

# MARY'S SHRINE

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*Our Lady of Guadalupe*  
*Patroness of the Americas*

# Mary's Shrine

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“The highest priority is to make God visible in the world and to open to humanity a way to God.” These words spoken by our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI at the Chapel of Apparitions during his recent pilgrimage to Fatima, summarize quite perfectly the work of the Church and most especially, the ministry of shrines in general.

Although this National Shrine was built by Catholics of America as a national tribute to the Blessed Virgin Mary under her title “Immaculate Conception,” there are many other shrines throughout the world dedicated to Our Lady as well as the saints. Each one stands as a visible reminder that our life with God is a priority. Through pilgrimages, prayer and the invocation of a particular saint, shrines “open to humanity a way to God” by providing an environment in which individuals can be transported out of their normal, every day routine and contemplate their life with God more completely.

I am always impressed by the countless pilgrims who come to Mary's Shrine on diocesan pilgrimages, with their parish, school or simply on their own. As they walk through this sacred place, visit the chapels and spend time in quiet reflection, the devotion of our pilgrims is quite evident and their faith inspires my own.

One of my great disappointments however, is that not enough American Catholics understand or appreciate the great spiritual treasure found in making a pilgrimage and visiting a shrine! Our “tourist mentality” limits our experience of travel to simply making a trip for vacation or sometimes even business. Rarely do we take the time to make a spiritual journey, a pilgrimage, that opens the way to God. As a result, I believe that American Catholics are missing out on many blessings!

To go on pilgrimage seems to be more of a European phenomenon. We need to make the practice of pilgrimage an American phenomenon as well! The

United States has over 100 shrines; more than 50 are dedicated to the Blessed Mother. Many of these are in your own back yard, and are much easier to visit than making a European pilgrimage. Use these sacred places to your advantage!



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Of course, we are always happy to have pilgrims at Mary's House! The Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, Archbishop Pietro Sambi, has referred to the National Shrine as “the heart of the Catholic Church in the United States.” Throughout our more than 90-year history, these words have proven true, as pilgrims from the United States and all around the world have come to Mary's House to seek the intercession of Our Lady and her guidance. Week after week, we experience the universality of the Church, as we welcome tourists and pilgrims from every nation and walk of life. My continual invitation to all our visitors and to you, who read this edition of *Mary's Shrine*, is to liken your heart to the heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary! Like Mary, always be open to God's presence in your life and receptive to his word. Some days this may be easy, others may be more difficult. No matter the situation or circumstance, if we, like Mary, place ourselves in God's care and at his service, we will never be disappointed.

In a homily preached on the former Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the 15th century, Saint Lawrence Justinian advocated, “How entirely blessed was the mind of the Virgin, which, through the indwelling and guidance of the Spirit, was always and in every way open to the power of the Word of God. Imitate her, O faithful soul!”

Not knowing what the future would hold for her, Mary said “yes” to God, confident that God would never let her down. God will not fail us either! So, “imitate her, O faithful soul” and allow Mary's Shrine to assist you along this path! ❀

## 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. ❀

# Pontifical Solemn High Mass Offered for Pope Benedict XVI



Nancy Wiebeck/Catholic News Service

Vested in the *cappa magna*, Bishop Edward Slattery processes through the Great Upper Church prior to his celebration of the Pontifical Solemn High Mass in the Extraordinary Form.

On April 24, 2010, the fifth anniversary of the inauguration of Pope Benedict XVI as Supreme Pontiff, a Pontifical Solemn High Mass in the Extraordinary Form was celebrated in the Great Upper Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

Also known as the Tridentine or Traditional Latin Mass, it was the first such Mass celebrated according to the 1962 Missal at the High Altar of the National Shrine in decades.

Bishop Edward Slattery of Tulsa, Oklahoma, was the celebrant and homilist of the Mass, which, with the exception of the homily, was offered entirely in Latin.

More than 2500 of the faithful attended the Mass, some who remembered the Traditional Latin Mass which had been celebrated regularly before 1970, and others for whom it was their very first experience.

The Opening Prayer, known as The Collect, expressed the intention of the Mass for the Holy Father (as translated from Latin): “O God, the Shepherd and Ruler of all Thy faithful people, mercifully look upon Thy servant, Benedict, whom Thou hast chosen as the chief Shepherd to reside over Thy Church; grant him, we beseech Thee, so to edify, both by word and example, those over whom he hath charge, that he may

attain unto everlasting life, together with the flock committed unto him.”

Sponsored by The Paulus Institute, whose mission is to propagate the Sacred Liturgy of the Roman Catholic Church, the Mass was broadcast live worldwide by the Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN).

DVD copies of the Pontifical Solemn High Mass are available for purchase at the Basilica in the National Shrine Shops or online at [www.nationalshrineshops.com](http://www.nationalshrineshops.com).



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Bishop Slattery faces the altar during the consecration in the Traditional Latin Rite according to the 1962 Missal.

