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AMDG! *Ad Majorem Dei Gloria*, the motto of the Society of Jesus, perfectly describes the ministry and legacy of the late Father Harry Thompson, S.J., who lived the Gospel through his words and works “for the Greater Glory of God.” WLAE is proud to present this tribute to Father Harry, and invites you to join us in honoring him by becoming a supporting partner for this inspirational documentary film. From his education at Jesuit High School to his early ministry as a Jesuit Priest in Grand Couteau, young Harry Thompson soaked up the spiritual lessons he learned and put them into action. His exceptional homilies, deep compassion for all of God’s children, and his mission to serve the poor and suffering transformed countless lives across the city of New Orleans and South Louisiana, and his legacy continues today.

Fr. Harry’s larger-than-life faith, passion, personality, sense of humor and determination made him a spiritual giant with the ability to organize teams of people to provide food, shelter, a quality education, job training, and a safe environment for those who had nothing.

His legacy took root during his 13-year span as Principal, then President of Jesuit High School in New Orleans, and later as Spiritual Director at Manresa Retreat House in Convent, Louisiana, where he taught by example the importance of love and service to God and others to thousands of students, parents and retreatants throughout South Louisiana.

When Father Thompson became Pastor at Immaculate Conception Church in Downtown New Orleans, he attracted large congregations, welcomed the homeless who were turned away elsewhere, and turned the parish center into a homeless shelter. A champion for social justice with a booming voice and bellowing laugh, Father challenged and empowered the despairing to rise above the ravages of poverty, gave them the helping hand they needed for a brighter future, and celebrated their success.

He founded **Boys Hope/Girls Hope of Greater New Orleans** to help gifted but disadvantaged kids succeed in life, and **Cafe Reconcile**, a bustling restaurant offering job training and life skills for inner-city youth. Through the very end when he was battling terminal cancer, he continued to serve others by laying the groundwork for **Good Shepherd School**, a Nativity-based program that gave quality education to those who could least afford it. His ministry in the parish center later became the **Harry Thompson Center**, serving the homeless with safe shelter, hot meals and valuable resources to help rehabilitate their lives.

Providing for his flock’s physical, mental, and spiritual growth, Father Harry Thompson, S.J. was, and still remains a Man of Faith and **A Man for Others**.





**Executive Producers Ron Yager and Jim Dotson** are the power team responsible for numerous award-winning films for WLAE. Their individual and collaborative careers include extensive experience and expertise producing entertaining and informative content for television audiences.

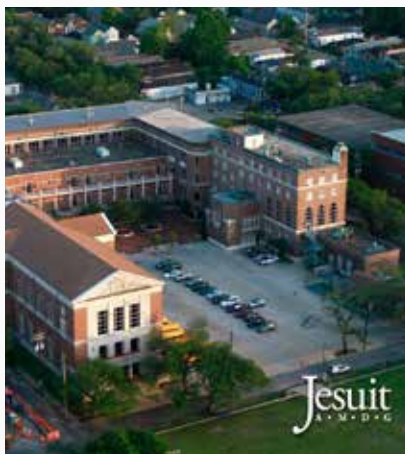
Three of their concert documentaries have enjoyed national distribution through American Public Television: **Fats Domino – Walkin’ Back to New Orleans**, the Emmy-Award winning **A Tribute to Toussaint**, and **Leah Chase: The Queen of Creole Cuisine**. **Irma Thomas: The Soul Queen of New Orleans**, winner of a 2022 Telly Award, can be seen on LPB affiliate

stations statewide, and will be offered to stations nationwide through the National Educational Telecommunications Association (NETA) starting in Black History month, February 2023.

Other highly acclaimed releases include **Fitz! The Life and Political Legacy of Jimmy Fitzmorris** and their multi-E Emmy Award-winning travel series **Go Coast: Louisiana** which celebrates Louisiana music, food and culture and runs locally on WLAE and statewide on LPB. Ron and Jim also received coveted Gabriel Awards in 2016 & 2017 for **Ordinary People, Extraordinary Gifts: The Road to Sainthood** and **A Legacy of Love: Henriette Delille and the Sisters of the Holy Family**.



**Producer/Director Stan Gelpi** is a highly successful film/video producer and director with over twenty-five years experience, with thousands of television commercials, episodic TV, corporate films and documentary films in his portfolio. Gelpi’s work for businesses such as Visa, Powerball Multistage Lottery and the Louisiana Office of Culture, Recreation and Tourism has garnered numerous awards including Addys, Tellys, Pollys, and an Emmy.





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