

Last-Minute Christmas Gift Guide 2018

The remaining days of Advent are few. The celebration of Jesus' birthday is almost here!

The Register offers more Christmas gifts for everyone on your list.

We hope that these gift ideas will ease your shopping schedule and allow ample time to prepare your heart and home for the coming of Christ.

To order: EWTNRC.com or (800) 854-6316 (unless otherwise noted). (Prices subject to change.)



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LA POSADA 8-INCH STATUE

La Posada translates to "The Inn." This statue depicts the expectant Virgin Mary and St. Joseph on their way to Bethlehem for the census. When they arrived, they were told repeatedly that there was no room at the inn. Made of a resin-stone mix, this beautiful statue is hand-painted in soft hues and with great attention to detail. Measures 8 inches high x 6 1/4 inches wide x 4 1/2 inches deep. Item: 10729, \$48.

MADONNA AND CHILD WALL CROSS

Designed with exquisite detail, this Della Robbia-style wall cross features a stunning relief of Our Lady and the Child Jesus in white on a brilliant blue background. It is made of a resin-stone mix and measures approximately 9 inches high x 6 inches wide. Item: 64593, \$14.

THREE-PIECE NATIVITY CANDLE HOLDER

This elegant gold-and-white three-piece candle holder is ideal for a formal dining-room table or a decorative mantel. The main section features the Holy Family on an ornate gold base that holds two candles (one on either side); the left section holds one candle and features an adoring angel and a shepherd kneeling in adoration; and the right section depicts the three Magi presenting their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh (it also holds one candle). Each piece is made of resin and measures 8 1/2 inches high and approximately 18 inches when side by side. Candles not included. Item: 66512, \$65.

CROSS AND STAR SILVER ORNAMENTS

These elegant ornaments are ideal decorations for the Christmas tree. They can also be used as an added decoration when wrapping a special gift. Each set includes one cross and one star. Each measures 6 1/2 inches high x 5 inches wide. Item: 13928X, \$8.

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL HEIRLOOM ROSARY

This heirloom rosary is hand-wired for longevity and therefore can be passed on from generation to generation. The beads are 7mm high-quality faceted bronze-tipped black diamond glass from the Czech Republic with larger 13mm oval blue crystal Our Father beads with bronze rose caps. The center piece is a solid bronze hand-cast replica of a vintage medal depicting Our Lady of Mount Carmel, and the crucifix is a solid bronze design of European origin. Comes in a rustic handmade wooden keepsake box. The rosary measures approximately 27 inches when laid flat. Item: TH10B, \$220.

'THE LOVELIEST MASTERPIECE' APRON

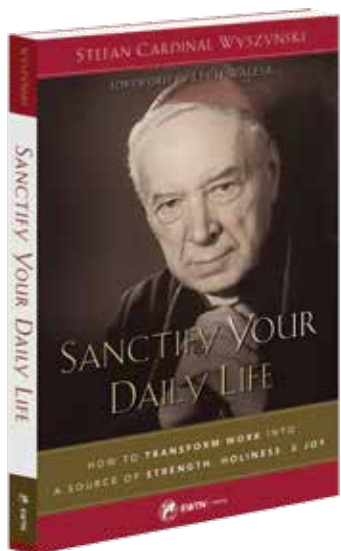
In a beautiful floral design is the quote "The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother," attributed to St. Thérèse of Lisieux. Printed on a white apron made of 65% polyester and 35% cotton twill, this apron is one-size-fits-all and measures 28 inches long and 20 inches wide. There are two 7-inch-wide pockets on the front for carrying your recipes, phone or other important items. Item: MH1, \$24.95.

'PEACE BEGINS' ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA QUOTE MUG

This large 15-ounce ceramic mug features a quote from St. Teresa of Calcutta that reads: "Peace begins with a smile." Microwave- and dishwasher-safe. Item: MQ6, Price: \$15.

