

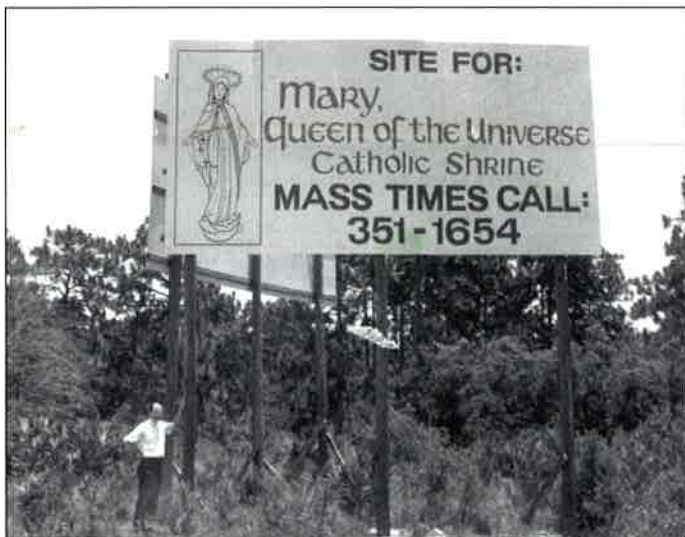


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## ***Shrine Church completes first decade with gratitude—looks confidently ahead in bringing Christ to the people***

Ten years ago, on January 31st, 1993, Mary's Shrine opened to a packed congregation with its first Mass, at which the Most Reverend Norbert Dorsey, C.P. was the main celebrant. In the ensuing years, hundreds of thousands of visitors from all over the world have visited the Shrine – to praise, thank and worship God at Mass – to celebrate the Sacrament of reconciliation – to ask the Blessed Mother's intercession for many needs and petitions – to take time out from a busy life and hectic schedule to find peace and solace before the Blessed Sacrament in the Adoration Chapel – walking and praying in the Rosary Garden – or sitting quietly and meditating in the outdoor Mother and Child Chapel. The loving presence of God is felt at the Shrine, as well as the maternal affection

of Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Visitors tell us they find comfort as they gaze on the serene faces of Jesus and Mary on our signature statue of *Mary, Queen of the Universe*, sculpted by Jill Burkee. Young people are affected too by the bright, alert, smiling face of the teenage Jesus, talking with his foster-father, Joseph, portrayed in the magnificent bronze work by the artist Bruno Lucchesi.

The priests who minister at the Shrine continue to be edified by the exemplary generosity and Christian charity of so many Shrine "volunteers", without whose assistance this ministry of Eucharistic Hospitality would be impossible. Many, many visitors participate and share in the Shrine ministry of "*bringing Christ to the people*" by their gifts and financial

offerings. Almighty God will never be outdone in generosity. God continues to shower down gifts of grace, forgiveness and love on all who ask *Mary, Queen of the Universe* to help them come closer to her Son.

Truly Mary's Shrine in Orlando has the world as its parishioners. Over its first decade it has become a welcoming center for visitors from throughout the United States and regions far beyond.

***"We want this Shrine to be a Temple...a sacred place to give glory to God and to honor our Mother."***

Most Reverend Norbert M. Dorsey, C.P.  
Bishop of Orlando





## A Message from the Director

Dear Friend in Christ:

There's an old Irish song that begins with the words "It seems like only yesterday..." Time passes so quickly! Truly it seems like only yesterday since we initiated the Tourist Ministry with our first Mass in a hotel ballroom.

We had entrusted the work to the Mother of the Lord. We were providing her Divine Son in Eucharist to the many visitors who would soon crowd hotel ballrooms - and at times! - hotel bars, in their search for Eucharist.

The years went by. We had a dream. We envisioned the future and a fitting place of worship for our faithful people. Once, when we apologized for asking for help during a Mass, a lady responded, almost automatically, with words that became encased in my memory. "You don't need to apologize, Father," she said, "We know there is need for a Church. We will help you."

And so we progressed into our first Shrine "Mass center." It was a humble building but it was ours. It housed around 700 persons. Seven years later we completed the Shrine Church. Bishop Dorsey presided at the first Mass celebrated there. It was a celebration of joy!

Joy overflowed at the dedication of the Shrine on August 22, 1993. Our own Bishop Dorsey called the Shrine "the house that faith built." He was referring to the many visitors who had sacrificed that a suitable place of worship be provided. And Pio Cardinal Laghi referenced "the dream" that began it all!

Speaking of Mary's Shrine as a beautiful dream that became ever more real because of friends like you who share in this holy ministry, the Cardinal said: "Father Harte, I think it is better that you continue to dream."

