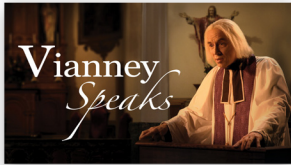




Saint Luke PRODUCTIONS



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# HAS GOD BLESSED YOU THIS YEAR?

He's blessed us too!

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You would not believe how busy we've been. The pandemic downtime – no tours for more than a year – has allowed us to take on the huge task of digitizing all of our productions – audio and film – for streaming on internet platforms.

Amazon Prime, YouTube, Pureflix, Audible, Apple Music, Spotify and other platforms will follow – keep checking and you'll soon see us listed there as well. It's a new chapter for us.

Thank you for making it possible with your donations! You've helped us completely remaster each of our videos, enhancing the picture and sound and adding closed captions for the hearing impaired. If you speak Spanish, we'll soon have subtitles for you! This will mean we can reach so many more people all over the world with these life-changing dramas.

WATCH AND LISTEN TO OUR SHOWS ON THE INTERNET!

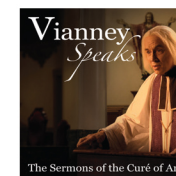
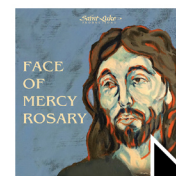
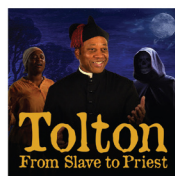
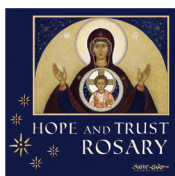
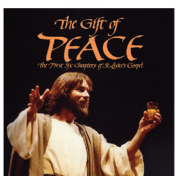
Don't get me wrong. The heart of Saint Luke Productions is still live theater. When the pandemic is over, and we're together again (we're praying that we'll be touring again in the fall), people will be hungry for a live experience, so that we can laugh and cry and pray together.

After months of preparation our video and audio productions are now streaming on FORMED. FORMED is the Catholic Netflix, and it works the same way. Does your parish have a subscription? If so, you can watch our shows and lots of other Catholic content for free! Visit FORMED.org to learn more.

In the meantime, we're watching in amazement as God opens doors for us to reach audiences across the globe.

Please send what you can to help. And pray that the Lord sends people with the talent, skill and energy to move Saint Luke Productions into the future. Thanks, dear friends!

NOW STREAMING ON FORMED®



# ARE YOU HUNGRY FOR HOLINESS?

By Father John Titus

***Witness what I've witnessed – hearts touched and lives renewed.***

My friendship with Leonardo and Saint Luke Productions has become one of the “constants” of my three decades plus of priesthood. I count it one of my greatest blessings.

Almost 25 years ago, I sponsored a performance of *Maximilian: Saint of Auschwitz* at Saint Aloysius Church in Springfield, Illinois. That began a litany of saint dramas which I have brought to parishes where I've been pastor through the years.

I keep having them back because people are hungry for authentic holiness. In an age when quality Catholic productions are rare to find anywhere, bringing them to



***Saint John Vianney and Father Titus meet backstage.***

our local communities is an inestimable gift to the Church in the United States.

I encourage you to bring one of their live shows to your community. When you do, you'll witness what I have over and over again: hearts touched and lives renewed.

**We're scheduling tours for fall 2021 and beyond!  
Call us today to learn more: 360-687-8029**

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**ROSARY/ICON COMBO \$52**



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# OUR *TOLTON* LIVE DRAMA RIGHT IN YOUR OWN HOME!

## Filming *Tolton* this year – you can make it happen.

Have you seen our live show *Tolton: From Slave to Priest*? If you have, you know how powerful it is. If you haven't, now you'll get the chance!

With your help, we are going to film *Tolton* this year.

People all over the world – and more importantly, people you love in your own family and communities who would never go to see a play in a church – will meet Father Tolton right in their own homes!