SANCTIFY YOUR DAILY LIFE: HOW TO TRANSFORM WORK INTO A SOURCE OF STRENGTH, HOLINESS AND JOY

Whether you are a monk or a manager, whether you change tires or change diapers, you can transform your work into a source of strength, holiness and even joy. Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński, a "Venerable" and friend and mentor of Pope St. John Paul II, offers advice that will teach you: how to avoid burnout at home or at the office; how to pray in work, instead of merely at work; how work can help you discover (and overcome) hidden character flaws; how you can learn from your failures on the job; how to develop inner peace; and so much more. Paperback. 188 pages. Item: 80640, \$18.95.





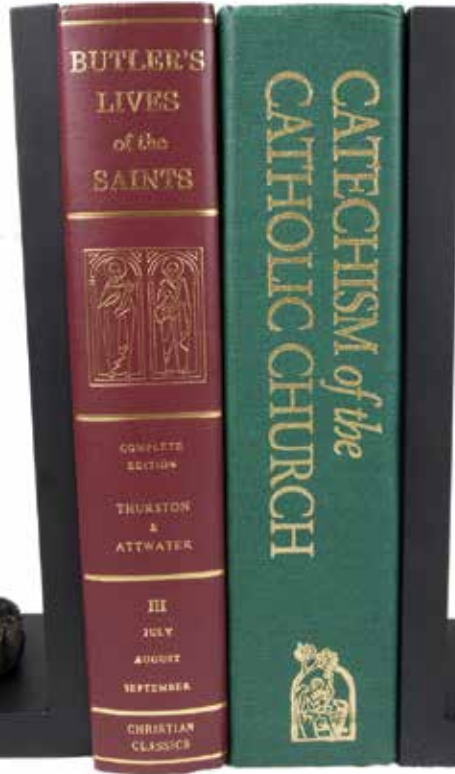
GOLD-FILLED ST. BENEDICT CRUCIFIX
Beautifully detailed gold-filled St. Benedict crucifix measures 11/2 inches x 1 inch and comes gift-boxed with a 24-inch chain. Item: 645GF, \$164.

OLIVIA THE OWL PRAYER BUDDY
Lovable as well as prayerful, this sweet plush owl and owllet bring peace and calm and help young children learn their prayers. While nestling Opal the Owllet close in her cozy pouch, Olivia the Owl sings *Jesus Loves Me* when her wing is pressed. Recommended for ages 3 and up. Item: W1408, \$22.

KNEELING SANTA WITH SLEEPING BABY JESUS
While raising his own family in the 1970s, Raymond Gauer became increasingly concerned about the overcommercialization of Christmas. In an effort to counteract that trend, he was inspired to create the beautiful figurine of the *Kneeling Santa*. This rendition of that image from Joseph's Studio shows Santa kneeling in adoration and gazing lovingly upon the sleeping Christ Child in the manger. Made of polyresin, the statue measures 7 3/4 inches high. Item: 13035, \$66.

'PRAY HOPE & DON'T WORRY' ST. PADRE PIO QUOTE MUG
This large 15-ounce ceramic mug features a beloved quote from St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina. Microwave- and dishwasher-safe. Item: MQ53, Price: \$15.

STS. PETER AND PAUL BOOKEND SET
This beautiful set of two bookends features a cold-cast bronze figure of St. Peter (right) and St. Paul (left) mounted on black stained-wood bookends. Each measures 4 3/4 inches x 9 1/2 inches. Item: 7662K, \$135.



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Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
may I breathe forth my
soul in peace with you.
-St. Joseph's last words

December 17

St. Josep Manyanet i Vives
19th-century Spanish priest who founded
religious communities that spread devotion
to the Holy Family around the world

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"Let us pray that we shall be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas not in the cold manger of a selfish heart, but in a heart full of love, compassion, joy and peace, a heart warm with love for one another."

~ St. Teresa of Calcutta

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The Wit and Wisdom Of Mother Angelica

BY JOSEPH PRONECHEN

Mother Angelica was a treasury of wit and wisdom.

Now, all of her spiritual “gems” are gathered in one place, thanks to EWTN Publishing.

