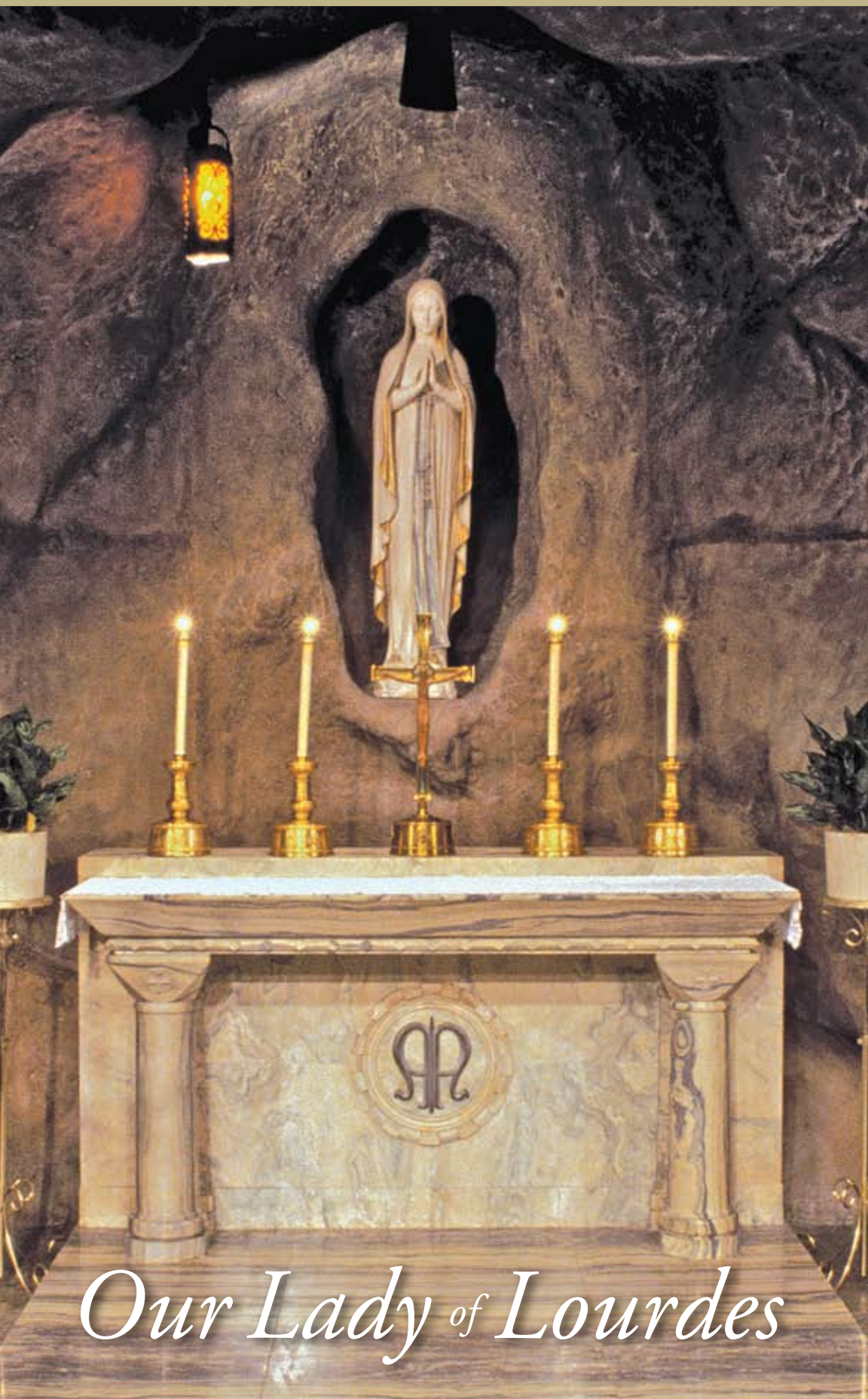


# MARY'S SHRINE

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*Our Lady of Lourdes*

# Mary's Shrine

BY REVEREND MONSIGNOR WALTER R. ROSSI, J.C.L.

## *"In hope we were saved"*

begins Pope Benedict XVI's latest encyclical letter, *Spe Salvi*. Employing Saint Paul's words to the Romans, the Holy Father examines the meaning of Christian hope and the role it plays in our daily lives.

Based on the Holy Father's teaching in this same encyclical, that in Christ hope takes on a new significance, the theme for Pope Benedict's Apostolic Journey to the United States is "Christ Our Hope." This visit of the Holy Father will be a special time for the Church in the United States; a time of renewal or as our Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Pietro Sambi, stated when he announced the Papal Visit, "a new spring" and a "new Pentecost" for the Church in the United States.

