



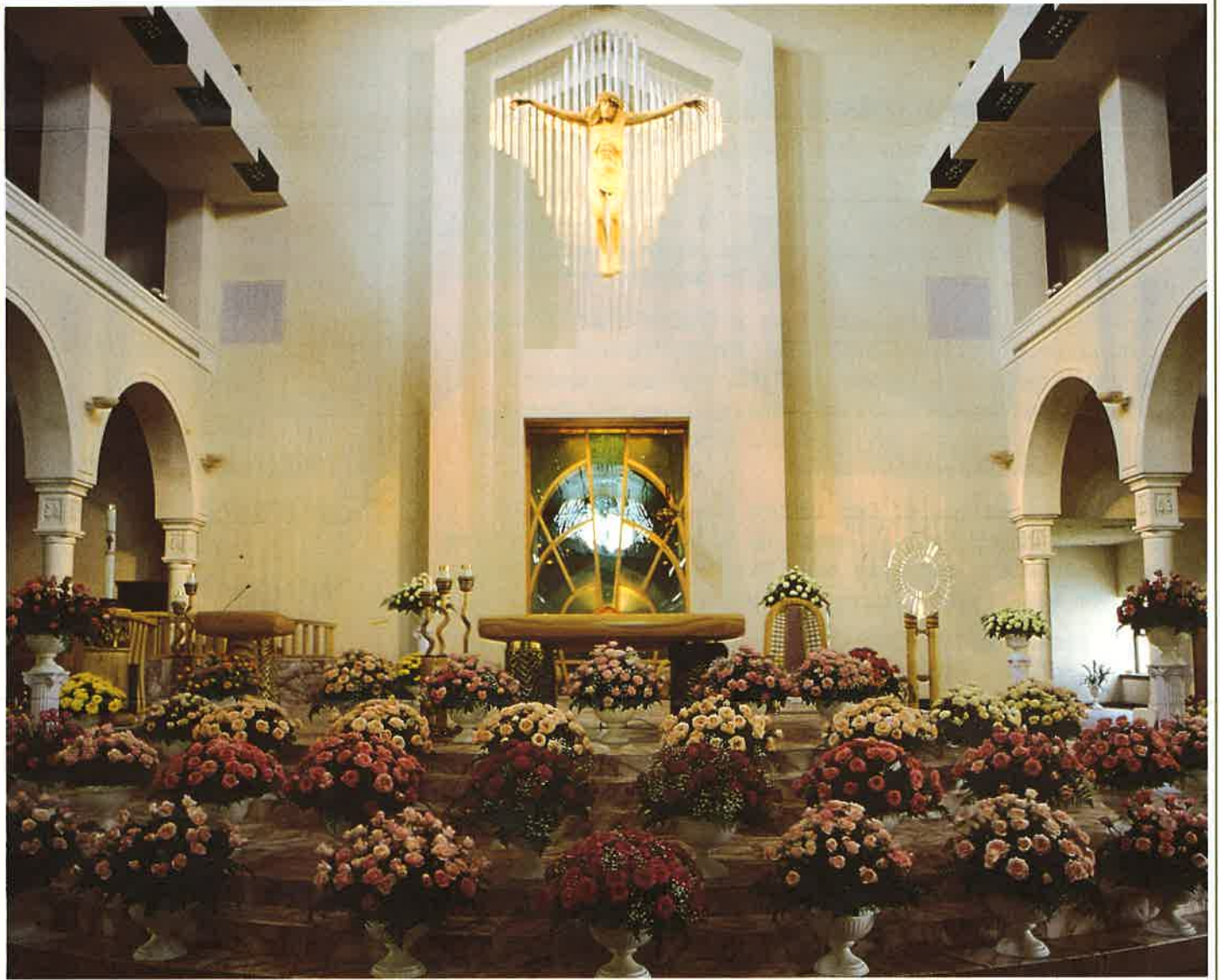
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UPDATE

A Gathering Place for the Pilgrim Heart – Mary's Shrine Welcomes Record Number of Visitors

Easter Masses join more than 30,000 men, women and children in celebrating joy of Christ's Resurrection

ORLANDO – The Lenten journey that began with winter's ebbing calendar of days this past March, saw fulfillment at Mary, Queen of the Universe Shrine as more than 30,000 worshippers gathered to celebrate the Feast of Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Said Shrine Director, Father F. Joseph Harte: *"For so long now we have dreamt of a welcoming place which would truly embrace great numbers of visitors from all nations.*

But we never dreamt that so many would be here with us in just these short years after the opening of Mary's newest Shrine Church."

