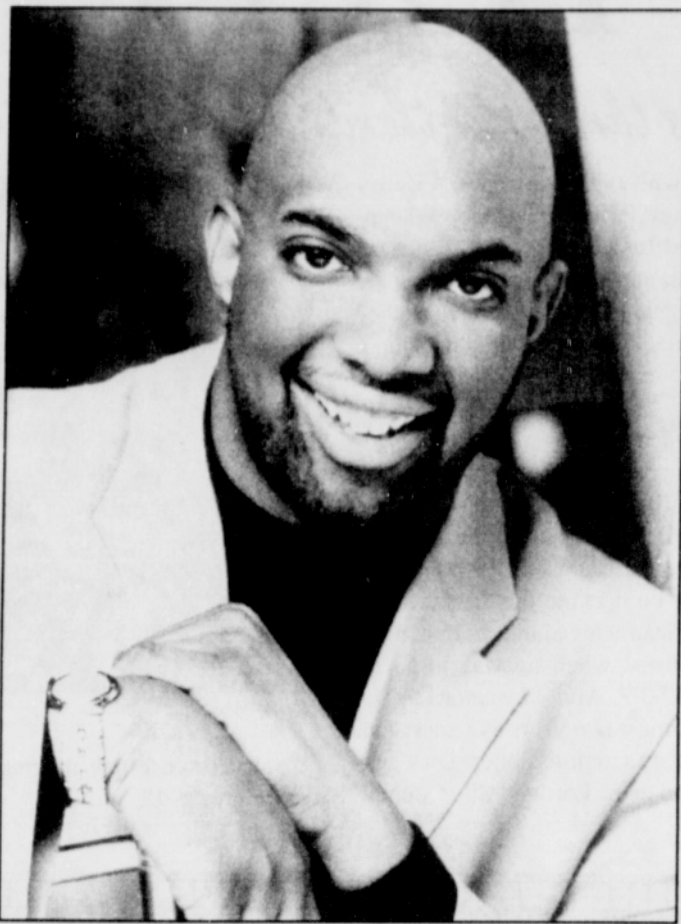


# RELIGION

## EMI Christian Music Group Launches New Gospel Label



Lamar Campbell

EMI Gospel Inaugural Release Lamar Campbell & Spirit of Praise; Ken Pennell Named Managing Director

Strengthening its position as the leading producer of quality Christian music, EMI Christian Music Group (EMI CMG) announced the formation of EMI Gospel, a new wholly-owned label, and the label's first signing - Lamar Campbell & Spirit of Praise.

EMI Gospel, which begins operations immediately form EMI

CMG's corporate offices in Brentwood, Tennessee, will be led by Ken Pennell, who has been named Managing director. The label will release four to six albums and one video in the first year, with Campbell's debut which was released on May 19.

Chordant Distribution Group will handle distribution to the Christian retail market while EMI Music Distribution (EMD) will distribute EMI Gospel to the general retail market. EMI Gospel releases will be distrib-

uted worldwide through EMI CMG's network of more than 100 sub-distributors and licensees in more than 60 countries.

"The formation of EMI Gospel represents a major commitment for our business. We have always considered gospel an important priority, but now with a dedicated label and staff, led by Ken Pennell, one of the most respected executives in gospel music, we can more fully serve this great musical genre," said Bill Hearn, President and CEO of EMI CMG. "Lamar Campbell & Spirit of Praise represents the kind of artist we want

to sign - artists of unquestioned integrity and talent, with a passion to share the gospel through music."

"The mission for our label is to create authentic gospel music that clearly communicates the message of Christ, to develop artists who have world class talent and a passionate desire to use that talent for the Lord, and to nurture vibrant relationships with the gospel music community, the church, the media and our consumers," said Pennell. "EMI CMG already has a stellar history in gospel music. EMI Gospel will build on that foundation."

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## 16,000 Protest Vatican Efforts To Silence Priest

Free speech within the Catholic clergy is becoming a hot issue as the Vatican moves to silence a Canadian priest who heads a growing conservative movement.

Over 16,000 followers of the Fatima Crusade have signed a public appeal published in Rome, asking the Pope to halt the impending suspension of their leader, Father Nicholas Gruner.

Suspension is the clerical equivalent of disbaring a lawyer or revoking physician's medical license. Based just over the Canadian border in Fort Erie, Ontario, the Fatima Crusader has a large U.S. following, estimated at some 500,000.

"They're trying to silence Father Gruner and behead his movement," says Christopher A. Ferrara, a practicing lawyer in Fairfield, N.J., who has assisted Father Gruner and his organization, "and they're trampling on both his fundamental rights and ours in the process."

"They've allowed his accusers to sit in judgment against him, repeatedly discouraged various canon lawyers from taking his case, denied him any genuine hearing, and have even issued a ruling against him which simply ignores his most important arguments and defense, as if they didn't exist. And all this has been done in secret proceedings."

Over 1500 priests, brothers and nuns, 16 bishops, and seven archbishops have also signed the published appeal letter to the Pope on behalf of Father Gruner.

It was published in the largest Roman daily newspaper, Il Messaggero, April 2 and subsequently was seen by millions on Italian National TV news.

Father Gregory Hesse of Vienna, an accredited lecturer in Church (Canon) Law denounced the Vatican's action against Father Gruner as "politically motivated, pure and simple."

"There's no moral or theological basis whatsoever for silencing Father Gruner," he explained. "What he preaches is

entirely within the framework of traditional Catholic belief, and no one has ever said otherwise. Nor has anyone ever questioned his moral character.

They're trying to silence him simply because they don't like the conservative causes he promotes, and the growing number political opposition by arbitrarily throwing their leader in jail."

Father Gruner is currently seeking permission to make a final appeal against his imminent suspension.

If granted, this appeal would be heard by the same tribunal, the Signatura, that has already ruled against him three times.

In theory, the Pope may overrule the Signatura, but in practice, the current Pontiff has made it clear that he chooses not to interfere in such matters.