



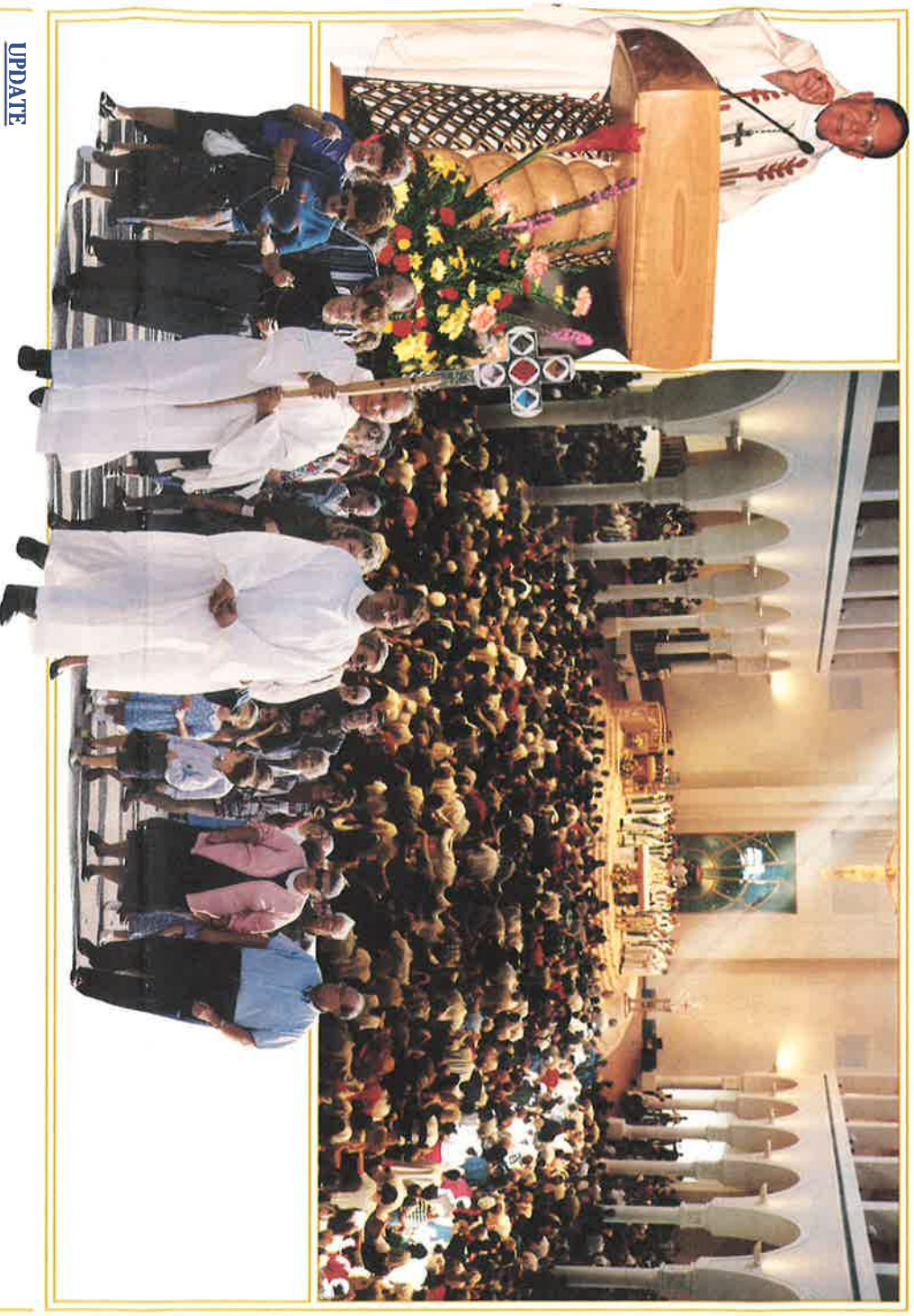
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## UPDATE

