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UPDATE

Mary's Shrine Echoes Call of New Pope: Church's Core Mission is Evangelization

In reaching out to people from all nations, Pope Francis will find a welcoming new world of friends at Mary's Shrine.

ROME -- A pope steps down; the first such papal retirement in more than 400 years. The College of Cardinals assembles. A world waits, watches. Then, high above St. Peter's Basilica appear the first wisps of white smoke. A new pope is elected and -- for first time ever, -- he is not from The Old World but the New World . . . the Americas!

Amid ripples of excitement emerge hopes for change and yet, in some quarters, a hesitancy. But the newly-elected pontiff does not disappoint the faithful.

He is Jorge Mario Bergoglio, bishop of Buenos Aires, a prelate much loved across Argentina, notably, for his years of outreach to the poor. And much like the great saint who, hundreds of years earlier, had preached love for God's poor in the hill towns of Assisi and beyond, this new pope had chosen the name Francis.

"Let us not forget: if we are to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus, our lives must bear witness to what we preach."



The Pope's call is to return the Church to its core mission of evangelization -- reflecting in our lives the love that is Jesus and, in our hearts, the living presence of Mary -- "*a motherly presence, a familial presence . . .*" "*Love for Our Lady*" he instructs, is a "*characteristic of popular devotion that must be respected and well directed.*"

And in his desire to return the Church to its core mission, Francis can look to a new world of friends at Orlando, Florida's Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe.

Indeed, since the first masses in tents raised on the undeveloped site and in hotel meeting rooms nearly four decades ago,

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A LETTER FROM THE RECTOR

June, 2013

Dear Friend and Shrine Family Member,

Amid our celebration of both the Risen Savior and the beauties of our Christian faith, I write to you with love from Mary's Shrine.

For ours has been a glorious Easter!

Resplendent with floral tributes, the Basilica welcomed overflow crowds from every part of the world. And in harmony with the Basilica's own marvelous choir, we expressed our joy in prayer and song.

Joined with the Church in heaven, we remembered the deceased; among them, our beloved Norbert Dorsey, Orlando's Bishop Emeritus. We gave thanks to God for the ministry of Pope Benedict XVI, and shared with the world our excitement on the election of Pope Francis. What a joy he is turning out to be!

And you were ever in our thoughts as well.

~~The truth is,~~ today's divided world cries out for a sign of God's universal love – we must be that sign. Together, we must be the Blessed Mother's open arms, welcoming everyone to the love of her Divine Son... our Savior Jesus.

For in welcoming all, we reflect the Church, which alone has been given the compelling mission and ability to be a home to all of God's children.

As we share in the drama of these exciting times, the Shrine experience continues to grow richer for all. Especially gratifying is our statue of St. Paul, to be unveiled across from the Basilica's St. Peter on June 29th, feast of Sts. Peter & Paul. For the Church lives by the interaction between Peter, who represents our roots, and Paul who manifests our reach.

Indeed, your love and generosity are helping us to create an extraordinary home for Christ's ministry.

And it is work that God continues to bless.

May you be ever blessed as well!

In the love of Jesus and Mary,

Very Reverend Paul J. Henry

INVITATION TO PRAYER



THE BASILICA

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INVITES

SHRINE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

TO SHARE IN THE SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS

OF THE BASILICA'S SOLEMN NOVENA

HONORING

STS. PETER & PAUL

JUNE 21-29, 2013

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKDAY MASSES

MONDAY-FRIDAY

• 8:00 AM • 12:05 PM

(MONDAY) • 7:00 PM

Mass and Perpetual Novena

in honor of

the Miraculous Medal

SATURDAY MASSES

• 8:00 AM • 6:00 PM

SUNDAYS & HOLY DAYS

• 7:30 AM • 9:30 AM

• 11:30 AM • 6:00 PM



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Celebrating a World of Sacred Devotions; Images of Mary, Portraits in Bronze

Like the proud flags of all nations, new images of God's holy mother will help pilgrims from every land find a welcome at Mary's Shrine.

ORLANDO- The world knows her by many names, finding love, grace and comfort in every image of her face. For she is most blessed Mary, Queen of the Universe.

