EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Outdoor worship events and youth activities presented an audio challenge for Saint Martin of Tours Catholic Church. They were often held in locations without access to electrical connections, but required the assistance of a sound system for voice amplification. A neighboring Church graciously loaned their Anchor Audio Beacon sound system to St. Martin of Tours to help find an audio solution, and it was the perfect solution to their outdoor audio needs.

ABOUT

St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church is a house of worship located in Forney, TX. The parish was founded in 1892 and is currently led by Fr. James Yamauchi with a mission to fulfill the job that Jesus Christ gave to His Church. Saint Martin Catholic Church hosts events like movie nights and retreats that are for its members and their families, and enjoy growing their parish while spreading the word of God.

HOW THE BEACON HELPED ST. MARTIN OF TOURS

St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church has two primary outdoor activities that require quality audio but lack access to electrical power: an outdoor procession and youth program activities.

During the procession, parishioners follow behind their Pastor and choir. The first year that Tony Rangel, Facilities Coordinator, was in charge of the audio for the procession, the speakers available didn’t provide the quality sound and range they needed. After seeking recommendations from neighboring Churches, Rangel found a Church that owns an Anchor Audio Beacon sound system. After using it, Rangel reports that he “immediately recommended that we purchase our own, and we did.” Now, the Pastor can be easily heard by all. “A volunteer simply follows the procession at an appropriate distance, and worshippers 300 feet or more behind the Pastor can hear him clearly,” said Rangel.

The St. Martin of Tours youth program is also a frequent user of the Beacon. “Whether indoor or outdoor, the youth director uses the Beacon to address a group of over 100 teenagers during their activities,” says Rangel. She also utilizes the Bluetooth feature to stream music during the activities.

RESULTS & REVIEW

After using the Beacon for their two primary applications, Tony Rangel reports, “the Beacon is easy to set up, has an amazing range from the base unit to the microphones, and the audio is not only crystal clear, but the speakers are so powerful, they can be heard for several hundred feet.” Rangel knows that the Beacon will continue to provide the quality audio St. Martin of Tours needs for their outdoor activities, and added that, “I believe we have nowhere near exhausted the applications we will utilize the system.”

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