

MARY'S SHRINE

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Our Lady of Montenero

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“How awesome is this Shrine! This is nothing else but the abode of God, and that is the gateway to heaven.” (Genesis 28:17). These words from the Book of Genesis summarize the sentiments expressed by so many who visit Mary's Shrine. They even use the word “awesome” to describe the beauty of this great national monument to Mary Immaculate! For almost 90 years, the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception has served as a “gateway” through which believers from all over the world, Catholic and non-Catholic alike, encounter the Lord through the guidance of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

In this Jubilee Year commemorating the 50th anniversary of the dedication of Our Lady's Shrine, we have cause to see how the words of Genesis have been fulfilled at Mary's Shrine and how prophetic the words of the Shrine's founder, Bishop Thomas J. Shahan, were: “Beneath these soaring arches and among these tall and slender columns, the soul experiences an awe... that betrays the near presence of God.”

Anniversary celebrations are always a time to review the past, to reflect on successes as well as failures, to evaluate the present and to look to the future. Thankfully, the successes of Mary's Shrine have been abundant, our missteps few, our present vibrant and our future filled with hope.

Fifty years ago, the National Shrine was solemnly dedicated. Although the superstructure was completed, the interior work continued. In the years following 1959, chapels, stained glass windows, statuary and mosaics were added. What had been “folly” to some, became a reality and now stands as a center of worship for the Catholic Church in the United States.

At the time of his visit to Mary's Shrine in April 2009, Pope Benedict XVI referred to Mary's House as “a shrine of special significance to American Catholics.” This “significance” has been achieved because our faithful visitors and supporters have

a great love and devotion to Our Lady, recognizing that in Mary, we have a tremendous “gateway” that leads to her Son.

Countless numbers of pilgrims have flocked to Mary's Shrine for nearly a century, looking to Mary as their advocate, their mentor and their inspiration. Our “significance” rests in how successful we are in assisting people along the path that leads to the presence of God. From the letters and the e-mails that I receive, as well as the verbal comments from our visitors, it is clear that Mary's Shrine is a source of blessing for many. In times of difficulty and sorrow, joy and in thanksgiving, pilgrims come to Mary's House in the same way a child seeks its mother's embrace.

Of course, the building is just an instrument of God's grace. Like sacramentals such as the Rosary or Scapular which serve as a vehicle for prayer, the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception is another “gateway” eliciting devotion and moving people to more fervent prayer. God changes hearts. Mary's Shrine is simply the place where they become more receptive.

Please join me in thanking God for the blessing that Mary's Shrine has been for the Catholic Church in our country and pray as well that Mary's House will continue to serve as a “gateway to heaven” for the pilgrims and visitors who cross our threshold.

Allow me to also thank you for the support, both spiritual and financial, which we have received from you, the American Catholic faithful. With the help of your relatives, families and friends, this great Shrine was built. Through your support we are able to continue in this profound ministry and it will be your future assistance that will take us into the next 50 years and beyond.

May Mary Immaculate intercede on your behalf and may she direct our efforts in providing a “gateway to heaven” as together we look to see the face of her Son more clearly. 🙏



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MISSION STATEMENT

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, a Catholic church dedicated to the patroness of our nation, is a place of worship, pilgrimage, evangelization and reconciliation. It offers visitors the occasion for a deepening conversion, a step forward in the journey to God, with Mary as the model for that journey. This monumental church, raised by Catholics of the United States because of their devotion to Mary the Mother of God, gives visibility to their faith and Catholic heritage. Mary's Shrine invites people from across the country and beyond into the saving moment of faith, hope and charity, so that they may be reconciled and transformed into living symbols of Christ's presence in the world. It is here that the faithful gather to worship God, give honor to Mary, and are sent to spread God's word wherever they go. 🙏



Celebrating the Jubilee Triduum

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception will celebrate its Jubilee, as it did its dedication in 1959, with a Triduum.

This three-day celebration will begin on Thursday, November 19, 2009, at 5 p.m., with an Opening Mass in the Basilica's Great Upper Church. Archbishop Donald W. Wuerl of Washington, Chairman of the Basilica's Board of Trustees, will be the principal celebrant. Bishop Michael J. Bransfield of Wheeling-Charleston, Rector of the Basilica from 1986-2005, will be the homilist.