# Knights Open 128<sup>th</sup> Supreme Convention with Mass at Basilica



Knights of Columbus

Over 3000 Knights of Columbus attend the Opening Mass of the 128th Supreme Convention in the Basilica's Great Upper Church.

The Knights of Columbus opened their 128th Supreme Convention in Washington, D.C. with Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on Tuesday morning, August 3, 2010.

Archbishop Donald W. Wuerl of Washington was the principal celebrant and homilist. He was joined by eight cardinals—Cardinal William Baum, the Major Penitentiary Emeritus and Archbishop Emeritus of Washington; Cardinal Edmund Szoka, the President Emeritus of the Pontifical Commission for Vatican City State and Archbishop Emeritus of Detroit; Cardinal Jaime Ortega, Archbishop of Havana, Cuba; Cardinal Francis George, Archbishop of Chicago; Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, Archbishop Emeritus of Washington; Cardinal Justin Rigali, Archbishop of Philadelphia; Cardinal Gaudencio Rosales, Archbishop of Manila, Philippines; and, Cardinal Sean O'Malley, Archbishop of Boston—and 76 Bishops, 134 priests and 3 deacons.

Monsignor Walter R. Rossi, Rector of the Basilica, warmly greeted his fellow clergy and welcomed his brother Knights, their families, as well as Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, Past Supreme Knight Virgil Dechant, and the Supreme Officers and Delegates to the Convention.

He remarked, "It is often said that the Knights of Columbus are the 'right arm of the church.' For this National Shrine, the Knights of Columbus have been the right arm of Mary's Shrine since the laying of the cornerstone in

1920...and part of the mortar which keeps the Shrine together."

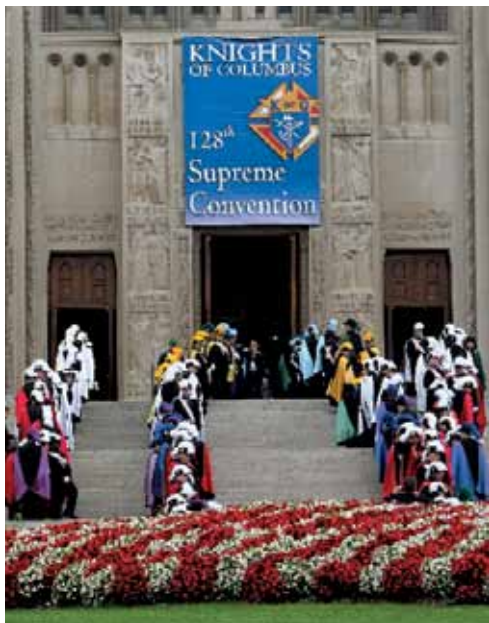
Among the Knights' many contributions, Monsignor Rossi spoke of the majestic Knights Tower "raising our eyes to heaven," the Knights Carillon which "summons us to prayer," and the Knights of Columbus Incarnation Dome which "reminds all who visit Mary's House... of God's presence, most especially in the Word become flesh."

The Knights of Columbus chose to open their Supreme Convention with the Votive Mass of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

In his homily, Archbishop Wuerl noted, "How appropriate that we would begin this meeting of the Supreme Council and Convention of the Knights of Columbus gathering representatives of the Knights from the United States, Canada, Mexico, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Poland and beyond at a Mass commemorating the apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe and asking her intercession."

Referring to the New Evangelization which the late Pope John Paul II and now Pope Benedict XVI have called the Church to, Archbishop Wuerl declared, "As Patroness and Queen of America, we see in Our Lady the model of our own mission for evangelization."

He continued, "Today in the age of the New Evangelization, the Knights of Columbus rightfully turn to Our Lady of Guadalupe so that we



The Fourth Degree Knights Color Corps enter the Basilica in full regalia.

may be inspired by her action and strengthened by her intercession so that through our works

of service, charity, kindness and compassion, we might not only carry out the Gospel mandate to manifest Christ's kingdom, but be seen in all of our works as instruments of love."

And, "Just as the roses tumbled out from the tilma to reveal the face of the mother of Jesus inviting us to embrace her Son, so do the works of the Knights of Columbus continue to pour forth as a sign of love and an invitation to faith."

"What we lift up at this Supreme Convention – the works of charity and service of the Knights of Columbus throughout the world – is truly a celebration of our Catholic identity and a fruit of Our Lady's visit to America."

Finally, invoking the theme of the Supreme Convention, "I am my Brother's Keeper," Archbishop Wuerl commended the Knights to continue to be "champions of the New Evangelization" as he prayed, "Our Lady of Guadalupe, Queen of the Americas, give us courage...so that we may proclaim anew the Gospel that we are our brother's keeper because we are our brother's brother."✠

## Knights of Columbus Incarnation Dome Plaque Blessed



L-R: Cardinal Rigali, Cardinal George, Cardinal O'Malley, Cardinal Ortega, Cardinal McCarrick, Bishop Lori, Archbishop Wuerl, Supreme Knight Anderson, Cardinal Szoka, Bishop Bransfield, Cardinal Rosales, Monsignor Rossi and Past Supreme Knight Dechant stand before the newly blessed plaque.

