down deep within my pocket
Everywhere I go
I keep a small reminder
Of seeds I'm called to sow.
It calls to mind the message
He taught by word and deed;
The love His life has shown
to us
The truth by which we're freed.
It starts with heavenly tidings,
A Savior has been born
In a cave in Bethlehem
On this very morn.
Its cross keeps ere before us
The love of Calvary;
Its beads a help in counting
The pains He bore for me.
May I never be discouraged
Whatever life may bring;
For trials give way to glory
In that eternal spring.
Whenever go my thoughts
astray
As fingers tell the beads
And tiredness makes it hard to pray
My longing heart He reads.
O Mother dear I'm gratified
For all You've done for me;
This gift from You I cherish so
My blessed Rosary.



**Our Lady's
Immaculate Heart**

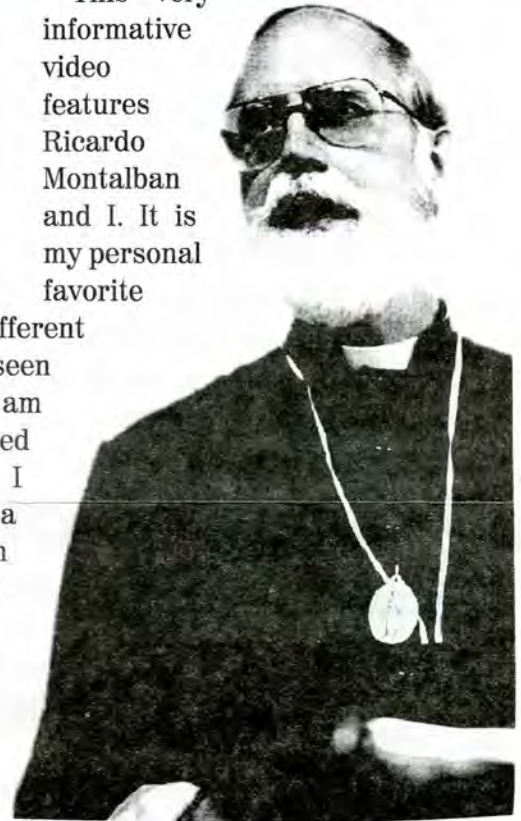
From the desk of **Father Gruner**

I would like to welcome all new members of the League of the Immaculate Heart and thank all members, new and old, for your continuing *monthly* support. God bless you for your generosity and prayers — both of which allow Our Lady's Apostolate to use the great power of television, radio and the internet to spread Her saving Message of hope and peace to millions around the world. I hope that you enjoy these newsletters and other benefits of membership. I hope that *all* members will feel free to write to me with their comments, ideas, or suggestions. I look forward to hearing from you.

Recently I was asked if I could recommend a video on Fatima for someone who was unfamiliar with the story of Fatima and Our Lady's Message. I did not have to even think about it as I always highly recommend the *Fatima* video. *Fatima* was filmed in Portugal, Rome, England and the United States. It depicts scenes of Our Lady's six appearances to Lucy, Francisco, and Jacinta, describing Her messages, and prophetic warning about Russia and the need for its conversion. Our Lady's Peace Plan is outlined and the "Miracle of the Sun" is demonstrated. As you know, this miracle was seen by more than 70,000 people and five people who actually witnessed it are interviewed in the video.

This very informative video features Ricardo Montalban and I. It is my personal favorite

of the many different films I have seen on Fatima. I am so impressed with it that I have made it a rule that each and every member of Our Lady's Apostolate staff view the film at least once.



Father Nicholas Gruner

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If you would like to order a copy of *Fatima* for yourself, a friend or loved one, for a limited time, you receive a 10% discount. With the regular price of \$19.95, that means you can receive your own copy for only \$17.96, plus shipping & handling and applicable taxes.

Limited time offer

League of the Immaculate Heart Quiz

1. Saint Gabriel is the Patron Saint of _____ workers.
2. *Fatima: The Moment Has Come* first aired in what year?
3. Our Lady last appeared in Fatima on _____ 13, 1917.
4. *Heaven's Peace Plan* is broadcast on _____ throughout the world.

The first 100 people to submit correct answers to all four questions will receive a FREE Rosary, handmade by one of Our Lady's Volunteers.

Please send your answers (mail, fax, or e-mail only please) to the addresses on page four.

Letters from Friends

Once again, we would like to share with you letters we have received at Our Lady's Apostolate. Feel free to write to us at one of the addresses listed below with your comments and ideas.

Dear Father Gruner;

Now I know that you are really a priest who wants to save many souls and I will do my best to say my rosary for peace and for Russia to be converted. Father, I will pray so your prayers will be answered, especially for Russia to be converted by our Pope (making the consecration Our Lady requested). May God Bless you and keep you in His care. Thank you for the Miraculous Medal which I am now wearing.

Ernestine M. ... Fort Smith, NWT

Dear Father Gruner:

I am glad to hear that you enjoyed your trip to Italy for Padre Pio's Beatification. I first heard about Padre Pio in the early 50s. I use to write to him and ask for prayers. He always answered back with a few words and some holy pictures. To this day, I pray to him and ask his intercession. You are doing such a wonderful job of Fatima. Also, your helpers are doing great! Please include me and my family in your masses. Thank you and God Bless you.

Mary G. ... Evergreen Park, IL

Dear Father Gruner;

It is so horrible what is happening in India and other countries too, even in Canada! Father, I thank God for you, what you are doing for all of us is so important for the whole human race. I feel so fortunate that I can do something to help. God Bless you! I will not give up hope; nothing is impossible to God. May the Immaculate Heart of Mary be your consolation for the days ahead and always. With much love and prayers,

Stella F ... Minto, NB

Dear Father Gruner:

I'm supporting you in everything you do and have done for Our Blessed Mother. I too love Her for all the miracles She has done for me and the members of my family. I believe you have a special place waiting for you in Heaven. The reason for that is you're helping Our Lady every day with your prayers and actions to accomplish the consecration of Russia, which no other Cardinal, bishop or priest have ever attempted to do. We still have a long way to go.

Pat ... Long Beach, CA

We'd Like to Hear From YOU!

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