

# World Priest Day 2006 Activities in MA and RI

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For World Priest Day this year, our area (Massachusetts and Rhode Island) send a letter of support and affirmation to all our area priests. On the back of the letter was an hour-by-hour prayer vigil for WPD. We did a mass mailing of over 1,600 letters, and hundreds more went out electronically. Since then we have received dozens of "Thank you" cards, notes, and emails from priests who received our letter.

Boston Catholic Television (BCTV) is a station operated by the Archdiocese of Boston. One of their shows is called "This is the Day", a 30-minute talk-show format program that's broadcast twice a week.

During the Friday, September 22 broadcast of "This is the Day", Father Robert Reed, one of the hosts of the show, said that he received our letter of support and affirmation for World Priest Day, and read part of it on the air! He was very enthusiastic about the letter, and expressed his appreciation for the support and prayers for him and his fellow priests from WWME.

If you'd like to see this for yourself, you can watch the broadcast online. You need to have the Real Player software installed on you computer (available for free at <http://www.real.com/>). Once you have Real installed, go to this web page:

[http://bctvweb.catholictv.org/bctv\\_rp/This.html](http://bctvweb.catholictv.org/bctv_rp/This.html)

Scroll to the bottom of the page and find "ThisIsTheDay\_09-22-2006.rm" and click on the "View" button next to it. This will send the broadcast to your computer for you to watch. The segment of interest starts about twelve and a half minutes into the broadcast.

We are very excited about this, and we're glad that WWME got such positive publicity for our efforts.