Immediately following the Mass, Archbishop Wuerl, the concelebrating Cardinals, Bishop William E. Lori of New Haven and Supreme Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus, Bishop Michael J. Bransfield of Wheeling-Charleston and former Rector of the Basilica, Monsignor Rossi, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, and Past Supreme Knight Virgil Dechant processed to the Narthex for the Blessing of the Dome

Plaque which reads, "The Incarnation Dome was sponsored in part by the Knights of Columbus in celebration of the 125th anniversary of their order" and includes the passage from John 1:14 as written in the Incarnation Dome itself, "And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and of truth."✠

# Basilica First in the U.S. to Exhibit Relics of Mother Teresa

The Missionaries of Charity displayed a number of Mother Teresa's relics, including the sandals she wore at the time of her death.

The year 2010 marks the hundredth anniversary of the birth of Mother Teresa, known as Blessed Teresa of Calcutta since her beatification by Pope John Paul II in 2003.

In preparation for the actual date of anniversary of her birth on August 26, the Missionaries of Charity chose the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception to be first in the United States to display relics of Mother Teresa for veneration.

Exhibited on June 2, the relics of Mother Teresa, on loan from the Mother House in Calcutta, included those of first-class: a reliquary containing drops of her dried blood and another containing a lock of her hair. Also on display were several second-class relics which included her crucifix, rosary and sandals—all in use by Mother at the time of her death. A steady stream of the faithful venerated the relics throughout the day.

That same day, Monsignor Rossi, Rector of the Basilica, celebrated a special Votive Mass of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta in the Crypt Church.

In his homily, he noted, "Today we are honored by the presence of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta. As Mother was physically present in this National Shrine during the course of her life [referring to her visits to the Basilica on a number of occasions, including in 1979 to receive the Patronal Medal, and in 1991 and 1995 for the profession of her sisters], so once again today she is physically present through her relics."



Bob Rolier/Catholic News Services

A reliquary containing drops of Mother Teresa's blood was venerated by the faithful.

"The veneration of relics," Monsignor Rossi explained is "meant to draw us closer to God, to foster greater and more prayerful devotion, to encourage imitation of the virtues of the saint who is venerated, and to seek their intercession in our own lives."

He concluded, "These relics of Mother which we have before us are not magic. Her presence may not change us overnight or as we walk out the door. But, as we venerate her relics, we ask her to pray with us and for us, that one day we may achieve our goal, and like her, be a light of the Lord for those in darkness...and maybe even one day, a saint."✠

# United States Postal Service to Unveil Commemorative Mother Teresa Stamp at Basilica



United States Postal Service

On Sunday, September 5, 2010, the thirteenth anniversary of her death and ten days following the one hundredth anniversary of her birth, the United States Postal Service will unveil its exclusive Mother Teresa Commemorative Stamp and hold its First Day of Issue Ceremony at the Basilica.

The unveiling ceremony will follow the annual Memorial Mass celebrated on the anniversary of Mother Teresa's death. Archbishop Pietro Sambi, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, will be the principal celebrant and homilist of the Mass.

He will participate in the unveiling ceremony with Auxiliary Bishop Barry C. Knestout of Washington, Monsignor Walter R. Rossi, Rector of the Basilica, Sister Leticia Cabrera, M.C., Superior of the Immaculate Conception Province of the Missionaries of Charity, and U.S. Postmaster General John E. Potter.

Mother Teresa Stamps and other commemorative items from the First Day of Issue Ceremony are available for purchase at [www.nationalshrineshops.com](http://www.nationalshrineshops.com).

## *The Saint John's Bible* On Display at Basilica

In 1998, Saint John's Abbey and University commissioned the renowned calligrapher and scribe to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Donald Jackson, to produce a hand-written, hand-illuminated Bible, the first of its kind in 500 years.

A team of artists coordinated by Jackson and a team of scholars in Central Minnesota have brought together the ancient techniques of calligraphy and illumination with an approach rooted in Benedictine spirituality. The result is a living document and a monumental achievement, a work of art and a work of theology—*The Saint John's Bible*.

The Bible is in seven volumes with each volume taking on its own character. A bound volume can weigh as much as 35 pounds.

The Heritage Edition of *The Saint John's Bible* is a fine art reproduction of the original vellum manuscript. Each of the 1,150 pages and 160 illuminations has been scrupulously compared to its original counterpart to guarantee accurate reproduction and to maintain the awe-inspiring artistic intent of the original.



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An opening spread from Wisdom Books shows the *Garden of Desire* illumination from Sirach 24 by Suzanne Moore.

The Heritage Edition of *The Saint John's Bible* will be on display at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Memorial Hall October 11, 2010 to January 21, 2011. Fr. Eric Hollas, OSB, Ph.D., former executive director of the Hill Monastic Manuscript Library at St. John's University, will give a presentation on the Bible November 4, at 7 p.m.