We at Mary's Shrine are delighted to have been chosen as the location at which the Holy Father will meet with the Bishops of the United States. The last time that the Shrine was privileged to host the Holy Father was in 1979 during the first visit to the United States of the Servant of God, Pope John Paul II. It was during that visit when the Holy Father declared, "This Shrine speaks to us with the voice of all ... the sons and daughters of America, who came here from the various countries of the old world ... around the heart of a mother they all had in common."

As you can imagine, prior to the arrival of Pope Benedict there is much to be done in preparation. Our staff has been working with that of the Archdiocese of Washington and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops as well as with government and Vatican officials. Currently we are in the process of an early "spring cleaning" and performing some outside embellishments. It is an exciting time at Mary's Shrine and the visit of

Pope Benedict XVI will be nothing less than a historic and grace-filled event.

In the meantime, we continue to welcome visitors and pilgrims from throughout the world and seek to serve as a spiritual oasis for the nearly

one million persons who pass through our doors each year. This is the main reason why the Shrine was established nearly 90 years ago: to be a niche where people come into deeper union with God under the tutelage of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

2008 marks the 150th anniversary of the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Lourdes. When Our Lady appeared to Bernadette Soubirous, she entrusted to Bernadette the call to prayer, penance, conversion of life and charity, especially service to the sick and poor. During the course of the apparitions, Our Lady revealed herself as the Immaculate Conception.

A replica of the grotto at Lourdes was the first chapel to be built outside of the Crypt Church in the National Shrine. Dedicated in 1931, this Chapel continues to be one of the most meditative places in the Shrine. Here, one can always find someone in prayer, most especially praying the Rosary.

As we prepare for the visit of Pope Benedict XVI, may I invite you to join us in spiritual preparation by praying the Rosary each day. This prayer takes us unto the life of Our Lady and Our Lord; it transports us to Mary's side, allowing us to see more clearly the face of her Son and to know his loving care for us.

The Apostolic Journey of Pope Benedict to the United States is not about the Catholic faithful in the United States or Americans in general "seeing" the Pope. Rather, it is an opportunity to come closer to the Lord in hope, to strengthen our faith and to renew our commitment to the message of the Gospel in union with our Holy Father. ❧

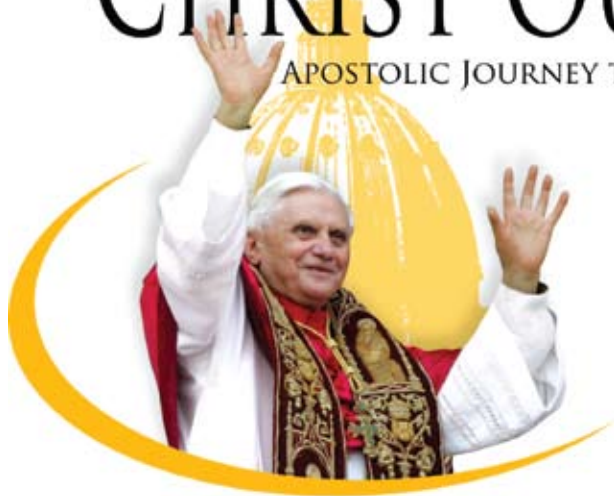


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**The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception**, a Catholic church dedicated to the patroness of our nation, is a place of worship, pilgrimage, evangelization and reconciliation. It offers visitors the occasion for a deepening 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. ❧

# POPE BENEDICT XVI CHRIST OUR HOPE

APOSTOLIC JOURNEY TO THE UNITED STATES 2008



## Pope Benedict XVI to Visit the National Shrine

**H**is Holiness Pope Benedict XVI will make his first visit as Pontiff to the United States April 15-20, 2008.

Visiting Washington, D.C., New York City, and the United Nations, the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception is privileged to be among the Holy Father's first stops of his Apostolic Journey.

Arriving at Andrews Air Force Base late afternoon on April 15, the Pope's first full day in the United States will be April 16, his 81st birthday. The morning will be spent at the White House, where President Bush will host the Holy Father in what will be only the second time in history that a pontiff has visited the White House.

The afternoon of April 16, Pope Benedict XVI will travel to the National Shrine where he will meet with the Bishops of the United States for solemn vespers and an address.

Of the Holy Father's visit, Monsignor Walter R. Rossi, Shrine Rector, notes, "The Shrine was established by the Bishops of the United States as our nation's tribute to Mary Immaculate and so it is appropriate that the Bishops of our country meet with the successor of Peter in the house they established to honor the Mother of God."

For security reasons and space limitations, the Holy Father's meeting with the Bishops at the National Shrine will be closed to the public. However, the faithful will have opportunities to see the Pope outside the Shrine as he arrives. Please check the National Shrine's website at [www.nationalshrine.com](http://www.nationalshrine.com) for more information.