Each of the seven volumes overflows with the enduring wisdom and witty insights of EWTN’s foundress. The set brings together 49 of the “mini books” Mother wrote in the 1970s while in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Her signature style is evident in *Praying With Mother Angelica*; *Mother Angelica on Christ and Our Lady*; *Mother Angelica on Suffering and Burnout*; *Mother Angelica’s Quick Guide to the Sacraments*; *Mother Angelica on Prayer & Living for the Kingdom*; *Mother Angelica on God, His Home and His Angels*; and *Mother Angelica’s Guide to Practical Holiness*.

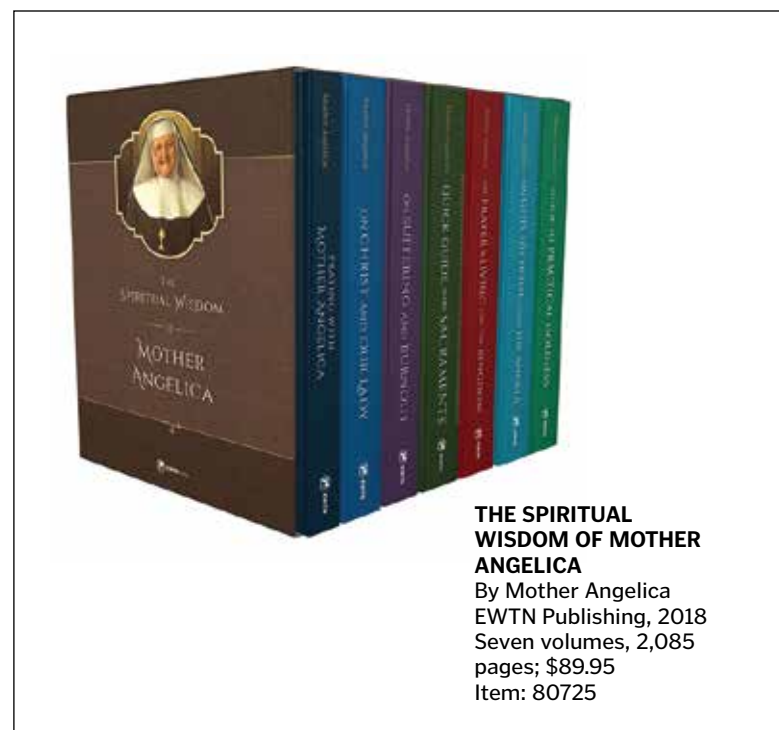
Remember how Mother Angelica always had her Bible at the ready and would have many lessons to share from Scripture?

These books highlight her knack for weaving Scripture into timely lessons, offering guidance that enlightens and inspires in countless ways. Take this one example from hundreds in *Mother Angelica on Christ and Our Lady*:

“If I strive for union with God, that union will manifest itself to my neighbor in many hidden ways. Jesus described this when he said, ‘If, therefore, your whole body is filled with light, and no trace of darkness, it will be light entirely, as when a light shines on you with its rays’ (Luke 11:36).”

“Those rays of God’s Love shining forth form a soul united to Him, affect every person that soul meets,” she continues. “... The soul itself may not be conscious of its effects on others, but its example of constancy, courage, faith and love shines out to others like the rays of the sun.”

In *Mother Angelica on Christ*



THE SPIRITUAL WISDOM OF MOTHER ANGELICA
By Mother Angelica
EWTN Publishing, 2018
Seven volumes, 2,085 pages; \$89.95
Item: 80725

and *Our Lady*, she well explains how Jesus changes seeking souls, too. “As a flower turns toward the sun seeking warmth,” she writes, “these sinners sought the One who could restore their innocence and purity. They were never disappointed. He would look at them with great love, and all the things that seemed so important to them would suddenly turn to straw. They knew they must change and follow Him.”

And she shows how holiness is attainable for everyone in daily life, such as this insight from *Mother Angelica’s Quick Guide to the Sacraments*: “Simple things like washing dishes, running a sweeper, driving to work, struggling to make a living, budgeting a small salary to meet big expenses — yes, these and all the other facets of life together have power hidden within them to make them holy. Married life is the ground of holiness; love is the seed planted by God.”