### *An Invitation to “Come All Ye Faithful” – Shrine Emerges as New Center for Evangelization*

**Church groups and religious assemblies find special welcome at new Marian Shrine**

ORLANDO – Pope John Paul II has called it a “*house of pilgrimage*.” For the faithful, arriving in Central Florida from all corners of the world, it is something of a spiritual “*home away from home*.” And, in growing numbers, church groups and others joined by faith are finding Mary, Queen of the Universe Shrine to be a uniquely welcoming place in which to celebrate their love of Jesus and Mary, renew spiritual ties and focus upon issues of shared concern.

Within just these past months, Mary’s Shrine has been host to such diverse gatherings as the National Conference of Diocesan Vocational

Directors, the Catholic Daughters of the United States, the Pilgrim Peace Center’s 2nd Annual Day of Peace and Prayer, and Orlando’s Hispanic Convocation.

The October 20th Convocation alone brought more than 2,000 Hispanic Catholics to Mary’s Shrine. Carrying statues of The Virgin Mary and banners colorfully depicting their devotion, the group came

together for a special Marian Mass.

Conducted entirely in Spanish, this liturgical celebration was a valued first step in renewing the Diocese of Orlando’s Pastoral Plan for Hispanic Ministry. And those gathered heard Orlando’s Bishop, the Most Reverend Norbert M. Dorsey, CP, call them “*to live your faith not only with words but with manifestations of the power of God...*”

In welcoming Hispanic Catholics into the life and work of the Orlando Diocese, Bishop Dorsey was joined by retired Bishop Thomas J. Grady, other dignitaries and more than 80 priests from across the fast-growing Diocese of Orlando. Indeed, Florida today has the nation’s fourth largest population of Hispanics. And, as one participating priest urged following the October

“... *live your faith not only with words but with the manifestations of the power of God.*”

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## A Message from the Director

January 1997

Dear Friend in Faith:

It's not hard to light a candle.

The hard part is in believing - believing that God truly cares about the flickering candle of our lives. And yet, faith speaks into your heart and mine, telling us that to God, we do matter.

Such hope is comforting. But it must not make us complacent - content that His understanding and all-forgiving love will demand less and less of us in return.

Instead, we must "live in our hopes," be guided by them, even filled by them. For hope expresses our faith in Him, our love for one another, our charity towards those we may never even come to know.

In a sense, this Winter '97 issue of our Magnificat newsletter is an expression of such hopes, yours and mine. The cover story highlights the increasing number of groups coming to Mary's Shrine, firm in their shared belief that what they do matters to God.

Similarly, in working to create the unique imagery for our depiction of Mary as Queen of the Universe, we believe God will guide our artist's hand and heart. We believe the beautiful new Magnificat Windows installed here will speak to a new generation about the Body and Blood of Christ, His sacrifice upon the cross and the time when He will come again.

In reserving a place for Shrine members like yourself in our pilgrimage to the holy places of France, we are equally firm in our belief that Jesus and His holy mother will welcome our devotions.

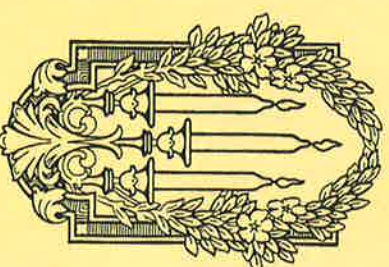
And, in lighting a candle for your intentions next month, we believe God will care about that flickering light, hear your prayers and act with Divine love and wisdom, each boundless, upon the days of your life yet to come.

May that same candle light your own heart and faith as well.

Sincerely in Jesus and Mary,

F. *Farm Harte*

Father F. Joseph Harte  
Director



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OF THE

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SHRINE FAMILY

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## a legacy of faith

**B**y 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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## *To Journey Amid the Footpaths of Art and Faith – An Invitation to Lourdes, Paris and Worlds Beyond*

Shrine's Father Harte  
to host 11-day visit  
through "Old World" of  
art and faith.

