

Meet the Rosary Stars!



Chris Balish is a seven-time Emmy Award-winning broadcast journalist, prime-time network TV host and best-selling author of the book *How to Live Well without Owning a Car*. Chris has received more than 30 awards for excellence in journalism, on-air hosting and broadcasting. He is a nationally known speaker on green living and related topics. His green lifestyle has been featured on more than 800 radio and TV stations and in 140 magazines and newspapers.



Lauren Bauer is a former member of the 2001 U.S. National Softball Team, being named "Softball Athlete of the Year" by the U.S. Olympic Committee. She became an All-Star in the professional National Pro Fast Pitch league for the N.Y./N.J. Juggernauts and the Arizona Heat, retiring in 2005. In 2006 she was inducted into the University of Arizona Sports Hall of Fame. She now practices law for the Office of County Counsel, Orange County, California.



Lourdes Benedicto, born in Brooklyn, N.Y., of Filipino and Dominican/Spanish descent, she is an actor who has had recurring roles on 16 television series, including 24 (11 episodes as Carrie Turner); *Cashmere Mafia*; *Dawson's Creek*, *ER* and 22 episodes of *NYPD Blue*. In all, she has performed in 95 TV dramas and five theatrical films. She is a graduate of Carnegie Mellon University in Pennsylvania. She married Matthew Curley in June 2006.



J. Omar Castro, a first generation Honduran-American born in New Orleans, has been in nine feature films, including *Hurricane Season* opposite Forest Whitaker, *Way of War* opposite Cuba Gooding Jr. and *Bad Lieutenant* opposite Nicolas Cage. He has appeared in 14 TV shows, including two episodes each in 2007 of *The Young and the Restless* and *Desperate Housewives*, and an episode each of *Without a Trace* and *CSI: Crime Scene Investigation*, both in 2006.



Samia "Sam" Doumit starred in Family Theater Productions' *Taylor's Wall* (2001). Born in Sacramento, California, she was an honors student at Emerson College before attending the California Institute of the Arts. Sam performed in *The Hot Chick* (2002), starring Rob Schneider, and in several TV episodes, including *CSI: Crime Scene Investigation* (2004), *Dawson's Creek* (2003), *Boston Public* (2002), *ER* (2001), *Honey, I Shrank the Kids: The TV Show* (2000) and *Beverly Hills 90210* (1998).

Justin Fatica is a co-founder of Hard As Nails Ministry (HANM), Paramus, N.J., developing programs for youth and young adults. An international speaker, his message to young people is that "if Christ saved me, He can save anyone!" In January 2009, Random House will publish his first book, *Hard as Nails*. A 78-minute film, *Hard as Nails*, aired on HBO during the winter, 2007. He resides in Syracuse, N.Y., with his wife and two children.



Matt Gallant is a TV show host and actor, hosting five seasons of the Animal Planet's popular series *The Planet's Funniest Animals* and hosting ABC's primetime reality show *American Inventor*. He has hosted *Hangin' with MTV*, and the magazine-style program for teens *Like We Care* and others. In 2004 he received an honorary degree from the University of Rhode Island for his fundraising work with the Make A Wish Foundation. He is also a sculptor.



Chris Horn is the only football player from Notus High School in Idaho, or Rocky Mountain College, Billings, Montana, to play in the NFL. In three seasons with the Kansas City Chiefs (2003-2006), he scored an NFL touchdown and was selected special teams captain in the final game of Dick Vermeil's legendary NFL coaching career. Chris also was with the New Orleans Saints and the Carolina Panthers. He and his wife, Amy, have two children.

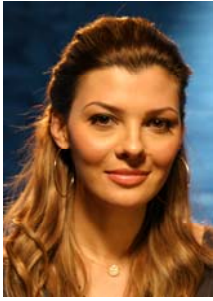


Immaculée Ilibagiza is a world renowned lecturer, humanitarian and author. Her book, *Left to Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust*, relates her dramatic story as a survivor of the 1994 genocide. She hid with seven other women in a tiny bathroom for 91 days, praying the Rosary. Through the power of the Rosary, she's forgiven the killers of her family, helped rebuild Rwandan communities and taught humans everywhere how to overcome hatred with love.

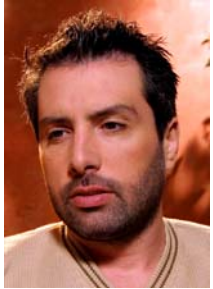


Chris Kramer is a Canadian actor who starred in the Canadian TV series *The Collector*, (40 episodes, 2004-2006), which is now in syndication in 66 countries. He has appeared in two independent films, *Stellina Blue* (2008) and *Afghan Nights* (2007), and he has guest starred in approximately 30 TV shows, including *Jericho*, *24*, and *Saving Grace*. Chris, who now lives in Hollywood, not only appeared in this production, he volunteered daily as a crew member.