The Opening Mass will coincide with the closing of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Fall Meeting in Baltimore, and many of the nation's Bishops are expected to concelebrate.

On Saturday, November 21, at 3 p.m., the final Pilgrimage Saturday will be led by the Basilica's Rector, Monsignor Walter R. Rossi. He will guide pilgrims to various chapels and oratories and lead the recitation of litanies, devotions and songs.

Finally, on Sunday, November 22, 2009, Monsignor Rossi will celebrate Solemn Mass at 12 noon to close the Jubilee Year in the Basilica's Great Upper Church, where the Solemn Mass of Dedication had taken place fifty years before, and where Masses have been celebrated ever since.

We welcome you to celebrate the culmination of our Jubilee Year with us through this Jubilee Triduum Celebration. For more information, please visit www.nationalshrine.com/jubilee. ☩

JUBILEE YEAR PLENARY INDULGENCE GRANTED BY POPE BENEDICT XVI

As the fiftieth anniversary of the dedication of the National Shrine approaches on November 20, 2009, the Basilica reminds you of the opportunity to gain a plenary indulgence during its Jubilee Year as decreed by the Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, according to the following conditions:

For the period of the Jubilee, November 20, 2008 – November 20, 2009, the Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, has granted a Plenary Indulgence (remission of temporal punishment due to sin) on the truly penitent members of the faithful who, on the usual conditions (sacramental Confession, Eucharistic Communion, prayers for the Holy Father's intentions) duly fulfilled: a) If they undertake a sacred pilgrimage to the Upper Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine and they devoutly participate in the liturgical celebration or other pious exercise; b) if they visit the jubilee Temple [the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception] either alone or with a group and there at least devote themselves to pious considerations for an

appropriate period of time to be concluded with the Our Father, Creed and invocations to the Immaculate Virgin Mary.



The elderly, the infirm and everyone who for legitimate reason cannot leave their homes, joining themselves in heartfelt desire to others who will undertake a pious visitation or pilgrimage can likewise obtain a Plenary Indulgence, provided that, with a resolute detestation for every sin and with the intention of fulfilling, as soon as possible the three customary conditions, they recite devoutly the prayers before some sacred image as mentioned above and they humbly offer the illnesses or inconveniences of their own lives to the merciful God through Mary. (Decretum, Paenitentiarum Apostolica, September 26, 2008.)

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception is grateful to the Holy Father for granting the faithful this opportunity for a plenary indulgence in its Jubilee Year and invites all to obtain this special gift. ☩

Our Lady of Montenero Dedicated

Bishop Simone Giusti of Livorno, Italy, and Monsignor Walter Rossi, Rector of the Basilica, dedicate the new mosaic, Our Lady of Montenero.

On Sunday, June, 22, 2009, the Bishop of Livorno, Italy, and the pastor and parishioners of the parish of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, also in Livorno, gathered to celebrate a special Mass to dedicate their gift of a beautiful mosaic of Our Lady of Montenero to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

The mosaic is a replica of the sacred painting that resides at the Shrine of Our Lady of Grace, also known as the Sanctuary of Montenero, in Livorno. Our Lady of Grace of Montenero is the patron of Tuscany.

Popular legend has it that this sacred image of the Blessed Virgin Mary was found by a crippled shepherd in 1345 at the foot of a hill. A voice asked him to carry the painting to the top of the hill, *Monte Nero*. The shepherd did as requested and upon summiting was miraculously healed.

The mosaic of Our Lady of Montenero was enshrined below the stained glass window of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton in the Chapel of Saint Louise de Marillac in the Basilica's Great Upper Church.

It was at the Shrine of Our Lady of Grace of Montenero, in Livorno, in 1804, that Elizabeth Ann Seton had a profound experience of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, which led to her conversion to Roman Catholicism in 1805.

Mother Seton, as she became known, founded the first new community of religious women in the

United States in 1809. Named the Sisters of Charity, this community, celebrating its bicentennial in 2009, was modeled after the Daughters of Charity founded by Saint Vincent de Paul and Saint Louise de Marillac.