To pray in the Grotto where  
Our Lady first spoke to Bernadette...  
then join in the candlelight proces-  
sion at Lourdes. To walk among the  
landscapes of Van Gogh and Monet,  
then catch morning's light through  
the great windows of Chartres  
Cathedral. To see Paris... and so  
much more.

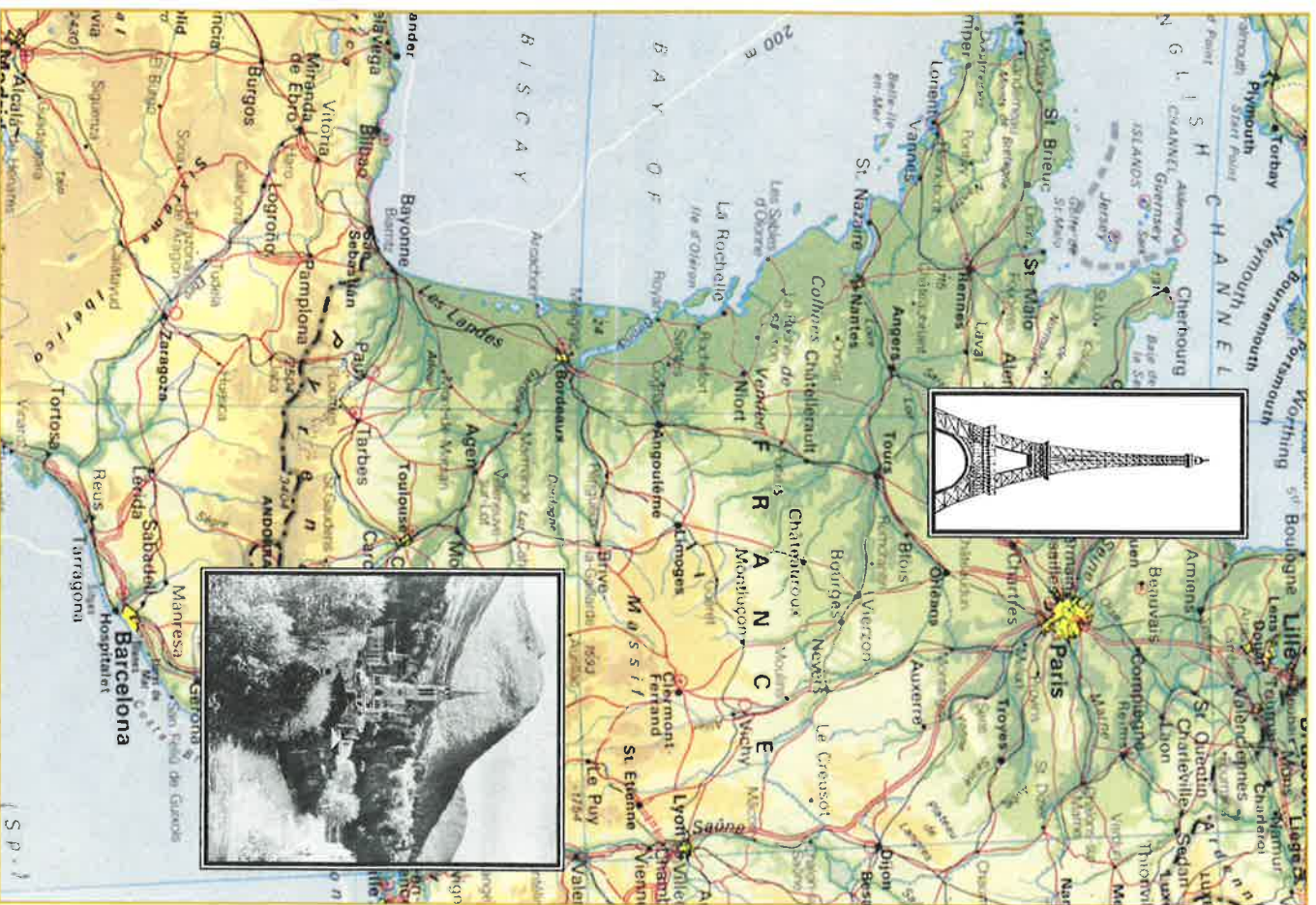
This is Pilgrimage '97, an 11-day  
"journey for inner peace" developed  
especially for Shrine family members  
and their friends. Scheduled from  
May 31st through June 10th, 1997,  
led personally by Shrine Director,  
Father F. Joseph Harte, and with  
comprehensive travel arrangements  
provided by ITS International,  
Pilgrimage '97 will uniquely combine  
visits to both the artistic and spiritual  
hearthths of Old France.

