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Trinity Financial to Sponsor 13th Annual Tent Revival and Concert

Wall, NJ: Trinity Financial Sports & Entertainment Management Company, LLC. is sponsoring the 13th Annual Good News International Tent Revival “What a Great Gift for Dad,” to be held Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, June 21, 22 and 23 at St. Veronica Church, 4215 Highway 9 North, Howell. The popular tent revival will be preceded on Saturday, June 20 at 8:00 p.m. by a special concert by Tony Melendez, an internationally-renowned guitarist who was born without arms and plays only with his toes.

“I’m truly blessed to be a part of the Good News International Ministry and for the blessing God has given our company to assist in their fundraising,” said Peter Grandich of Trinity Financial.

“This year’s 13th Annual Tent Revival will be very special thanks to the single most electrifying Christian performer I have ever seen, Mr. Tony Melendez,” he added.

Bill Wegner, founder of Good News International said, “We’re extremely grateful for the many years Peter, his family and friends have supported our ministry. It truly would not have continued if they hadn’t.”

The tent revival kicks off each night at 6:30 p.m. and will feature live praise and worship music, dynamic speakers, food, clowns for kids and activities for all ages. Speakers will include: Dr. Ray Guarendi, clinical family psychologist, who will discuss “living the faith in your family”; Jim Murphy, internationally known teacher and longtime leader in the Charismatic Renewal; and an all time favorite, Fr. Bill Halbing, Pastor, St. Antoninus, Newark, NJ. Closing Mass will be celebrated with Bishop John M. Smith.

In addition to evening festivities, on Monday, June 22 from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm, Dr. Ray Guarendi will conduct a workshop and question/answer session entitled “Do You Need a Shrink?” Dr. Ray is a Catholic Clinical Family Psychologist, father of 10, author, public speaker and radio host who has been a regular guest on radio and television including Oprah, Joan Rivers, 700 Club, and CBS This Morning. His aim is to help people live the faith in their families, raise great kids, and bolster their self-confidence as parents. He believes that parenting is too important to take seriously so he’ll relax and laugh, and do whatever he can to help participants learn, laugh and parent toddlers to teens.

Registration for Dr. Ray’s workshop is \$20 per person and includes a light lunch. Call early to register as space is very limited. For more on Dr. Ray visit his website at www.drray.com

Concert tickets are \$8 and group rates are available. The tent revival is free and open to the public. For a complete listing of activities and speakers, call contact Good News at 732-364-6158 or visit the organization’s website at www.GoodNewsInternational.net.

ABOUT GOOD NEWS INTERNATIONAL:

Good News International is an evangelization outreach by Catholic Christian men and women who are called to encourage and challenge other Catholics to live a life of holiness. Based in Howell, NJ, they conduct parish missions, retreats, conferences and other events throughout the United States and around the world.

ABOUT TONY MELENDEZ:

Tony Melendez is the internationally-acclaimed guitarist who has played before the Pope, the president and countless world dignitaries. He has overcome the handicap of being born without arms to record seven albums, perform all over the globe and become an advocate for his faith.

A “thalidomide baby,” Tony was born without arms because his mother was prescribed thalidomide - a drug used to help calm morning sickness during her pregnancy. He was brought to the Los Angeles area from Nicaragua to be fitted with artificial arms, but disposed of them at the age of 10 saying, “I didn't feel comfortable. I could use my feet so much more.”

It was also in high school that Tony became deeply involved in the Catholic Church. During this time, he considered becoming a priest but couldn't, because priests were required to have an index finger and thumb. The news disappointed him but he persevered in his church activities, using his talents as a guitarist and composer for masses and church-related events. Demand for him increased to the point where he was directing and singing in music groups at up to five masses on a given Sunday. It caught people's attention, including someone with the group organizing activities for the monumental visit of Pope John Paul II in 1987.

Excitement became nervousness and then jubilation when the Pope responded to Tony's playing, with a kiss. He notes now that he wasn't sure how to react. “I was told not to move or the security might take me out, so I was very surprised when the Pope leaped off the four-foot stage to greet me.”

Since then Tony has traveled across the United States and twenty-seven foreign countries, making countless television appearances, including The Today Show, Good Morning America, Geraldo, CBS This Morning, The Late Show with Arsenio Hall, 700 Club, Robert Schuller, and prime-time network specials for Variety Clubs and Very Special Arts. He also performed at The World Series, where he sang the National Anthem for the fifth game of the 1989 series. Tony has had the opportunity to give four additional performances for the Pope, twice in the Vatican and the another in the Pope's homeland of Poland, and in Denver Colorado for World Youth Day 1993. Along with television and major personal appearances, newspapers and magazines articles

have appear on him throughout the world. Now an author, his best-selling autobiography, *A Gift of Hope*, was published in 1989 by Harper & Row. He has recorded seven albums.

He has been the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including special commendations from President Reagan, The State of California, Variety Clubs of America, Very Special Arts, The City of Los Angeles, and countless other civic and charitable organizations. He has also received the first annual Inspirational Hero Award from the NFL Alumni Association at Super Bowl XXIII in Miami.

For more information on Tony Melendez, visit his website at www.tonymelendez.com.

ABOUT TRINITY FINANCIAL:

Trinity Financial, Sports & Entertainment Management Company is a Christian-based firm offering services to the general public and professional athletes. The company was founded by Peter Grandich and two-time Super Bowl winning New York Giant Lee Rouson.

Grandich is a member of the National Association of Christian Financial Consultants, The New York Society of Security Analysts and The Society of Quantitative Analysts. The company is located at 2431 Atlantic Avenue, Manasquan NJ. For information about Trinity Financial, go to www.TrinityFSEM.com or call 732-642-3992.