



New arrivals: *I am Amazed!*

When I look at all God has done in our lives in these last few months, I am truly amazed!

Seamus is Amazing!

Seamus Michael arrived on November 20, as scheduled, with a wrinkled face that his sisters point out is *handsome, not beautiful*. The first boy-child in this Clive household is showered with affection and takes it all in stride. What a joyous Christmas it was celebrating with him in our arms.



Amazed is Amazing!

Amazed, whose gestation period was more like an elephant's than our babies, arrived January 11 in many boxes that take up more space than all the baby stuff already in our home. During this period of waiting, God has taught me many lessons about patience, and I'm so grateful as I am so pleased with how this project has turned out, and with all of the talented, Godly people it has connected me with.

The twelve songs on this CD, as

well as all of the production, have been such a labor of love. I hope you enjoy listening to them. I hope you sing along, or at least hum them in the shower. I hope you share them with others. I hope they touch your heart and open it up to God's amazing love for us.

You are Amazing!

Your response to my fundraising appeal has been humbling. The prayers have been tangible and with your help, we have raised approximately \$9,000 in sponsorships and donations which have enabled

me to pay for most of the recording, mastering and duplication costs for the album. This amazing generosity will allow us to advertise and promote the CD as it should be. Then, everyone can share in the music. Thank you so very, very much!

And, it is for all these things and more, that I say...

God is Amazing!

With love and gratitude,
Sean

Spirit Wing Records CD at #1 for 11 weeks on CMN.com

As you know from the October 2006 newsletter, *Amazed* was selected for inclusion on the recent Spirit Wing Records **Catholic Music 2007** CD compilation. This 2 CD collection features 32 Catholic recording artists from North America and resembles the popular Christian project, *WOW*, which is released every year.

The creators of **Catholic Music 2007**, Gary Gersin from Cleveland, Ohio and Mike Beloud from Los Angeles, California hope to bring awareness to Catholic music ministries.

Gersin, of Sacred Heart Radio, said, "My goal with Sacred Heart Radio has always been to highlight the wonderful Catholic music ministries out there.

Catholic Music 2007 is just another way we are trying to get these artists heard and to help people celebrate their Faith through the Lord's great gift of music."

"There are many talented Catholic artists out there who are filled with the Spirit, serving God and the Church through their music ministries," said Beloud, member of the Catholic-rock group Rise. "**Catholic Music 2007** gives them the opportunity to showcase their work."

"Worship," the first of the two CDs features

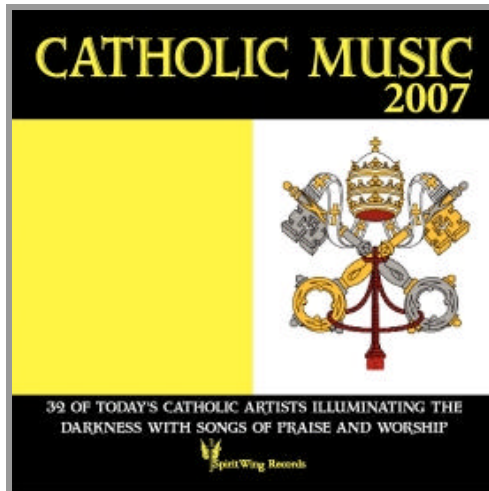
more traditional/prayerful music while Disc 2, "Praise," contains more modern upbeat inspirational music.

Catholic Music 2007 has held the top spot on Catholic Music Network.com for 11 straight weeks and was the third best-selling CD on the site for 2006, despite its late release on November 22, in honor of the feast day of Saint Cecilia, the patron saint of music.

It has also been a Best Seller in the Christian/Gospel category on Amazon.com and has received airplay on Catholic Music 24/7, Catholic Jukebox, and Catholic Music Express. Recently Spirit Wing Records has announced distribution deals with HeartBeat

Records and The Catholic Company. **CM 2007** has also been reviewed in a variety of publications including Grapevine Magazine, Catholic Review, Catholic Globe, Catholic Chronicle, and the Georgia Bulletin.

Copies of **Catholic Music 2007** can be ordered by visiting the Spirit Wing Records website at <http://www.spiritwingrecords.com> for \$15.99.



Hear it through the Grapevine!

Amazed will be reviewed in the February 2007 GrapeVine Magazine and Susan Bailey will be writing a feature on my music!

Amazed is also featured in the January 14th Podcast.

GrapeVine Magazine, THE online magazine about Catholic music!

Read the magazine: www.gvonline.net or www.catholicmusicmagazine.com

Listen to the podcast: www.gvonline.net; click on the GrapeVine Podcast button

Amazed wins in Songwriting Competition!

So, as I prepared for an "official" photo shoot to promote the new CD, I felt the urge to check the internet for the results of a songwriting competition I had entered in November. I didn't think the results would be posted by 9:30AM, but they were. I opened the webpage to see the 2006 Winners had been announced. I had not received a congratulatory email, so I thought there was still hope to be the Christian / Gospel Category winner or at least an Honorable Mention. I had just made it as a Finalist of five the week before, so I was pretty excited anyway.

So, I scrolled down past the winner and noticed I had won the Category pick! Hooray!



Now who was it that won the Grand Prize. I scrolled up again. Is that my name? It must be a mistake. I logged off and logged back in to make sure my eyes did not deceive me. And, they didn't.

This is just too cool! We have been receiving some great feedback about the song and the CD from friends and family. Now we had some feedback from totally unrelated people.

