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UPDATE

Professions of Faith, Processions of Joy -- “Celebrating the Sacred” Highlights Shrine Calendar

**Post-dedication year
for Main Church is witness
to architectural honors and
new celebrations of faith.**

ORLANDO, FL. — With an anniversary celebration on August 22nd, the feast of the Queenship of Mary, the new Main Church at Mary's Shrine opened its doors for a second year of service to the People of God.

Contrasting the ceremonious dedication program one year earlier, 1994's Queenship Mass was understated, quietly reverential — reflecting Mary's own role in the plan of salvation itself: a role that is supportive, encouraging, though not

highly visible; her spirit of gentle openness, her humility and love of both God and neighbor, a model for us all.

With the coming of Autumn, several thousand Shrine family members contributed their prayerful intentions to the October Rosary Novena — which culminated with the annual Rosary Walk on October 9th. More than 300 of the faithful participated directly, moving in procession from the Shrine Church to the Rosary Garden.

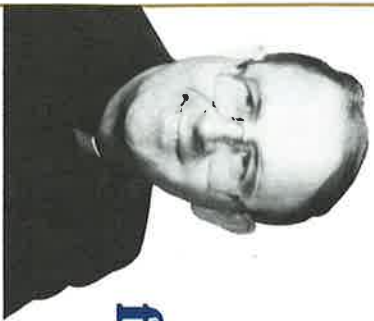
Led by the Most Reverend Norbert Dorsey, C.P., Bishop of Orlando, Fr. Harte and other clergy,

the assembly walked the path of Mary's Rosary, joined prayerfully in thought and recitation.

“The big secret of helping ourselves in the spiritual life,” Bishop Dorsey observed in his homily, “is a disposition, a wanting to have Mary as our mother.

“If we open our hearts, open our minds, letting room for her in our lives — and then reach out to her — she, in the spiritual way, will do everything the best of mothers would do in a human way... to teach us, to nurture us, to correct us, to guide us, to comfort us, to love us... above all, to lead us to Jesus.”

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A Message from the Director

Dear Shrine Family Member,

"Time is the longest distance between two points."

These words are from the American playwright, Tennessee Williams; and I was to recall them last May as I walked the streets of Cluny, a venerable old town well set in the French countryside.

You see, in my days as a young seminarian, I had become captivated by the very idea of Cluny itself -- birthplace of a monastic era that was to spread across France and influence a thousand years of faith!

Here were the Benedictine monks, dedicated to the liturgy. Each day, their abbey walls would echo the prayer and songs of the mass.

It was at Cluny, too, where commitment to the "Communion of Saints" found renewal. Indeed, these monks knew their saints; and they made certain everyone else learned of them as well.

Such was the success of Cluny, in fact, that to be elected Abbot there was to be placed in line for the Papacy itself. And even today, maps of France radiate with hundreds of monasteries established within its hallowed precincts.

Yet it was only this past May, while returning from my Lourdes pilgrimage, that I found myself at last in the town once called "the light of the world." And time had taken its toll.

Gone was the great abbey, destroyed by the French Revolution and succeeding regimes. Dismantling much of that which had endured for more than a millennium, they put an end to Cluny's spiritual reign.

But the spirit of Cluny is not lost to us. Those who once journeyed there by the score now come by the thousands to sacred places like our own Shrine.

It is, as St. Paul observed, God who gives the increase; God who has His own ways. And, in this sense, the legacy of Cluny is our inheritance, yours and mine.

So, too, their dedication to the saints is a vital part of our apostolate. And we make available statues of Our Lady, St. Joseph and the other saints -- allowing the faithful to take in hand the replica of a "friend," now in Heaven, who beseeches the Lord on their behalf.

Truly, we are joined together in a marvelous faith and a most enriching, spiritual mission.

Sincerely in Jesus and Mary,

F. James Hart

Father F. Joseph Harte
Director



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SHRINE FAMILY

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THE SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS

OF OUR

1995 LENTEN MASSES
AND IN THE PRAYERS

OF THE FAITHFUL THROUGHOUT

THIS HOLY SEASON
OF SACRIFICE AND
PENITENTIAL LOVE

a legacy of faith

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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“At the Cross Her Station Keeping” -- The Lenten Journey of Mary, Mother of God

As we begin our Lenten journey, each of us walks in the path of Jesus, enroute to the holy city of Jerusalem. We know that which awaits Him; so too, in some way, did Mary.