Days earlier, following a Chrism Mass for the priests and deacons of Central Florida, Bishop of Orlando, Norbert M. Dorsey, CP, spoke of this joy in coming together *"in praise of God."* And his words seemed to echo through the chapels and corridors of Mary's Shrine as strangers became friends and, as one, they rejoiced in the light of God's love for humankind.

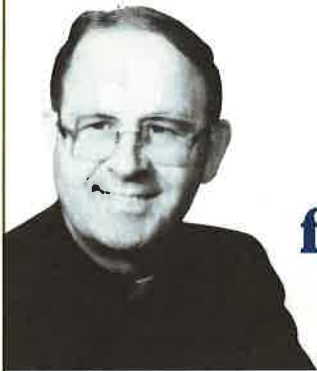
For his Easter homily, Fr. Harte went to the Gospel of Luke. He read from passages that evoked scenes of the empty tomb and the upstairs

room where huddled the belief-shaken disciples. They had seen His miracles. They had been witness to His healing. And yet, even with word of the empty tomb, their hearts could neither conceive nor accept the reality of His great triumph over death.

Only solid evidence of His return could make strong their hearts, Fr. Harte pointed out. And only then were they willing to go forth in His name, unafraid even as they traveled across the world, preaching under death's shadow.

"How fortunate we are," Fr. Harte offered, *"in our acceptance of Christ through faith. Truly, we are*

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A Message from the Director

Dear Shrine Family Member,

"The earth is kept warm by people who believe."

The proverb is old and Russian. But the thought is very much with me today. Indeed, my heart continues to be warmed by letters from you who share generously with me your experience of family and faith.

How gratifying to hear from a Shrine family member coming to Orlando on business. "My first stop," he writes, "will be the Shrine." Citing the sense of comfort and peace he finds here, our friend thanks us for his renewal of faith. And I thank him for the warmth of his belief.

Another writes of Our Lady's newest shrine as a place of "miracles" -- enabling so many to return home not just with souvenirs of a Disney vacation but with "a new soul." And I give thanks for her joy.

A recent widow asks that we dedicate a plaque in memory of her late husband. And could it be placed at eye level so her 15 grandchildren would be able to visit "Grandpa's memorial." Yes, we will. And I am made glad that this family is building here an extension of their own lives and faith.

"Sometimes it's good for us to visualize the universality of the Church," writes a friend made comfortable in seeing so many people -- from so many places -- breaking away from their crowded vacation schedules to spend time with the Son and His mother.

Especially gladdening to me are the letters from young people. And I recall a very special message written by a teen-age choir member who called ours "one of the most beautiful masses" she had ever attended. "I've never seen such devotion to Mary," she wrote, adding that it was wonderful to pray among people with many different accents, all coming together "to praise God with a common prayer."

In his work, Crossing the Threshold of Hope, Pope John Paul II links evangelization with generational change and offers that today's young people clearly seem to be "accepting with enthusiasm what their elders seem to have rejected." How marvelous that Mary's Shrine can be an instrument of spiritual growth and change!

And how very special you are made through your prayers and offerings which help extend our apostolate and make warm the heart of all humanity.

Sincerely in Jesus and Mary,

F. Joseph Harte

Father F. Joseph Harte
Director



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THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS



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By means of a bequest, naming Mary, Queen of the Universe Shrine in your will, you can bequeath to a new generation a legacy of faith and gain for yourself the immeasurable blessing and deep personal satisfaction of knowing that your gift will help, in perpetuity, to further the work of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

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members of a family called into being by Jesus."

With the arrival of May — "the month of Mary" — new celebrations joined the People of God at Mary's Shrine. Mother's Day saw more than 3,500 "loved ones" each honored and remembered with a rose at the Altar of God. These heartfelt dedications came from Shrine family members throughout the United States, Latin America, Asia and Europe — each asking for a mother, grandmother or other loved one, alive or deceased, to be included in the celebration of Mary's own motherhood and devotion.

Those attending Mother's Day Masses at the



"We pray that you will grant increase to your Church until it reaches eternal glory."