Here is Lourdes for three full  
days, then Toulouse, with its historic  
churches and the Medieval Walled  
City of Carcassonne. Bringing to life  
the paintings of Vincent Van Gogh,  
tour-goers will experience his world  
at Arles. Then history itself comes  
to life with visits to Avignon, Cluny,  
Paray Le Monial, Nevers and the  
Cathedral City of Chartres.

A stopover at Giverny, longtime  
home of French Impressionist  
painter Claude Monet, then Paris...  
Notre Dame Cathedral, the Louvre,  
and much more across "The City of  
Lights," will make this a truly  
memorable experience for those  
who journey together as friends of  
Mary's Shrine.

Even more than memories that  
will endure, Pilgrimage '97 can mean  
lasting new friendships and, in the  
words of our Holy Father, "a new  
*perspective and enthusiasm for life.*"

For complete itinerary, prices  
and travel information,  
please write or call Libby at  
Mary, Queen of the Universe  
Shrine (407) 239-4010.



### SHRINE OUTREACH

<http://www.lattanze.loyola.edu/shrine>  
*Mary's Shrine Goes "On-Line"*

ORLANDO – The Vatican now  
has one. A great many of America's  
companies and millions of house-  
holds have them. And today, Mary,  
Queen of the Universe Shrine has  
one as well: a "home page" on the  
World Wide Web.

Designed by friends at Loyola  
College in Maryland, the new web  
site provides color images of the  
Shrine complex together with basic  
visitor information and mass sched-  
ules. But future plans call for new  
greatly expanded presence in cyber-  
space – allowing the friends and

members of Mary's Shrine to be kept  
current on the progress and activities  
of "their special ministry."

Also "on-line" is the Gift Shop.  
Through their home computers,  
Shrine friends and others can learn  
quickly and conveniently about the  
availability of particular books and  
religious articles.

To contact the Shrine Gift Shop  
by computer, e-mail:  
[maryqu@ix.netcom.com](mailto:maryqu@ix.netcom.com)



## Notes on the Meditations of Pope John Paul II – The Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple

The Gospels tell us that God is present in all things, in all human-kind. Yet when it comes to His children, ‘presence’ alone is not enough for Him. God desires to enter our lives more fully, more completely.

But just how does He come to us?

In his writing, Pope John Paul II calls us to dwell upon the Fourth Joyful Mystery – the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple – that we might learn more about “*this king of glory*” (Ps. 24:7-8) who seeks to enter our lives so fully. And what we find in the temple might seem astonishing to many: for this “*king*” is neither a resplendently-clad monarch nor a mighty warrior; he is, instead, the smallest of children – draped in poverty and held fast in his mother’s protecting arms.