Appropriately, the Dedication Mass was held in the Basilica's Miraculous Medal Chapel whose side chapels are those of Saint Vincent de Paul and Saint Louise de Marillac and gifts of the Daughters of Charity, among others.

Monsignor Walter R. Rossi, Rector of the Basilica, welcomed Bishop Simone Giusti of Livorno, and members of Livorno's Elizabeth Ann Seton parish—the first parish in the world named for the saint. Monsignor Rossi expressed special appreciation to its pastor, Don Gino Franchi, whose efforts brought Our Lady of Montenero to grace the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. ✠



Members of Elizabeth Ann Seton parish of Livorno, Italy, traveled to the United States with their pastor and bishop for the dedication of Our Lady of Montenero.

Year for Priests Inaugural Mass

On Friday, June 19, 2009, on the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, Archbishop Emeritus of Washington, celebrated Mass inaugurating the Year for Priests. The midday Mass coincided simultaneously with Pope Benedict XVI's celebration of Solemn Vespers inaugurating the Year for Priests in Rome.

Cardinal McCarrick was joined by 31 concelebrating priests. Among those concelebrating was a priest of 51 years as well as a brand new priest ordained not even a week.

In his homily, Cardinal McCarrick spoke of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, the solemnity celebrated this day, as "the sacred love of God for us." He spoke of the priesthood as a great gift and noted that, "There is a priesthood of all of us... whether we were ordained or baptized into it." He beckoned the faithful, "You are a priestly people! Celebrate with and for us!"

Cardinal McCarrick spoke of St. John Vianney, the patron saint of priests in whose honor Pope Benedict XVI inaugurated the Year for Priests, on the occasion of the 150th Anniversary of the death of the holy Cure d'Ars.

He noted that, "St. John Vianney was a great priest, not because he could write well, but that he could love well...this was a man who loved the Lord and the Lord was in him." His Eminence asked the congregation to pray that we, "will have the same love, gentleness, kindness and trust of St. John Vianney because in that is real holiness and real priesthood."

At the end of the liturgy, delivering closing remarks, Monsignor Walter R. Rossi, Rector of



Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, Monsignor Walter Rossi, and 31 priests celebrate the Inaugural Mass for the Year for Priests.



Cardinal Theodore McCarrick delivers a rousing homily.

the Basilica, urged that we pray for priests more fervently and thank them more frequently." He then expressed his gratitude to Cardinal McCarrick and to the priests who concelebrated the Inaugural Mass of the Year for Priests. He especially thanked them for their service to the Church, at which time Mass attendees spontaneously responded with a standing ovation and sustained applause. ☪

In observance of the Year for Priests declared by Pope Benedict XVI, June 19, 2009 through June 19, 2010, the Basilica has extended Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Crypt Church on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings following the 8:30 a.m. Mass, concluding with Benediction at 12 noon. This is in addition to the Basilica's regular schedule of Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Monday mornings following the 8:30 a.m.

Mass through Benediction at 12 noon and Friday afternoons following the 12:10 p.m.

Mass concluding with Benediction at 5 p.m. All are invited to participate in this additional opportunity for devotion during the Year for Priests.

Basilica Hosts Episcopal Ordination of Newly Appointed Vatican Secretary

Archbishop Joseph Augustine Di Noia, O.P.



Paul Harring/Catholic News Service

Archbishop Di Noia lies prostrate during the Rite of Ordination.

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception had the great honor of hosting the Episcopal Ordination of Joseph Augustine Di Noia, O.P., on Saturday, July 11, 2009; this after Pope Benedict XVI named the U.S. Dominican priest Titular Archbishop of Oregon City and Secretary of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments on June 16.

Archbishop Di Noia had served as Undersecretary of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith at the Vatican since Pope John Paul II's appointment of him to the position in 2002. There, he worked for then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, now Pope Benedict XVI.

Prior to his service to the Church at the Vatican, New York native Archbishop Di Noia lived and worked for many years in Washington, D.C. He taught at the Dominican House of Studies and the John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family. He also served as Executive Director of the Secretariat for Doctrine and Pastoral Practices at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and as Director of the Intercultural Forum for Studies in Faith and Culture, a Catholic think tank at the John Paul II Cultural Center. In addition to being ordained to the priesthood in Washington, Archbishop

Di Noia was ordained to the diaconate at the National Shrine where 30 years later he would be ordained a bishop.