On April 17, Pope Benedict will celebrate Mass at Nationals Park, the new baseball stadium in Washington. Later that afternoon he will deliver an address to Catholic educators at The Catholic University of America, adjacent to the Shrine, followed by an inter-religious prayer service at the neighboring John Paul II Cultural Center. The Pope will travel from Catholic University to the JPII Cultural Center, again affording the faithful an additional opportunity to cheer the Holy Father on. The National Shrine will be open all day to accommodate visiting pilgrims who wish to catch a glimpse of the Pope in his travels.

April 18, the Pope departs Washington, D.C. for New York City where he will address the United Nations, then attend an ecumenical prayer service with leaders from other Christian denominations at St. Joseph's Church, founded by German Catholics in Manhattan.

On April 19, the Holy Father will celebrate Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral for priests, deacons and members of religious orders. Later that day he will attend a Youth Rally at St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers.

On his final day, April 20, Pope Benedict will visit Ground Zero, the site of the disaster at the World Trade Center. In the afternoon, he will end his historic visit with Mass at Yankee Stadium. That evening, the Holy Father will depart JFK Airport on Shepherd One, his aptly named plane, for his return to the Vatican.

For more information on Pope Benedict XVI's Apostolic Journey to the United States, you may visit the USCCB's official website of the Holy Father's visit at [www.uspapasvisit.org](http://www.uspapasvisit.org) or visit [www.nationalshrine.com](http://www.nationalshrine.com) for links to the USCCB site and more. ✪

# Knights of Columbus Incarnation Dome Dedicated

Archbishop Donald W. Wuerl of Washington, Chairman of the Shrine's Board of Trustees, was the principal celebrant and homilist for the Dedication Mass of the Knights of Columbus Incarnation Dome held Saturday, November 17, 2007.

Archbishop Wuerl was joined by Cardinal Justin Rigali, Archbishop of Philadelphia and Chairman of the Shrine's Iconography Committee, and numerous other archbishops, bishops and priests who concelebrated the Mass.

He continued, "The dome has been transformed from plain gray to a mosaic composed of every imaginable shade of an equal range of colors. What we see is an attempt to depict in the great tradition of the artistic heritage of the Church, the Church's faith in her experience of God with us—Emmanuel."

Archbishop Wuerl then spoke powerfully of each of the scenes of the Incarnation depicted in the Dome—the Annunciation, the Nativity, the Miracle at Cana, and the Transfiguration. "What we see in this dome is the story of God coming among us so that we would see him as our God and learn from him how we would be his people."

The Rite of Blessing followed the homily. Incense rose nearly 100 feet to the Knights of Columbus Incarnation Dome to bless and dedicate it. The Liturgy of the Eucharist followed.

At the Mass's conclusion, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson remarked, "in celebrating the 125th anniversary of the Knights of Columbus we have chosen to highlight the reality of God in history in an enduring way. We have chosen to make possible the creation of a beautiful new work of art in honor of the Incarnation. Indeed the new Knights of Columbus Incarnation Dome testifies to the cause for our hope:

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, as well as the Supreme Officers, Board of Directors, and a host of Knights of Columbus, attended the Dedication Mass for the dome named after the fraternal order for their generous contribution of \$1 million. The gift was given in commemoration of the 125th Anniversary of the Knights of Columbus.

In his homily, Archbishop Wuerl referred to the new dome as a "truly magnificent work of art depicting God coming into our lives" and further noted "that it is an extraordinary gift that bears testimony not only to the generosity of the Knights but to their enduring devotion to Our Lady and to her house here in Washington that is our National Shrine in her honor."

Matthew Barrick



Archbishop Donald W. Wuerl blesses and dedicates new Knights of Columbus Incarnation Dome.



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that God so loved the world that He sent His only Son into it to redeem it.”

Monsignor Walter R. Rossi, Shrine Rector, personally thanked all those involved in the completion and celebration of the Incarnation Dome, especially the Knights of Columbus. He reiterated his indebtedness to Supreme Knight Carl Anderson and the Knights of Columbus for their longstanding support of the Shrine noting, “Since the groundbreaking ceremony for the National Shrine in 1920, the Knights of Columbus have been part of the mortar which keeps the Shrine together.”

Monsignor Rossi concluded, “With the Incarnation Dome, the Knights of Columbus



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have created a lasting tribute in which those who visit this Shrine and gaze upon these images will be lifted to far greater heights and be clearly reminded of ‘God’s condescension toward us’ (*Deus Caritas Est*, 13) in the Incarnation when ‘the Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us.’” (John 1:14) ♡

## Carillon Bell Named for Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson

On November 17, 2007, in a ceremony that immediately preceded the Dedication Mass of the Knights of Columbus Incarnation Dome, the 11th bell, Bell C2, of the Knights Tower Carillon, was named in honor of Saint Karol, the patron saint of Knights of Columbus Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson.

The naming of carillon bells is an ancient and recognized custom.

When installed in 1963, nine of the 56 bells of the Knights Tower Carillon were named in honor of patron saints of past Supreme Knights as well as the founder of the Knights of Columbus order, the Servant of God Father Michael J. McGivney.

