



Office of the Bishop

Diocese of Richmond

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On December 18th, I had the privilege of watching the documentary film, ***The Preacher to the Popes: Raniero Cantalamessa***. This documentary focuses on the story of this one man who has served the Church as the preacher to the papal household since 1980. This film about Cardinal Cantalamessa does not simply teach; it also inspires the viewer as it shows what can happen when a person chooses to live in docility to the Holy Spirit.

I was impressed by the film itself as well as the dedication of all those who helped produce it. The team who created CMAX media and *Awakening the Domestic Church* developed this film to help all Christians become more engaged in evangelization. One way it may be used is to offer it to parishioners for viewing during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. If you wish to do so, please contact Deacon Darrell Wentworth or Ashley Zahorian at CMAX Media to learn more about the film.

As we begin the New Year and prepare to become a Synodal Church, the message of this film is an example of how every Christian might use their God-given gifts for the service of His Church.

May God bless you throughout your New Year as I remain

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Barry C. Knestout
Bishop of Richmond