The Ordination to the Order of Bishop of Joseph Augustine Di Noia, O.P., began with a procession of 148 priests, 16 Bishops and 4 Cardinals through the Great Upper Church of the Basilica that was filled with over 2,200 people.

His Eminence, Cardinal William Levada, Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, served as principal consecrator. Archbishop Donald W. Wuerl of Washington, and Archbishop Emeritus of Louisville, Thomas C. Kelly, O.P., served as co-consecrators.

Archbishop Wuerl, also Chairman of the Basilica's Board of Trustees, delivered opening remarks welcoming Cardinal Levada and Archbishop Kelly as well as Cardinal William Baum, Archbishop Emeritus of Washington and Major Penitentiary Emeritus of the Catholic Church; Cardinal Adam Maida, Archbishop Emeritus of Detroit; and Cardinal Justin Rigali, Archbishop of Philadelphia. He also welcomed his brother bishops and archbishops, members of the Order of Preachers, women and men in consecrated life, and distinguished guests, most especially, Archbishop-Elect Di Noia.

Archbishop Wuerl proclaimed, "To one and all, know that your presence here is a recognition of the importance of what is about to happen as Holy Mother Church once again reaffirms the tie we have in this ancient and sacred ritual that connects us directly with the Apostles."

Mass proceeded with the First Reading, Responsorial Psalm, Second Reading, and the Gospel.



Archbishop Di Noia receives the Crosier and is officially seated as a newly ordained bishop by Cardinal William Levada.

Following this, the Rite of Ordination of a Bishop commenced with the Presentation of the Bishop-elect; the Reading of the Apostolic Letter, the official document from Pope Benedict XVI appointing the Reverend Joseph Augustine Di Noia, O.P., as Bishop; and the Consent of the People, whose assent was demonstrated by applause.

Principal Consecrator Cardinal William Levada then delivered the homily in which he explained the elements of the Rite of Ordination that was to take place and discussed the role of a bishop as that of Christ—priest, teacher and shepherd.

Cardinal Levada also explained that, though assigned the titular see of Oregon City, Archbishop Di Noia's "episcopal ministry will have as its focus the solicitude of all the churches as he serves his brother bishops and their people through his work in the Roman Dicastery" in his role as Secretary to the Congregation for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments.

Following the homily, the Rite of Ordination continued with the Examination of the Candidate, the Litany of Supplication, the Laying on of Hands and Prayer of Ordination, the Anointing of the Head, the Presentation of the Book of Gospels, and the Handing on of the Insignia which involved placing the Ring on the ring finger, the Miter on the head, and the Pastoral Staff or Crosier in the hand of the newly ordained bishop, Archbishop Joseph Augustine Di Noia, O.P.

The Rite concluded with the seating of the newly ordained bishop and the Kiss of Peace.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist proceeded with Archbishop Di Noia joining the principal consecrator and his co-consecrators at the altar for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Following Communion, Archbishop Di Noia with Miter and Crosier, was led through the Basilica, offering his blessing to all those gathered. Then, prior to the Solemn Blessing and Dismissal, Archbishop Di Noia humbly addressed the congregation, delivering the following closing remarks, his first as Archbishop:

"My Brothers and Sisters in Christ, there is an understandable temptation at the end of a glorious celebration like this one to congratulate ourselves; but it is to God the glory belongs.

To God who has blessed the Church with Pope Benedict XVI, successor of Peter and Vicar of Christ on earth, may this feast of his patron, Saint Benedict, give him grace and the joy that comes from serving Christ faithfully.

To God who today has blessed us in a special way with the Apostolic Ministry of Cardinal Levada, Archbishop Wuerl, Archbishop Kelly and the other bishops present; may Christ the Good Shepherd sustain them in their service to the Church.

To God who has so abundantly blessed the Dominican Order, may the Order of Preachers, under the mantle of the Mother of God, continue to flourish in fraternal love purified in obedience to the truth.