Many years before, as the Infant Jesus was presented at the Temple, Mary had listened to the devout Simeon as first he blessed her Son and then her. But Simeon had also spoke a warning. He foretold that Jesus was destined to be “*a sign that will be contradicted*” -- and that she, Mary, would feel her own soul pierced as by a sword.

The years had brought her both sorrows and joy. She would endure the flight into Egypt. She would learn of the slaughter of the Innocents. But Mary was also to witness the admirable maturing of the Child Jesus and later the miracles He wrought. She listened as His words inspired belief in others. She rejoiced as His works illuminated God's love for the world.

Then came Jerusalem and the greatest of her sorrows. She was to suffer her Son's arrest, feel the pain as He is struck, remain as He is led



before Pilate, judged and condemned to death.

She was to live even her Son's passion, there at the Cross as the nails bite into His flesh, as He is mocked; as a tormentor's sword pierces His side; as He is offered vinegar to quench His burning thirst; as He at last cries out: “*My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*” and passes from life into the cold arms of death.

What mother has ever been so undeservedly afflicted? Indeed, wrote St. Bonaventure, “*Those wounds which were all scattered over the*

body of Our Lord were united in the single heart of Mary.”

And yet, not even then were her sorrows put to rest. Into her embrace was given His lifeless body which, years earlier had been the fruit of her womb; and into her lap there came to be the suffering of all humankind. “*So severe a cross was reserved for her alone,*” wrote the Venerable Thomas of Jesus in the 16th century, “*because she alone was capable of bearing it.*” And it is there, in the shadow of His Cross, that Mary is “*to consummate her contribution to salvation history*” adds Pope John Paul II in our own time.

“*By her courageous act,*” declared his Holiness in 1979, “*she prefigures and anticipates the courage of all women throughout the ages who concur in bringing forth Christ in every generation. Through her, the great healer of humanity, the reconciler of hearts and consciences, her Son, the God-Man, Jesus Christ, was to transform the human condition and by His death and resurrection uplift the entire human family.*”

DAILY MASS CHAPEL

“Upwardly Gazes the Heart”

Day Chapel Windows Capture the Celestial

ORLANDO, FL. -- Uniquely striking, their other-worldly patterns of blue-tinted distant light suggest eternity's own landscape. These are the Daily Mass Chapel Windows at Mary's Shrine -- inviting the faithful with what is, symbolically, a panoramic view of the celestial heavens.

Crafted by stained glass artist Ken vonRoenn from photographic studies of the night sky, the main



window offers a backdrop both for the Day Chapel altar and for contemplation itself. In seeking to reflect the very majesty of God's creation, the artist has worked to effect a prayerful environment, one in which the heart's gaze would be drawn to the power and glory of the Creator.

At the same time, we are drawn to the magnificence of Mary, as Queen of the Universe; and we hear

echoes of a hundred generations gathered before her heavenly throne. “*Reign over the hearts of men,*” Pope Pius XII had called out to Mary, “*that they may seek only what is true; over their wills, that they may follow solely what is good; over their hearts, that they may love nothing but what you yourself love.*” May this be the prayer of us all.



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our Savior's
glorious body,*

