

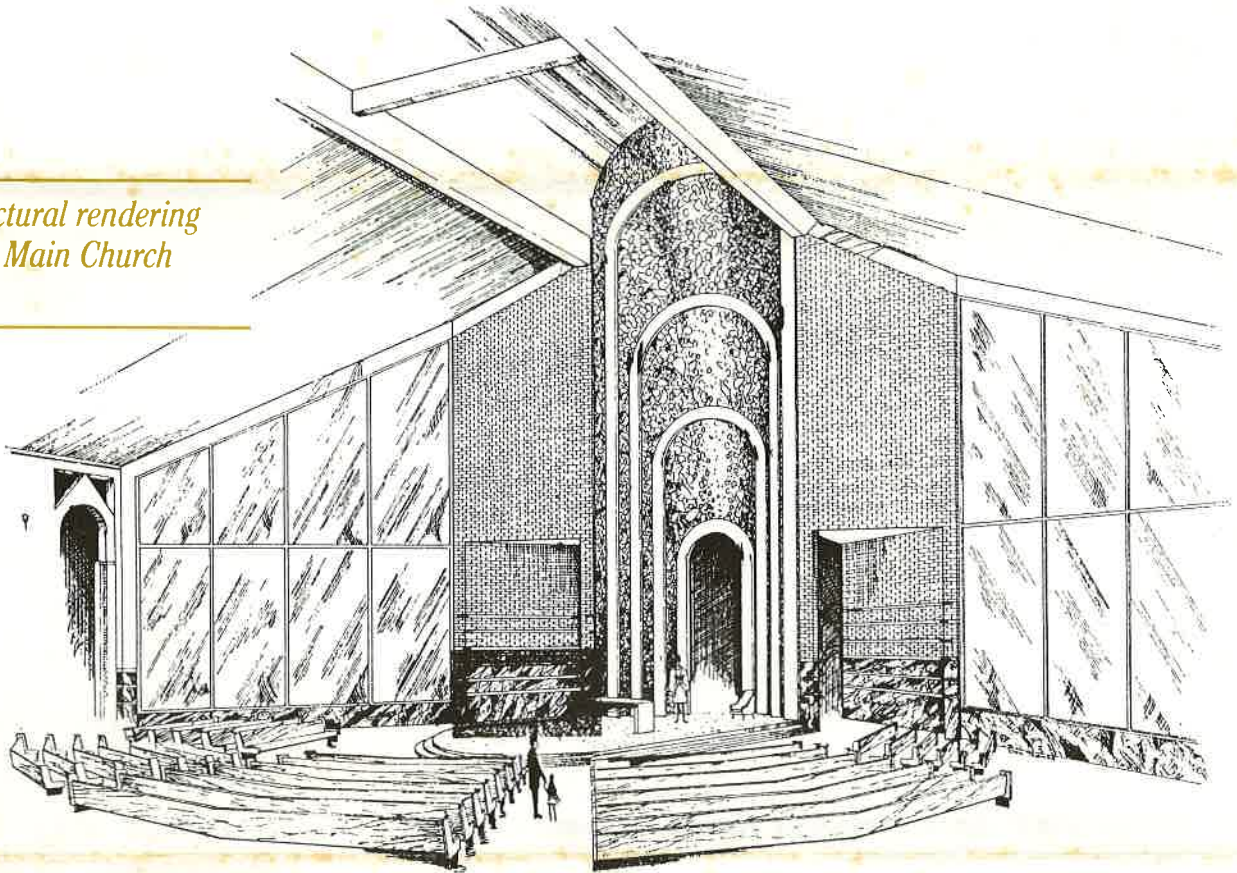


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Architectural rendering of new, Main Church interior



UPDATE

Phase II preparations for Mary's Shrine Building Program near completion

Final plans drawn for new, 2,000-seat Shrine Church

ORLANDO, FL. — With the final weeks of 1987, plans and blueprints for the Main Church at Mary's Shrine are themselves being finalized.

Present specifications call for worshipers to enter through five, 18-foot-high doors, each artistically rendered in bronze relief. Inside the spacious, skylit forecourt, or narthex, the focal point will be a

sculptured, Baptismal Font — its ever flowing waters a reminder to all that we come to Christ through the ever flowing outpour of God's saving grace.