It is a title that calls us to recognize the universality of Mary's appeal and how cultures across the world have continued to embrace her, even creating their own Marian images and bestowing titles on her that seem to enfold her and make her truly theirs.

As a basilica which each year welcomes all who seek to draw near to Our Lord and His holy mother, the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe is well-positioned to honor and illuminate every visage of Mary, celebrating her many images as she appears to a world of the faithful in distant villages and great cities alike. For Mary's Shrine, this is a challenge accepted gladly, yet prayerfully.

Images of Mary

Images of Mary, Portraits in Bronze, is a Basilica project of great scope and ambition. In working to make present a world of culturally-defined images and devotions to Our Lady, the Project has issued a call for artists to design, sculpt, then cast in bronze upwards of 60 strikingly original plaques – each sculpture commemorating one of the world's most beloved Marian devotions.

For the people of Brazil will come Our Lady of Peace. Giving a new voice to Poland's faithful will be Our Lady of Czestochowa. Visitors from Ireland will find here a special welcome in the Shrine's bronze, Our Lady of Knock, one of the the project's first images to be subscribed.



Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Tomorrow's Shrine will provide a home for Marian devotions whose roots are found in Western Europe. Japan, Korea and Vietnam will be among highlighted Asian cultures. Commemorated too will be Mexico, Cuba and peoples from the Americas to the Middle East, the Philippines and nations of the far Pacific.

Also subscribed, reserved or to be commissioned will be such beloved devotions as Our Lady of Lourdes; Mary, Help of Christians; Divine Providence; Star of the Sea; and Our Lady of Charity; among many others.



Our Lady of Perpetual Help

The Images of Mary series will create 54 devotional plaques, each measuring 17 by 23 inches. To assure the best possible viewing for generations to come, plaques will grace the interior facade at the Shrine's three, magnificent entrances – The Portals of Abraham, Jesus or Mary.

A Singular Distinction

For Shrine family members. Images of Mary affords marvelous

opportunities to sponsor a beloved devotion – and bring its message to life for each new generation of Christ's faithful.

By having one's family name etched in bronze and mounted with their sponsored plaque at the entry portal, donors will create for themselves a lasting memorial for all the world to see.

As each distinctive image will be an original work of art, master sculptors, Jill Burkee and Giancarlo Biaggi are allowing Marian plaque donors the option to request a second casting for display in their own home.



Sculptor Jill Burkee at work

To help underwrite Images of Mary and commemorate one of these plaques in your family's name requires a commitment of \$18,000, payable over as many as 24 months. Donors may also elect for the artist to provide an original, signed casting of their plaque at a sculptor's fee of \$5,000.

To be closely associated with the Shrine's evangelical mission brings well-deserved recognition. Yet, to be among those few who will underwrite Images of Mary and enrich devotions for pilgrims from most every nation is itself a gift in God's holy name.

For more information about plaque availability, original signed castings and naming opportunities, please call or write the Basilica.

The Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul; Apostolic Heralds of a Faith Eternal

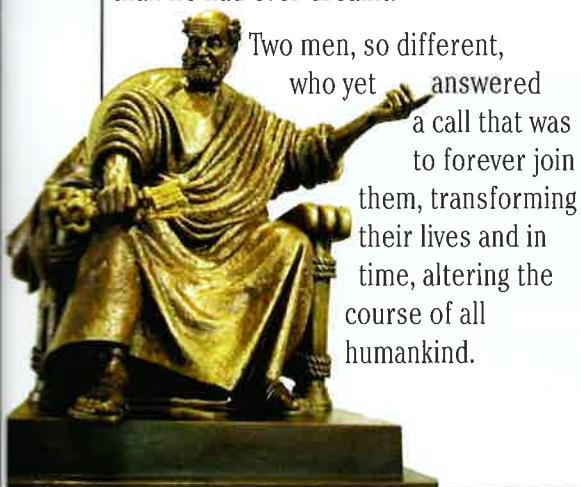
Defining new image
of St. Paul to be dedicated
on June 29, 2013, the Feast
of Sts. Peter & Paul.

These two men. Through all the provinces of ancient Judea, there could hardly have been two men so unlike in their natures and life experience.