St. John's University is endeavoring to place one of the twelve rare, full-size "Apostle Editions" at the Basilica of the National Shrine. Pope Benedict XVI, when presented with the St. Peter Apostles Edition, said, "This is a work of art, a great work of art ... a work for eternity."

# Students Honored for Charity & Social Service

Matthew Barrick



Student honorees from across the United States are recognized for their outstanding works of charity and social service.

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception was pleased to name its first Charity & Social Service Honors recipients—six honorees selected from across the United States for their outstanding works of spiritual and corporal of mercy.

The honorees were recognized at the Basilica on April 11, 2010, Divine Mercy Sunday. They include the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston's Incarnate Word Academy Chapter of Teens for Unity from Houston, Texas; the Diocese of Knoxville's Christian Leadership Program of Notre Dame High School in Chattanooga, Tennessee; Miss Claire Waller from the Diocese of Lexington, Kentucky; the Diocese of Metuchen's Immaculata High School in Somerville, New Jersey; Miss Amanda Kruse from the Archdiocese of New Orleans; and the Archdiocese of New York's Xavier High School located in New York, New York.

Inaugurated during the Basilica's 2009 Jubilee Year, the Charity & Social Service Honors Program was created to honor youth engaged in "charity in action" as encouraged by Pope Benedict XVI during his Apostolic Journey to the United States in 2008.

The Basilica invited each bishop to submit a multi-media (video or PowerPoint) nomination from his diocese of a high school student or group demonstrating their corporal and spiritual works of mercy for consideration in the Basilica's Charity & Social Service Honors Program.

Twenty-one worthy nominations from dioceses across the country were submitted, and the Honors Committee had the ponderous task of selecting final honorees. Though difficult, the committee selected six which stood above the rest.

Honorees (individuals and student representatives of honored schools) were awarded a trip to the nation's capital to tour Washington, D.C. and receive the honors in person at the Basilica.

Archbishop Donald W. Wuerl of Washington, Chairman of the Basilica's Board of Trustees, celebrated the Mass at which students were honored, and he delivered a powerful and inspiring homily built around the theme of charity in action. He also personally congratulated each of the honorees during the medal and certificate presentations. Archbishop Wuerl was assisted in presenting the honors by Monsignor Walter R. Rossi, Rector of the Basilica, and Mr. Michael Gardner, Esq., Chairman of the Basilica's Communications Committee which sponsored the Honors Program.

To view honoree presentations exemplifying their outstanding works of mercy, please visit [www.nationalshrine.com/honors](http://www.nationalshrine.com/honors).

The Basilica looks forward to hosting its next Charity & Social Service Honors program during the 2011-2012 academic year.™

# Patronal Medal Awarded

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and The Catholic University of America honored Monsignor Paul A. Lenz with the Patronal Medal, an award both institutions present jointly each year on the patronal feast of the Basilica and the United States of America, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

The Patronal Medal recognizes the contributions of an individual toward the advancement of Marian devotion, theology and general appreciation of Mary in the life of the Church, the nation, and the university.

A member of the Board of Trustees of the Basilica and Trustee Emeritus of The Catholic University of America, Monsignor Lenz has faithfully served the Church in a multitude of capacities since his ordination as a priest of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown in 1949.

In addition to working as a parish priest, Monsignor Lenz served as director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith of his diocese. He also taught theology at St. Francis University and Mount Aloysius College and later worked as a missionary in Paraguay. In 1975, he was appointed National Director of the Black and Indian Mission Office of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, a position

he held for thirty-one years. Appointed Vice-Postulator of the Cause for Canonization of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha by the Vatican in 2005, Monsignor Lenz continues to work tirelessly in this regard to this day.