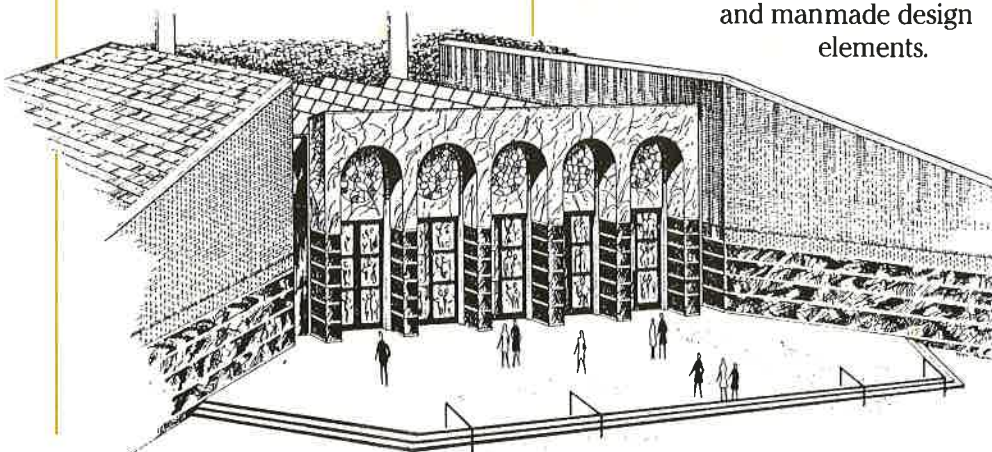
Passing through the narthex, visitors will enter the nave, the central assembly space on axis with the sanctuary and 60-foot-high clerestory barrel vault. This will terminate at the daily liturgy chapel located behind the sanctuary.

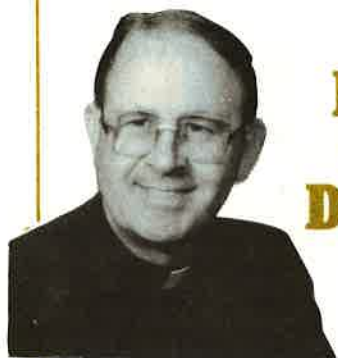
By design, the 2,000-seat nave, with standing room for an additional 1,000 worshipers, will be a room-within-a room. This effect is created by the 'layering' of natural and manmade design elements.

Thus, exterior gardens on either side of the chapel and beyond the sanctuary will actually be visible from within the chapel itself. In addition, the back walls of this devotional garden will provide an audio and visual buffer from the nearby interstate highway, and serve as well as a backdrop for major works of art and sculpture. Indeed, the Shrine's Catholicism and the new Liturgy will be confirmed by a garden placement of the Twelfth Station, a Calvary sculpture, outside the etched glass wall of the chapel, yet within the Shrine proper.

A similar garden will contain a counterpoint sculpture of The Nativity to symbolize the beginning of Christ's life, and announce the Patroness of the Shrine. Liturgically, these two gardens will represent the coming and the end of Christ's life on earth.

While details of the Church interior remain incomplete, 14 Magnificat Windows, alternating with 16 Rosary Windows, will il-





A Message from the Director

December 1987

Dear Friend of Mary's Shrine,

It has been more than three months since our Holy Father's visit to Florida. And yet, I pray the memory of his visit will remain with me always.

You see, I had gone to Miami with a delegation of priests representing the American clergy. And as we waited for the Pope to arrive, I could not help wondering about the welcome Pope John Paul II would receive.

For days, newspaper headlines had boldly spoken of "uprisings within the flock." Television commentators spoke of divisiveness, of a Church out-of-step with its own people. Some even questioned whether the Pope would truly be welcomed at all this time.

Of course, as Pope John Paul II met with the clergy that first afternoon, the welcome was certainly joyous. But the real test would come that next morning, when he would celebrate an outdoor mass at a public park.

Indeed, as I waited among hundreds of thousands of the faithful that next morning, even the gathering clouds seemed dark and ominous.

Then the Pope arrived. A tumultuous roar went up from the crowd. And no one seemed to mind the morning rain which began to fall upon us. The rain grew heavier, drenching us. Yet the crowd remained motionless. We were all so intent to hear his every word.

Suddenly, the roll of distant thunder was no longer distant. Pools of water engulfed our shoe tops. And above our heads, lightning flashed, crackled and seemed to dance.

The situation had become dangerous. The service was halted. And we were asked to leave.