A total of over 3,000 entries were received for this competition. Entries were from every continent "except Antarctica." They even had an entry from the Frozen Tundra known as Central New York – and it won! tSC

Check it out at:

<http://www.songdoor.com/home.htm>

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How do you solve a problem like Maria?(or Biddie?)

I often wonder if Biddie were in her current stage of development if Jen and I would have waited a little longer to have Seamus. Like kidney stones, you don't remember the pain, just that it was tough to get through. We remembered that it was tough when Emma was two and Maggie was born... just not this tough!

So each day God has provide me with another opportunity to grow in patience, to work on my temper, to not get so mad at #3 that #1, #2, #4 (as well as my Jenny) feel the Wrath of Kahn. Somedays are easier than others. The toughest part is the adorable eyes and smile looking back at me.

Eventually, Biddie will calm down a little (we hope). Eventually, she will listen. Eventually she will eat without standing up or leaving the table to sit on Seamus in his swing. Eventually, she will stop beating up Emma and pulling Maggie's hair for no

reason. Eventually, she will accept her sisters' movie choices without demanding Nee Nee (Ernie) or LaLa (Elmo). At the same time she eventually does those things, Brigid will likely stop running to the door to greet Daddy from work. She will likely stop saying Nee Nee and LaLa. She will likely stop clicking her tongue to show she is hungry. She will likely stop her one-foot, tip-toe dance around the living room to Lawrence Welk's music or the Honker Ducky

Dinger Jamboree on Sesame Street. Each stage will bring good (and tough) changes. But each stage that she leaves to the past will hold a piece of my heart. Oh the day our baby girl starts school, graduates or gets married. Then, I will long for these days of baby wipes all over the floor and poopie fingers. I will miss my crazy life. And I will be thankful for every crazy moment I "enjoyed". tSC



Family Pix



Left: *Emma smiles with Father Hayes after her First Reconciliation. She is preparing for First Communion in May.* Right: *Maggie, with her first VERY loose tooth, is learning to read!*



Left: *Seamus after his bath at home.* Right: *Seamus after his "spiritual bath" at St. Anthony's. On his baptism day, he posed with his family and Godparents Rob and Jennifer Collin and his "Godbrother" Carter.*

New Year, New Opportunities

Look for me on TV! EWTN's *Backstage*

That's right, with all the hype surrounding Amazed, and some pretty amazing recommendations I will be recording a half-hour show for EWTN's Backstage program. Talk about exciting!

On **Backstage**, Catholic musicians perform their favorite songs and share the life experiences which led them to compose the lyrics and music showcased in this series.

In the Utica, NY area, EWTN is Channel 19 – which we don't even get as we've stubbornly stuck with the basic 13 channel



package. Now maybe we'll have to spring for the full cable– and maybe even justify high speed internet in the budget. Thanks to Gary Gersin of Spirit Wing Records who put in a good word with Susan Stein of Heartbeat records, we received a belated Christmas present when Susan called and invited me to sing for the show. I will also be taping a song to be included in a Christmas special. Pretty cool stuff if you ask me.

I'll update you when I return from Birmingham and inform you of when the show(s) will air. tSC

Pack your bags for Ohio!

National Catholic Youth Conference 2007 – Here we come!

I've been asked to sing the official recording of the theme song, *Discover the Way*, for the National Catholic Youth Conference in Columbus, Ohio.

The National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) is the single largest event organized by the Catholic Church in the United States of America. Sponsored by the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM), this biennial conference will be in Columbus, Ohio on November 8-10, 2007.

This event will bring together over 20,000 Catholic teenagers from throughout the United States to the city of Columbus. Accompanying these young people will be thousands of lay youth ministers and chaperones, hundreds of clergy and professed religious, and dozens of bishops.

Discover the Way by Nick Cardilino and David Smith was selected by members of the Diocesan Youth Council in the Diocese of Columbus after a national search conducted by the NFCYM.

David Smith, of I con Music Studio, recorded Amazed and we are currently discussing working together in the future. In June, I am set to record my vocal on Discover the Way, and hopefully other songs for a collaborative CD to be released in time for the Youth Conference.

I am so excited about this opportunity to continue working with Dave and to perform for an audience of enthusiastic teens and adults at the conference.

The National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry has produced a 9-minute promotional video for the 2007 NCYC. The video features the 2007 NCYC theme song, footage from the 2005 NCYC and testimonials from teens and adults. It makes me choke up every time I watch it. tSC



Check out the video and hear a demo of the song at:

<http://www.cdeducation.org/oym/ncyc/themeinfo.htm>

Friday, February 2 – 7PM – **Bread of Life Café.**
West Schuyler Methodist Church. COFFEE-
HOUSE.

February 11-12 – ALABAMA – Sean tapes for
EWTN television program *Backstage* in Bir-
mingham, AL.

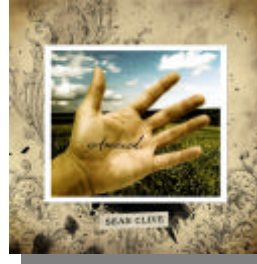
Sunday, February 25 – 6 PM – **St. Anthony of
Padua Church.** Oneida St, Chadwicks. CON-
CERT – CD RELEASE.

Monday, March 12 – 6PM – **St. Peter's Church.**
Coventry Ave, North Utica. CONCERT.

Friday, March 30 – 7 PM – **St. Anthony of Padua
Church.** Oneida St, Chadwicks. Living Stations
of the Cross.

Saturday, February 17, March 17 – 4 PM Mass –
St. John the Evangelist Church. Oxford Rd,
New Hartford.

Every Sunday – 9:30 AM Mass – **St. Anthony of
Padua Church.** Oneida St, Chadwicks.



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