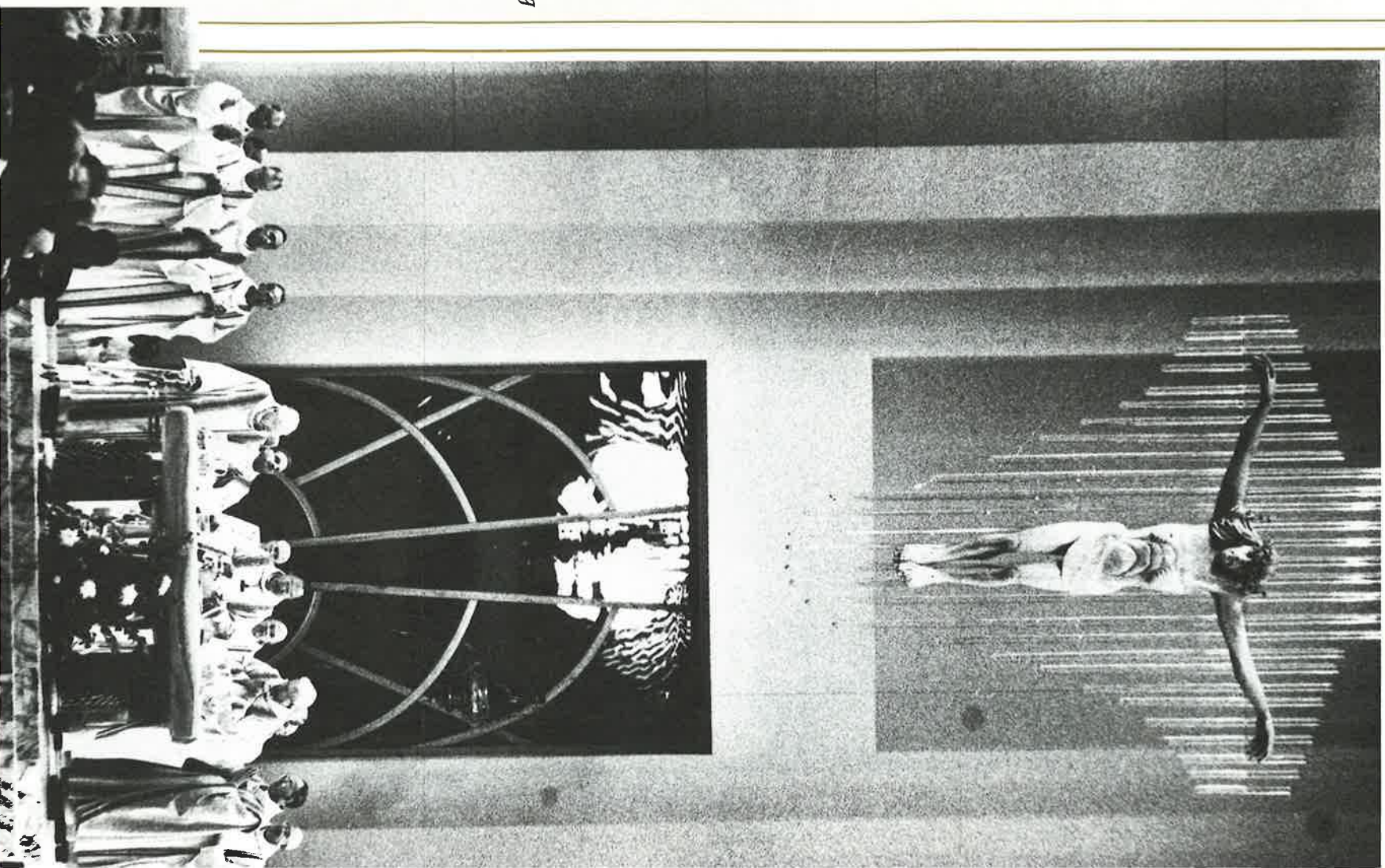
*Which his virgin mother bore;
Hail the blood which,
shed for sinners,
Did a broken world restore;
Hail the sacrament most holy,
Flesh and blood of Christ adore!*

*To the virgin for our healing,
His own Son the Father sends;
From the Father's love proceeding
Sower, seed and word descends;
Wonderful life of word incarnate
With his greatest wonder ends!*

*On that paschal evening see him
With the chosen twelve recline,
To the Law he is obedient
In its feast of love divine;
Law divine, the new Law giving
Gives himself as bread and wine!*

*Come, adore this
wondrous presence;
Bow to Christ,
the source of grace!
Here is kept the ancient promise
Of God's earthly dwelling place!
Sight is blind before God's glory,
Faith alone may see his face!*