Norbert M. Dorsey, CP
Bishop of Orlando

Shrine called this the most beautiful celebration yet within Mary's new



church. Television and press reports of the flower festooned church were equally generous in their praise.

At the same time, work is continuing on the Shrine's Evangelization Center and theatre. A special appeal to Shrine family members in March brought more than \$60,000 in offerings to help equip the museum, restore and frame individual works and, in all, provide a backdrop for contemplating art's magnificent legacy to the world of faith and its heirs.

Looking ahead through the summer of 1995, several new install-

ations of Magnificat and Rosary Windows are planned. Work also continues in the effort to recognize — prominently and in perpetuity — Shrine family members and their sacrifices on the ministry's behalf. "Stars in Mary's Crown," the new computerized kiosk that will be accessed by generations of the faithful in years to come contains the visual record of Shrine philanthropy.

Donors and their families should be especially pleased to find their names forever linked with the work and world of Mary's Shrine.

MAGNIFICAT WINDOW

ORLANDO — "Pentecost" — a richly-hued, vibrantly uplifting tableau which commemorates the Holy Spirit's descent upon the Apostles — is the eleventh in a series of 14 Magnificat Windows illuminating the worship space within Mary's Shrine Church.

Captured here are Mary and the eleven apostles. Above their heads flash tongues of fire as the Holy Spirit — draped in new light and descending in fulfillment of Christ's promise — comes upon the gathered faithful.

Celebrating the Holy Spirit as a fountainhead in the Church's rise and significance, the Pentecost Window offers us as well depictions of men and women, inspired by the Spirit of Truth, who have had a pronounced influence upon our world and our faith.

At the window's base, we are drawn to the figure of St. Theresa,

Illuminating the Holy Spirit



the Little Flower of Jesus who is Patroness of the Missions. Top left is St. Peter, being awakened by the angel.

The window's center left panel commemorates St. Patrick, the great Evangelizer, seen here with cross and shamrock. A symbol of Trinity, the shamrock is also a sign of evangelization. And in this sense, the shamrock insignia on the Church pillars at Mary's Shrine helps to express the fullness of Christianity as evoked by St. Patrick.

Bottom left is St. Francis of Assisi, Patron of Italy and a beacon of God's love for the world. Top right, with the sword of the Spirit, is St. Paul. Below is St. Josephat, who worked tirelessly on behalf of the Church and St. Francis Xavier, armed only with a crucifix, defending his new converts against the armed aggression of pagans.

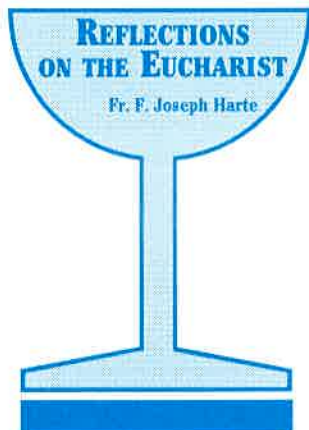
Through nineteen hundred years, celebration of Eucharist remains both a constant and cornerstone for the Church.

"Do this in memory of me," Jesus had said; and His foundling Church was to take the Master at His word — illuminating God's marvelous gift of Himself through worship of the Blessed Sacrament.

When the empire of pagan Rome drove the early Christians underground, these men and women of faith devised ways to identify each other by sign and symbol. Central was the sign of the fish -- a marking that quickly gained recognition as the symbol identifying celebration of the Eucharist.

The burial places of those who had died in Christ were often marked by this same sign, or with etchings of grapes and wheat -- telling all who understood that here lay a follower of Jesus.

Indeed, the Eucharist causes us to dwell upon Jesus as the living Bread. And in partaking of this Bread, we recall His marvelous pronouncement that anyone who eats his flesh or drinks his blood will be raised up to glory on the last day (Jn. 6:54).



No wonder Saint Ignatius of Antioch could speak of the Eucharist as being the *"medicine of immortality."* And years later, Pope Saint Leo the Great was to write that *"the effect of our sharing in the body and blood of Christ is to change us into that which we receive."*

Today we continue to cherish this wondrous sacrament. We thank God for His gift. And wherever the faithful may be gathered, our light and lives are focused upon the

Eucharist. We reserve a portion for the sick. We ourselves experience the transforming power of the Blessed Sacrament and, so transformed, we go forth to change the world.

