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Pope Benedict XVI

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It is hard to believe

that almost five months have passed since the National Shrine welcomed Pope Benedict XVI. Although much has happened at the Shrine following that historic April day, the memories of the Papal Visit remain fresh in our minds. As the Rector of the Shrine, I must say what a truly magnificent experience this was; one which I never thought I would have during the course of my priesthood!

For those of you who followed the Papal Visit by television, I am sure you will agree when I say that the Holy Father took the country by storm. The visit was nothing less than spectacular: Americans fell in love with the Holy Father and the Holy Father, most certainly, fell in love with America. Upon his return to Rome, the Holy Father remarked during his Sunday *Angelus* address that he came to the United States to be "an instrument of hope in Christ" for the Church in America, adding that he too "was confirmed in hope by American Catholics."

The opportunity for the Basilica of the National Shrine to serve as host for the meeting of the Holy Father with the Bishops of the United States reaffirmed the Shrine's historic role as *America's Catholic Church*. As the Holy Father noted during his visit, Mary's House is "a shrine of special significance to American Catholics."

Much to my surprise and great delight, at the conclusion of his meeting with the bishops, the Holy Father conferred the Golden or Papal Rose upon the Shrine. This honor dating back to the eleventh century, is given as a lasting symbol of reverence, esteem and paternal affection, uniting us even more closely to the Holy Father.

The Papal Rose is on display in Memorial Hall together with the chair, vestments, and other items used by the Holy Father during his visit. Although

this visit is emblazoned in memory, each time I pass the display or see a photograph, this momentous occasion comes to life once more and I give thanks to God for those magical hours in the life of Mary's Shrine.



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Following the Papal Visit, on more than one occasion, I mentioned to our staff that after hosting the Holy Father, there is nothing that we cannot handle—and the Shrine staff handles a lot! Thankfully, Mary's House welcomes nearly one million visitors each year. Our pilgrimages keep us quite busy and continue to make the National Shrine "a shrine of special significance to American Catholics."

This fall we will embark on another significant moment in the life of Mary's Shrine, the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the Great Upper Church. Although the actual anniversary is not until November 2009, we plan to commemorate the Jubilee Year beginning this November. It is our hope to welcome more pilgrims than ever during this significant year, especially those who have never been to Mary's House or haven't been here in years.

I always enjoy the excitement expressed by our visitors. Many comment how beautiful the Shrine is. Others share their amazement at how the Shrine has grown over the years, adding "I haven't been here since the Crypt Church was built" or "I was here when they dedicated the Upper Church."

We continue to complete what our ancestors began by enhancing the Upper Church with mosaic art and most recently a chapel in honor of Our Lady of Pompei. It is my hope that with the great support of American Catholics, we will be able to adorn the central dome of the Upper Church with mosaic. What more fitting way to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the Shrine's Upper Church than the completion of the original architectural plan of 1920.

Our efforts at Mary's Shrine are to foster devotion to Our Lady, to encourage pilgrims to follow her example and to glorify God in their daily lives. As Pope Benedict reminds us, "Mary teaches you to continue ceaselessly to listen to the Lord, to welcome his word with generous openness." May Mary be your teacher and may Mary's Shrine be your visible reminder to listen to the Lord as she did and welcome his word with generosity in your life. ☩



L'Osservatore Romano

Pope Benedict XVI

Christ Our Hope

An Apostolic Visit to America's Catholic Church



At 5:15 p.m. on Wednesday, April 16, 2008, the bells of the Knights Tower began to peal jubilantly signaling the imminent arrival of the Successor of Peter, His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI, to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, the nation's pre-eminent Marian shrine affectionately referred to as *America's Catholic Church*.

From the Knights Tower hung a 60-foot banner expressing the sentiments of all who had gathered from near and far—*Welcome Pope Benedict XVI ~ Christ Our Hope*.