Did you see *Hamilton*, the Broadway hit musical that was broadcast recently on television? They didn't try to convince you that it was a realistic movie, but it worked magnificently as a filmed play. We're shooting for something like that. You'll have a front row seat at what will feel like a live stage performance, with three cameras capturing close-ups, wide shots of the whole stage, and the characters on the screen.

Thanks for your prayers and financial support for the filming of the *Tolton* play. With your help, Father Tolton's example of perseverance in the midst of trials will reach countless souls. He did not give up on Christ, and neither will we.



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## YOUR GIFT BRINGS HOPE

### These people are thanking you!

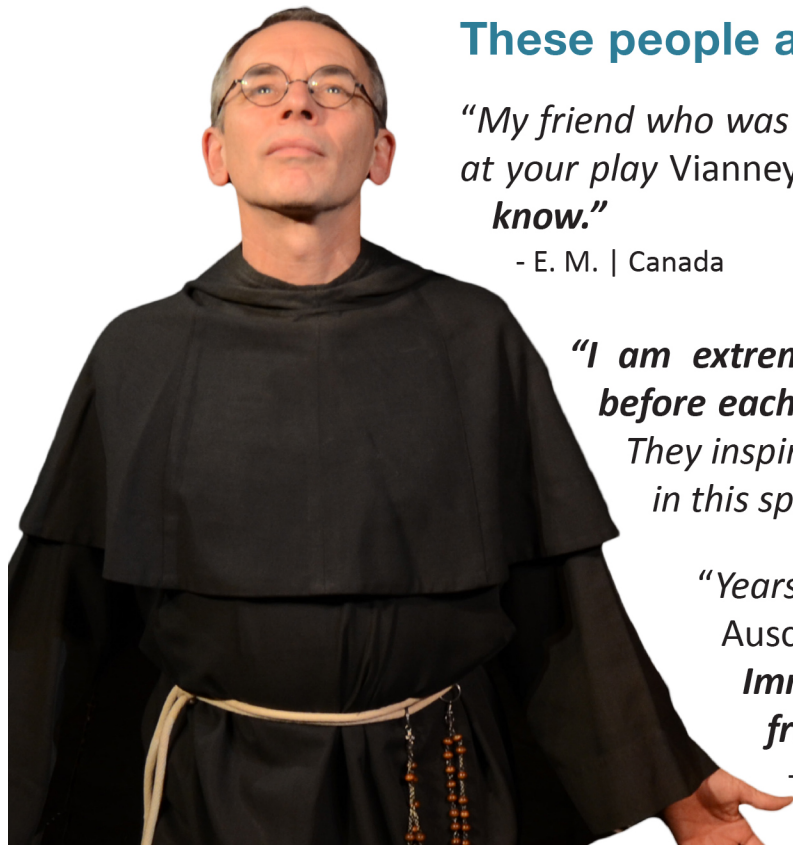
*"My friend who was living in a very bad way was totally converted at your play Vianney. He is now the most devoted Catholic man I know."*

- E. M. | Canada

*"I am extremely grateful for the beautiful meditations before each decade of the Wisdom of the Saints Rosary. They inspire me to reflect on the life of Christ and my role in this spiritual journey."* - Antoinette | South Africa

*"Years ago, I saw the play Maximillian: Saint of Auschwitz. I still to this day sing the song to the Immaculata used in the show to start my prayer from time to time. Very inspirational!"*

- J. M. | Turlock, CA



# CHANGE THE WORLD. ONE SOUL AT A TIME.

Dear Friends,

You are amazing. You have so much going on in your own life, yet you still take time to read this newsletter, say a prayer for Saint Luke Productions, and maybe even send some of your hard-earned cash to keep us moving forward with our mission.

**LET US KNOW  
WHAT'S ON YOUR  
HEART. WE WANT TO  
PRAY FOR YOU!**

Send us your prayer intentions so we can remember them in our morning prayer.

God will surely bless you for your generosity. Thank you!

I am reaching out to you in the hopes that you will find it in your heart to help me again.