— Thomas Aquinas

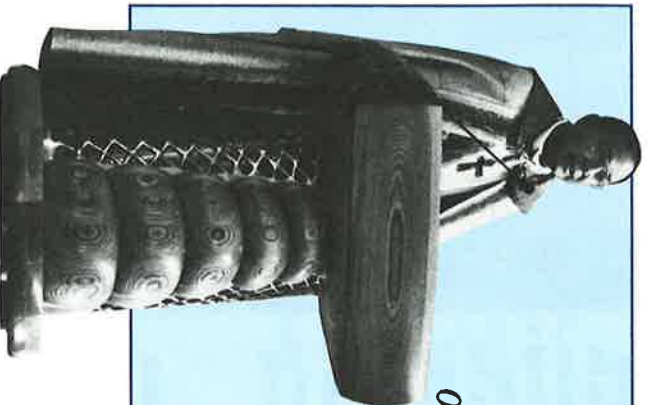


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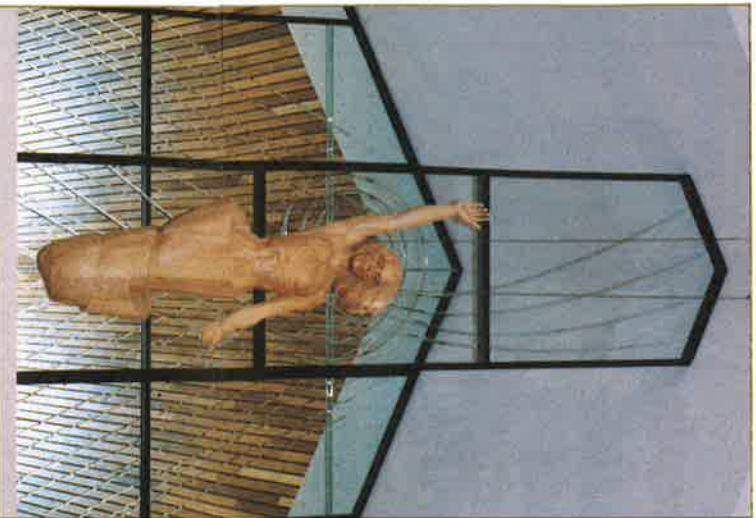
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HONORING ACHIEVEMENT

Church Construction Brings Shrine New Honors and Awards



ORLANDO, FL. — When the awards committee for the Association of Builders and Contractors in Central Florida met to consider the region's 1994 "Project of the Year," committee members had to evaluate well more than 100 entries. These were projects large and small, ranging from housing and commercial complexes to religious and educational facilities. But it was Mary, Queen of the Universe Shrine which took home the honors — as well as a National Award of Merit for "Excellence in Construction."

This past year also saw Mary's Shrine Church earn a National Gypsum Association honor for excellence in drywall construction.

For the Shrine's building committee, these new awards seemed a gratifying return on their years of planning and enterprise. But all were quick to credit the many men and women who labored long and diligently on the project's behalf.

In acknowledging those whose work made possible the awards, Father Harte spoke from the poem "Cathedral Builders," noting:

*They climbed on sketchy ladders
towards God,
With wind and pulley
hoisted heavn rock into heaven,
defied gravity, defied stone,
Took up God's house
to meet Him.*



November, the month of the Holy Souls, brought Shrine friends and family the opportunity to have their own departed loved ones remembered, in perpetuity, at Mary's Shrine — their names inscribed in the Book of Holy Remembrance. In addition, each of the deceased will continue to have a most prayerful remembrance in the anniversary mass of his or her death. In years to come, it is hoped that many more friends of Mary's

Shrine will choose to have their loved ones now departed commemorated in this endearingly personal manner.

The Advent season is a festive time for the friends and members of the Shrine apostolate. With increasing numbers of holiday visitors — greeted by a near-life size nativity, poinsettias and small, twinkling lights — the proclamation of God's love for the world makes for an even rich-

er, more joyous celebration of faith. And Christmas '94 was no exception.

With the coming of a New Year in Christ, work continues on the Evangelization Center and other activities that can help to nurture a renewed sense of God's presence in all that is life.

COMMEMORATIVE OPPORTUNITIES

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 price 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 below are some of the Shrine's most popular giving opportunities.

\$400 COMMEMORATIVE SANCTUARY STONE

Chose 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 will be offered to the Father and will come present to His people. These generous contributors are recognized with a handsomely framed Certificate of Commemoration.

\$250 COMMEMORATIVE HYMNAL

Co 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.

\$900 COMMEMORATIVE PEW SEAT

Co 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.

\$50 ROOF TILE MEMORIAL

Co 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.

\$1,000 MOTHER & CHILD PLAQUE

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.

\$100 COMMEMORATIVE COURTYARD BRICK

Che 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.