In 1989, the Saint Virgil bell was named in honor of past Supreme Knight Virgil Dechant.

Archbishop Donald W. Wuerl of Washington, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the National Shrine, presided over the Rite of

Blessing and Naming of the Saint Karol Bell. Bishop William E. Lori of Bridgeport, Supreme Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus, and Monsignor Walter R. Rossi, Rector and Fourth Degree Knight himself, participated in the ceremony honoring Supreme Knight Carl Anderson.

The Knights Tower and Carillon were gifts of the Knights of Columbus, and named in their honor. ♡



John Whitman

Archbishop Wuerl, Bishop Lori, Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, and Monsignor Rossi in the Bell Tower for the Naming.

# Korean Bas-Reliefs Dedicated

Nearly 4000 pilgrims from throughout the United States and Korea gathered at the National Shrine for the September 22, 2007 Mass to dedicate two Botticino marble bas-reliefs—Our Lady of the Korean Martyrs and Our Lady of Korea at Cana.

A gift to the Shrine by Catholic Korean Americans, in commemoration of over 100 years of Korean immigration to the United States, the bas-reliefs are located in the East and West Tympana of the Shrine's Narthex.

Nicholas Cardinal Cheong Jin-Sak, Archbishop of Seoul, South Korea, was the principal celebrant and homilist of the Mass that was conducted in Korean. Archbishop Donald W. Wuerl of Washington concelebrated.

In his homily Cardinal Cheong noted, "The National Shrine is the heart of the American Catholic church. It is significant that Korean immigrants have endeavored to dedicate these art pieces here...I understand this as

a sign of the fact that Korean-Americans are no longer outsiders, but have become active members of the American Catholic church."

Those in attendance joined the prayer of blessing during the dedication: "We, the Korean immigrants of the United States, dedicate these images of Mary and the Korean Martyrs as a token of our gratitude for the heroic examples of faith that our ancestors have given through their blood and handed down to us through love... Bless these images which we dedicate with our ardent prayer and hope that they may be for your glory and become for all of us a catalyst for praising your goodness and a seed of evangelization."



Susan Preston



Susan Preston

Monsignor Walter R. Rossi, Rector, thanked all those who made the bas-reliefs possible, especially Father Paul Lee and Peter Choe "who worked tirelessly to insure that these two images of Our Lady became a reality in the National Shrine," noting that the reliefs "are a testimony to their devotion to our Lady and their dedication to the Korean people."

Monsignor Rossi reiterated his hopes that "these two reliefs will be a source of pride and inspiration for the Korean peoples," and prayed that "Our Lady and the Korean Martyrs will help each of us heed the final words of Andrew Kim as we make our pilgrimage through life: "Hold fast to the will God." 🙏"

Matthew Barrick



Matthew Barrick





Missionaries of Charity take final vows at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

# New Missionaries of Charity Make Perpetual Profession

Ten sisters of the Missionaries of Charity, the order founded by Mother Teresa in 1950, made their perpetual profession at the National Shrine on November 28, 2007.

Sister Nirmala, the successor to Mother Teresa as the superior general of the Missionaries of Charity, traveled from Calcutta to receive the vows of the newly professed.

Archbishop Donald W. Wuerl of Washington was the principal celebrant and homilist of the Mass at which the sisters vowed for life “chastity, poverty, obedience and wholehearted and free service to the poorest of the poor, according to the Constitutions of the Missionaries of Charity.”

In his homily, Archbishop Wuerl remarked, “How appropriate that the celebration takes

place today in this Great Upper Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception which itself is a highly visible proclamation that God has come among us, that God continues to seek to be with us and that the transforming power of Christ is at work in his Church today realizing here and now a kingdom that reaches far beyond us into the realm of eternity.”



Sister Nirmala from Calcutta, Mother Teresa's successor, filled with joy receiving the vows of the newly professed sisters.

He later continued, “The Missionaries of Charity continue to make the marvel of God’s presence felt in our world through the miracle of charity—of love at work.” Speaking to the newly professed sisters as well as to all in attendance, Archbishop Wuerl expressed his hope that, “Every time you enter this Basilica and look at the Incarnation Dome... you will be reminded of your own extraordinary call and gift to make Christ visible, seen, felt and heard through the works of charity.” ✠



# 2008 National Prayer Vigil for Life

## The Knights of Columbus Incarnation Dome and The Culture of Life

An estimated ten thousand people once again filled the Great Upper Church, Crypt Church, Side Chapels and Memorial Hall of the National Shrine for the Annual National Prayer Vigil for Life Mass held on January 21, 2008, the eve before the 35th Annual March for Life on the anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court decision *Roe v. Wade* that legalized abortion. Hundreds of thousands, perhaps even millions more, participated worldwide through the Eternal Word Television Network and Radio Maria who broadcast the Vigil Mass as well as the following day's Morning Mass live.