What power, though, could there be in such helplessness? And among those gathered in the Jerusalem temple, what voice would have been so bold as to suggest that this fragile



*During the Presentation Novena, participating Shrine family members will each have a candle lit for their intentions.*

infant might come to be the great light and salvation of the world? No man, perhaps; but there was one voice, that of the prophet Simeon, “*the Holy Spirit upon him*” (Lk 2:26). And Simeon’s prophecy would indeed

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Convocation: “*We need more celebrations like this where people get energized about being evangelizers.*”

Recent months have also seen Mary’s Shrine welcome friends and visitors for what has now become an annual event – the Rosary Walk – while introducing as well the much loved Perpetual Novena in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, now prayerfully celebrated each Monday evening.

Looking ahead, the Shrine’s 1997 calendar continues to fill with

new opportunities for groups and individuals alike to both share and deepen their faith.

At the same time, months ahead will see further progress in the work of building and enhancing Mary’s Shrine. Scheduled for January installation is a new mosaic depicting Our Lady of Guadalupe. Installation of the mosaic – a five-panel panorama that unfolds the story of Guadalupe – will precede dedication of the Shrine’s Chapel to Our Lady of Guadalupe in February.



*Rosary Walk participants in procession during the 1996 Rosary Novena at Mary’s Shrine*

come to pass.

Even so, we might ask, how was this tiny babe to establish his reign of glory on earth? Would he grow to be the warrior-king foretold in ancient stories? Or would his strength be made manifest in other ways that might shake the very earth itself?

Here Simeon foretells only that Jesus was “*destined to be a sign that will be opposed*” (Lk 2:34). Hardly an answer, perhaps; yet Pope John Paul II reminds us that these words reveal the crux of Christ’s messianic passage from birth to Calvary.

For it was through the balance of His adherents and antagonists – followers and foes – that Jesus would accomplish great things. In seeking to change the world, He was forced to confront those whose hearts were closed. His victory was in opening hearts to God; and what was true in the time of Jesus remains true in the lives of all who have come to follow in His path.



*Retired Bishop Thomas J. Grady greeting well-wishers during the October 20th Hispanic Convocation.*

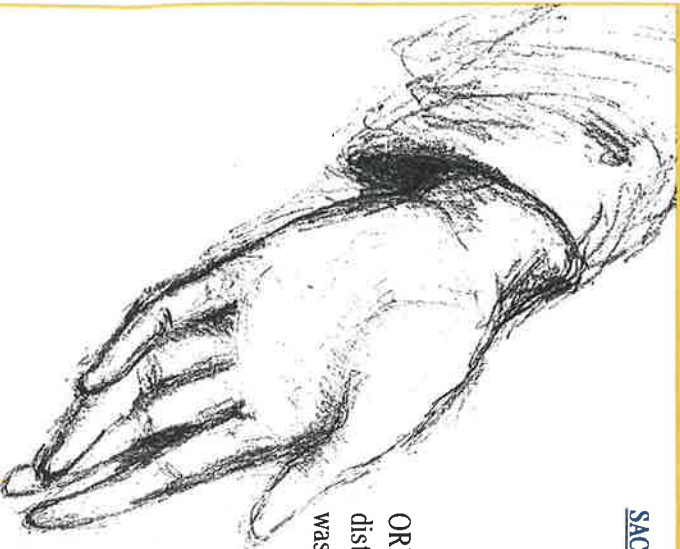
Progress continues on the Shrine Museum, with an opening anticipated later this year. Three new Magnificat Windows have been installed. And the commission has been awarded for the sculptural representation of Mary, Queen of the Universe.

Not yet commissioned but already subscribed through the generosity of a Shrine family member, is the Church’s 16-foot Rose Window – a welcoming halo of light and brilliant glass that will greet each new generation of visitors to Mary’s Shrine.