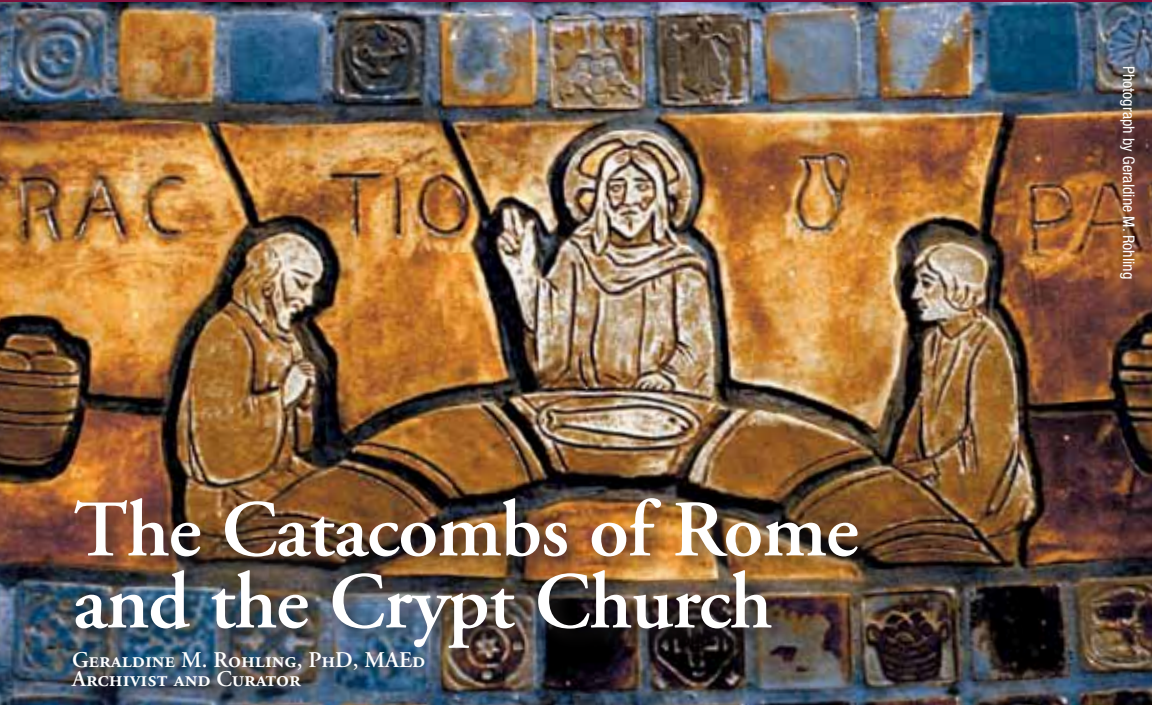
Archbishop Donald W. Wuerl of Washington, Reverend Monsignor Walter R. Rossi, Rector of the Basilica, and Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M., then President of Catholic University and now Coadjutor Bishop of Trenton, presented the award whose citation read, "With great admiration and affection for him and in recognition of his life's work, the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and The Catholic University of America together, this day, proudly confer upon Reverend Monsignor Paul A. Lenz their highest honor, the Patronal Medal."

Established in 1974, the Patronal Medal was first awarded to Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen. Other past recipients include Cardinals O'Boyle, Carberry, Baum, Krol, Hickey and Szoka; Bishops Grady, McHugh and Bransfield; (Servant of God) Patrick Peyton; (Blessed) Mother Teresa of Calcutta, M.C.; Mother Mary Angelica, F.S.P.A.; Supreme Knight Virgil Dechant; Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Braddock; and Mrs. Bob (Dolores) Hope. ✽



Ed Pfenner/CUA

L-R: Monsignor Walter R. Rossi, Rector of the Basilica; Archbishop Donald W. Wuerl of Washington; Monsignor Paul A. Lenz, Patronal Medal Recipient; and, Bishop David M. O'Connell, C. M., then President of CUA.



# The Catacombs of Rome and the Crypt Church

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ARCHIVIST AND CURATOR

*Fractio Panis*, the breaking of the bread, based on the fresco of the 2nd century in the Greek Chapel in the catacomb of Priscilla.

Deep within the city of Rome, beneath the splendor and grandeur of its exterior, there is a treasure of early Christian art that ornaments the walls and cubicles of the catacombs. These frescoes, at one time understood only by Christians, chronicle the origins and glories of the early community of believers of the second and third centuries. Deep within the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine, there is a treasure of Christian art derived from these same Roman catacombs.

An early publication of the National Shrine referred to the Crypt Church as “the catacomb under the sanctuary of the main church.” Once

thought to be hiding places for the early Christians, scholars now tell us that the catacombs were places of burial and of worship for a faith that had yet to come of age. In this sense, the Crypt Church is not a catacomb but rather catacomb-like, by virtue of its art and as a place where the living community gathers to pray and to listen to the word of God. It is a place where sacrament and sign, as depicted in ceramic and mosaic, form an active relationship, a place where the mysteries of faith are celebrated and the intimate and essential relationship of Mary in salvation history is explained.

The artistic integrity of the Crypt Church was of particular importance to Bishop Thomas J. Shahan, founder of the National Shrine. During his seminary years at the North American College in Rome, Bishop Shahan received an extracurricular education in early Christian art and inscription from Giovanni Battista de Rossi (1822-1894), a Roman-born scholar



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*Panis et pisces*, bread and fish, represents the miracle of the loaves and the fishes, which in the early Christian community, was looked upon as the first and foremost symbol of Eucharist. This depiction is identical to that of the Callistus catacomb, 2nd century, except for the water symbol.

and employee of the Vatican Library and the leading force in the development of the field of Christian archaeology. Shahan once commented that he learned more from de Rossi than from any of his “formal” teachers. As a scholar, a member of the faculty, and as the rector of The Catholic University of America, Professor Shahan (1889-1928) spent much time, thought, and ink on the study of the Roman catacombs, the art of Christian antiquity, and the catacomb representations of Mary. This is reflected in a 1910 statement by Bishop Shahan regarding his vision of the National Shrine: “Its wall spaces and ceilings ought to be covered with noble historical frescoes depicting the origin and the glories of



Catholics in the United States, and particularly in these parts.”