Ali Landry has acted in 23 films and TV shows and has hosted or otherwise appeared in 24 TV programs. She had a significant role in the feature film *Bella*, which her husband, Alejandro Gomez Monteverde, directed and co-wrote. They have one child. She is a former Miss Louisiana and Miss USA (1996) and was known as the Doritos girl. In 1998, People magazine named her one of 50 most beautiful people in the world.



Mario Macaluso is a New York restaurateur, film producer and actor. He has appeared in 19 films and TV shows and is a co-founder with TV personality Jimmy Kimmel of the San Gennaro Festival, Los Angeles. He was the co-producer of *Whiskey School* (2005) and the associate producer of *Saved by the Rules* (2003). He starred in *Couples*, a short film showcased at the 2008 Cannes Film Festival, and *Mysterious* (2007) opposite James Brolin.



Matthew Marsden has acted in some 28 feature films and TV dramas. He will co-star in *Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen* (2009), and he co-starred with Sylvester Stallone in *Rambo* (2008). Other films include *DOA: Dead or Alive* (2006), *Anacondas: The Hunt for the Blood Orchid* (2004), *Black Hawk Down* (2001) and *Shiner* (2000), starring opposite Michael Caine. A former recording artist in England, Matthew, his wife, Nadine, and their son live in Los Angeles.



Alejandro Monteverde, born in Mexico, directed, co-wrote and co-produced *Bella*, the theatrical release that won the People's Choice Award at the 2006 Toronto International Film Festival. The director of the Department of Citizenship gave Alejandro the "American by Choice" award for *Bella's* positive contribution to Latino art and culture in the U.S. Alejandro married American actor and former Miss USA Ali Landry in April 2006. He is a film graduate of the University of Texas.



Patrick & Molly Nuo married in 2005 and are expecting their second child. Patrick is a pop star/recording artist in European and Asian countries, such as Germany, Switzerland, Thailand and Singapore. A native of Switzerland, Patrick has recorded three hit albums. Molly is a U.S. actor who has been in two feature films. After majoring in theater at Coastal Carolina University in Myrtle Beach, S.C., she moved to Los Angeles where she met Patrick.



Jessica Rey is best known for playing Alyssa, the White Ranger, in the *Power Rangers Wild Force* TV series (2002). She has guest starred in episodes of such TV series as *Days of Our Lives*, *The Young & the Restless* (2004), *Las Vegas* (2004) and *Rules of Engagement* (2007). She has an MBA degree from Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, has launched a line of swimwear (Rey) and is writing a book, *Decent Exposure*.

Christina Romero is an actor from Santa Fe, New Mexico. Before coming to Hollywood, she received her undergraduate degree in Psychology and Spanish from the University of Notre Dame and then she earned a masters degree from Harvard University. She has been working in Los Angeles as an actor the last six years. She has spent much of her time acting in independent films and has starred in dozens of national television commercials.



Jeff Suppan is a starting pitcher for the Milwaukee Brewers. He is a 2006 World Series Champion and National League Championship Series MVP with the St. Louis Cardinals. He has also played with the Boston Red Sox, Arizona Diamondbacks, Kansas City Royals and Pittsburgh Pirates. He spoke in Rome at the first Vatican conference on church and sports, and he met Pope Benedict XVI. Jeff is the Vice Chairman of Catholic Athletes for Christ.



Mike Sweeney is a 14-year veteran of Major League Baseball and a five-time All-Star selection. In 2008, he signed with the Oakland Athletics after serving 13 years with the Kansas City Royals as a first baseman and designated hitter. He is the Advisory Chair of Catholic Athletes for Christ. Mike and his wife, Shara, have a son and a daughter, and Mike Jr. appears with his dad in this *Rosary Stars* video program.



Eduardo Verástegui, an actor and recording artist from Mexico, starred in the award-winning film *Bella* (2006), co-starred in the film *Meet Me in Miami* (2005) and starred in 20th Century Fox's film *Chasing Papi* (2001). Before coming to Hollywood, he toured the world as a singer with the Mexican music group Kairo and as an acclaimed solo recording artist. "People En Español" voted him one of the 50 most beautiful people in the world.



Luke Vercollone is in his fifth season of professional soccer, playing for the Richmond Kickers of the United Soccer League. He played two seasons each with Major League Soccer's New England Revolution and USL's Charleston Battery. He earned All-State soccer honors in high school (Kingston, Massachusetts), and All Big East honors at the Seton Hall University, South Orange, N.J., where he was a four-year starter. He and his wife, Andrea, married on March 28, 2008.



Rosary Stars: Praying the Gospel is produced by Family Theater Productions, the media ministry of Holy Cross Family Ministries, founded by Servant of God Father Patrick Peyton, CSC. Father Peyton was known as the "Rosary Priest" and coined the inspirational messages, "The Family That Prays

Together Stays Together™" and "A World at Prayer is a World at Peace®". He used media to spread his message of family unity through prayer, especially the Rosary.

2009 marks the 100th anniversary of Father Peyton's birth and will be celebrated throughout the year, throughout the world.

To learn more about Father Peyton, visit www.HCFM.org