To God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be glory now and forevermore!" ✠



Welcome Father Vito Buonanno

New Director of Pilgrimages

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception welcomes Father Vito A. Buonanno as its new Director of Pilgrimages.

A priest of the Diocese of Brooklyn, Father Buonanno was ordained in 1981. From 1999 until his appointment to the Basilica, he served as the Pastor of the Church of the Ascension in Elmhurst, New York. During this time, he also served as Interim Director of Liturgy for the Diocese of Brooklyn from 2005 to 2007 and as Associate Director of Liturgy from 2007 to 2009. As Pastor and Interim and Associate Director of Liturgy, Father Buonanno assisted the Diocese of Brooklyn with pilgrimages to the National Shrine.

Regarding his new assignment at the Basilica, Father Buonanno says, "I am very happy to be here and am excited about the position. I am grateful to all who have made the transition easy for me, most especially Monsignor Rossi, Father Weston and the staff."

Of Father Buonanno's arrival, Monsignor Walter R. Rossi, Rector of the Basilica, states, "We're delighted that Bishop DiMarzio has released Father Buonanno to serve as the Shrine's Director of Pilgrimages and thankful to Father for accepting this position. Father Buonanno comes to us with a wealth of pastoral experience, most recently as a pastor for the past ten years. After only a few short weeks at Mary's House, I am confident that Father Buonanno's gentle spirit and kind demeanor will be a blessing to both our pilgrims and staff."

Father Buonanno replaces Father Joseph T. Holcomb, also a priest of the Diocese of Brooklyn. Father Holcomb returned to his diocese on July 1 upon his appointment as Pastor of Saint Andrew Avellino in Flushing, New York, the first parish he was assigned to following his ordination 29 years ago. Upon his departure, Monsignor Rossi expressed his appreciation to Father Holcomb for his devotion to Mary's Shrine and wished him many blessings in his new ministry. ☩

UPCOMING PILGRIMAGE EVENTS AT

September 11 & 12	CMSWR Eucharistic Congress
September 19	Diocese of Trenton
September 26	Catholic Music Association of America (CMAA)
October 2	World Apostolate of Fatima Children's Holy Hour
October 3	Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Archdiocese of New York Harlem Vicariate

The Basilica

A Pilgrimage Church

The practice of pilgrimage is rooted in Judaic tradition and the journey to Jerusalem. In the early days of Christianity, the faithful continued this tradition, eagerly journeying to the Holy Land to visit and pray at those places associated with the life of Christ.

During the sixth century, the pilgrimage became a penitential exercise. At the beginning of the tenth century, it assumed the character and form of tourism. In time, pilgrimages became acts of religious devotion that included not only penitential themes, but also those of intercession and gratitude. Shrines dedicated to the Blessed Mother were the major pilgrimage sites and remain so today.

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception is designated by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops as a pilgrimage church. It is also the preeminent Marian Shrine of the United States.

With over 70 chapels and oratories dedicated to the Blessed Mother and peoples from countries around the world, the Basilica offers pilgrims the opportunity to make a pilgrimage to many of the great Marian shrines of the world and receive the same graces and indulgences.

As in the devotional tradition of centuries past, pilgrims may participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Mass and special devotions offered daily at the Basilica.

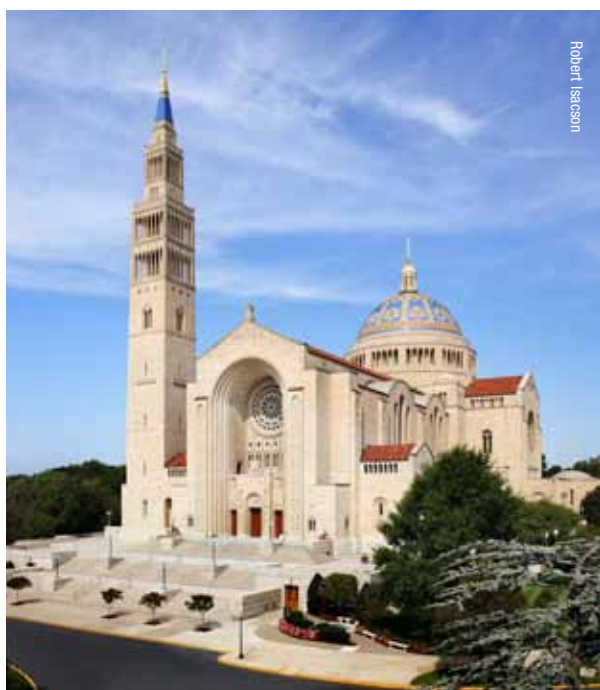
Pilgrims may also take guided tours, find religious items and books in our Gift Shop and Bookstore, and dine in our cafeteria.

