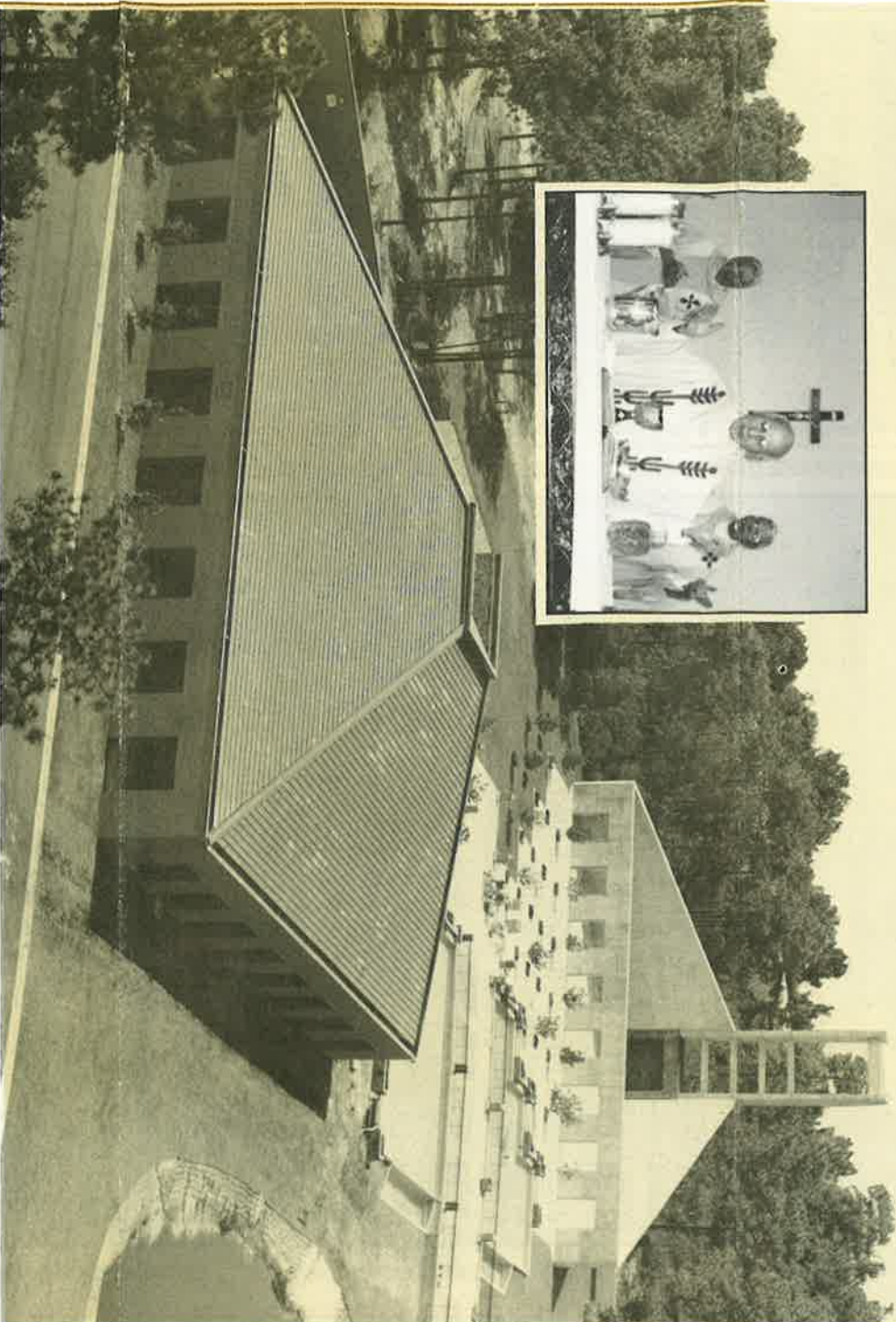


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MARY, QUEEN OF THE UNIVERSE SHRINE



Holy Father's Personal Representative offers Papal Blessing at Mary's Shrine

**Large crowd hears Apostolic
Pro-Nuncio convey personal
message from Pope John Paul II**

ORLANDO, FL. — At an historic Mass celebrated with the Most Reverend Thomas J. Grady, Bishop of Orlando, on November 23, 1986 - the feast of Christ the King - Vatican representative, Archbishop Pio Laghi conferred the blessings of Pope John Paul II on Mary, Queen of the Universe Shrine.

Also in attendance to help celebrate completion of Phase One in the Shrine's development program were: Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy and Bishop Norbert M. Dorsey of Miami; Bishop John J. Snyder of St. Augustine; Bishop Michael Smith of County Meath, Ireland; and Msgr. Michael Bransfield, director of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC.

