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“Father Sam” Featured on Nov. 25 NewsMaker Akron

KENT, Ohio Nov. 11, 2005 On the Friday following Thanksgiving, PBS 45 & 49’s weekly news panel discussion program, **NewsNight Akron**, will air a **NewsMaker Akron** special featuring the Rev. Sam Ciccolini, executive director and founder of Interval Brotherhood Home in Coventry Township, Ohio. The special airs on Friday, Nov. 26, at 9 p.m., with a rebroadcast on Saturday, Nov. 27, at 5 a.m.

Interval Brotherhood Home (IBH) is a residential treatment center for alcohol and other drug addictions. It was 35 years ago in October that Rev. Ciccolini, a newly ordained Catholic priest, founded the home on the 86-acre site of a former Carmelite monastery in Coventry Township. Since that time, thousands of men, women and children have passed through IBH on the road to recovery from alcoholism and drug addiction.

This internationally recognized facility just south of Akron, which reaches out to people in Summit County who have minimal or no financial means, measures success one patient at a time. Grounded in the belief that abstinence and personal change are needed for recovery, IBH is a testament to the guidance, dedication and commitment of Rev. Ciccolini, affectionately known as “Father Sam.” Jody Miller, **NewsNight Akron** panelist and editor/publisher of the *Bath Country Journal*, talks with Rev. Ciccolini about the origins of IBH, the philosophy behind the treatment and the way he was called to this compassionate ministry.

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