And don’t forget her take on St. Paul’s ode to love in 1 Corinthians 13 (in *Mother Angelica on*

Prayer & Living for the Kingdom): “A humble love is ‘never rude or selfish,’ and yet,” she writes, “we seldom think of someone who is polite and generous to us, saying, ‘I love you.’”

In these volumes, Mother Angelica says to readers, page after page: “I love you.”

And in *Mother Angelica’s Guide to Practical Holiness*, she reminds readers where a Christian’s focus should be centered.

“Trusting in God is to place everything and everyone in his mercy and Providence with complete confidence,” she writes.

“Trusting in God is to have the assurance that our loving Father will take care of us and our loved ones.”

As she was also known to say: “We are all called to be great saints; don’t miss the opportunity.”

Don’t miss the opportunity to become a saint — or read these books.

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LOVE LETTERS HEART PICTURE FRAME

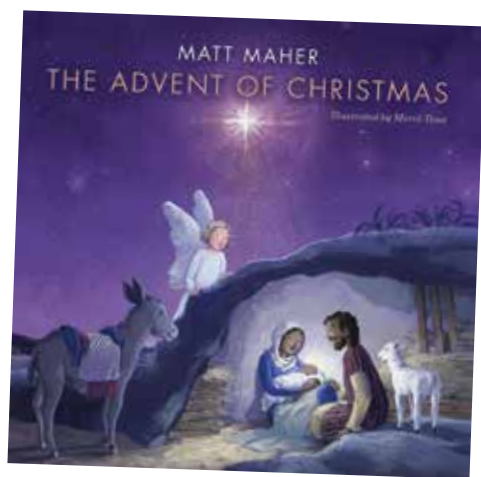
This heart-shaped picture frame is designed to look like it was chiseled out of stone with a portion of the verse 1 Corinthians 13:4 etched in the surface: “Love does not delight in evil, but rejoices with the truth. It always protects ... trusts ... always hopes, perseveres.” With an easel back, it measures approximately 6 1/2 inches high x 6 1/2 inches wide and holds a 4-inch x 4-inch photograph. Item: 10497, \$21.

‘GOD BLESS THIS HOME’ CUTTING BOARD

This tempered-glass cutting board bears the inscription, “God bless this home” and measures 13 inches x 6 inches. Item: 57623, \$12.

‘WONDERFUL ADVENTURE’ QUOTE PILLOWCASE

This inspirational pillowcase features a quote by Pope St. John Paul II that reads, “Life with Christ is a wonderful adventure.” The artwork is printed directly on the pillowcase so it won’t flake or peel and is always soft. Made of a 300-thread-count no-iron 65% cotton/35% polyester blend, it measures 20 inches x 31 inches with a 3-inch hem. Designed to fit a standard-size pillow (not included). Item: PQ4B, \$13.95.



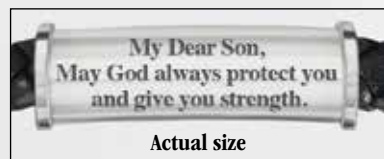
THE ADVENT OF CHRISTMAS

“All is merry and all is bright; it’s the most wonderful time of the year. Four weeks to slow down in the hustle and bustle, the Advent of Christmas is here!” begins this sweet children’s book. Catholic musician and songwriter Matt Maher shares the true meaning of Advent and Christmas with little ones. Amazon.com, \$16.95.