Thousands of the faithful lined both sides of Fourth Street Northeast, the road whose end is this magnificent Basilica. Thousands more surrounded the perimeter of the Shrine's front circle and filled its front steps. On the Basilica's east side, thousands more gathered on the mall of The Catholic University of America.

People of all ages, states, and walks of life from across America flocked to the nation's patronal church. Patiently standing for hours, they

prayed the rosary and sang songs led by Dominican priests and brothers, held signs, waved papal flags, and chanted "Holy Father!" as they eagerly awaited the Vicar of Christ.

The anticipation was palpable—from inside the Basilica, too.

Filling the Crossing of the Great Upper Church were employees of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, the Archdiocese of Washington Pastoral Center, and the Basilica of the National Shrine. They would soon see the fruit of much of their recent labors born in the arrival of the Holy Father.

In the Crypt Church, over 300 bishops from around the United States assembled to meet with their fellow bishop, the Bishop of Rome.

Monsignor Rossi, the Basilica's Rector, waited outside for what would be a momentous occasion in the life of the National Shrine and his own—escorting the Holy Father through the house entrusted to him, *Mary's House*.

At 5:30 p.m., flanked by a massive contingent of security, the popemobile departed the headquarters of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and entered onto Fourth Street. At first sight, the crowds erupted.

Waves of great affection moved with the Holy Father up Fourth Street, crossing Michigan Avenue, and around the front of the Basilica. The enthusiastic gestures of the faithful did not return empty as the Pontiff smiled, waved and blessed them as he passed by.

Upon arriving at the Basilica's east side, Pope Benedict XVI was immediately greeted with thunderous applause and loud, joyful cries of "Viva il Papa." As he exited the popemobile, he acknowledged the crowd with open arms.

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The Holy Father greets the faithful in the Great Upper Church.

Monsignor Rossi kissed the Holy Father's ring welcoming him to the Basilica. Accompanying the Holy Father was Archbishop Donald W. Wuerl of Washington, Chairman of the Basilica's Board of Trustees and host to the Pope on the Washington leg of his Apostolic Journey.

After ascending the steps of the Basilica's east side, Pope Benedict turned and blessed the adoring outdoor crowd. Then, entering the Great Upper Church, he was met with the exuberant roar of the indoor assembly.

Ready to greet him were the Basilica's sacristan sisters who presented the Holy Father with gifts—a bouquet of fresh flowers, a book on the Basilica entitled, *America's Catholic Church*, and a new zucchetto that he would don when vesting for Evening Prayer, leaving the one he arrived wearing as a keepsake to the Basilica.

The Pope and his entourage were led by Monsignor Rossi through the Great Upper Church. Ascending the steps to the chancel, the Holy Father turned and blessed all who were before him.

Then, entering the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, a gift to the Basilica from the bishops, priests and seminarians of the United States, the Holy Father spent several moments in silent prayer kneeling before Our Lord.

Proceeding through the sanctuary, Monsignor Rossi and Archbishop Wuerl turned Pope Benedict's gaze to the Basilica's beautiful new mosaic domes—the Redemption Dome dedicated in 2006 and the Knights of Columbus Incarnation Dome dedicated in 2007.

Continuing on, the Holy Father then visited the Basilica's Oratory of Our Lady of Altötting where he knelt and prayed. A gift to the Basilica



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Pope Benedict XVI prays before Our Lady of Altötting.

from the Shrine of Our Lady of Altötting and the people of Germany, this encased statue of the Blessed Mother is the only exact copy on display outside of Bavaria, Pope Benedict XVI's homeland.

Coincidentally, the Holy Father's visit to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and its Oratory of Our Lady of Altötting came on the third anniversary of the oratory's dedication, his 81st

birthday, and just three days shy of the third anniversary of his election as pope.

From the Oratory, Monsignor Rossi led Pope Benedict into the Sacristy of the Great Upper Church where the Holy Father blessed a crucifix to be placed in the soon-to-be dedicated Italian Chapel, Our Lady of Pompei.