Can you send \$100 right away so we can film *Tolton: From Slave to Priest* this summer? We hope to have both *Tolton* and *Heart of Mercy* ready for you – either streaming or as a DVD – by the end of the year.

I know how patiently you've been waiting for the *Faustina* movie – thanks! It will be worth the wait.

Things are really tight here. With no live tours for more than a year, we've been eating away at our emergency savings, and we just don't have the money for special projects.



**Thank you! You inspire me  
with your faithfulness.**

So I'm counting on you. With your generous heart at the heart of our ministry, we're going to keep producing dramas that change the world, one soul at a time.

God bless,

Leonardo

**PLEASE DONATE SECURELY AT [WWW.STLUKEPRODUCTIONS.COM/DONATE](http://WWW.STLUKEPRODUCTIONS.COM/DONATE)**

## WHY I GIVE

"Even when people reject truth and goodness, they still respond to beauty. That's why I am a huge fan of Saint Luke Productions. **Your plays and films use beauty to convey truth and goodness**, leading us to the Source and Author of all things: God Himself!"

**Clare Walker – spreading truth, goodness and beauty with her generous donations.**



# THE HEART OF MERCY

# MARATHON

By Leonardo Defilippis

You and I can finish this race together.



When I first set out to create *Heart of Mercy*, our movie based on our Saint Faustina play, I thought the post-production editing process would be a sprint. However, God intended us to run a marathon!

Unlike our other plays, this one is a mystical story of supernatural wonders. It became clear to me that the movie audience needed to see what Saint Faustina saw – especially her visions.

But how could our editor Mien Yockmann and I achieve the special effects that Hollywood film companies would have a hundred people working on? Undaunted, we didn't give up.

With state-of-the-art technology, we jumped into building 3D environments to create Saint Faustina's world. After many computer malfunctions and interruptions with COVID-19 and remote-working hurdles, finances, etc., the doors started opening. It's looking beautiful.

The evolution of this film has been a spiritual journey for Mien and me, as God has invited us to surrender to Him. As Jesus, Divine Mercy, says: "Nothing happens without sacrifice."

With God's help, we'll cross the finish line, and release *Heart of Mercy* on Saint Faustina's feast day, October 5th. Keep praying!

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**ALMOST TO THE FINISH LINE.  
KEEP PRAYING!**



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# ARE WE BECOMING MONKS?

**It's pretty quiet here.**

Right now, I have adult children living in six states: Georgia, Kansas, Texas, Minnesota, Colorado, and Washington. It boggles the mind.

**Family Reflections by Patti Defilippis**

After years of noisy dinners, crowded vans and stolen moments of solitude, Leonardo and I are living a relatively quiet, monk-like existence, by ourselves most evenings in our big house. Feels like the right thing for this phase in our lives.

*My children need to make their own way.*

*My life is not their life.*

I still love our big family gatherings, and the grandchildren are the joy of my heart. Weddings are taking the place of college tuition for check writing. All good.

My children need to make their own way. My life is not their life.

I need to find my own peace and happiness. More and more, I am enjoying the simple routine of "Ora et Labora" – pray and work. Thank you, Lord, for the quiet, where I can do more good for my children and the world than in busy activity.



# CLIMBING HIGHER

**By Eric Bredbenner**

**I came for the magnificent scenery, and ended up with so much more.**

When I first decided to move out west from Pennsylvania, I did so to experience the majestic landscapes of the Pacific Northwest. I've loved the outdoors my entire life, so I was excited to live in a place that allowed me to continue hiking, camping, fishing, and hunting.

Once I arrived, I began to look for a job. When I saw the job posting at Saint Luke Productions, the position and specifically the ministry's mission called to me. What drew me to SLP was the organization's small size, and that everyone's thoughts and ideas were listened to and appreciated.

I love the team we have here at Saint Luke Productions. They have welcomed me and become something of a second family to me. Working here, my faith can have a strong presence in my daily life, which I believe makes me a better Catholic and person overall. Once again, God has led me to not only climb mountains in the beautiful Pacific Northwest, but also spiritual mountains within my heart.



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