But then the people themselves spoke. The people of this supposedly divided Church. "No. No. Vive Il Papa." Again and again they cried out. Amidst the lightning. The thunderclaps. And the drenching rain.

I share with you this monumental expression of faith because it was evident that neither torrential rains nor lightning and thunder could daunt those who saw Jesus Christ in the person of His Chosen representative, Pope John Paul II.

And when I reflect upon that most inspirational morning, I come to the realization that our own, overriding purpose here at Mary's Shrine is to enkindle this same quality of faith in the thousands upon thousands who will visit us in the months and years ahead.

Dear friends, may this new year be a time of celebration for you and those dear to you. And may this, and every season bring you joy, health and peace.

Sincerely in Jesus and Mary,

F. *Joseph Harte*

Father F. Joseph Harte

PRAYER for the Marian Year



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other of the Redeemer, in this year dedicated to you, we rejoice to proclaim you blessed.

God the Father chose you before the creation of the world to carry out His providential plan of salvation. You believed in His love and obeyed His word.

The Son of God chose you to be His Mother, when He became man in order to save man. You welcomed Him with prompt obedience and an undivided heart.

The Holy Spirit loved you as His mystical spouse and enriched you with the special gifts. You allowed yourself to be fashioned by His hidden and powerful action.

On the eve of the third millennium of Christianity, we entrust to you the Church, which acknowledges you and invokes you as Mother.

You, who on earth preceded the Church in the pilgrimage of faith, comfort her in all her difficulties and trials, and help her to be in the world an ever more efficacious sign and instrument of our intimate union with God and of that unity which the human race longs for and needs.

To you, Mother of all Christians, we entrust in a special way those peoples to celebrate, during the course of this Marian Year, the sixth centenary or the first millennium of their acceptance of the Faith.

Their long history is deeply marked by their devotion towards you. Turn your loving gaze towards them. Give strength to all who suffer for the Faith.

To you, Mother of men and of nations, we confidently entrust the entire human race, with its fear and hopes.

Don't deprive it of the light of true wisdom. Guide it in its search for liberty and justice for all. Direct its footsteps in the paths of truth and peace. Help everyone to meet Christ, the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Sustain, O Virgin Mary, our journey of faith, and obtain for us the grace of eternal salvation.

O clement, O loving, O sweet Mother of God, and our Mother, Mary!

Pope John Paul II

Tax-saving ways to help support the building of Mary's Shrine

While the most popular form of charitable contribution remains the gift of cash, our nation's tax laws make possible several other, important ways to provide meaningful support—and receive substantial tax benefits in return.

- **Gifts of Appreciated Securities**

Stocks, bonds and mutual funds which have appreciated in value since their purchase can make attractive charitable gifts.

When a *sale* of this type of property is made under current law, any difference on a sale of property between the cost basis and the fair market value is taxed to the donor at ordinary income rates.

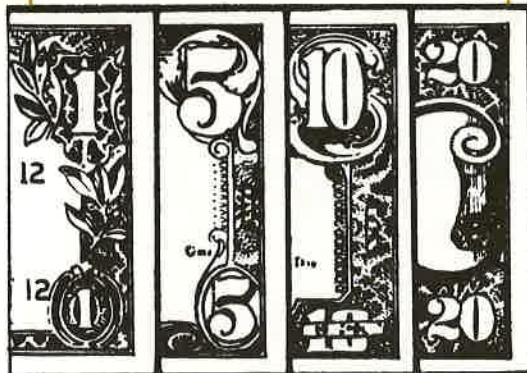
However, when a *gift* of this type of property is made, the donor receives an income tax deduction for the *full* fair market value of the stock on the date of the transfer and also avoids the tax that would have been paid had the security been sold rather than donated.

Consequently, stocks that have appreciated in value not only make attractive gifts, they also provide an avenue for making much larger gifts than might otherwise be possible.

In all, gifts of appreciated property may be deducted up to 30% of their adjusted gross income, with the tax

deductions spread over as many as five years.

For example, Mr. and Mrs. Cole purchased QWT, Inc. stock for \$2,000. Three years later, it has a value of \$20,000. If Mr. and Mrs. Cole make a gift of the stock to the Shrine, they receive a charitable deduction of \$20,000. Because the stock is being contributed to a not-



for-profit corporation, the Coles also avoid the capital gains tax. And since the gift itself can be deducted up to 30% of adjusted gross income, any excess can be carried forward into as many as five additional tax years!