And I pray you will continue to dream with me all through the months and years to come. Great things lie ahead that we can accomplish together for the Lord and His wonderful Mother!

Your friend in Jesus and Mary,

*F. Joseph Harte*

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## NOVENA

FRIENDS AND MEMBERS  
OF THE  
MARY, QUEEN OF THE UNIVERSE  
SHRINE FAMILY  
ARE INVITED TO SHARE IN  
THE SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS  
OF THE  
SHRINE NOVENA  
HONORING  
OUR LADY  
OF LOURDES  
FEBRUARY 11TH - 19TH  
2003

## MASS SCHEDULE

### WEEKDAY MASSES

- 8:00 AM
- 12:05 PM

- 7:00 PM  
(MONDAY)

*Mass and  
Perpetual  
Novena  
in honor of  
the Miraculous  
Medal*



### SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

- 6:00 PM

### SUNDAY & HOLY DAYS

- 7:30 AM
- 9:30 AM
- 11:30 AM
- 6:00 PM

## 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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## Lourdes Novena and Pilgrimage

It was on Feb. 11th, 1858 that the Blessed Virgin first appeared to Bernadette Soubirous, a poor, semi-illiterate, 14-year old girl. Over the next five months, the Blessed Virgin appeared 17 more times. The "Beautiful Lady" carried a rosary and identified herself with the words "I am the Immaculate Conception."

In 1907, Pope St. Pius X extended the local feast of the apparitions of the Blessed Mother to the Universal Church. Today, Lourdes counts upwards of six million pilgrims each year.

Mary's presence has most certainly brought peace to uncounted numbers of pilgrims journeying there over time.

Many people would like to make a pilgrimage to Lourdes but are unable to do so for a variety of reasons.

### Lourdes "Novena"

Fr. Joseph Harte will travel to Lourdes in the Spring of 2003. He will celebrate a Triduum of Masses for the members of the Shrine "Family." You are invited to send your Petitions so that Fr. Harte can place them in the Grotto where the Blessed Mother appeared.

### January 2003

Celebrating Mass at Lourdes, France, for the intentions of the Shrine Family of Mary, Queen of the Universe.

(Fr. Joseph Harte & Fr. John McMullan)

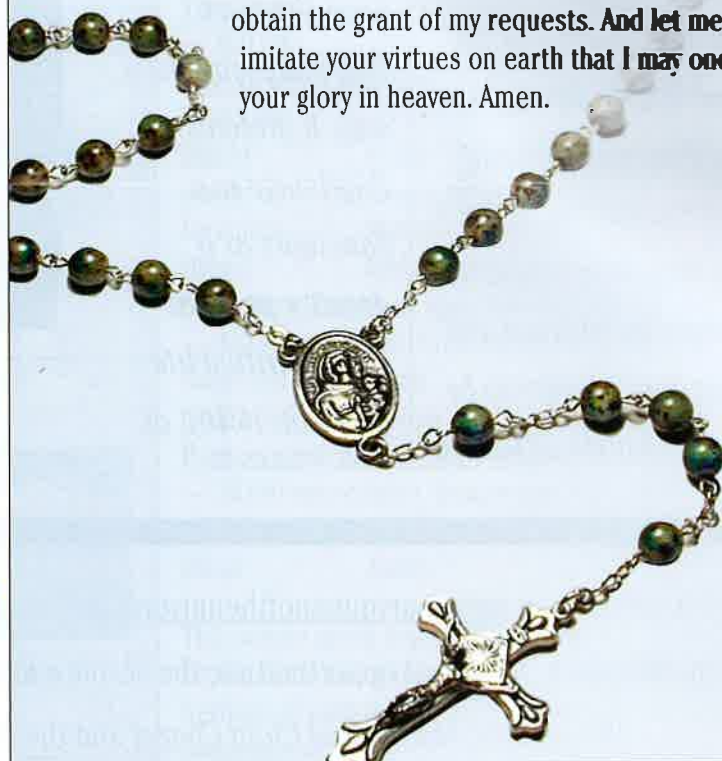
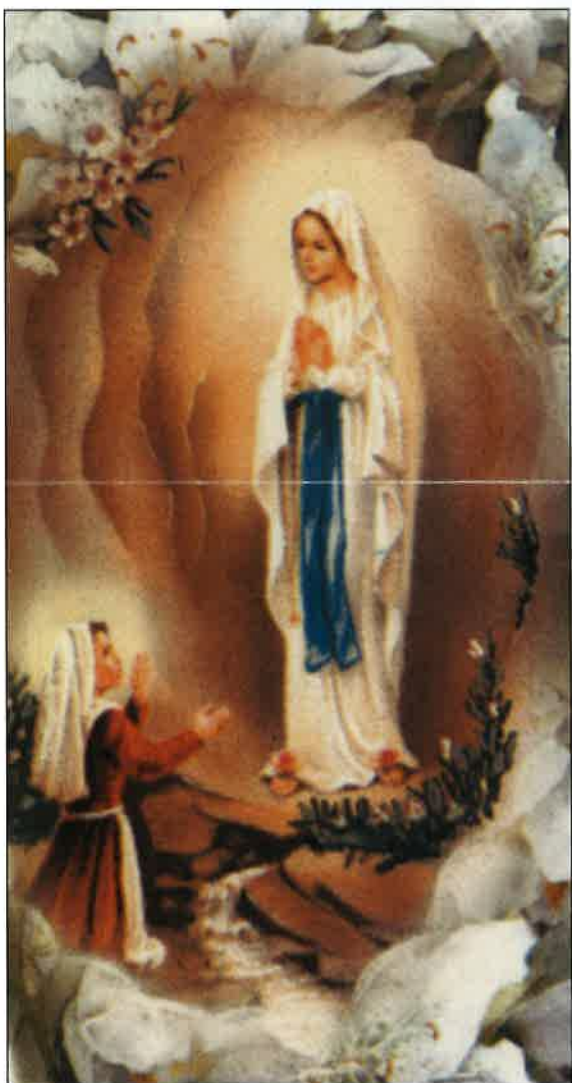