Together with an audience of some 700 clergy, Shrine volunteers and friends, they heard Archbishop Laghi announce that His Holiness "is with you in spirit as you move forward to honor Mary and provide a place of spiritual respite that is open to all!"

Following the Archbishop's blessing of the altar and

In his remarks, the Bishop of Orlando praised Father F. Joseph Harte for "his leadership," thanked the many generous and enthusiastic Shrine family members for their support, and added: "In its own modest way, the Shrine - like the famous cathedrals of Europe - will speak to the world of devotion to Mary, the first believer, the most beautiful of women and our



"Mary has to be immensely pleased with what you have done.... She will see that each and every one of you will be blessed abundantly for your devotion, your faith and your gracious generosity."

—Archbishop Pio Laghi

dearest mother:"

The Papal Blessing was both the highlight and culmination of a five-

foundation stone - where ground for the Shrine's construction had been broken two years earlier - Bishop Grady delivered a special homily.

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A Message from the Director

March 1987

Dear Friend of Mary's Shrine,

I have thought of you so often these past few months — especially in the days and weeks that began with the Papal Blessing here at Mary's Shrine.

At the Bishop's Banquet, for instance — when Archbishop Pio Laghi spoke of the Pope's gratitude to those who are helping to build this holy place dedicated to the Blessed Virgin — I thought of you.

And I was reminded of you again the following afternoon — as I listened to Bishop Grady include in his sermon a special thanks to you and the other Shrine family members who are supporting our efforts so generously and enthusiastically.

What is it, I have asked myself, that has caused you to take this effort, this mission of faith, into your heart — and bring us in return your continuing prayers and offerings?

After all, so much remains to be accomplished here. Indeed, you have not even seen the final plans for Mary's Church — blueprints that are still on the drawing board!

Thinking about your commitment to this work you have not yet seen but still believe in, called to my mind a passage from St. John's Gospel — and its very special message.

This is the story of Thomas, the disciple who refused to believe in Christ's resurrection until he had actually touched his own hand to the body of his risen master.

You will recall that Jesus chided Thomas for his lack of faith, and said: 'Blessed are they that have not seen and yet have believed.' (John 20:29).

Dear friend, truly we are blessed. For we are, as Pope John Paul II has called us, 'an Easter People' — a people whose truth comes not from what our hand touches but from that which touches our heart.

Now, as we approach the time of joy that honors Christ's resurrection, I invite you to join with us in a Solemn Novena of Masses in this holy place which has touched your heart.

In fact, all you need to do is complete the enclosed form and return it to me in the pre-addressed envelope I have included for your convenience.

So please let me hear from you soon. These will be our first ever Easter Masses here at the Shrine. And I want so much for your petitions to be on our Chapel Altar.

Sincerely in Jesus and Mary,

F. Joseph Harte

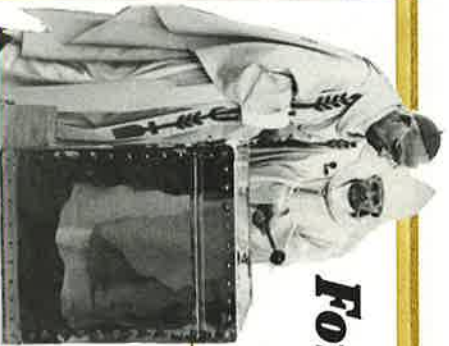
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April 18-26, 1987





November 23, 1986 — Papal Pro-Nuncio, Archbishop Pio Laghi, blesses time capsule containing names of Mary's Shrine Foundation donors. (right) Foundation Stone plaque.

For Shrine donors — a Special Blessing and a Perpetual Remembrance

On a November morning perhaps in the Year of Our Lord 2086 A.D., they will come to Mary's Shrine to roll away the Foundation Stone — and reveal a time capsule buried here one hundred years before.

They will open the capsule and find within it a book of names — the names of those whose “faith and sacrificial generosity” had helped to make possible the building of Mary, Queen of the Universe Shrine.

Looking through the pages of that book may well be the children of our children and their own sons and daughters. They will come upon our names and begin to know us better. For in this great shrine will be reflected what we dreamt together, what we built together and the path of faith which together we lit for the generations that would follow. They will be glad for what we did here. And they will remember.



“The dream we have is not of a building but of service to God’s people.”