From there he descended to the Crypt Church Sacristy where he vested for Solemn Vespers, wearing a century old cope donated to the National Shrine in the 1920s and restored for the Holy Father by Sr. Lucyna Chabera, a sacristan and seamstress of the Basilica, who also made a matching stole.

Entering the Crypt Church, the Holy Father was received with great joy by his brother bishops. He presided over Evening Prayer, most of it sung, led by the Choir of the Basilica.



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The Supreme Pontiff enters the Crypt Church for Solemn Vespers.

Following Solemn Vespers, Francis Cardinal George, Archbishop of Chicago and President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, officially greeted Pope Benedict XVI, stating, “Welcome, Holy Father, to this Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Mary Immaculate is the patroness of our country, and with all our hearts we thank you for visiting us and for addressing us in her house.”

His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI then began by saying, “Dear Brother Bishops, it gives me great joy to greet you today at the start of my visit to this country...in this Basilica dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a shrine of special significance to American Catholics, right in the heart of your capital city. Gathered in prayer with Mary, Mother of Jesus, we lovingly commend to our heavenly Father the people of God in every part of the United States.”

The Holy Father then addressed his brother bishops on a number of pastoral topics.

As he concluded, Pope Benedict stated, “I commend the Church in your country most particularly to the maternal care and intercession of Mary Immaculate, Patroness of the United States. May she who carried within her womb the hope of all nations intercede for the people of this country, so that all may be made new in Jesus Christ her Son. To all of you, and to your clergy, religious and lay faithful, I cordially impart my Apostolic Blessing as a pledge of joy and peace in the Risen Lord.”

Following his address, the bishops gave the Holy Father an extended standing ovation.

A question and answer period followed during which Pope Benedict XVI responded to three questions offered by the bishops.

Afterward, Cardinal George thanked the Holy Father for his pastoral visit and words, then presented him with a gift on the occasion of his birthday—a check in the amount of \$870,000. An offering from the bishops and faithful of



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Pope Benedict XVI addresses the U.S. Bishops in the Crypt Church.

dioceses from across the United States, the gift was given in honor of the Holy Father’s life and ministry to assist in his charitable works around the world.

Pope Benedict XVI presented gifts as well. He bestowed upon the Shrine “a Golden Rose for our Mother Mary” which Monsignor Rossi graciously received on the Basilica’s behalf. The Holy Father then presented a silver chalice to Archbishop Alfred E. Hughes of New Orleans as a sign of “prayerful solidarity with the faithful of the Archdiocese” in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

Closing his meeting with the Bishops of the United States, Pope Benedict XVI imparted a final blessing. As he took leave of the Crypt Church, his brother bishops stood, applauded and sang “Happy Birthday” to their departing pastor.

Monsignor Rossi escorted Pope Benedict back through the assembly of the Great Upper Church, and out to his waiting car. Bidding him farewell, Monsignor kissed his ring and expressed hope that His Holiness would return to the Basilica again one day. “Perhaps,” the Holy Father said with a smile as he took one last parting glance.

As the papal motorcade pulled away, the bells of the Knights Tower pealed, the faithful cheered, and the sun set over *America’s Catholic Church* marking the end of Pope Benedict XVI’s visit to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on the first day of his historic Apostolic Journey to the United States. ☪

L’Osservatore Romano



The Holy Father takes one last parting glance at the Basilica.

Artifacts of the Papal Visit

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The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception welcomed Pope Benedict XVI on April 16, 2008. Artifacts of the Papal Visit that are displayed in Memorial Hall include the cope and stole worn by the Holy Father during Solemn Vespers, the papal chair, and the Golden Rose.

Solemn Vespers is marked by the vesture of the celebrant, the use of incense, and the music. On this occasion, Pope Benedict XVI wore a 19th-century silver and gold **French Cope (Coronation of Mary)** given to the Shrine in the early 1920s. The cope, one-of-a-kind, is of woven gold and silver threads. It is the design and craftsmanship of the textile artist J. A. Henry, of Lyon, France, who won the “Grand Prize” in this category at the Universal Exposition of Paris in 1900. This cope was woven between 1900 and 1905.