## Novena - February 11 - 19, 2003

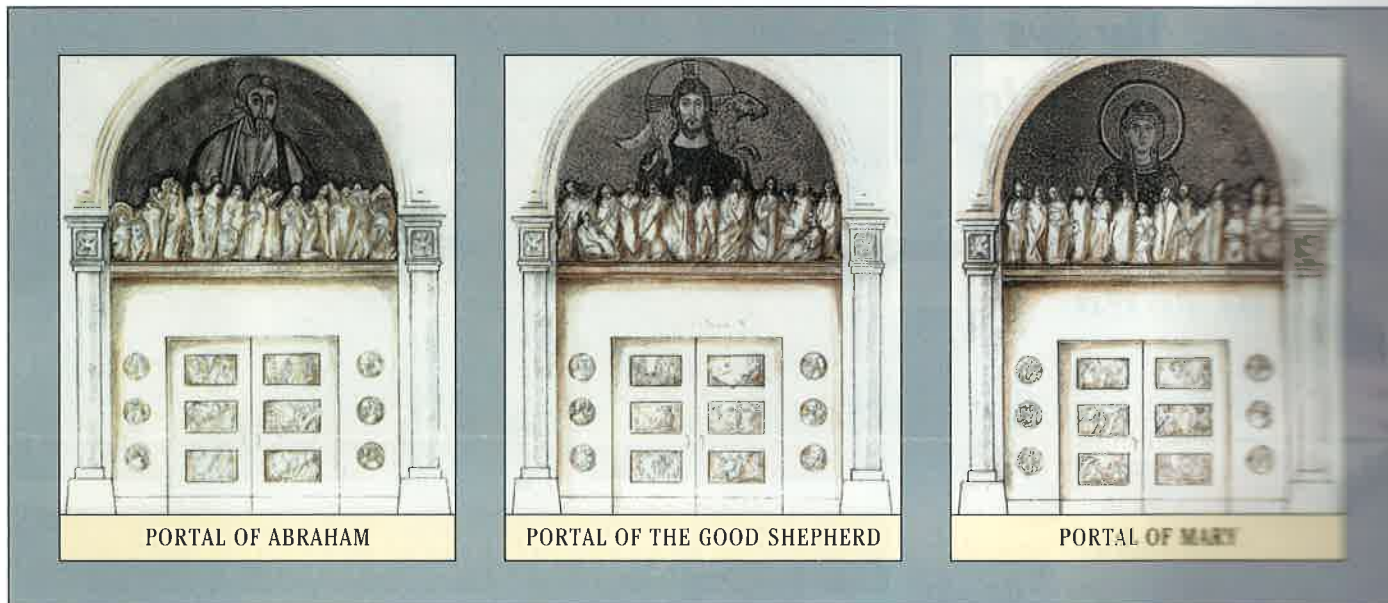
You are invited to use the enclosed Petition Slip for your petitions. They will be placed at the Altar during our Novena of Masses at the Shrine, honoring Our Lady of Lourdes. Fr. Harte will then bring the Petitions to Lourdes. They will be placed at the altar during the Triduum of Masses he will celebrate at Lourdes Basilica, then placed at Mary's Grotto.