- **Real Estate**

Rather than dipping into current cash flow or retirement savings to make a substantial gift, many donors may find it in their best interest to give a gift of land which has risen in value since its original

purchase price. Such gifts are treated exactly like appreciated stock under the new tax law: the property is given and a deduction taken for the full fair market value of the contribution—even though the cost may be significantly lower.

- **Personal Property**

Many donors fail to realize the number of assets other than cash and appreciated property which also have valuable gift potential.

In fact, under current law, donors may make a gift of any type of personal property to Mary's Shrine and enjoy a charitable contribution deduction. If we can actually use the property in our work, the deduction would be for the full market value at the time of contribution. If the tangible item(s) would be best sold and proceeds used by the Shrine, the deduction would be equal to the cost basis of the property.

Of course, these are only a few of the many ways you can help to build Mary's Shrine—while receiving substantial tax benefits. Should you have any questions regarding these or other methods of making a gift, please contact us at the Shrine.

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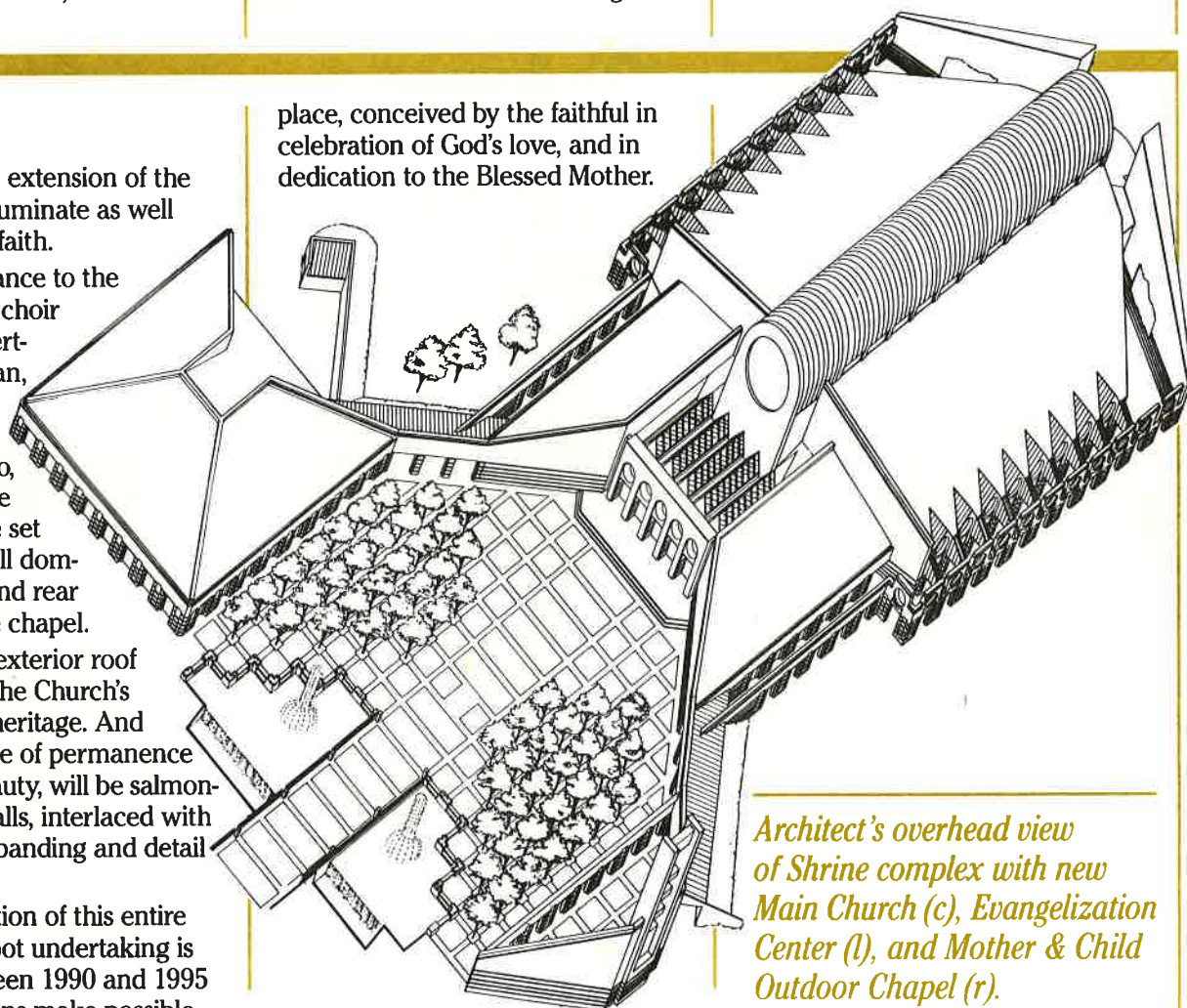
illuminate the full extension of the chapel — and illuminate as well the story of our faith.