The Basilica receives individual pilgrims every day as well as hundreds of thousands of pilgrims through scores of diocesan, ethnic and group pilgrimages throughout the year.

Dioceses, churches, schools, bus tours and other groups of all sizes are always welcome.

To schedule a pilgrimage for groups of 150 people or more, please contact Father Vito A. Buonanno, Director of Pilgrimages. Groups sized 15 to 150 may contact Sister Miriam MacLean, Director of Visitors Services. Both may be reached by calling 202-526-8300.

For more information, please visit the Basilica's website at www.nationalshrine.com.



Robert Erickson

THE NATIONAL SHRINE

October 10	Diocese of Arlington
October 11	Archdiocese of Washington
October 17	Diocese of Wilmington
October 24	Diocese of Harrisburg
November 7	Diocese of Greensburg
November 14 & 15	North American Congress on Mercy

Trinity Dome Design Competition

Winners Announced

Two freshman architecture students were the first place winners of the Trinity Dome Design Competition sponsored by the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and open to all students of The Catholic University of America (CUA).

Corey August of Kensington, Maryland, and Philip Goolkasian of Fresno, California, students of Catholic University's School of Architecture, teamed up to design spatial concepts of the Basilica's Great Dome, the Trinity Dome, winning the \$1000 first prize. The freshman team amazingly edged out six other teams that were comprised of CUA graduate students of architecture.

On behalf of the Basilica's Iconography Committee chaired by Cardinal Justin Rigali, the Archbishop of Philadelphia, Monsignor Walter Rossi, Rector of the Basilica, announced the winners and congratulated all participants for their wonderful design concepts. He exclaimed,



From left to right: CUA Provost James Brennan; Randall Ott, CUA Dean of the School of Architecture and Planning; Award Winner Corey August; Monsignor Walter R. Rossi, Rector of the Basilica; and Award Winner Philip Goolkasian.

"Your entries are inspiring and creative...your enlightened minds have enlightened us!"

The design competition represents a first step toward completing the last piece of the National Shrine's original iconographic plan, the mosaic ornamentation of the interior of the Basilica's "Great" Trinity Dome. ☪

Charity & Social Service Award Program Underway

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception has invited all Dioceses of the United States to participate in its new Charity and Social Service Award program, inaugurated during its Jubilee Year.

Through this new biennial awards program established by the Basilica, each diocese may submit a nomination of a sophomore or junior high school student or group whose efforts demonstrate "charity in action" as urged by Pope Benedict XVI at the youth rally held at St. Joseph's



Seminary in Yonkers, New York, during his April 2008 Apostolic Visit to the United States.

The Basilica will select five nominees to receive the Charity and Social Service Award in person, with a paid trip to Washington, D.C.

The first awards will be conferred in the spring of 2010.

For further information on the Charity and Social Service Awards program, including eligibility, criteria and timeline, please visit www.nationalshrine.com/award. ☪

Basilica Broadcast to the Faithful Nationally & Worldwide



Archbishop Donald W. Wuerl of Washington presents a new series *Gospel in Mosaic* for Catholic TV from the Basilica.



Thanks to EWTN, the Eternal Word Television Network, viewers from around the world have the opportunity to participate in Masses broadcast from the Basilica throughout the year to include the Solemn Mass of Christmas Eve, the Annual Masses for Life, Holy Thursday's Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Solemn Easter Vigil, and the Solemnities of All Saints and the Immaculate Conception.

Other EWTN broadcasts from the Basilica include the Annual Christmas Concert, the World Apostolate of Fatima Children's Eucharistic Holy Hour, and the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, Annual Memorial Mass.