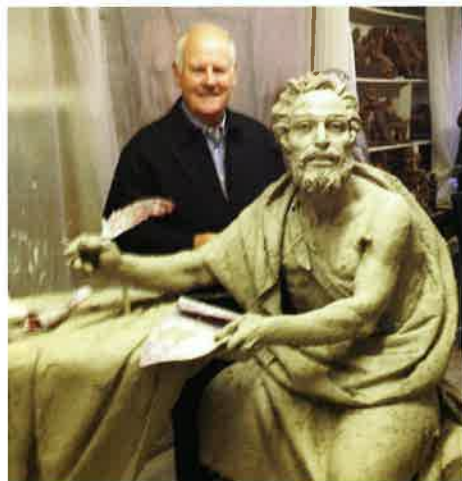
Simon was a fisherman called from his nets along the Sea of Galilee to become, with his brother Andrew, "fishers of men." Of his life before first encountering the man Jesus -- who was to rename him "Peter" and make him one of the earliest disciples -- we know only that he was a son of Jonah from Bethsaida and married.

Saul, from the Hebrew tribe of Benjamin, was a native of Tarsus, capital city of a Roman province. Unlike the Galilean fisherman Simon, Saul was born of the learned Pharisees, a son of privilege and influence and, by right, a free citizen of Rome.

Early in life, Saul devoted himself to the Torah, the study of Jewish law, for which he was passionate. His goal was to become a rabbi, a road that took him to Jerusalem. There, amidst the turmoil of that politically restless and spiritually cleft city, Saul witnessed the emergence of "The Nazarenes" -- a new sect that dared to challenge the very core of his beliefs. For Saul, righteousness and law were as one. And to silence them, rebuking their heretical message of a new Messiah, Saul worked zealously to root out and persecute these early followers of Jesus, even unto death; and it was just such a violent mission that was to set him on the road to Damascus -- a new life; a new name, Paul; and a cause greater than he had ever dreamt.



Two men, so different, who yet answered a call that was to forever join them, transforming their lives and in time, altering the course of all humankind.



In the artist's studio

In the feast of Sts. Peter & Paul, we commemorate their transformation, their inestimable faith and courage, their influence on all the generations to come. And we do so on June 29th, the date history tells us Rome made a martyr of Peter, then followed soon after with the crucifixion of Paul.

As the learned Church Father, St. Augustine of Hippo, explained long ago in a year 395 AD homily for the feast of Sts. Peter & Paul,

"This day has been consecrated for us by the martyrdom of the blessed apostles Peter and Paul"

"These martyrs had seen what they proclaimed, they pursued justice by confessing the truth, by dying for the truth. So we celebrate this day made holy for us by the apostles blood. Let us embrace what they believed, their life, their labors, their sufferings, their preaching, and their confession of faith."

To Enshrine Your Name

On June 29, 2013

Bishop John Noonan of Orlando will dedicate the new statue of St. Paul at the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe.

As a Shrine family member, you are invited to have your own name sealed, in perpetuity, within that place of honor that will join this great bronze to its massive stone base.

(See Intention Form for details)

More than 1,600 years later, Pope Benedict XVI echoed those words in his own message to the faithful: "Christian tradition has always considered Saint Peter and Saint Paul to be inseparable: indeed, together, they represent the whole Gospel of Christ. Peter and Paul, much as they differ from one another in human terms and notwithstanding the conflicts that arose in their relationship, illustrate a new way of being brothers, lived according to the Gospel, an authentic way made possible by the grace of Christ's Gospel working within them."

Two exhortations to the faithful delivered more than 16 centuries apart, yet a timeless image of entwined faith that Very Reverend Paul Henry, the Basilica's Rector, has sought to honor and illuminate in the Main Church at Mary's Shrine.

First came an imposing statue of St. Peter, Prince of the Apostles; next month, on June 29th, will come the installation of renowned sculptor Bruno Lucchesi's masterwork, St. Paul, Apostle to the World.

Located as you enter the Main Church and directly across from one another, these two images, as massive in size as the saints they represent are in the life of the Church, will invite the faithful to reflect upon these great saints of the infant Church.

