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### **Jerome Bongiorno and Marylou Tibaldo-Bongiorno**

**Jerome Bongiorno (Saint Peter's University '83) and Marylou Tibaldo-Bongiorno (Saint Peter's University '83)**

Jerome Bongiorno & Marylou Tibaldo-Bongiorno (NYU Graduate Film) are a husband/wife team of Emmy-nominated, award-winning filmmakers who focus their lens on social justice issues. Their critically-acclaimed 3Rs Documentary Trilogy on urban America does just that, examining the microcosm of their home city of Newark, NJ. *Revolution '67*, broadcast nationally on PBS and STARZ, depicts factors that precipitated the 1967 Newark Riots, the explosive urban rebellion caused by similar factors that sparked "race riots" across America. *The Rule*, currently on national PBS, is about Newark Abbey and St. Benedict's Prep, and the Benedictine monks' amazing success with the most vulnerable population: inner city African American and Latino teenage males. The film details how their "recipe for success" follows the 6th century rule of Saint Benedict and how this rule can serve as a model for cities nationwide. Upcoming is *Rust*, presenting solutions to reduce inner city poverty. The Bongornos are also developing the fiction films based on this Trilogy, are in production on their *End Dependence* documentary that follows the construction of a zero energy home prototype for sustainable living, and are completing a series of city symphony films in 3D for museum exhibitions.

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