### ○ Immaculate Virgin Mary

You are the refuge of sinners, **health of the sick** and comfort for the afflicted. You have made the **Grotto at Lourdes** a privileged sanctuary in which your favors are **given to people from across the world**. Therefore I come to you with **limitless confidence** to implore your motherly intercession. **Loving Mother**, obtain the grant of my requests. **And let me strive to imitate your virtues on earth that I may one day share your glory in heaven. Amen.**



## PLANNED ENTRANCE PORTALS AT MARY, QUEEN OF THE UNIVERSE SHRINE



The Shrine's planned entrance portals will be visual landmarks. They will represent thematically; the *Old Testament, the New Testament and the Living Church*. Large scale, vividly crafted mosaics will adorn the archway space above the portals extending a welcome to God's faithful as they approach the building. The plan calls for each element, from sculpted panels and mosaics to bronze statuary and

roundels, to be commissioned, crafted and fitted into place only after the cost is underwritten by one or more donors.

Currently available is a list of named gift opportunities, allowing for a variety of named gifts in accordance with the means of the donor. Mary's Shrine is also pleased to introduce, at just \$500, the largely affordable Bronze Portal

Commemorative; a wonderful means through which today's Shrine friends and Associates can have their own family name honored and perpetuated in noble bronze, upon the interior facing of these magnificent new entrance portals. For years to come, children and grandchildren will view the names of their ancestors.

### Commemorative Gift Form

To help light the path to Christ for a new generation — and forever link my/our name(s) with the holy apostolate at Mary, Queen of the Universe Shrine — I/we wish to dedicate the following:

- |  |           |  |        |
|--|-----------|--|--------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tympanum Mosaic       | \$ 50,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> Bronze Door Commemorative | \$ 500 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Narrative Door Panel  | \$ 12,000 | *Name(s) to be inscribed in bronze:                |        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bronze-Cast Statuary  | \$ 8,000  | (please print)                                     |        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Entrance Door Roundel | \$ 6,000  | _____  |        |

Selected Commemorative:  
(see list of available gift opportunities)

In the name(s) of: (please print):

\* Note: Each commemorative provides for a bronze inscription honoring an individual name (for example, John Smith); husband and wife (John and Mary Smith); or family name (The Smith Family).

#### Donor Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

#### Payment Information

I/we have enclosed (select one):

Payment in full: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

First payment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ with balance to be paid:

Quarterly  Semiannually  Annually beginning: \_\_\_\_\_ (month/year)



Please make checks payable to: *Mary, Queen of the Universe Shrine*  
Thank you. Your gift is tax-deductible.

Mary, Queen of the Universe Shrine has committed to renew and celebrate one of the oldest and most magnificent traditions in all of sacred art and architecture — the "narrative" Church portal. The goal is to commission a series of major new Church portals that will illuminate the BIBLE IN BRONZE for generations to come and provide a warm welcome for thousands of visitors each month.

The *Portal of the Good Shepherd* and the *Portal of Mary* have already been "memorialized" by friends of Mary's Shrine from all around the world. Memorial Gift opportunities are still available on the *Portal of Abraham*.

#### The Upper Archway Mosaic of Abraham

— \$50,000

#### The Bronze-cast Statues of the Prophets

— \$ 8,000

Daniel	Isaiah	Hosea	Amos
Jonah	Zephaniah	Zechariah	Ezekiel
Jeremiah	Malach	Obadiah	Habakkuk
Haggai	Joel		

#### Narrative Pages of the Old Testament

— \$12,000 per panel. Bronze-Cast Door Panels

Adam and Eve	Jacob	Moses
Noah's Ark	Joseph	David

#### Personages of the Old Testament

— \$6,000 per roundel. Bronze-cast Roundels

Cain and Abel	Ruth	Hannah
Sarah	Judith	Naomi

This unique giving opportunity affords a most highly-visible, lasting name recognition that can enrich and perpetuate the heritage of each donor family — while being appreciated by thousands of Shrine visitors each year.

# ***Pilgrimage, Marian Sanctuaries and Spiritual Renewal***

(Excerpts from an address by Pope John Paul II to Rectors of Marian Shrines.)

**T**he New Code of Canon Law underscores the importance and value of sanctuaries in the lives of Christians (cf. Canon 1230-34) and summarizes their pastoral program.