As Father Paul recently observed, "Peter stands for our unity as a Church . . . the rock on which it was built; and Paul who, through his teaching and writings, has come to symbolize the universality of the Church's outreach to the world." Continues Fr. Paul: "The Church lives by the interaction between St. Peter who represents our roots, and St. Paul who manifests our reach."



“Mary’s Song” The Joy of Music at the Basilica



Shrine Choir and Emerald String Quartet in performance

What an exciting musical season for the friends and family of Mary’s Shrine!

This year’s Concert Series was a resounding success – artistically as well as in attendance.

Among our many highlights: November’s stirring A Veteran’s Day Salute, the festive Christmas with the Basilica Choir, a breathtaking Renaissance Choral Mass by Palestrina, and our St. Patrick’s Day Celebration, complete with choir, strings and even bagpipes.



St. Patricks Day Concert

And it will only get better next season! While plans are still in the works, we can share this much with you right now:

The annual Christmas with the Basilica Choir Concert and Open House is planned for Friday, December 6th.

Also scheduled, a February performance of Mozart’s sublime Requiem, in memory of our dear departed Bishop Norbert Dorsey – on the one-year anniversary of his entry into eternal life.

An additional concert will spotlight the lovely Kawai grand piano given us by a most generous, anonymous benefactor.

There will also be an exciting program in the fall for massed brass and percussion ensemble offered in the glorious resonance of our Basilica space.

And more exciting news:

In July, the Basilica Choir will enter the recording studio to produce their third, full-length CD. A title has yet to be decided but the music will be that of Christmas.

Stay tuned!

Concert dates and final plans will be announced soon. Be sure to get on the Music Department’s email and postcard list to be kept up to speed!

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Director Bill Picher leads Shrine Choir and musicians.

UPDATE

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Church’s Core Mission is Evangelization

Mary’s Shrine has remained a “house of pilgrimage,” a place where all are made welcome and all are encouraged to share in the Eucharist, find renewal in the rite of confession, and enrich their own sense of Christian identity through Basilica programs dedicated to sacred art, music and history.

Most gratifying, though, today’s Shrine is a place where visitors continue to find peace and purpose, here in the presence of Jesus, His holy mother and the great communion of saints above.

And those visitors could not be more generous in their praise

for the Shrine, the priests and volunteers, even the tranquil beauty of these holy grounds. Indeed, among the 334 most recent reviews of the Basilica posted by the online community, 317 rated their Shrine experience as “*excellent*” or “*very good*.”

Over and again reviewers tell of the Shrine’s “*beautiful church*,” prayerful serenity -- “*a great place for spiritual enrichment*.”

And the spiritual enrichment made possible through the support of Shrine friends and family is much in evidence on these pages: defining, new images cast in stone and bronze that become themselves

like chapels of reflection; and a year-long celebration of orchestras, ensembles and choirs that elevate the spirit with their every note.

In this historic Year of Faith – proposed by Pope Benedict XVI in the fall of 2012 and endorsed by his successor – most of all, Shrine family members who have made this apostolate of welcome a part of their lives, may be made truly glad by the words of our Holy Father, Pope Francis :

“In the end, everything has been entrusted to our protection, and all of us are responsible for it. Be protectors of God’s gifts!”

SACRED SPACES

St. Michael; A Guardian Angel for the Family of Mary's Shrine

Me is an angel of the Lord, patron of causes numbering more than forty, from artists and mariners to warriors, the sick and holy death. He is claimed by upwards of 50 nations, cities and even dioceses, from Germany to London and Brussels, honored as their patron and protector.

He is Saint Michael, one of the Archangels, whose feast is celebrated September 29, 2013. On the feast day, he will become a presence that welcomes faithful from every nation to the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe.

When completed and lifted into place, the Shrine's towering St. Michael will rise to a height of nearly 17 feet, including its stylized, ballard base. Each wing will stretch more than



12 feet high and eight feet wide, while the body of St. Michael will stand a heroic nine-foot tall.

At a weight of more than three tons, the massive bronze is being produced in small sections, which allows the artist to work on substantial detail without need for cranes or scaffolding.