**—Bishop
Thomas J. Grady**

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day celebration that included:

- a special Children's Mass and Choir Festival for the young people of the Diocese;
- the unveiling of the first in a series of fourteen Magnificat Windows;
- the opening of the Shrine's Outdoor Chapel, which featured the unveiling of Jerzy Kenar's remarkable Mother and Child statue; and

At this spot, December 8, 1984, Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady, the Most Reverend Thomas J. Grady, Bishop of the Diocese of Orlando, turned the first sod for this Shrine, erected for the Glory of God and the Honor of Mary, Mother of God. Within this stone are the names of those Foundation Members from many parts of the world, whose faith and sacrificial generosity have been the cornerstone by which this Shrine became possible.

“Through him the whole structure is fitted together and takes shape as a holy temple in the Lord; in him you are being built into this temple to become a dwelling place for God in the spirit.” (Ephesians 3:21)

- the Bishop's Banquet, a welcoming dinner for Archbishop Laghi and other distinguished guests on the eve of the Solemn Blessing. Equally important, this five-day celebration heralded the Second Phase of the Campaign for Mary, Queen of the Universe - the construction of Mary's Church and the further development of the Shrine complex.

When completed, the magnificent Shrine Church will seat more than 2,000 visitors, and will also house a weekday chapel for daily mass and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. While outside, beautifully-landscaped Gardens of Reflection will provide a quiet place for visitors to meditate on the presence of God in their lives.

Yet the faithful are not waiting for the Shrine's completion before coming here to pray. In just the few weeks and months since the Papal Blessing, thousands of new visitors

have crossed the Bridge of Peace — a magnificently-architected bridge leading from the main parking area to the Shrine courtyard — to share in the spiritual uplift of the holy mass and draw themselves closer to Almighty God.

Certainly, in the years ahead their number will continue to multiply. And by the grace of God, and with continuing support from our Shrine family, Mary's Church will stand completed, opening its doors to all the world.



A Gift to Last Forever

One of the true joys of this — the Campaign for Mary, Queen of the Universe Shrine — is the wide range of commemorative gift opportunities the Campaign makes possible. Such gifts afford the faithful the chance to forever link their own family name with this great undertaking — or to honor or perpetuate here the name of a loved one, living or deceased.

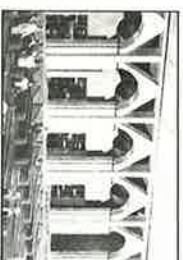
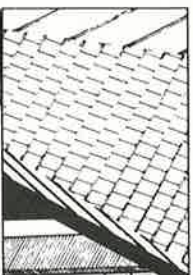
Ranging in cost from \$50 to more than \$500,000, these commemoratives provide the donor a handsome certificate of recognition and, in some cases, a special recognition plaque at the Shrine itself.

Included here are some of the most popular commemorative gifts — together with comments from

“Most of all, my sons, aged seven and ten, will remember their trip to Disneyworld. But in the years ahead, I want them to feel themselves a part of the Shrine — and your mission to bring Christ to the world. Enclosed is my gift for two Commemorative Roof Tiles to be issued in their names.”

Commemorative Roof Tile

\$50



Commemorative Pew Seat

\$750

“My sister just returned from Orlando and told me I must help you in your efforts to build a place of honor for our Blessed Mother, and for all mothers. I am delighted. Please reserve a Commemorative Pew Seat in my name, as you did for my sister.”

Magnificent Window Panel

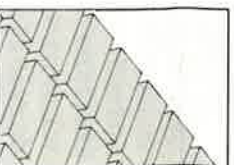
\$3000

“Our son, William, died three years ago at the age of 24, after a long battle with cancer. While he will always be remembered in our hearts and in the hearts of his many friends, my husband and I are so pleased to have found this special way to perpetuate our son's memory in the faith that gave him so much strength through his long ordeal.”

those who have already chosen to link their names, and their hearts, with the building of Mary's Shrine.

Commemorative Courtyard Brick

\$100



“We are four brothers and sisters who attended Mass at Mary's Shrine, when we were in Orlando with our parents. Our grandmother has been sick for over a year and we wanted a special way to say “we love you, grandma.” We are each contributing \$25 to provide for a Commemorative Courtyard Brick in Grandma's name.”

“Thank you, Father Harte, for this chance to honor my Mother & Child Outdoor Chapel. She is the dearest person, never asking anything more than the chance to help others. And after all these years, she is still my best friend. I can't wait to bring her to the Shrine and watch as she discovers her named Chapel plaque!”

Mother & Child Plaque

\$1000



Commemorative Skylight Window
We are pleased to offer a new and most meaningful commemorative opportunity for members of the Shrine family — the dedication of a Commemorative Skylight Window through which light will be carried into the welcoming entryway of Mary's Church.

\$350

