

### **Real Presence Radio possibly growing west in 2010**

Real Presence Radio has recently become the solitary applicant for an FM station covering the cities of Bismarck and Mandan.

In October 2007 the Federal Communications Commission opened a window for new non-commercial FM frequency applications. Real Presence Radio had only one station at the time, AM1370 in Grand Forks, and board members felt that the Lord was calling them to at least make an effort to “set out into the deep” and open the door for a possible new station.

“After meeting with a representative of the Bismarck Diocese, we filed the application in Mandan with a slim hope that we might get it, but really felt as a board that it was a necessary risk to take”, said Ed Schmitz, Vice President and Chairman of the board for Real Presence Radio. “Through the grace of God, we became the sole applicant in December 2009 and we will probably have FCC approval to move forward with planning for a new station, 91.3 FM, within three to six months.”

The approval is only the first step in the process. Real Presence Radio is working with a task force of people living in the Bismarck/Mandan area to gather information and plan the next steps which include: finding a tower and studio site, and raising the funds to build the station.

Real Presence Radio broadcasts local Catholic programming and an EWTN satellite feed in the Fargo and Crookston Dioceses on AM1370 in Grand Forks and AM1280 in Moorhead. 91.3 FM would make programming on Real Presence Radio available to more than 50,000 Catholics in the Bismarck/Mandan area.