

Radio station expected on air next month

CORE, W.Va. — Beginning next month, radio listeners in portions of the Diocese of Steubenville will be able to tune in to a new Catholic station.

Robert Carubia, speaking from his home and office near Morgantown, W.Va., discussed his plans for 90.7 FM, WDWC.

He anticipates that the station will be on the air, hopefully, early in April.

Its transmission tower will be located in St. Clairsville.

Listeners in Belmont County, and portions of Jefferson County, will be able to capture the signal, he said.

The station will broadcast 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Carubia, president of Light of Life Community, is responsible for the ministry over the airwaves. He explained that in 2007, he was called to expand his ministry at that time beyond mainly contact with college students and spiritual retreats.

Though he never had been involved with radio ministry previously, he said that he got an AM station — 1190 — up and running in Grafton, W.Va. That station covers an eight-county area in the north central part of the Mountain State, he said.

A second station — 89.7 FM — broadcasts 24 hours a day, seven days a week from Morgantown.

Last October, Carubia said that he received a telephone call from a friend who told him of the need to develop a radio station in the Wheeling, W.Va.-St. Clairsville, Ohio, area.

Though a resident of Morgantown for more than 30 years, he did not know anything about the Wheeling-St. Clairsville area, Carubia admitted. However, he said, at his friend's urging, he prayerfully considered the venture. Then, after initial conversations with a number of people, he said he gained more support and decided to continue his efforts for the station in the Wheeling-St. Clairsville area.

"Radio has just come along and added more to the ministry," Carubia said.

He and his wife, Irene, have received the support of a number of volunteers and obtained listener support as well, he said.

Additional information about the station is available at www.lolradio.org, or by telephoning Carubia at (304) 598-0026.

Programming is expected to include daily Mass.