His Eminence, Cardinal Justin Rigali, Archbishop of Philadelphia and Chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Pro-Life Activities, was the Vigil Mass' principal celebrant. He delivered a powerful homily drawing on the National Shrine's newly installed Knights of Columbus Incarnation Dome for poignant comparisons and lessons.

Of the dome he said, "It took time to craft this massive undertaking that will inspire generations of pilgrims yet unborn. We, too, dear friends, are called to a massive undertaking...to build a culture of life in which every person is treated with the respect due to his or her human dignity, regardless of age, physical or mental ability, or stage of development."

He then explained how each of the scenes of the Incarnation Dome—the Annunciation, the Birth of Jesus, the Wedding Feast of Cana, and the Transfiguration—make visible the culture of life. For

example, in the Annunciation, "When Mary said yes to the angel, she said yes to life, and indeed to the Source of life Himself."

Referring to the mosaic of the dome, Cardinal Rigali noted, "The Incarnation Dome is not made of huge, impressive pieces of glass. Its beauty and impact lie in the intricate interplay of so many tiny pieces...Some pieces are shiny, some matte.

Some are brightly colored, others plain. But each plays its role, contributing to the overarching grandeur of the final work."

Relating the mosaic to the crowd, Cardinal Rigali stated, "Tomorrow as you march, you will be surrounded by many courageous witnesses to the dignity of life. All the marchers

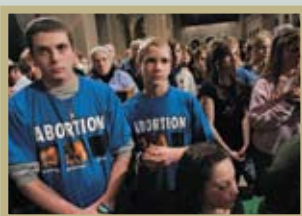
are different from one another and yet unified in one common goal: bringing an end to abortion and all attacks on life, and building a culture that always welcomes life!"

"The mighty Dome of the Incarnation that we look up to tonight in this Basilica confirms us in an even deeper certitude. The eternal Son of God who took flesh from the Virgin Mary, was born and lived and died for our salvation has uplifted all humanity to a further dignity and destiny: to share in His divine life forever—in the communion of the Most Blessed Trinity. For this reason we know that life indeed will be victorious. And so, with Saint Paul, we say: "For this we toil and struggle, because we have set our hope on the living God..." (1 Timothy 4:10), who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and who is blessed forever."

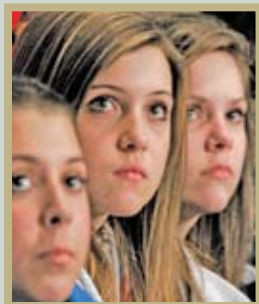
For a complete text of Cardinal Rigali's homily for the Vigil for Life Mass, please visit the National Shrine's website at [www.nationalshrine.com](http://www.nationalshrine.com).



Cardinal Rigali delivers a rousing homily.



Teens from Florida stand for Life.



Young women listen and witness for Life.

# New Archbishop of the Military Services USA Installed at National Shrine

## The Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio

Following the mandate of Pope Benedict XVI, the Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio was officially installed as Archbishop of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, on January 25, 2008.

In the Rite of Canonical Possession, Archbishop Broglio accepted the mandate of the Holy Father and was led to the cathedra by Archbishop Pietro Sambi, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, and by Bishop Richard Higgins, Administrator of the Archdiocese for the Military Services.

Archbishop Broglio then celebrated the Mass.

Ordained a priest in the Diocese of Cleveland in 1977, Archbishop Broglio most recently served as Apostolic Nuncio to the Dominican Republic and Apostolic Delegate to Puerto Rico, and previously served as the Chief of Staff for Angelo Cardinal Sodano, Secretary of State for His Holiness Pope John Paul II, among other Vatican diplomatic corps positions.

Archbishop Broglio succeeded The Most Rev. Edwin F. O'Brien, now Archbishop of Baltimore, who had served the Military Archdiocese for over 10 years. Archbishop O'Brien concelebrated the Mass as did Archbishop Donald W. Wuerl of Washington,

with numerous other priests, bishops, and cardinals, including some from Archbishop Broglio's home Diocese of Cleveland and from his most recent post from Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic.



Newly Installed Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio delivers the homily.

Those attending the Mass included

Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, Air Force General Michael V. Hayden, Director of the CIA, Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson of the Knights of Columbus, as well as other dignitaries and the many faithful of the Military Archdiocese.

In beginning his ministry with the Military Archdiocese, Archbishop Broglio implored, "In this marvelous Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, I beg Mary, our Mother, to guide me on the sure path to her Son" as he promised, "to offer the best I have to the faithful who have been entrusted to my pastoral care." ❖



Members of the U.S. armed forces and other guests listen during the Installation Mass for Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio.



Archbishop Broglio greets a guest with Auxiliary Bishop Richard B. Higgins of the U.S. Archdiocese for the Military Services looking on.

