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ST. MICHAEL'S ROAD TO A RECORDING CONTRACT

When Norbertine Father Jerome Molokie was told by Jade Music that they wanted to distribute St. Michael's Gregorian Chants internationally and offer the Abbey a recording contract, he thought to himself, "Okay, this is a joke...where's the camera?"

In fact, it was not a joke, the offer was real. "The whole thing started in September of 2007," said Molokie. "Our office received an email from Milan Records (part of Jade Music) asking if we could help sell their Spiritual CD's on our website. Since we didn't have a website store, we were unable to do so and I called the Jade representative to let him know." At the end of the conversation, feeling badly that he was unable to grant their request, Fr. Molokie offered them what he terms "a consolation prize," and sent them copies of two home-made CD's of Gregorian Chant that had been recorded by St. Michael's Abbey choir. "I sent the CD's and just forgot about it," he explained.

About eight weeks later, Milan got back in touch with Molokie via an email that said their people in France (the home base for Jade Music), flipped out over the recordings and wanted to distribute them. "I called Milan back immediately," said Molokie, and asked, "What's the hitch?" He soon learned they were on the up and up and when they negotiated a recording contract very favorable to the Abbey, Molokie finally realized, it was all very real.

"They were amazing and wonderful," said Molokie. "They gave us everything we asked for including putting information about our building expansion project and fund-raising efforts on the inside of the CD cover along with some of our actual architectural drawings for the new Abbey."

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“Christmas at St. Michael’s Abbey,” their first Gregorian Chant recording was released in September 2008 and has become an instant hit. It is available online through myriad websites that include amazon.com, barnesandnoble.com and buy.com, among many others. In February, 2009, St. Michael’s Abbey’s second recording of Gregorian Chants, “Anthology: Chants and Polyphony,” celebrating the Easter season, will be released by Jade Music. All royalties received by St. Michael’s Abbey from the sale of the albums are donated to St. Michael’s Abbey Expansion Project.

“It’s been amazing,” said Molokie. “And to think, it all just fell into our laps!”

Please listen to the album in its entirety here:

<http://www.milanrecords.com/jbox/christmasatstmichaels>

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