In order for the decorative plan of the Crypt Church to be truly catacomb, Mary Chase Stratton, the artist given the task of providing the “catacomb” decorations, made a pilgrimage to Rome, where she spent weeks within the catacombs studying and making sketches of the designs, the subjects and subject matter, and the composition of the images. The results, referred to by Bishop Shahan as “legible decoration,” have created a pictorial theology in ceramic of the first four centuries of Christianity based on the art of Christian antiquity and the Roman catacombs. ❀



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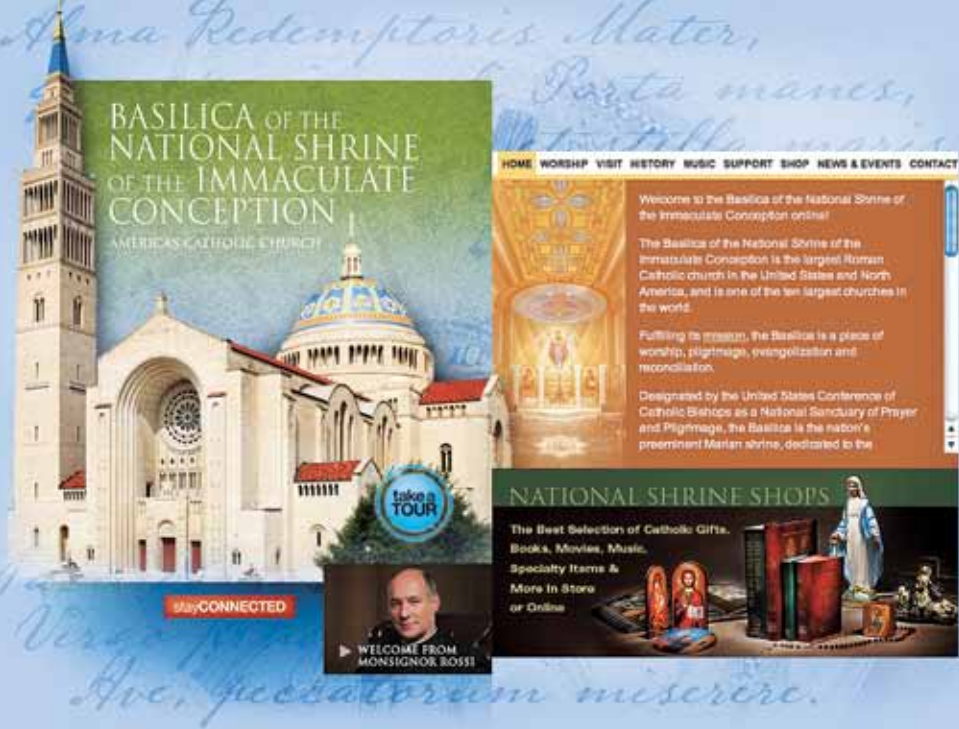
Early Christian artwork did not depict the countenance of God (Ex 33:20); only indicated the presence of God. The extended three fingers refer to the Trinity. The rays issuing forth from the outward palm denote the blessing of God.

*Adoratio Magorum* or adoration of the magi shows two magi, a common alternative to the three, and is taken from the catacomb of Peter and Marcellinus, 3rd century.



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*Virgo Deo consecrate*, the vesting of a virgin with a veil is similar to the fresco in the catacomb of Priscilla, 3rd century.



# New Virtual Tours Online

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception is pleased to announce the recent launch of new interactive Virtual Tours on its website [www.nationalshrine.com](http://www.nationalshrine.com).

From the Home Page, website visitors may click on the “Take a Tour” icon to be directed to the Virtual Tour landing page. From the landing page, visitors may embark on their choice of five virtual tours.

For the first two, visitors may tour the Upper Level and Lower Level of the Basilica chapel by chapel viewing beautiful photographs of each while following their locations on the accompanying interactive floor plan.

Even more interactive are the three 360 degree tours of the Great Upper Church, Crypt Church and the Basilica’s Exterior. Here the visitor is placed virtually in these spaces and, with the click of a mouse, may view up, down and all around with the ability to zoom in and out.

We recommend you take all five virtual tours to plan your next visit or to remember a recent one!

To enhance your experience, in-depth information on each “stop” of the virtual tours is contained in the Basilica’s Guide and Tour Book

available from the National Shrine’s Gift Shop and Bookstore or online at [www.nationalshrineshops.com](http://www.nationalshrineshops.com). A link to purchase the 144-page soft-cover Guide and Tour Book online is located on each of the virtual tour pages for your ease.

We hope your virtual tour will inspire you to visit the National Shrine in person!

As a reminder, 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. Designated a national sanctuary of prayer and pilgrimage, the Basilica is the nation’s preeminent Marian Shrine, dedicated to the patroness of the United States, the Blessed Virgin Mary under the title of Immaculate Conception. With over 70 chapels and oratories and the most extensive collection of contemporary ecclesiastical art in the world, we encourage you to join the millions who have visited the National Shrine, including Pope John Paul II, Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta, and Pope Benedict XVI, among so many others.