From Guadalupe to Lourdes, Fatima to Washington, DC, pilgrims converge for the purpose of spending time with Our Lord in the tabernacle. Here we are really and truly in His presence... reflecting on the body spent and the blood spilled, united not simply in our love of Christ but also in our determination to help transform the world in His name.

At Mary, Queen of the Universe Shrine, we have sought to extend the privilege and opportunity -- even the experience itself -- of worship before the Eucharistic Lord. Our Adoration Chapel was designed to be an intimate space, quieted by soft lighting and made holy by the monstrance -- encased in a setting of beautifully crafted wood.

From this wellspring -- this Chapel of Adoration -- people each month will go forth, embracing inner change. And it is their spiritual renewal that will guide the continuing formation of a world made new by love of Jesus and Mary.

With the installation of Magnificat Window #11 *"Pentecost,"* there remain only three of these exceptional works of stained glass artistry still available as named gift commemoratives or memorials. These are Window #3, *"Joseph and the Law"*; Window #14, *"The Second Coming of Christ"*; and Window #10, *"Christ the Teacher,"* for which individual panels may be subscribed.

At the upper level of the Shrine Church are a number of prominent Rosary Windows -- artistic illuminations available for commemoration that include: the *"Presentation,"* *"Agony in the Garden,"* *"Carrying of the Cross,"* *"The Resurrection"* and the *"Coming of the Holy Spirit,"* among others.

SACRED SPACES

Preparing a Place for Our Lady of Guadalupe

ORLANDO – As the welcoming ministry of Mary, Queen of the Universe Shrine reaches out to an ever wider



circle of God's people across the world, plans are being developed for a new, interior worship space that will commemorate Our Lady's appearance at Guadalupe, in central Mexico, more than 450 years ago.

Reflecting the distinctive signature and coloration of Latin American art, this new chapel will depict the Blessed Virgin in the lively mosaic traditionally associated with Our Lady of Guadalupe.

In choosing the traditional image of Our Lady as she appeared to the 51-year-old Aztec peasant, Juan Diego, in 1531, Mary's Shrine celebrates the faith of millions whose hearts are stirred by the one whom Pope Pius XII declared in 1945 to be Patroness of the Americas.

Reflecting the Heart's deepest experiences – Pope John Paul II and the Litany of the Sacred Heart

1 Heart of Jesus, formed by the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Virgin Mother, have mercy on us.

So we pray in the Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

This invocation refers directly to the mystery on which we meditate when we recite the Angelus: by the work of the Holy Spirit, there was formed in the womb of the Virgin of Nazareth the humanity of Christ, Son of the eternal Father.

By the work of the Holy Spirit, the Heart was formed in this humanity. The Heart, which is the central organ of Christ's human organism and at the same time the true symbol of his interior life: his thoughts, his will, his sentiments. Through this Heart, the

humanity of Christ is in a particular way the "temple of God" and at the same time, through this Heart, it remains ever open to man and to everything human: "Heart of Jesus, of whose fullness we have all received."

2The month of June is especially dedicated to the veneration of the divine Heart. Not just one day, the liturgical feast that usually falls in June, but every day. Connected with it is the devout practice of daily reciting or singing the Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

It is a marvelous prayer, totally concentrated on the interior mystery of Christ, the God-Man. The Litany to the Heart of Jesus draws abundantly from biblical sources, and at the same time the deepest experiences of human hearts. It is also a prayer of veneration and authentic dialogue.

In it we speak of the heart, and we also allow our hearts to speak with this unique Heart that is the "source of life and holiness" and the "desire of the everlasting hills," with the Heart that is "patient and most merciful," enriching all who call upon him.

This prayer, recited and meditated, becomes a true school of the interior life, the school of the Christian.

– Pope John Paul II
1982

***"I will bless every place
in which an image of my
heart is exposed"***



Litany of the Sacred Heart

Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us,
Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

God the Father of Heaven,

Have mercy on us.

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

Have mercy on us

Holy Trinity, one God,

Have mercy on us.