The greatest challenge for artist Loura Dobbs – whose previous work

includes the Shrine's own St. Peter and the bust of Blessed John Paul II, which today greets visitors entering the Rosary Garden -- has been to construct and support the statue's enormous wings, each weighing more than one ton.

As explained by the sculptor, consideration had to be given to Florida weather conditions that can produce hurricane-force winds in excess of 150 mph. To meet this strong challenge, engineers developed a complex, stainless-steel skeleton to brace the entire sculpture, then run as deep as eight feet underground.

Standing before the bridge that each new generation will cross on their way to Mary's Shrine, the statue will be dedicated at a ceremony scheduled for the feast of St. Michael on September 29, 2013.

IN MEMORIAM

Norbert Dorsey, Bishop of Orlando -- Remembering A Man of the Cross

Funeral mass for retired Orlando Bishop Norbert Dorsey joins parishioners, clergy and well-wishers together at Mary's Shrine

ORLANDO - For the people of his diocese he was their bishop, *a man defined by his kindness and compassion.*



Bishop Dorsey Remembered

His tenure witnessed Orlando's Catholic population almost double -- from 215,000 in 1990 to upwards of 400,000 in 2004. And he will be remembered, in the words of former



Father Henry Blessing the Coffin

Archbishop of Miami John Favalora as *a gentle shepherd of souls.*

Yet, to the family and friends of the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe, Bishop Norbert Dorsey had become

something more: an advocate and ardent friend.

As Father Paul Henry, Rector of the Basilica, observed at the Mass: It seemed appropriate that Bishop Dorsey's funeral mass should be held at Mary's Shrine, in the very church he had helped to first build and then dedicate 20 years ago; it is a place for which he has always had a passion.

Indeed, may it be said that the legacy of this kind and gentle spirit, this pastoral influence, humble yet steadfast in his beliefs, will long find reflection in the warm and welcoming outreach of Mary's Shrine.

Funeral Mass at Mary's Shrine





SHRINE HISTORY

Mary's Shrine Celebrates 20 Years of Opening New Doors to Christ

Gathering of friends and family commemorates 20th anniversary of the Main Church at Mary's Shrine

ORLANDO - August 22, 1990, Feast of the Queenship of Mary, joined together more than 3,000 of Christ's faithful to break ground for a new main church at Mary's Shrine.

Most Reverend Norbert Dorsey, Bishop of Orlando, expressed his wish that the new church would be a temple, *"a sacred place to give glory to God and honor to Mary, our mother."*

Over those next three years, construction teams set in place more than 68,000 roof tiles. While below, skilled craftsmen worked to complete the 56,000 square-foot interior.

At the same time, from Chicago to Rome, sculptors and stained-glass artists were creating works that were

to give the new church a unique, spiritual definition.

Finally, on January 31, 1993, Mary's Shrine welcomed upwards of 3,000 guests: distinguished clergy, friends and family, for an unofficial first mass. Noted the Shrine's rector, Fr. F. Joseph Harte, *"This is what we've dreamt about for so many years!"*

Months later, on August 22nd, a standing-room audience of Shrine friends, family and distinguished clergy were all brought together to consecrate the new church.

Bishop Dorsey proclaimed *"a day of great rejoicing"* and asked God's grace on all who would be drawn to the Shrine. Vatican representative, Pio Cardinal Laghi, brought a message from Pope John Paul II -- a blessing on what the beloved Holy Father called *"this house of pilgrimage."*

So it was that on January 20, 2013, Basilica friends and family joined anew

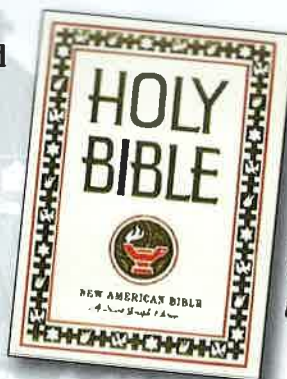
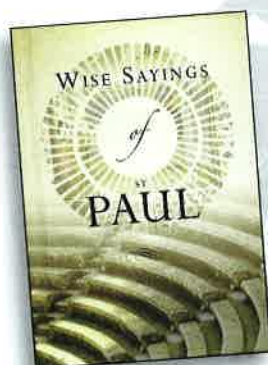
to commemorate the 20th anniversary of that historic, first Mass celebrated in the newly completed Main Church -- and two decades of inspired ministry that continues to open wide the doors to Christ.