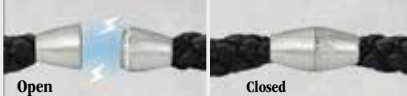
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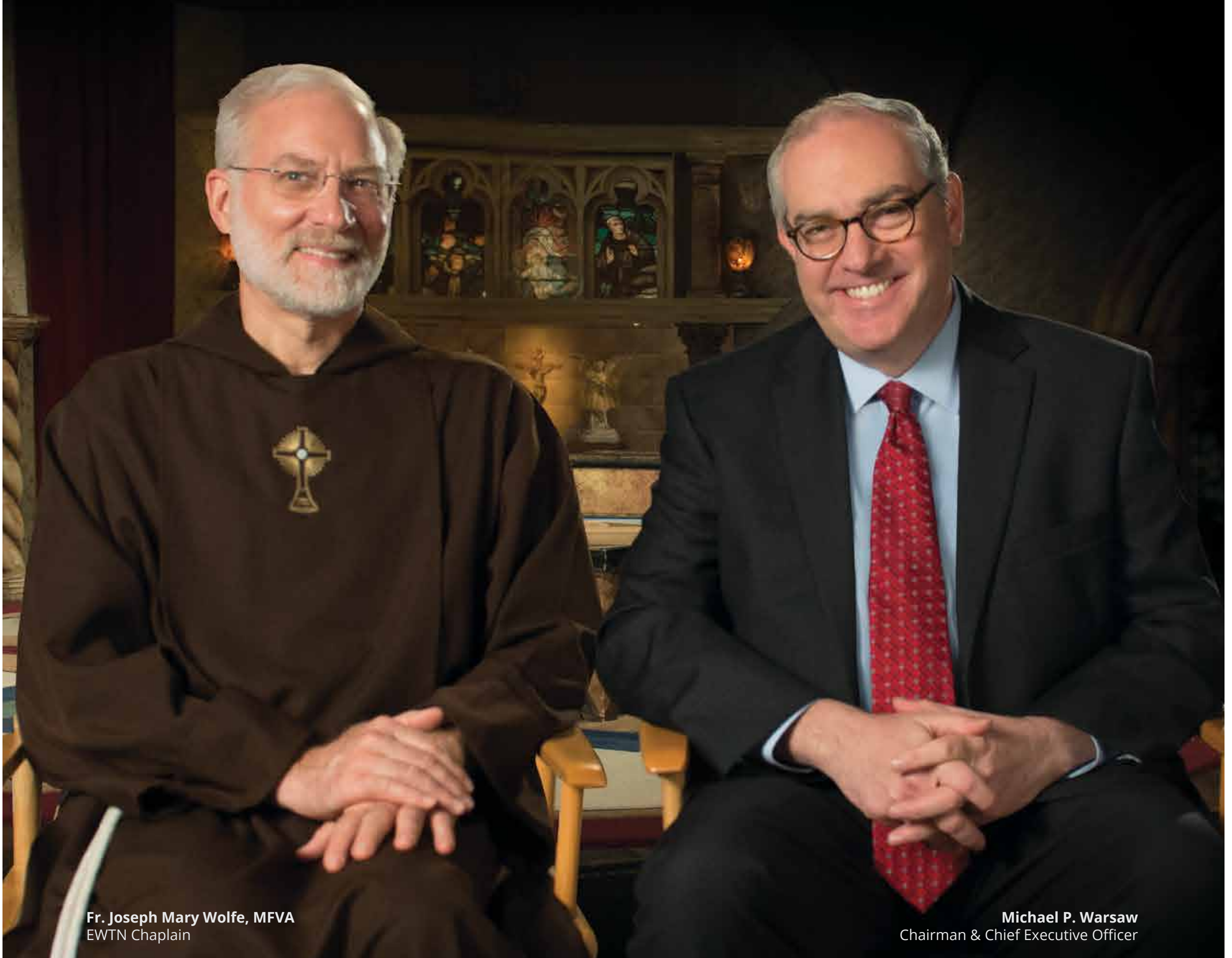
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2018 was a year filled with accomplishments and challenges for EWTN. As always, God was with us every step of the way. This year, EWTN was able to provide exclusive coverage of pro-life events around the world, bring you the canonizations of Pope Paul VI and Archbishop Romero live from the Vatican as well as follow the Holy Father on his trips to Ireland, the Americas and Eastern Europe. We launched new television channels in Sweden, Poland and Hungary and added more programs and specials originating from our Orange County and Washington, D.C. studios.

Your ongoing generosity is vital to the success of our mission. Thanks to you, we were able to continue to fight the attacks on religious liberty, and to shine the light of Truth on the recent scandals that have caused so much pain in the Church. We will continue take up every challenge to our beliefs and deliver Catholic programming that is so important to you and to our Faith. **It is for this very reason that we ask you to give what you can and help EWTN in a special way this year, as we continue to bring Christ to a world starved for the Truth.** Thank you and God bless you.

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