The front panels (silver and gold threads) depict invocations from the Litany of the Blessed Mother. The body of the cope is a litany of prophets, popes, apostles, and saints—particularly French saints, among them: Margaret Mary Alacoque, John Baptist de la Salle, Charlemagne, and Blandina, a relic of whom is sealed in the Mary Altar of the Crypt

Church, where Pope Benedict XVI celebrated Vespers. Also featured on the Cope is “Venerable Joan of Arc,” prior to her beatification in 1905

and her canonization on May 16, 1920, the same day on which Apostolic Delegate Archbishop Bonzano blessed the land on which the National Shrine now stands.

As there was not a matching stole for this cope, Sr. Lucyna Chabera, SSMI, sacristan and seamstress of the Basilica, was charged with the task of making a matching stole.

The Papal Chair (5 feet 9 inches) is of American walnut with raised hand-carved crosses on either side. The construction is “lock-mitered” or “dovetailed,” which means no screws or nails were used. A dye stain, rather than a heavy pigment, was used to accentuate, not darken, the walnut grain; the wood finish is



Pope Benedict XVI wears a century old cope of silver and gold thread during Solemn Vespers in the Crypt Church of the Basilica as he is seated in the Papal Chair.

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Monsignor Walter R. Rossi, Rector, graciously receives the Golden Papal Rose from the Holy Father on behalf of the Basilica.

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a quick-drying lacquer, with a hard surface. The Papal Crest is hand-sewn embroidered needlework, in the traditional Old World style. The cushions are of ivory damask: a mixture of silk and wool imported from Belgium. The chair was designed by St. Jude Liturgical Arts Studio, Havertown, PA. The carpentry work is by Matt and John Huprich (father and son) of Perkasie, PA.

The **Golden or Papal Rose** is made of hand-forged iron. Each petal, each rose and rosebud is meticulously forged, crafted and attached by hand. In keeping with this traditional, old world technique, the rose is finished in a classic black patina. The softwood base is hand carved and carries the coat of arms of Pope Benedict XVI. The wooden base and the rose depict the "root of Jesse" from which this rose or flower has sprung. (Isaiah 11:1)

The tradition of the Golden Rose, dates back to the 11th century. The rose, a symbol of joy and hope, was blessed on Laetare (Rose) Sunday, when rose-colored vestments and adornments replaced the penitential purple of Lent. A natural rose at first, over time it became a single

golden rose of natural size and eventually a cluster or branch of roses crafted by famous an artist of renown.

In the second half of the twentieth century, the Golden Rose was an exceptional gift. Pope Paul VI presented five roses during his pontificate (1963-1978) and Pope John Paul II (1978-2005) presented only three. To date, Pope Benedict XVI (2005 -) has presented six roses: the Shrine of Jasna Gora (Czestochowa, Poland), 2006; the Shrines of Aparecida (Brazil) and Marizell (Austria), 2007; and the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception (Washington, D.C.), 2008. In August 2008, the Bavarian Shrine of Our Lady of Altötting, Germany, became the sixth recipient of this papal honor.

Other items on display are the zucchetto (skullcap) worn by Pope Benedict XVI, the papal copy of The Roman Missal that was used during the Vesper service, the Guest Book of the Basilica with the signature of the Holy Father, and a gold papal medallion commemorating this visit. ☚

Musical Contributions of the Basilica to the Papal Visit

The Department of Music of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception had the great honor of contributing significantly to Pope Benedict XVI's Apostolic Journey to the United States in April 2008.

Beginning with the Holy Father's first full day in the United States, Dr. Peter Latona, Director of Music for the Basilica, was invited by Archbishop Pietro Sambi, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, to play the organ during the private Mass celebrated by Pope Benedict XVI in the chapel of the Apostolic Nunciature the morning of April 16.