Joining the main celebrant of the Mass, Orlando's Bishop Noonan, were Monsignor Harte; Very Reverend Edward J. McCarthy, Proto Rector of the Basilica; and the Shrine's current rector, Very Reverend Paul J. Henry. Concelebrating clergy included full-time Basilica associates, Frs. Dowd and Figura; Frs. Nick King, Frank Smith, Bob Kurber, Michael Giglio, the Vicar General for the Diocese of Orlando, Very Reverend John Geil; together with Frs. Peter Henry and John McMullan.

In all, more than 1,800 friends and members of the Shrine family were in attendance, all enjoying musical performances by the Shrine Choir and orchestra, and the colorful pageantry of the Knights of Columbus.

For friends and members of our Shrine family

Join us through your prayers for the altar and receive our novena holy card honoring beloved Sts. Peter & Paul. We are also pleased to make available as gifts the following:



For Novena donors of \$100 or more, we are pleased to offer the heirloom-quality, New American Edition, Holy Bible. Called the most elegant of all editions, this Bible's 1752 pages are enriched by more than 100 full-color illustrations and maps. Gift-boxed with a luxuriously-padded white cover.

Novena donors of \$30 and above will each receive *"Wise Sayings of St. Paul,"* a compact, finely-illustrated treasury of the great saint's motivating wisdom and insights.

COMMEMORATIVE OPPORTUNITIES

To Be Forever Remembered in the Life of this Holy Apostolate, this 'House of Pilgrimage'

Mary, Queen of the Universe Shrine provides a wide range of opportunities for Christ's faithful to be remembered, in perpetuity, within this holy apostolate designated by Blessed Pope John Paul II as: "a house of pilgrimage."

Through commemorative gifts, donors can forever link their name with the life and ministry of Mary's

Shrine — or perpetuate the memory of friends and loved ones within these sacred spaces.

Ranging upwards from \$50 to more than \$500,000, such gifts afford donors a certificate of recognition, individually inscribed on parchment stock, then set in a portfolio frame. Higher-level gifts may be further recognized by a named hymnal,

engraved brick, marble plaque or bronze inscription — permanently mounted and prominently displayed at the Shrine.

A uniquely enriching way to honor births, marriages and similar milestone events in the life of family and friends, Shrine commemoratives can also afford a marvelous spiritual remembrance for loved ones called home to God.



COURTYARD BENCHES

\$2,500

In dedicating one of the attractive wrought-iron benches in the courtyard of the Basilica, you will be helping to shape the spiritual landscape of Mary's Shrine by providing a place for quiet meditation or a peaceful rest in the midst of the Shrine complex, while establishing a memorial for family or friend, with an engraved plaque.

BRONZE PORTAL COMMEMORATIVE

\$750

The Shrine's bronze doors renew the great tradition of magnificently crafted Church portals, and donors who select this richly historical commemorative option will see their names cast in bronze, and set permanently adjacent to one of the new entrance doors at Mary's Church.



FOOTSTEPS OF FAITH

\$300

Footsteps of Faith donors are opening doors to the new Interactive Theatre — a place where millions of visitors explore Christianity's storied history and traditions. Each of these generous patrons is honored with a handsome certificate and their names are listed on a special plaque at the Theatre entrance.



SHRINE CHURCH HYMNAL

\$225

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 by which God is glorified. And each hymnal opens upon a bookplate, inscribed with the name of the Shrine donor who has generously made possible this "gift of praise and thanksgiving."

ROSARY GARDEN BRICK

\$250

With bricks forming decades of beads, the Shrine's unique Rosary Garden walkway takes the shape of a rosary, complete with a centerpiece and cross. Donors are honored in perpetuity — their names etched into a brick that is then set permanently into the walkway itself.

ROOF TILE MEMORIAL

\$50

To provide a roof for Mary's Church remains the most affordable of the Shrine's named gift options; and Roof Tile donors receive a special, framed certificate that attests to their own personal role in helping to complete this major, new center for Christian worship, life and culture.