Over the entrance to the nave will be the choir loft, and a concert-quality pipe organ, to be crafted in Europe. Overhead as well, two, magnificent Rose Windows will be set in gables and will dominate the front and rear elevations of the chapel.

The rounded exterior roof itself will recall the Church's Mediterranean heritage. And providing a sense of permanence and timeless beauty, will be salmon-colored brick walls, interlaced with a green granite banding and detail work.

In all, completion of this entire 60,000 square-foot undertaking is scheduled between 1990 and 1995 — as contributions make possible each new addition to this holy

place, conceived by the faithful in celebration of God's love, and in dedication to the Blessed Mother.



Architect's overhead view of Shrine complex with new Main Church (c), Evangelization Center (l), and Mother & Child Outdoor Chapel (r).

A Promise to Our Lady and a Prayerful Remembrance for you at Lourdes

(I had not planned to add a second, personal message in this issue of our Shrine newsletter. But I did not want you to miss this very special prayer opportunity.)

More than a decade ago, I made a promise to our Blessed Mother in the Basilica at Lourdes.

The year was 1976. I had gone to Lourdes — “this place of miracles” — to ask Mary’s blessing upon our new parish church which was then under construction in Orlando. And, indeed, I too found Lourdes to be a place of miracles: No, I was not witness to extraordinary cures. But what I did witness was the miracle of faith.

Even today, I recall the shining face of one very old man, kneeling at the place where Mary had appeared. There he remained, arms outstretched, his tired body straining, for what seemed a remarkably long time. And he was but one of thousands who came that day, trusting in God, and through love of our Blessed Mother!

While at Lourdes I took the traditional pilgrims’ bath in the freezing mountain waters of The Gave —

the river where Mary first appeared to Bernadette and her friends.



“Yet I do not want to return to Lourdes without taking something of you - and your prayers - with me.”

That night I joined with other pilgrims on the candlelit procession at the magnificent Lourdes Basilica. After mass, I lit a candle in the Basilica, and asked Mary to con-

tinue to light the way for me in my own journey of faith. And I promised one day to return and give thanks.

Now, as I look back upon the path Mary has illuminated for me these past ten years, it is time for me to go back. Yet I do not want to return to Lourdes without taking something of you — and your prayers — with me.

After all, your prayers and support are helping us to rekindle here at Mary’s Shrine the same light of faith that has burned so brightly and for so long at Lourdes.

Indeed, this February we will celebrate our first ever Shrine Novena honoring Our Lady of Lourdes — February 3rd - 11th.

So won’t you please complete the enclosed Lourdes Petition Form and return it to me before February 3rd. This way I can be certain your petitions will be here, on our Chapel Altar, throughout this Solemn Novena of Masses — and with me, too, at Lourdes, for the Holy Mass I will offer at the Basilica in the spring of this Marian Year.

— Fr. F. Joseph Harte

Pilgrimage '88
a Marian Year Celebration

Members of the
Shrine family
are invited to
join with
Father F. Joseph Harte
on a 14-day
Marian Year
Pilgrimage
to Rome, Assisi,
Florence and Venice
May 14 - 28, 1988

For further information, please
check the Pilgrimage '88 box
on the enclosed gift / petition form.

**“To honor, to commemorate –
to be remembered always”**



**New gift opportunities
brochures now available
to members of the Shrine
family**

The \$7 million Campaign for Mary, Queen of the Universe Shrine affords donors a wide-range of special, and lasting opportunities to honor a family name; commemorate a loved one, living or deceased; or to be remembered always for their generous role in helping to build this new centerpiece for Christian worship. From beautiful Magnificat Windows and Window panels, to the spectacular, 100-foot, Landmark Cross, the complete listing of named gift opportunities is now available to members of the Shrine family in two special brochures: “The Memorial Windows” and “Named Gift Opportunities.” To receive one or both brochures, simply check the appropriate box(es) on the enclosed gift/petition form.