Later that day, Dr. Robert Grogan, Organist Emeritus and Basilica Carillonneur, pealed the bells of the Knights Tower that heralded the Holy Father's arrival to the Basilica and later marked his departure.

The Choir of the Basilica, conducted by Dr. Latona, sang Solemn Vespers which preceded the Holy Father's address to the Bishops of the United States in the Crypt Church. Dr. Latona also played the organ and composed music for the evening prayer service. Daniel Sañez, Assistant Director of Music, assisted as organist.

Dr. Latona was also commissioned by the Archdiocese of Washington to compose music for the entrance procession for the Papal Mass celebrated at Nationals Park on April 17. He was also commissioned by the Archdiocese of New York to write music for the Pope's entrance to the Mass for Clergy and Religious at St. Patrick's Cathedral on April 19.

A live recording of Solemn Vespers with Pope Benedict XVI and the Bishops of the United States is available on CD in the National Shrine's Gift Shop and Book Store and online at www.nationalshrineshops.com.



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Oratory of Our Lady of Pompei

Italian Chapel to be Dedicated



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Pope Benedict XVI blesses the crucifix that will adorn the new Italian Chapel in honor of Our Lady of Pompei.

The Oratory of Our Lady of Pompei, a chapel that recognizes the deep devotion that the Italian-American Community has for the Blessed Mother, will be dedicated on Saturday, October 4, 2008, with Mass in the Great Upper Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception at 2 p.m.

The newly constructed chapel will feature a life-size image of Our Lady of Pompei in mosaic. Also in mosaic will be the Luminous Mysteries or Mysteries of Light which were added to the Rosary by Pope John Paul II in 2002. The addition of the Mysteries of Light in the new chapel will complete the representation of all the Mysteries of the Rosary within the walls of the National Shrine. The oratory will also be graced with a crucifix blessed by Pope Benedict XVI during his visit to the Basilica in April 2008.

Dedication of the new chapel falls appropriately in October, the Month of the Rosary, and will coincide with Pope Benedict XVI's visit to the Shrine of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary in Pompei, Italy, later that month.

Cardinal Justin Rigali, Archbishop of Philadelphia and Chairman of the Basilica's



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Artist's rendering of the Oratory of Our Lady of Pompei.

Iconography Committee, will be the principal celebrant and homilist of the Dedication Mass.

Concelebrants include Archbishop Pietro Sambi, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, and members of the Italian Chapel Bishops Committee: Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio of Brooklyn, Bishop Paul Loverde of Arlington, Bishop Michael Saltarelli, Bishop Emeritus of Wilmington, and Bishop Robert Brucato, Retired Auxiliary Bishop of New York, as well as Monsignor Walter R. Rossi, Basilica Rector.

All are welcome to attend the Mass and Dedication. ☩

The Shrine Jubilee

Celebrating the First Fifty Years

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On November 20, 2009, the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception will mark the 50th Anniversary of its dedication. Although the cornerstone was laid on September 23, 1920 by James Cardinal Gibbons, Archbishop of Baltimore, the exterior structure was not completed until 1959. The ornamentation of the interior of the Basilica is a work that continues even today.

In keeping with the tradition of the Church, this Jubilee celebration will begin in November 2008 and culminate in November 2009, the actual Jubilee Year.

The Basilica has planned a number of celebratory events in honor of this occasion.

