

# 'What's Your Name' may be subject of documentary

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A documentary about "What's Your Name," the self-proclaimed evangelist, may be headed for national television.

A filmmaker in New Hampshire already has amassed more than 75 hours of video footage and expects to do more filming while spending a few days in the Hazleton area next week.

"I felt it's a very interesting story and worth pursuing," said Sean Tracey of Portsmouth.

"I first learned about What's Your Name while reading an article in *Time Magazine* - the first time I had ever heard of him - so I clipped the article and put it in my folder. But it kept coming to the top."

What's Your Name returned to the Hazleton area Thursday on a chartered bus carrying members of the Hazleton Chapter of Pennsylvanians for Human Life back from Wednesday's "March for Life" rally in Washington, D.C.

He said he plans to spend the next month or so in the Hazleton area.

During previous visits here - the first dating back more than two years - What's Your Name had also spent time in the Shenandoah area, addressing groups in both places.

Born Carl J. Joseph and now in his early 40s, he also visited other sections of the state and the country since his first visit here.

Actually, What's Your Name says he traveled on foot through 47 states and 13 countries since launching his mission.



Self-proclaimed evangelist "What's Your Name" may find his way on television in a documentary. The bare-footed traveler plans to be in the Hazleton area for the next month.

The documentary will be a joint effort by Tracey and local TV producer Sammy Lesante, with assistance provided by the Rev. Gerard Angelo, pastor of the National Shrine of the Sacred Heart.

What's Your Name has appeared on the Sam Lesante Show on several occasions.

Lesante also said Friday that he plans to air a local "mini-series," a telephone call-in show featuring What's Your Name.

"He'll be able to do his ministry on the air, and it'll be an opportunity to communicate and touch many more people."

As for the proposed national TV documentary,

production marks a first for Tracey who has been involved in the commercial end of the television industry for the past 20 years.

His business is called Sean Tracey Associates but he explained that the documentary is a project outside of his normal involvement.

Over the years, Tracey has been affiliated with Maysles Films, which he described as "a very famous American documentary company."

He said, although he had been working in its commercial division, "I had rubbed elbows with many great documentary filmmakers."

"Finally, I got the bug and said I'd do a documentary if I

could find a suitable subject."

Tracey said he feels What's Your Name is a fascinating subject: the white-robed, barefoot bearded evangelist is said by some to bear the appearance of Christ.

When the preacher first turned up in the Hazleton area two years ago, he attracted a wide following, as well as national media attention.

He declines money and subsists on charity.

"The interesting thing about What's Your Name is that he generates a lot of energy," said Tracey.

Tracey expects to arrive in Hazleton Tuesday evening and spend a few days.

"I'm sort of hoping this (visit) helps bring it to full circle and fills in some of the gaps," he said.

While here, Tracey said, he would appreciate the input of people "who have a strong opinion" about What's Your Name for possible inclusion in the documentary.

He said he has just hired an editor and the documentary is currently in the "post-production phase."

Tracey said it is still not certain where the documentary may be headed for national telecast, although the Public Broadcasting System (PBS) is a possibility.

Persons interested in reaching Sean Tracey at his office in Portsmouth, N.H., can do so by phoning 1-603-427-2800.

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