*“At Shrines, the means of salvation are to be more abundantly made available to the faithful; by sedulous proclamation of the Word of God, by suitable encouragement of liturgical life, especially by the celebration of the Eucharist and penance, and by the fostering of approved forms of popular devotion” (Canon. 1234.par.1).*

*Marian Shrines should be temples of God, where the faithful can experience the supernatural in a special way; where they receive a catechesis, which is solid and conducive to their formation; a catechesis fully integrated into the gospel message and illuminated by the perennial Magisterium of the Church; where finally, through the Sacrament of Penance, spiritual direction and Eucharistic Communion, they draw abundantly from the wellsprings of grace and divine consolation, in order to be ready to face life’s difficulties and*

*to witness courageously to the Christian faith, each in his own social environment.*

*Each Sanctuary is a house of Mary, a dwelling place of faith, where the Lord is constantly welcomed by the Virgin and ceaselessly given to the world.*

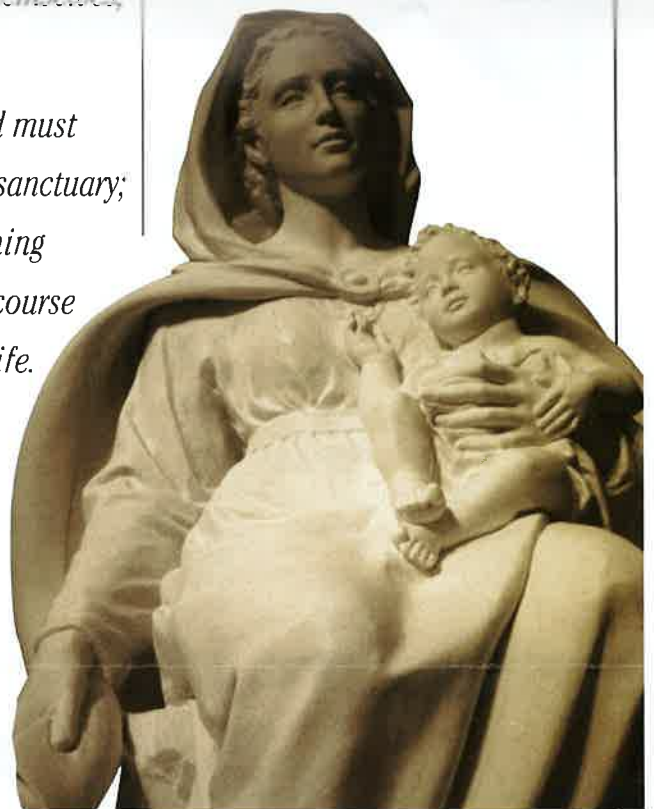
*Pilgrims journey there with sure intuition, seeking “in Mary’s faith, a support for their own” (cf Redemptoris Mater, 27).*

*Entering her house they always find, like the Magi, “the child with Mary his Mother” (Matt. 2:11), and prostrating themselves, they adore him.*

*This experience of God must not, however, end in the sanctuary; it must be a radical turning point, initiating a new course of witness in everyday life.*

*“Scripture itself invites us to interpret Pilgrimage in this way. It presents Pilgrimage to a Sanctuary as a decisive point in one’s spiritual life (cf Deut. 16:10), as*

*a joyous community experience (cf Ps. 84:122) in which Jesus, too, participated annually with his parents (cf Luke, 2:41-42). It leads one before the Lord, to seek his face, to experience the joy of his face, to experience the joy of his house, which prefigures that eschatological day when one will enjoy unending happiness in the beatific vision.”*



**Mary, Queen of the Universe,  
—Pray for us!**

The Shrine’s website — [www.maryqueenoftheuniverse.org](http://www.maryqueenoftheuniverse.org) — gives full information about Masses, Reconciliation, Adoration, Memorial opportunities, the Shrine’s Religious Art Museum, the Rosary Garden, the outdoor Mother and Child Chapel and the Religious Gifts Shop.

## ***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.



## **- Commemoratives -**

### **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 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.

### **BRONZE PORTAL MEMORIAL**

**\$500**

Each commemorative provides for a bronze inscription honoring an individual name (for example, John Smith); husband and wife (John and Mary Smith); or family name (The Smith Family).



### **COMMEMORATIVE HYMNAL**

**\$250**

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

### **COMMEMORATIVE ROSARY GARDEN BRICK**

**\$200**

The beads for the prayers of the Rosary are formed from bricks inlaid in the ground. Your name or that of a loved one is permanently inscribed upon a brick, then entered in "Stars of Mary's Crown" — the official record of Shrine benefactors.

### **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 center for worship.