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# Ecclesiastical Art and the National Shrine

By GERALDINE M. ROHLING, Ph.D., M.A.Ed.  
ARCHIVIST AND CURATOR

For more than thirty years, beginning in 1928, the sub-basement of the National Shrine was home to a museum and art gallery. The dismantling of this gallery occurred during the construction of the Upper Church (1955-59). The promotion of the sacred arts, a little known chapter in the mission and history of the National Shrine, was revived during the autumn/early winter months of 2007 with the 150th anniversary of the birth of Bishop Thomas J. Shahan (11 September 1857), the founder of the National Shrine.

## The Foundation for Sacred Arts

September – October 2007, the Shrine hosted the opening of the national tour of the juried exhibit, *Redeeming Beauty: Religious Works of Contemporary Artists*, which featured approximately fifty works in both painting and sculpture, sponsored by The Foundation for Sacred Arts ([www.thesacredarts.org](http://www.thesacredarts.org)).

Many of the artists, whose works were displayed, attended the opening of the exhibit on August 30, and appreciated the remarks shared by his Excellency, The Most Reverend Pietro Sambì, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, Monsignor Walter R. Rossi, Rector of the National Shrine, and Mr. James Flood, director of The Foundation. In addi-

tion, two lectures on sacred art and the works exhibited were presented by Hamilton Reed Armstrong (August 30) and Nora Hamerman (September 20).

## Moscow Exhibit and Concert

The exhibit, *The Russian Orthodox Church in the XXth Century*, opened on December 7, 2007.

Dedicated to the restoration of canonical communion within the Russian Orthodox Church, this exhibit was part of a larger program (Europe and UNESCO headquarters) aimed at informing and educating the world public about the spiritual revival in modern day Russia. The exhibit included photo documents, religious

art and personal artifacts of some of the significant representatives of the Russian Orthodox Church both in Russia and the Russian Church abroad during the time of their separation.

The National Shrine is the Patronal Church of the United States in honor of Mary, under the title of Immaculate Conception. This devotion to Our Lady is something that we share with the Russian Orthodox Church, which the many artifacts, particularly the icons of the Mother of God, demonstrated.

Throughout history, there have been moments of astounding synchronicity. One such moment occurred

Whitney Jacob



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Rachel Ross, Monsignor Walter R. Rossi, James Flood, Archbishop Pietro Sambì, and Dr. Geraldine M. Rohling at the opening of *Redeeming Beauty*.



in this exhibit with the bullet riddled 19th-century copy of the famous 16th-century Icon of Kazan. In 1920, at the laying of the Shrine cornerstone, Bishop John T. McNicholas, OP, of Duluth, spoke of the political and civil turmoil in the world and mentioned in particular the revolution that occurred in Russia. A relic of that period in Russian history, this bullet-riddled copy of the Icon of Kazan served as a reminder of that seal upon which we must set our hearts, the shared gift of faith and the example of Mary of Nazareth.

Father Victor Potapov, Archpriest of the Russian Orthodox Church of St. John the Baptist in Washington, D.C., stated, “Before the Russian Revolution in 1917, there were more icons and churches dedicated to Mary in Russia than in any other country in the world. Russia in those years, for that reason, was sometimes called ‘The House of Mary’.”

The closing ceremonies, held on December 17, included his Excellency Ambassador Yushakov of The Russian Federation to the USA, Metropolitan Laurius Lavr of the Russian Church Abroad, which is based in New York; His Eminence Mercury, Bishop of Zarsk, Administrator of the Patriarchal Parishes of the Russian Orthodox Church in the USA;

Archpriest Vladimir Silovyev, Chairman, Moscow Patriarchate Publishing Board; Mr. Yuri Kaplun, the Director of the Moscow House of Compatriots, on behalf of the Mayor of Moscow; Archpriest Victor Potapov and Rev. Joseph T. Holcomb, Director of Pilgrimages of the National Shrine.

The highlight of the exhibit closing was the world premiere of *Christmas Oratorio*, composed by Russian Orthodox Bishop Hilarion Alfeyev, of Vienna and Austria, and performed by The Russian Defense Ministry Symphony Orchestra, the Choir of the Tretyakov Gallery, the Youth Choir of the Musical College of the Moscow Conservatory and a cameo appearance by the Washington DC Boys Choir. The conductor was Valery Khalilov. Msgr. Walter R. Rossi and Mr. Alexander S. Sokoloff, Minister of Culture of the Russian Federation, addressed the audience.

The exhibit and concert were sponsored by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia, the Ministry of Culture and Mass Communications of Russia, the Russian Orthodox Church Abroad, the Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Urbi et Orbi Communications, the publisher of *Inside the Vatican* magazine. ☩



Conductor Valery Khalilov and Composer Bishop Hilarion Alfeyev receive flowers and a standing ovation at the world premiere of *Christmas Oratorio* at the National Shrine.

# The National Shrine

## A Pilgrimage Church

From the new National Shrine Guide and Tour Book, available for order in this issue of *Mary's Shrine*, one learns that 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.