Added to this year's broadcast schedule was the Episcopal Ordination Mass of The Most Reverend Augustine Di Noia, O.P., Secretary of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, as Titular Archbishop of Oregon City. This Mass was carried live in partnership by EWTN, Catholic TV, and the Basilica.



Launched in 1955 in the Archdiocese of Boston, Catholic TV is expanding its presence throughout New England and across the United States on television and via the internet at www.catholicstv.com.

Dubbed *America's Catholic Television Network*, Catholic TV dedicated the month of July 2009 to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, which is often referred to as *America's Catholic Church*.

The Basilica was the focus of Catholic TV's *Catholic Destinations* program with Kevin Nelson; *The Rosary with Father Reed*, with the praying of the Luminous and Glorious Mysteries from the Basilica's Great Upper Church; and a three-part mini-series titled *Gospel in Mosaic*, featuring art of the Basilica presented by Archbishop Donald W. Wuerl of Washington, Chairman of the Basilica's Board of Trustees.



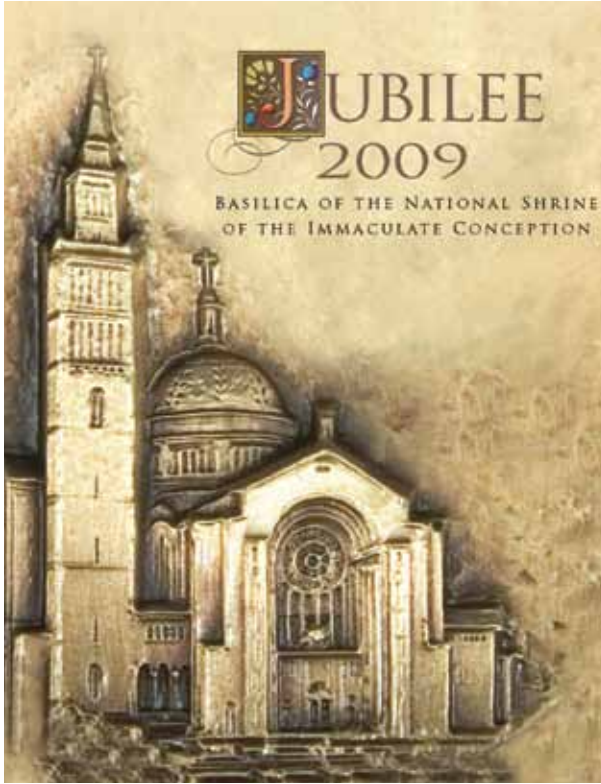
The Solemn Mass of Easter Sunday, celebrated by Archbishop Donald W. Wuerl of Washington on April 12, 2009, at 12 noon, was broadcast live for the very first time from the Basilica by Sirius and XM Satellite Radio's The Catholic Channel.

Operated by the Archdiocese of New York and available to Sirius and XM Satellite Radio subscribers nationwide, The Catholic Channel provides Masses, talk shows, educational programming and music.

The Catholic Channel plans to broadcast the Solemn Mass of Christmas live from the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception at 12 noon on Christmas Day. ☩

Jubilee 2009

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The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception was the first work of a national character undertaken by the Catholic Church in the United States of America. The construction of this church was the embodiment of the faith and devotion of centuries of explorers and visionaries, of patriots and pioneers.

On November 20, 1959, the solemn dedication of this National Shrine marked the coming of age of the Roman Catholic Church in the United States of America, the nation it helped to found and form. Today, in this votive church of pilgrimage, an immigrant nation continues to weave its rich devotional garment, diverse in its ethnic and national identities.

This church, which is so deeply sunk in tradition and yet so distinctive, speaks of America's "Catholic heart."

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception is "church," a vibrant center of worship, and it is "Church," that quiet inner place wherein God dwells. It is a repository of memories, a page in American history and that of the Church in America; it is a family album of a living and growing faith.