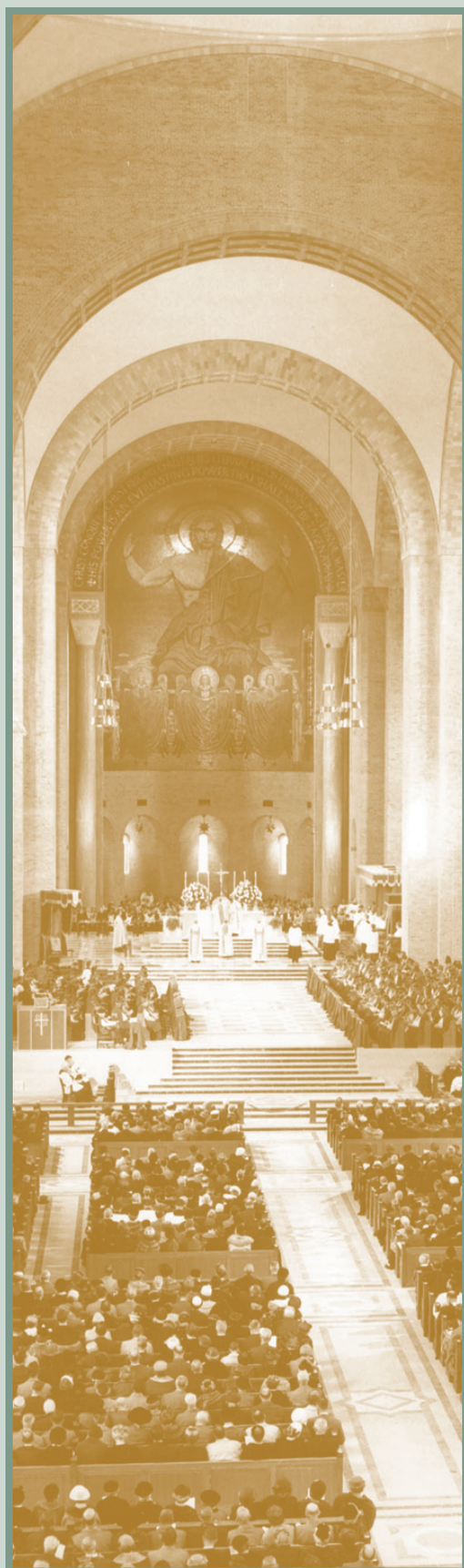
The solemn opening of the Jubilee Year will be held on Sunday, November 16, 2008, at the noon Mass in the Great Upper Church.

Beginning January 2009 through November 2009 (excluding April), the third Saturday of each month will be a "Pilgrimage Saturday." On each of these Saturdays, "pilgrimages" will be made to a group of chapels and oratories of the Basilica. These spiritual journeys will include the recitation of devotional prayers, the singing of devotional songs, and all requisites for obtaining the appropriate indulgence.

From September 2009 to November 2009, an Anniversary Exhibit featuring photographs, artifacts and memorabilia of the history and construction of the Basilica will be displayed in Memorial Hall.

Finally, the Basilica will celebrate the closing of its Jubilee Year, as it did the dedication in 1959, with a Triduum. This "three day" celebration will begin on Thursday, November 19, 2009 with the Plenary Mass of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. It will continue on Saturday, November 21, with the final "Pilgrimage Saturday" and close with the celebration of Solemn Eucharist on Sunday, November 22, 2009 in the Upper Church.

For further information and continued updates on this Jubilee Year, please visit our website: www.nationalshrine.com.



Archives/Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

The Great Upper Church on the National Shrine's day of dedication, November 20, 1959.

St. Mother Theodore Guerin Statue Dedicated

On May 10, 2008, a life-size statue of Saint Mother Theodore Guerin was dedicated adjacent to Mary's Garden on the grounds of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

The statue is the gift of the Sisters of Providence of St. Mary-of-the-Woods, the religious congregation founded by Mother Theodore Guerin, who was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI in 2006.

The Mass and Dedication were attended by nearly 500 pilgrims from across the country, including many Sisters of Providence of St. Mary-of-the-Woods, and friends and associates of the congregation. Teresa Clarke, sculptor of the statue, also attended.

Archbishop Pietro Sambi, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, celebrated the Dedication Mass held in the Crypt Church of the Basilica. Monsignor Walter R. Rossi, Basilica Rector, concelebrated.