Such is the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception—a pilgrimage church, and Marian in more ways than one. Filled with over 70 chapels and oratories that relate to the Blessed Mother and peoples from countries around the world, one can virtually make a pilgrimage to many of the great Marian Shrines of the world.



John Whitman

Bishop Saltarelli greets busloads of his faithful arriving from the Diocese of Wilmington on pilgrimage at the National Shrine.

Annually, the National Shrine welcomes scores of diocesan, ethnic and group pilgrimages of all sizes throughout the year. In 2007, over 50,000 pilgrims visited the Basilica specifically on pilgrimage.

As in the devotional tradition of centuries past, pilgrims to the National Shrine may participate in the Sacrament of Penance as well as the celebration of Mass and special devotions. They may also take guided tours of the Shrine, find religious items and books in our Gift Shop and Book Store, and dine with us in our cafeteria.

To schedule a pilgrimage for your group, please contact the Pilgrimage Department of the National Shrine at 202-526-8300. ☪

## 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.

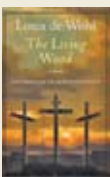
To remember the Basilica of the National Shrine in your will, you may contact your attorney for assistance in making a bequest, or, you may simply include the following in your will:

*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. ☪

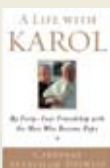
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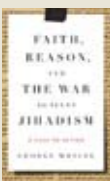
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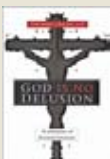
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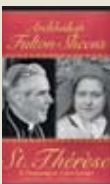
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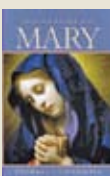
**1504 Faith, Reason, and the War Against Jihadism** A provocative and essential read, author George Weigel presents a bracing manifesto that urges all Americans to recognize and confront the religious convictions and passions that fuel Islamic jihadism. This sobering analysis of the perilous years ahead is a vital text for the 2008 election season. **\$18.95**



**1505 God Is No Delusion** Dominican Fr. Thomas Crean, O.P. tackles best-selling author Richard Dawkins' claims that belief in God is a delusion and that religion harms society. By demonstrating how Dawkins' criticisms rest on misunderstandings, poor argumentation, a lack of historical awareness and some prejudice, Crean demonstrates how Dawkins' case against God is fundamentally flawed. **\$12.95**



**1506 Archbishop Fulton Sheen's St. Thérèse** This new book presents the treasured love that Archbishop Fulton Sheen had for his dear St. Thérèse of Lisieux. Because of his intimacy and the unfathomable admiration he had for her, what lies between these pages is nothing short of remarkable and utterly captivating. A must for any fan of the "Little Flower." **\$19.99**



**1507 Lent and Easter with Mary** Following a day-by-day format, author Thomas Craughwell leads us into an in-depth encounter with the Blessed Mother who is the ideal companion during the holy seasons of Lent and Easter. The beautiful book spotlights Marian-related events in religious life, art, film, history and literature. It also tells stories of the origins of popular Marian prayers and hymns. **\$19.95**



**1508 Mother Teresa: In the Shadow of Our Lady** Missionary of Charity priest, Fr. Joseph Langford, MC, was a very close companion to Mother Teresa for 30 years and co-founder of her priestly order. Here he reveals personal stories surrounding the vision of Mary and Jesus that changed her life and the world. **\$14.95**



**1509 Lent and Easter Wisdom from G.K. Chesterton** The latest installment in this popular series! Each daily reflection in this book – from Ash Wednesday through the Second Sunday of Easter – begins with thoughts from the finest writings of Chesterton supported by Scripture, a prayer, and spiritual growth. **\$10.95**



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**1511 Journey to Easter** Pope Benedict XVI offers us a great Lenten blessing in this book of meditations on the meaning of Lent. Memorable themes include the mystery of Mary, the sign of Jonah, the Easter mystery and the sending of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. **\$14.95**



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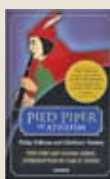
**1513 Before I Go: Letters to Our Children About What Really Matters** Most parents have no trouble telling their children how to dress, drive, study or shave, but struggle to talk with them about how best to live – real love, faith, integrity, values, true enrichment and success. In the tradition of *Tuesdays With Morrie*, popular author Peter Kreeft shares with us the wisdom that he has compiled for his children as his best gift to them. **\$16.95**



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## CDs



**1517 One Chance CD** Paul Potts was a cell phone salesman before auditioning for Great

Britain's version of *American Idol*. Nevertheless, he amazed Simon Cowell and the other judges with his incredible talent and went on to win the competition. Despite growing up feeling very insignificant, this new CD proves that he was blessed with a very significant talent and an extraordinary voice. **\$18.95**



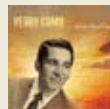
**1518 The Best of Andrea Bocelli: Vivere CD**

