



Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

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Basilica Plans 36th Annual Christmas Dinner for Area Needy Volunteers Needed

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception will sponsor dinner on Christmas Day, December 25, 2010, from 12:15 to 2:30 p.m. for those who are alone or in need.

The 36th annual event is expected to feed approximately 1400 people in the metropolitan area. Meals will be served to individuals and families in the Basilica's cafeteria dining room and will be delivered directly to the homes of those in need in the District of Columbia, and in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties. In addition to dinner, guests will be treated to the fellowship of clergy, staff and volunteers, as well as Christmas carols and gifts.

Volunteers are needed to assist in preparing, serving, and delivering meals as well as assisting with other logistics. Drivers with vehicles are especially needed to deliver meals. Those interested in volunteering may contact the Basilica at 202-526-8300.

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception is the largest Roman Catholic church in the United States and North America and is one of the ten largest churches in the world. It is the nation's preeminent Marian shrine dedicated to the patroness of the United States, the Blessed Virgin Mary under her title of the Immaculate Conception. Designated a National Sanctuary of Prayer and Pilgrimage by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, the Basilica receives nearly one million visitors from around the country and around the world.

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