1. Heart of Jesus, Son of the eternal Father, (After each invocation the response is: "Have mercy on us.")
2. Heart of Jesus, formed by the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Virgin Mother,
3. Heart of Jesus, substantially united to the Word of God,
4. Heart of Jesus, of infinite majesty,
5. Heart of Jesus, sacred temple of God,
6. Heart of Jesus, tabernacle of the Most High,
7. Heart of Jesus, house of God and gate of heaven,
8. Heart of Jesus, burning furnace of charity,
9. Heart of Jesus, abode of justice and love,
10. Heart of Jesus, full of goodness and love,
11. Heart of Jesus, abyss of all virtue,
12. Heart of Jesus, most worthy of all praise,
13. Heart of Jesus, king and center of all hearts,
14. Heart of Jesus, in whom are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge,
15. Heart of Jesus, in whom dwells the fullness of the divinity,

16. Heart of Jesus, in whom the Father was well pleased,
17. Heart of Jesus, of whose fullness we have all received,
18. Heart of Jesus, desire of the everlasting hills,
19. Heart of Jesus, patient and most merciful,
20. Heart of Jesus, enriching all who invoke you,
21. Heart of Jesus, fountain of life and holiness,
22. Heart of Jesus, propitiation for our sins,
23. Heart of Jesus, loaded down with opprobrium,
24. Heart of Jesus, bruised for

To receive a beautiful, 4-color holy card honoring the Sacred Heart of Jesus, please use the enclosed petition form.

- our offenses,
25. Heart of Jesus, obedient unto death,
26. Heart of Jesus, pierced with a lance,
27. Heart of Jesus, source of all consolation,
28. Heart of Jesus, our life and resurrection,
29. Heart of Jesus, our peace and reconciliation,
30. Heart of Jesus, victim for sin,
31. Heart of Jesus, salvation of those who die in you,
32. Heart of Jesus, hope of those who died in you,
33. Heart of Jesus, delight of all the saints,

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Spare us, Lord.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.

V. Jesus, meek and humble of heart.
R. Make our hearts like unto thine.

Let us pray:

Almighty and eternal God, look upon the Heart of your dearly beloved Son and upon the praises and satisfaction he offers you in the name of sinners, and being appeased, grant pardon to those who seek your mercy, in the name of the same Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, world without end.
Amen.

To Be Always Remembered in the Building of this Great Work of Faith

One of the 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 and perpetuate here the name of a loved one, living or deceased.

Ranging in availability from \$50 to more than \$1 million, these commemoratives provide the donor a handsomely framed, individualized certificate of recognition and, in some cases, a beautiful plaque of recognition at the Shrine itself.



If you have not as yet been able to consider a named gift for your family — or should you wish to provide a special remembrance for a loved one — Shrine commemoratives afford a lasting and most appropriate recognition for births, anniversaries and other milestone occasions, as well as enduring memorials for those dear to you who have been called home to God.

Described here are some of the Shrine's most popular giving opportunities.



MOTHER & CHILD PLAQUE

\$1,000

Perhaps the most beautiful way to honor the relationship that exists between son and mother, or mother and daughter, is through a named plaque in the Shrine's Mother & Child Outdoor Chapel. Each of these individual marble plaques, engraved with the name of a dear one, will be on permanent display at the Chapel — a testament of a lasting familial love.

COMMEMORATIVE PEW SEAT

\$900

To be remembered within the Shrine Church is a very special honor. And donors who elect this commemorative will have their name, or the name of a designated loved one, engraved on a plaque which will be permanently installed in the pew.

COMMEMORATIVE SANCTUARY STONE

\$400

Those who donate a marble Sanctuary Stone will have helped to lay the foundations for the Shrine Altar — the heart of the Church. On the Altar, Christ is offered to the Father and comes present to His people. These generous contributors are recognized with a handsomely framed Certificate of Commemoration.

COMMEMORATIVE HYMNAL

\$250

To dedicate a Shrine Hymnal is to inscribe your name or the name of a loved one, in perpetuity, among the songs of praise and thanksgiving through which God is glorified.

COMMEMORATIVE COURTYARD BRICK

\$100

The courtyard connecting the Shrine Church, Evangelization Center and Mother & Child Outdoor Chapel is brick paved throughout. And donors of \$100 will receive a special certificate in their name, or in the name of a designated loved one, attesting to their contribution of a Courtyard Brick.

ROOF TILE MEMORIAL

\$50

To provide a roof for Mary's Church is the most affordable of the Shrine's named gift opportunities. Roof Tile donors receive a special, framed certificate which attests to their personal role in building this major new center for worship.