The Basilica is open 365 days a year and provides Guided Tours daily, except on Thanksgiving and Christmas. ☪

# GIFTS FROM MARY'S SHRINE

## Basilica of the National Shrine Keepsakes

A special assortment of commemorative and devotional gifts for you and your family.

- 1001 National Shrine Metal Ornament** is goldplated and comes in a keepsake box. 3" diameter \$16.95
- 1002 Immaculate Conception Mug** features a prayer to Our Lady on the back. \$9.95
- 1003 Immaculate Conception Rosary** is Italian made with 7mm double capped blue crystals, Miraculous Medal center and 1" crucifix. Gift Boxed. \$19.95



## Italian Murano & Byzantine Glass Jewelry

These beautiful pieces are handcrafted in Italy so each is uniquely different. There is a style for your favorite ladies of all ages. All are gift boxed.

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- 1006 Heart Shaped Stretch Bracelet** with miraculous and crucifix charms. \$12.95



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Finely detailed resin and stone mix statues feature a rich metallic gold tone filigree base. In the base is a little drawer that holds a scroll with a prayer to the saint.

- 1010 Infant of Prague** 9" high. \$49.95
- 1011 Holy Family** 10" high. \$69.95
- 1012 Our Lady of Guadalupe** 12" high. \$59.95



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# GIFTS FROM MARY'S SHRINE

## CDs



**1013 The Canadian Tenors CD:** The Canadian Tenors' music is an eclectic blend of classical and

contemporary pop that is thrilling audiences of all ages. The Tenors are the incredibly powerful voices of four gifted young men with diverse vocal styles. Their unique repertoire is sung not only in English and French but also in Spanish and Italian reflecting their multicultural heritage. Critics and audiences have agreed that this first album is a memorable hit that features a repertoire of classic songs such as *The Prayer*, *Hallelujah*, *Always There* as well as their haunting version of the well loved *Adagio* and the extraordinary sensation *Because We Believe*. **\$17.95**



**1014 Chris Botti In Boston CD/DVD:** Chris Botti began playing the trumpet at the age of 9 and, since the 2004

release of his critically acclaimed album, *When I Fall in Love*, has become the largest selling American jazz instrumental artist. *Chris Botti In Boston* was filmed and recorded September 18-19, 2008 at Symphony Hall in Boston with Keith Lockhart conducting *The Boston Pops*. Botti, along with a cast of incredible, world famous artists such as Sting, Lucia Micarelli, John Mayer, and Josh Groban, gives a masterful performance in this unforgettable live concert. The special CD/DVD combo includes a bonus DVD that includes a two-hour concert plus a 40-minute behind-the-scenes bonus. **\$24.95**



**1015 Believe CD:** Katherine Jenkins, the famous Welsh mezzo-soprano classical singing star in the UK and Europe, has joined

with legendary music producer David Foster to make this new album of epic proportions that combines lovely classical, pop, romantic and spiritual hymns. Foster made the beautiful arrangements for these songs, and Jenkins' rich voice gives them moving, heartfelt renditions. The songs include a powerful duet of *I Believe* with Andrea Bocelli, the classic *La Califfa* from virtuoso trumpeter Chris Botti, the title track to Andrew Lloyd Webber's latest musical, *Love Never Dies* and many more. **\$18.95**

## DVDs



**1016 Nine Days that Changed the World DVD:** Former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich and his wife Callista have collaborated on a brand new documentary that

is a powerful story of freedom through faith. This groundbreaking film recounts Pope John Paul II's historic nine-day trip to Poland in June of 1979, and reveals why this visit was the turning point for defeating Communism in Eastern Europe. During these nine days, Pope John Paul II reminded the Polish people that nothing could stand between them and God. The Pope sparked a revolution of conscience in the Polish people that led to the success of Solidarity's free-trade union movement, and ultimately the fall of the Berlin Wall and the collapse of the Soviet Union. **\$19.95**



**1017 Pontifical Solemn High Mass at the National Shrine DVD:** On April 24, 2010, the fifth anniversary of Pope Benedict's inauguration was

commemorated in the Great Upper Church of the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception by a Pontifical Solemn High Mass in the Extraordinary Form. This was the first such Traditional Latin Mass said at the Shrine's High Altar in nearly 45 years and was beautifully celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Edward Slattery of Tulsa, Okla. to a standing-room only crowd. Get your piece of Shrine history with this newly released DVD of the beautiful and historic Mass. **\$25.00**



**1018 St. Anthony: Miracle Worker of Padua DVD:** This is the first major feature length drama on the life of St. Anthony of Padua, the beloved miracle worker and one of the

most popular saints in Christian history. Shot on location in Italy, this film tells the story of his amazing and adventurous life from his youth until his death at the age of 36. The film follows his travels through Italy, his mission to Morocco and his meeting with St. Francis. It beautifully portrays the power of his preaching, the holiness of his life, his love for the poor and oppressed, and the wonders of his miracles. Actor Daniele Liotti gives a truly memorable and inspiring performance as St. Anthony. *(Italian with English subtitles)*. **\$19.95**