Born in 1798 in France, Mother Guerin and five sisters from the Sisters of Providence of Ruille, France, traveled as missionaries to a dense forest of pioneer land near St. Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana in 1840. In spite of primitive conditions and her own health difficulties, Mother Guerin and her sisters established schools and cared for the orphaned, sick and poor.

In his homily, Archbishop Sambi asked, "How is it that Sister Theodore Guerin, once an administrator of a school in an industrial French town, would leave the comfort and security of all that was familiar and known, to cross the Atlantic Ocean with five other sisters, journey through the undeveloped lands of Indiana and settle in a rustic log cabin in a place called Saint Mary-of-the-Woods?" He continued, "The answer is clear:

It was possible only because Mother Theodore was able to abandon herself to Divine Providence."

At the close of Mass, Monsignor Rossi expressed his deep gratitude to the Sisters of Providence for the "wonderful addition to Mary's Garden" and implored, "May Mother Theodore walk with us and direct our steps to always follow Divine Providence."✠



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Monsignor Walter R. Rossi, Rector, and Archbishop Pietro Sambi, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, with Sister Denise Wilkinson, General Superior of the Sisters of Providence of St. Mary-of-the-Woods.



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Archbishop Sambi incenses the Mother Guerin Statue during the Dedication Ceremony.



A gift of Czech-American Catholics, Our Lady of Hostyn Chapel celebrates 25 years since its dedication.

25th Anniversary of Our Lady of Hostyn Czech Chapel

Czech-American Catholics marked the 25th anniversary of the Chapel of Our Lady of Hostyn, dedicated in 1983, with a weekend of spiritual, cultural and social activities June 7-8, 2008.

Events on June 7 included praying the rosary in Mary's Garden, a Tour of Faith of the Basilica and Chapel, a sacred music concert performed by a 30-member ensemble and choir from the Czech Republic, and a reception at the Embassy of the Czech Republic hosted by the Czech Ambassador to the United States.

On Sunday, June 8, Mass was celebrated by Bishop Peter Esterka, Auxiliary Bishop of Brno and Bishop for Czech Catholics in diaspora.

Monsignor Walter R. Rossi, Basilica Rector, welcomed Bishop Esterka and the pilgrims who came in honor of the 25th Anniversary of Our Lady of Hostyn. He remarked how the chapel has been a central space in the Shrine for 25 years, and that it may be the most visited since it is utilized to offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation daily. He

noted, "By establishing the Chapel of Our Lady of Hostyn, the Czech community not only honors their patroness, but helps the entire church avail themselves to the sacrament of peace and healing, and, therefore, assists in building up the body of Christ."

A gift of Czech-American Catholics to the Basilica, the chapel features a wood-carved statue of Our Lady of Hostyn with the Christ Child in her arms, a mosaic of the Infant Child of Prague, and a bronze statue of St. John Neumann, a native from Bohemia (currently in the Czech Republic) who became Bishop of Philadelphia and the first canonized American man.

Our Lady of Hostyn Chapel is located on the lower level of the Basilica on the west side of the Crypt Church and has four confessionals. Confessions are heard daily, Monday through Saturday 7:45 a.m.-8:15 a.m.; 10:00 a.m.-12 noon; and 3:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.; and on Sundays 10:00 a.m.-12 noon, 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m. (Spanish), and 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. ☪



Basilica Welcomes World Premiere Organist

Dr. Jeremy Filsell

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception welcomes Dr. Jeremy Filsell as its new Principal Organist.

Dr. Filsell comes to the Basilica from his native United Kingdom where he has established a concert career as one of only a few virtuoso performers on both the piano and organ, having performed as a soloist throughout Europe, Russia, and the United States.

His extensive discography comprises of solo discs on both instruments and includes the premiere recordings of Marcel Dupré's complete organ works on 12 CDs as well as the Symphonies of Louis Vierne on the 1890 Cavallé-Coll organ of St. Ouen in Rouen, France.