There could not be a more eloquent summation of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and its mission than that given by the "builder" of the superstructure and the fifth director of the Shrine, Monsignor (later Bishop) Thomas J. Grady:

"As time passes...the meaning of the Shrine will become ever more profoundly true. As decades pass,

the Shrine will age gracefully as a building. ...When children, their children, and their children's children shall have prayed in the Shrine, then the Shrine will be a repository of memories—memories of ceremonies, of events, of countless visits—it will be history standing out of the past, sheltering the present [and] awaiting new days. It will be part of America. It will be, caught up into stone, an expression of...love and trust...It will stand older than some of the states of the Union, holding communion both with its own past and also with the people it newly embraces." (*The American Ecclesiastical Review*, October 1959: 218, 231) ♣

The above text is an excerpt from the Introduction of JUBILEE 2009—A PHOTOGRAPHIC HISTORY OF THE BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, a limited edition hardcover commemorative book available for purchase in both the Gift Shop and Bookstore of the Basilica. You may also order online at www.nationalshrineshops.com or via telephone by calling the National Shrine Shops toll-free at 1-800-333-4411.

GIFTS FROM MARY'S SHRINE

Basilica of the National Shrine Jubilee Commemoratives

Celebrate the first fifty years of the National Shrine with these special Jubilee gifts.

1201 Matted Watercolor Reproduction of the Hugh Ferriss watercolor of the National Shrine. 5"x7" Image. 8"x10" Matte. **\$19.95**

1202 Ceramic Coffee Mug 10 oz. ceramic mug featuring Hugh Ferriss watercolor of the Basilica. Gift Boxed. **\$9.95**

1203 Porcelain Ornament Featuring watercolor by Hugh Ferriss. 3" oval with satin ribbon for hanging. Gift Boxed. **\$12.95**

1204 Limited Edition Jubilee Medal Gilded Bronze Medal made in Italy to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Basilica. Leather Box with numbered certificate of registration included. **\$75.00**



Exclusive European Crystal Rosary Gifts

Beautiful rosaries featuring tin cut European sparkling clear crystal 7mm beads, hand polished. All Beautifully Gift Boxed in National Shrine Jewelry Cases.

1205 One Decade Rosary features Miraculous Medal center and crucifix. **\$29.95**

1206 Rosary with Miraculous Center and sparkle cut crucifix. 30" long. **\$49.95**

1207 Rosary Bracelet with Miraculous Medal and Cross. Fits wrists up to 7" diameter. **\$19.95**



Renaissance Collection Statues

Impressively detailed resin and stone mix statues feature a rich metallic gold tone filigree base. A beautiful complement to home or office.

1208 Our Lady of Grace Beautiful and peacefully gracious. 10" high. **\$49.95**

1209 Crucifix with Stand Realistic crucifix can be removed and wall mounted. 8" high. **\$29.95**

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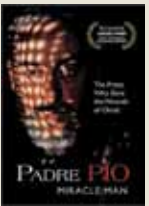
group of friends produced this incredible album of uplifting music, full of a rich tapestry of sounds – classical, jazz, Celtic, spiritual. Artists performing with Ma include Alison Krauss, James Taylor, Chris Botti, Dave Brubeck, Renee Fleming, Edgar Meyer, Diana Krall and more. A generous list of 22 songs includes *The Wexford Carol*, *All Through the Night*, *Touch of the Hand of Love*, *Here Comes the Sun*, *Joy to the World*, *Auld Lang Syne*, gorgeous variations of *Dona Nobis Pacem*, and 12 more. **\$18.95**



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DVDs



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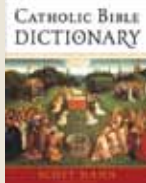
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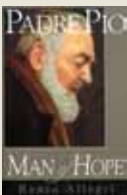
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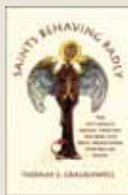
to some of the archaic language used in the first edition. This second edition of the RSV doesn't put the biblical text through a filter to make it acceptable to current tastes and prejudices, and it retains the beauty of the RSV language that has made it such a joy to read and reflect on the Word of God. This small compact volume contains the complete New Testament and Psalms and features a beautiful leather cover along with gold-edged pages and a silk ribbon marker. **\$19.95**

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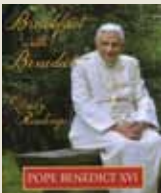
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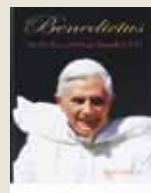
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