## INSPIRATIONAL BOOKS



**1019 Where There is Love, There is God:** Taken largely from her private lessons to her sisters and published here for the first time, this new book unveils Mother Teresa's

extraordinary faith in and surrender to God's will. Sent to alleviate the sufferings of the poor, she assumed their struggles and pain in the depths of her heart. This led to particularly intense anguish which she lived through with heroic courage and fidelity for decades. In what many are calling a sequel to the *New York Times* bestseller, *Come Be My Light*, this new collection of writings from Mother Teresa can teach us a great deal about how to face our own daily struggles or sufferings **\$24.00**



**1020 Visions of Heaven, Hell and Purgatory:** Today, there are many who doubt the existence of Heaven, Hell and Purgatory. In this wonderful book from Bob and Penny

Lord, the reader gets some fascinating glimpses of these places from saints and visionaries who have been given a rare peek behind the veil by Our Lord and Our Lady. What they saw and heard is gripping and, at times, chilling. Most importantly, however, these visions remind us that Heaven, Hell and Purgatory do indeed exist and that our lives should be ordered in such a way that reflect our desire for Heaven and love for God. **\$14.95**



**1021 Be a Man! Becoming the Man God Created You To Be:** Fr. Larry Richards, a priest from Erie, Pa. has become a very popular speaker because he tells it like

it is and doesn't mince words or worry about making people feel uncomfortable. In this new book, Fr. Richards seeks to challenge men to rediscover the importance of the spiritual life. He recounts his own struggles to learn true manhood and tells men how to live as a beloved son of God. This is a highly readable book for men by a man who knows how to talk to men about the things that matter most. **\$13.95**

# GIFTS FROM MARY'S SHRINE

## DEVOTIONAL BOOKS



**1022 Christian Prayer:** *Christian Prayer* is the one-volume edition of the *Liturgy of the Hours*. This edition of the Divine Office contains the complete texts of

Morning and Evening Prayer for the entire year and makes a good "starter edition" for the laity or anyone interested in making prayer a more central part of their day. For centuries, the Office was something that was only prayed by priests and religious. Today, more and more lay people are saying it as part of their effort to grow in holiness. Includes the *Guide for Christian Prayer for 2010*.

**\$40.00**



**1023 Prayers and Heavenly Promises:** In this amazing little book, best-selling author Joan Carroll Cruz has put together a treasury of very special prayers and devotions that Our Lord and Our

Lady have attached special promises to those who recite them. Compact and easy to carry, this unique prayer book can help anyone obtain many rich graces and blessings and the promises revealed in it demonstrate that God is eager to grant us many favors, both spiritual and temporal, if we will only humble ourselves and pray for them! **\$6.00**



**1024 Ignatius Catholic Study Bible (New Testament):** For the first time, the Ignatius Catholic Study Bible brings together all of the books of the New Testament and the

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## SAINTS BOOKS



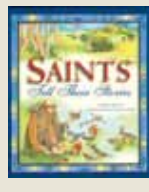
**1025 Mother Teresa at 100: The Life and Works of a Modern Saint:** In celebration of the centenary of her birth in 1910, the editors of *TIME* have published a

very special new book celebrating the extraordinary life of Mother Teresa. Featuring some of the most striking photographs of her in existence and original journalism, the book traces her astonishing progress from girlhood to her lonely one-woman mission to the poor, sick, and dying in the slums of Calcutta, India. It also beautifully details her transformation from a nun whose mystical visions of a radically new calling were originally doubted, to a globally beloved model for people of all creeds and classes. **\$19.95**



**1026 Mysteries of the Virgin Mary:** From Fr. Peter John Cameron, the Editor-in-Chief of *Magnificat*, comes a brand new book that considers some of the major mysteries associated

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**1027 Saints Tell Their Stories:** Who can tell the stories of the saints better than the saints themselves? In this beautifully illustrated book,

twenty-six saints tell the story of their lives to children in a simple and personal way. From the Blessed Virgin Mary to Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, each saint comes to life in this book and each one has something important to tell kids about God and the way He works in our lives. Saints were real people who loved God above all else, and this book will help kids understand why we honor them and why they are the perfect companions for our own faith journey. Ideal for children ages 5–10. **\$12.95**

## BEST SELLERS



**1028 The Archbishop Wore Combat Boots:** The embodiment of "The Greatest Generation," Archbishop Philip Hannan's intellect, wit, generosity, and work

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**1029 Exorcism and the Church Militant:** The phenomenon of demonic possession is one of the most frightening realities of the fallen human condition and one

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**1030 No Turning Back: A Witness to Mercy:** Though today he is a devout Catholic priest, Fr. Donald Calloway's early years were no indication of what was to come. Before his conversion

to Catholicism, he was a high school dropout who had been kicked out of a foreign country, institutionalized twice and thrown in jail multiple times. Many who know of Fr. Donald know him because of his incredible conversion story. Here, for the first time, is the complete story of Fr. Calloway's personal conversion in his own words and with more gripping details than he's ever before provided. **\$19.95**

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