Dr. Filsell was educated at Oxford University, the Royal College of Music and the Birmingham Conservatoire. Prior to joining the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, he combined recital work with teaching and research, holding lectureships at the Royal Academy of Music in London and the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester. He also was a Lay Clerk in the Choir of St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle.

Dr. Peter Latona, Director of Music for the Basilica, states, "I am absolutely thrilled to welcome Jeremy, one of the world's finest organists, to the post of principal organist. His artistry and skill will contribute immensely to the tradition of liturgical and musical excellence established here at the National Shrine." ❀

LEAVING A LEGACY

Remembering the National Shrine in Your Will

When preparing, amending or adding a codicil to your Last Will and Testament, please consider remembering the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

Charitable bequests of a specific dollar amount, a percentage of your estate, or specific assets such as stock securities or real estate are a meaningful way to remember the National Shrine and leave a personal legacy.

To remember the Basilica of the National Shrine in your will, you may contact your attorney for assistance in making a bequest, or, you may simply include the following in your will:

I give, devise, and bequeath to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, a body corporate of the District of Columbia, and located in Washington, D.C., (the sum of _____) or (___ % of rest residue, and remainder of my estate) or (___ shares of _____) or all my right, title and interest in the following described property _____).

Please feel free to contact the National Shrine at 202-525-8300 if we can provide you with further information or assistance.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and continued support of Mary's Shrine.

CATHOLIC BOOKS



1401 Patrons and Protectors: Occupations In this beautifully illustrated book, Brother Michael McGrath, OSFS presents images of the saints as patrons of particular occupations. Essays from contemporary men and women tell us what a particular type of work is like for them today. **\$18.95**



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1403 Christ Our Hope Commemorative Book This is the official commemorative book on Pope Benedict's 2008 apostolic visit to the USA. This lavishly illustrated, large-size coffee-table book has dozens of inspiring photos of all the papal visit venues during his historic visit with informative commentary. It also includes the texts of all the Pope's addresses, homilies, and his prayer at Ground Zero. A must have for those who want a keepsake treasure of the Holy Father's historic six-day visit. **\$21.95**



1404 Pope Benedict XVI: Marian Thoughts This selection of 100 distinct Marian thoughts by Pope Benedict XVI is drawn from a variety of sources, including homilies, addresses, and the encyclical, *God Is Love*. The Holy Father's reflections cover the significant moments in the life of Our Lady: the Annunciation, the Visitation, her Magnificat, the birth of Jesus, the death of Jesus on the Cross, Pentecost, and the Assumption. **\$9.95**



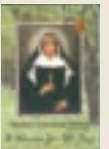
1405 Benedict of Bavaria This intimate portrait explores the extraordinary brilliance of Pope Benedict's mind and the universality of his vocation within the context of his identity as a simple son of Bavaria. Includes color photos and a rare look at a day in the life of the Pope. **\$24.95**



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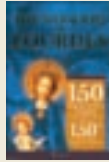
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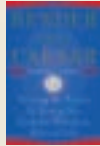
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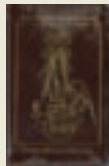
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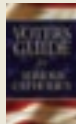
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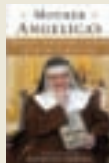
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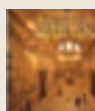
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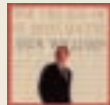
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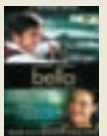
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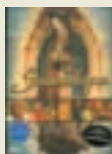
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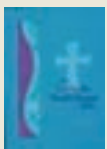
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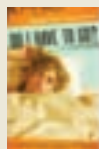
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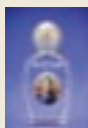
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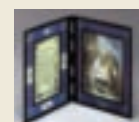
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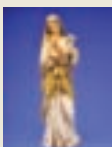
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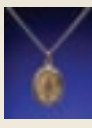
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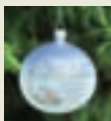
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