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## DVDs



**1521 Into Great Silence DVD** This acclaimed documentary filmed at the

Grande Chartreuse monastery in the French Alps gives the viewer a rare peek inside one of the world's most ascetic religious orders, the Carthusians. The film dissolves the border between screen and audience with an immersion into the hush of monastic life. (162 min, 2 Discs) **\$29.95**



**1522 Maria Goretti DVD** The story of St. Maria Goretti is retold in this magnificent

new film. The movie, shot on location in Italy and filled with authentic detail, stars Martina Pinto as the heroic Maria who paid the ultimate price for resisting the sexual advances of a male acquaintance because she knew they were sinful. (In Italian with English and Spanish subtitles or dubbed in English – 105 min) **\$24.95**



**1523 St. Teresa of Avila DVD** A powerful epic mini-series shot on

location in Spain that tells the story of one of the most amazing women in history. With meticulous attention to detail, historical accuracy and an incredible performance by actress Concha Velasco, this production is the definitive film on the life of this great Carmelite saint. (In Spanish with English subtitles – 450 min, 3 Discs) **\$39.95**



**1524 Mother Teresa DVD** In a powerful portrayal, Golden Globe winner Olivia

Hussey illuminates the life story of Mother Teresa, the selfless missionary who brought hope, love and salvation to the poorest of the poor. (115 min) **\$19.95**



**1525 EWTN Animated Rosary for Kids DVD** Created to teach little ones how

to pray the Rosary with the help of Angelito, their Guardian Angel. After each mystery, kids recite the prayers all presented karaoke-style on the screen. (60 min) **\$20.00**



**1526 The Easter Promise and the Witness DVD** Two animated

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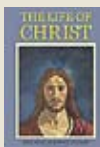
Jesus' resurrection through this animated film for young and old alike. (45 min) **\$14.95**



**1528 Divine Mercy for Young Hearts DVD** Join Dave and Joan Maroney as they teach 200 elementary school children about

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## Children's Books



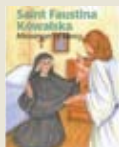
**1529 The Life of Christ Comic Book** Originally published in 1955 with an imprimatur from Francis Cardinal Spellman, this comic book presents the life of our Lord from the Annunciation to His Ascension in a manner easily understood by children. **\$15.00**



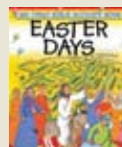
**1530 Lent and Easter in the Domestic Church** This illustrated, spiral bound book is full of wonderful activities for children and families to help them better understand and celebrate the Lent and Easter seasons. **\$15.95**



**1531 Joseph and Chico** In this beautifully illustrated book for children, Chico the cat describes the life of his "best friend", Pope Benedict XVI, in this authorized biography of the Pope for young people that was approved by the Vatican. **\$17.95**



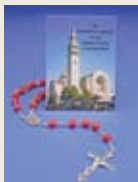
**1532 Saint Faustina Kowalska: Messenger of Mercy** From the *Encounter the Saints* series of books for young readers, here is the inspiring story of Saint Faustina. The book features a glossary and a special section explaining the devotion to Divine Mercy, including the image of the merciful Jesus, the Chaplet, the Feast of Divine Mercy and the Hour of Great Mercy. **\$7.95**



**1533 Easter Days Activity Book** This colorful activity book helps children learn about the eventful days leading up to Easter, from Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem to his resurrection on the first Easter Sunday. Children and adults will enjoy reading the story and doing the activities, including word searches, connect-the-dots, mazes, coloring, counting, and matching. **\$6.95**

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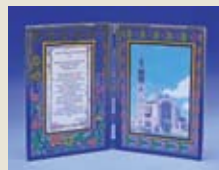
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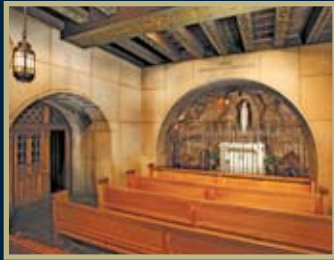
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Among its chapels is Our Lady of Lourdes—the first to be constructed outside of the Crypt Church. It was dedicated on May 3, 1931.

The chapel, located on the lower Crypt level of the National Shrine, is a replica of the Grotto of Massabielle in Lourdes, France, where the Blessed Mother appeared to a 14-year old peasant girl named Bernadette Soubirous in 1858.

Constructed with a rock formation, low lighting, and a beautiful statue of Mary in the alcove, the sanctuary and altar are separated from the nave of the chapel by an intricate wrought iron grille. Above the grille is etched: "I am the Immaculate Conception," the name by which the Blessed Virgin Mary identified herself to Bernadette.

In this year of the 150th Anniversary of Our Lady's apparitions at Lourdes, we encourage you to make a pilgrimage to Mary's Shrine and visit with our Blessed Mother in any of the many chapels dedicated to her, but most especially her Lourdes Chapel. ✠

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