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REAL LIFE PRIESTS TOP MAINSTREAM CHARTS

A trio of Irish Catholic priests is storming the mainstream charts and breaking records with its eponymous debut album.

In the past month, the trio has topped the UK charts ahead of Britney Spears and Guns And Roses to become the fastest-selling debut for a classical act as certified by Guinness World Records.

The album features *Pie Jesu, Ave Maria, Abide With Me, O Holy Night*, and an excerpt from Vivaldi's *Gloria*.

The Priests recorded the album in Ireland and in the Choir Chapel, St Peter's Basilica, Vatican City.

In April, they signed a \$2M dollar record deal with music giant Sony BMG on the steps of Westminster Cathedral.

But they turned down a multi million dollar American tour deal, because they "put their parishioners first".

The trio is giving all the money it makes to charity.

Since its release a month ago, The Priests CD has sold more than a million copies. And to put that into perspective that's four times more than what Christian music giants Third Day have sold of its latest CD *Revelation* in the past three months.

SKILLET TOPS US YEAR END CHRISTIAN POP CHART

Skillet has topped the 2008 charts on American Christian pop radio.

Trade magazine *Radio and Records* lists the band as the most played act on Christian pop radio during 2008.

R&R reports Skillet has garnered more #1 songs from one CD than any other artist in the industry. That's six consecutive hits - *Rebirthing, The Last Night, Comatose, Older, Those Nights* and *Whispers in the Dark*.

Skillet has also achieved the top spot in *Christianity Today* online Reader's Choice for Best Band, and Best Album. Skillet has won *Christianity Today's* Best Group or Band ever year since 2003.

REALITY ZONE SCORES 400, NOT OUT

Christian youth radio show, *The Reality Zone*TM this week presents its 400th show.

The Reality Zone, on air since 2001, attracts more than five million listeners a week and airs on more than 100 radio stations including major cities across Australia, New Zealand, USA, Canada, Europe and the UK.

This week's special guest is Family Force Five's Soul Glow Activatur.

The flamboyant family group is appearing at Parachute 09 in New Zealand from January 23, and Sonfest in Brisbane on January 26.

Don Reddin and guest host Melody Crystal present this week's program.