SACRED SPACES

## *To Capture the Grace, to Realize Creating a Defining Work of Art for*



ORLANDO – This past November, distinguished sculptor Jill Burkee was awarded the commission to create what will be the Shrine's defining work of art: the image of Mary, Queen of the Universe. A member of the National Sculpture Society, Miss Burkee has earned considerable acclaim for her work in marble and other

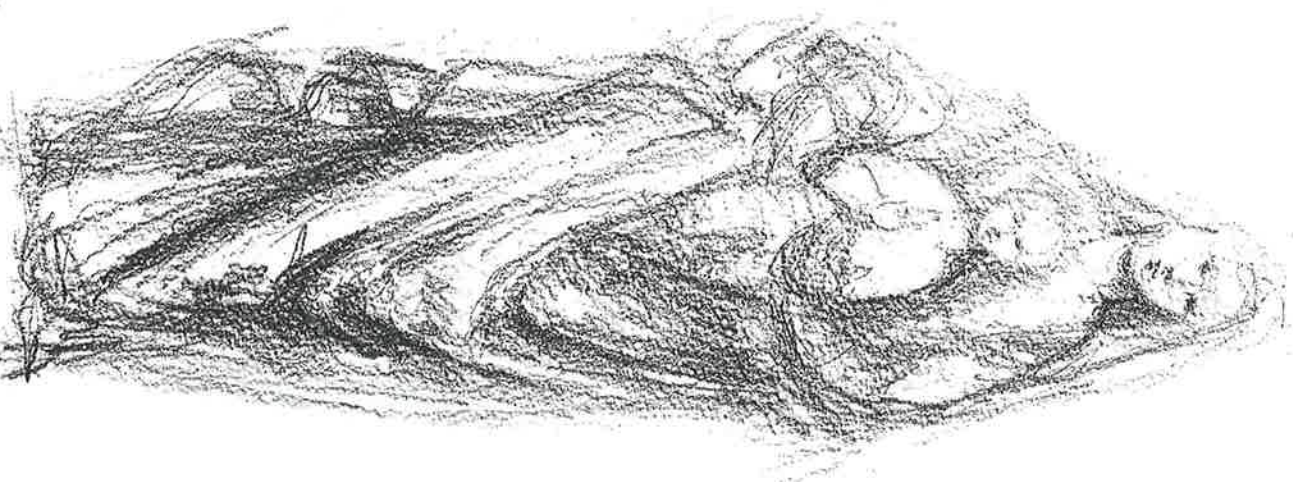
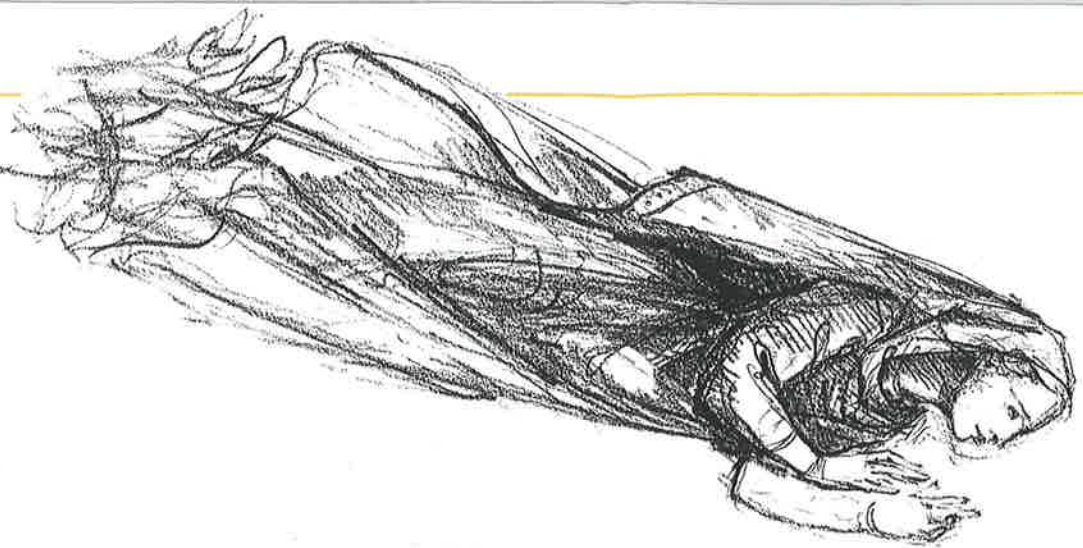
mediums. Over the past decade alone, her art has been selected for exhibition worldwide – from Italy's De Medici Palace to the British Museum in London, New York's Grand Central Gallery and the Twelfth Biennale



International de Antiquaries held in Paris at the Grand Palais.

