

**BILL TOMES – WSFI SPECIAL GUEST**

Bill Tomes had it all, so to speak, Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the University of Notre Dame, extraordinary artistic talent, money to travel the world and collect fine art, yet, at Jesus' bidding, Bill decided to follow Him into Chicago's poorest neighborhoods and literally stand between warring gangs when they were shooting at each other.

Although Bill attended over 180 funerals resulting from the gunfire, miraculously, the hand of God redirected bullets aimed at him, even at point blank range. Conversions of hardened gang members and peace treaties among rivals ensued, along with worldwide acclaim, including the University of Notre Dame's Thomas A. Dooley award for outstanding service to humanity. Over the years his story has been made known by The Chicago Tribune, Time Magazine, the BBC, and other international news outlets.

An acclaimed artist, his pencil portraits of their sixteen legendary football coaches has been commissioned and displayed by the University of Notre Dame, and several of his pen and ink drawings of Paris and European scenes have been displayed at its Snite Museum of Art. His portrait of Pope St. John Paul II with Our Lady of Czestochowa, given to world leaders, received letters of gratitude from the Vatican, Queen Elizabeth of England, the King of Belgium and the Prime Minister of Israel, Menachim Begin.

Bill's extraordinary generosity continues. He has decided to donate much of his original and procured art and collectibles to WSFI 88.5 FM Catholic Radio. On November 3rd the public will have the opportunity to purchase very limited and signed copies of his original work, as well as his Frank Lloyd Wright memorabilia, and many objects of art including a Chinese horse from the seventh century.