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In the year 2000, Father Mitchell Pacwa, S.J. established *Ignatius Productions*, a Catholic media production apostolate, under the Society of Jesus, whose mission is to teach people the scriptures, educate Catholics about their Faith, and promote unity and understanding within the Mystical Body of Christ.

Father's love of hunting began in 2005. He found that part of the attraction is the time in the woods, learning to pay attention to animals in their own environment, a careful type of attentiveness he had not experienced either in zoos or during walks in the woods. More importantly, another part of the attraction is the quiet time in which he can pray much. Father's primary support of his prayer life is in a chapel before our Lord Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. However, the days he spends in a deer blind are very important times for prayer and refreshment. Father wants to encourage other hunters to develop a deeper relationship with God through the intercession of St. Hubert of Liege, patron of hunters. In 2013, Father launched 'Saint Hubert Lodge' in order to help us understand St. Hubert's life better, seek his intercession, particularly for hunters, and to help various Catholic hunters get to know and support each other.

For over forty years, Father has taught in conferences and retreats throughout the country, mainly to mature adult Catholics. As we know, since the 1960's the Catholic church has lost several generations of baptized Catholics due to a lack of knowledge of their Catholic Faith. But since the 1980's there has been efforts to address the lack of faith in our young adults: Theology on Tap, Cardinal Newman Society, Fellowship of Catholic University and College Students and Young Catholic Professionals to name a few known efforts. Father's mission is to offer younger adults the opportunity to talk with him in informal, smaller venues. He wants to listen to, support, and strengthen the next generation of Catholics as they strive to live their Faith in today's culture. In 2017, Father extended his teaching mission by embarking on a new 'Legacy of Faith Project'. This is a specific effort to reach younger Catholics in answering their questions and concerns as living as Catholics in the 21st century.

Father Pacwa received his B.A. in Philosophy and Theology from the University of Detroit, *summa cum laude*. He was ordained a Catholic priest in 1976 with the Society of Jesus and then continued his studies and then received his Master of Divinity and S.T.B. from the Jesuit School of Theology of Loyola University, *magna cum laude*. At Vanderbilt University, he received his Master of Arts as well as his Ph.D. in Old Testament.

Father Pacwa has a working knowledge of twelve languages, including Arabic. He has a unique understanding of the peoples and cultures of the Middle East and is respected for his knowledge on Islam and the Qur'an. Father Pacwa also has the privilege of being bi-ritual, which means he also celebrates the Maronite Mass of the Eastern Catholic Church.

He is best known for his appearances on the *Eternal Word Television Network* (EWTN), where he currently hosts two television programs and weekly host of a EWTN Radio program. Father Pacwa is a best-selling Catholic author and has written numerous books on a variety of topics about the Scripture and our Catholic Faith to continue to teach us and generations to come.