To create the interweaving of grace, warmth and inner fortitude so marvelously conveyed in the very best images of Our Lady, Miss Burkee has chosen to work in white Carrara marble – a medium known for its luminosity and much favored by

Michelangelo some five centuries ago. Her studio in fact, is located near the Carrara quarry, to the north of Florence, Italy. The statue itself will be carved from a single, nine-ton block of marble with completion



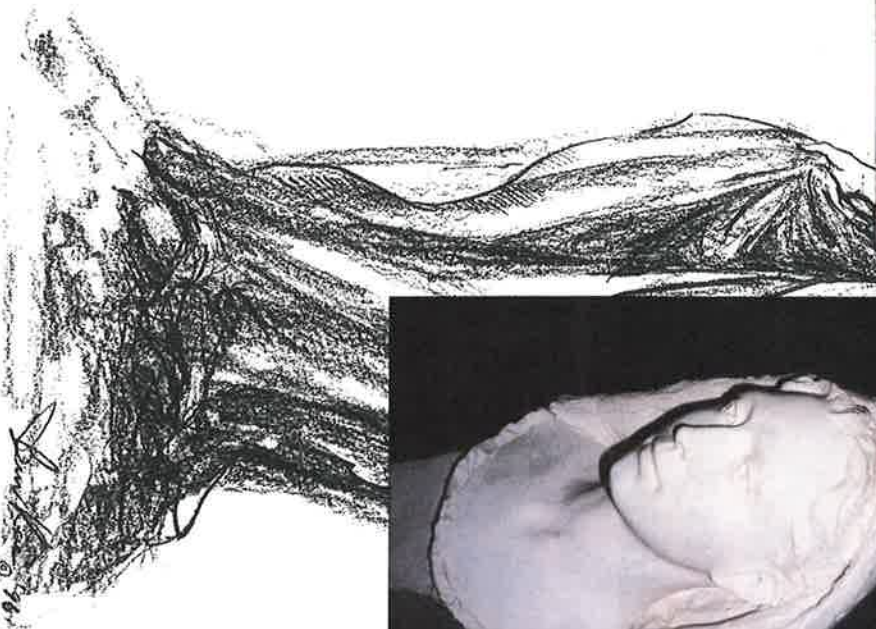
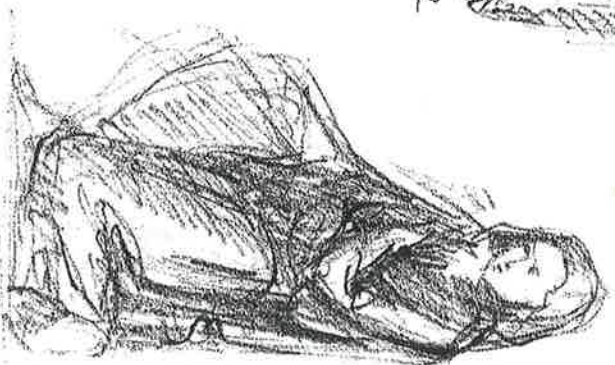
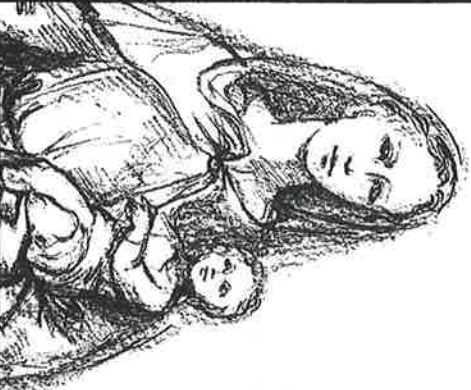
*"The task: to breathe life  
into this rich, white  
marble itself – evoking a  
new image of the world's  
great love, the model of  
humility, the simple girl  
of Nazareth."*



# ***a lasting New Vision of Our Lady – Mary, Queen of the Universe Shrine***

scheduled by year's end. The completed work, approximately eight-feet high, will then be specially transported from Italy to Orlando.

In seeking to capture the very nature of Mary's grace, Miss Burkee has already spent many hours filling her sketchbooks with images of Our Lady. The challenge, all are agreed, is formidable; but her artistic vision, her skills and sensibilities will serve Miss Burkee well as she seeks to realize in marble what has been most often captured only by the human heart.



*Miss Burkee*  
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## RELIGIOUS ART

# Mary's Shrine Adds Three New Magnificent Windows

ORLANDO – With three new stained glass installations, the series of extraordinary Magnificat Windows at Mary, Queen of the Universe Shrine is near completion.

Central to the Eucharist Window is a depiction of the Last Supper, with Jesus seated amid His apostles. The surrounding images include



THE EUCHARIST



THE CRUCIFIXION

Abraham at the altar at Salem; the children of Israel gathering manna in the wilderness; Jesus with loaves and fishes and, again, at Emmaus; and Pope Pius X elevating the host.

The truly powerful imagery of Jesus on the cross dominates the Crucifixion Window. By His side are Mary and Saint John. Surrounding medallions depict Christ washing the feet of Peter; the temple being destroyed; the story of the Prodigal Son; and, top left, the Emperor Constantine, his gaze cast upwards at a sky-lit cross.

Last in the Magnificat Window series is The Second Coming, which illuminates The Lord, descending in



THE SECOND COMING

dom. Also prominent are Pope Gregory I, St. Teresa of Avila and St. Gregory the Great.

The crowded lower panels group Pierre Toussaint, St. Maximilian Kolbe and St. Bernadette of Lourdes; four great evangelizers: St Augustine, St. Rose of Lima, St. Dominic and St. Ignatius of Loyola. Individually depicted are St. Martin de Porres and St. Elizabeth Seton.

## SHRINE COMPLEX

# Enlarged Gift Shop Reflects a Centuries-Old Tradition

Visitors entering the newly-expanded Gift Shop at Mary's Shrine hardly feel themselves stepping back into the heart of Twelfth Century Europe. Indeed, with its extensive display of religious art, classic literature, articles of faith and the latest works by Catholic authors, the Shrine Gift Shop is very much up-to-the minute.

Yet the traditions of promoting devotions through the sharing of



articles of faith extends back centuries to the monks of southern France. Especially active were the Benedictine monks of Cluny. Devoted to the saints, they sought to encourage this devotion in all who traveled through their precincts. From Cluny came a new commitment to the "Communion of Saints", and that same dedication can be found among those who are helping Shrine visitors to find just the right book or article of devotion.

In this determination to help place the words and images of faith within increasing numbers of Christian households across the world, the Shrine ministry is reflecting as well the wish of His Holiness, Pope John Paul II, that modern believers, like those of old, be helped in their prayer and spiritual lives through the depiction of authentic religious art.

Such works and Catholic wisdom encourage not simply the life of prayer among individuals but a community of faith within the family itself. Young children, especially, are captivated by visual images. For them, a statue or holy card brings "the story to life." In providing a wide assortment of picture books, videos and other images of faith, Mary's Shrine is reaching out, and reaching, the new generation.



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

**O**ne 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.



### *— Commemoratives —*

#### **MOTHER & CHILD PLAQUE**

**\$1,000**

**P**erhaps 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**

**T**o 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**

**T**hose 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 Recognition.

#### **COMMEMORATIVE HYMNAL**

**\$250**

**T**o 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**

**T**he 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**

**T**o 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.