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Our Lady of Grace

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As this “Year of Grace” began on January 1, 2020, with the Solemnity of Mary, the Most Holy Mother of God, we also embarked on a new decade. New beginnings are always an opportunity to reflect on past events and to look to the future.

The past decade was fraught with difficulties, challenges, heartache and great pain for the Church and for her members. The global situation is not much different with unrest and terrorist attacks in many parts of the world, especially the Middle East. Earthquakes, hurricanes, floods, forest fires, plane crashes, any number of catastrophes still plague our world.

On a positive note, during the past ten years, technology continues to improve, medical treatments allow for a longer life and society in general appears to have become more humane and accepting, especially of those who are in most need.

There were also moments of blessing for the Church as we celebrated the canonization of new saints, among them, “saints of our own time,” including Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta and Saint John Paul II.

In the past decade the National Shrine was privileged to welcome two Popes, Benedict XVI (April 16, 2008) and Francis (September 23, 2015). The visit of Pope Francis marked the first canonization of a saint on American soil and the first time a pope celebrated Mass at the National Shrine. The canonization of Saint Junípero Serra, the 13th American saint, occurred on the 95th anniversary of this National Shrine.

During the past ten years we added new chapels, statuary and the Rosary Walk and Garden. Thanks to our faithful supporters, we also decorated the domes of the Great Upper Church with mosaic art culminating with *The Trinity* Dome in 2017, which completed the interior of the National Shrine.

September 23, 2020, will be the one hundredth anniversary of the placing of the Foundation Stone of the National Shrine. Located in what

is now the Oratory of Our Lady of Antipolo, this stone symbolizes the beginning of the National Shrine and the truly magnificent support provided to the Shrine by our benefactors for a century.

Saint John Paul II, who raised the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception to the status of a basilica in 1979, once commented that “in matters of religion, the centenary is never a simple chronological event, but rather a moment of grace, in which we remember the past gratefully and reach out, with renewed dynamism, to the future” (Letter, August 15, 1993). The manifold graces that have flowed from the hallowed grounds of Mary's Shrine for a century speak beautifully of the central position Our Lady holds in the life of American Catholics and the role which this preeminent Marian sanctuary fulfills as a place of prayer, devotion, and pilgrimage.

Our 100th anniversary year will begin on September 20, 2020, with a special Mass celebrated by the National Shrine Chairman of the Board, Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory. I hope that you will plan to join us, as the centennial year is not a celebration of a piece of stone, but of a people, who through their devotion to Our Lady, have raised a living edifice in which all of Mary's children gather to seek her intercession, consolation and maternal care.

Our Holy Father tells us, “Mary puts her whole being and personal history at God's disposition, so that the Word and Will of God can be shaped and brought to completion” (Angelus, January 1, 2020).

Through our ministry at the National Shrine, we strive to assist people in placing their whole being at God's disposition, so, “that the Word and Will of God can be shaped and brought to completion” within them, as it was for the Blessed Virgin Mary. Diocesan and multi-cultural pilgrimages, daily Mass, the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the praying of the Rosary, are all avenues afforded to the faithful at Mary's Shrine, to follow Mary's way and open themselves to being shaped by the Word and Will of God.

At the dawn of a new decade, and a new century of service to God's people, we at Mary's Shrine aim to "reach out, with renewed dynamism, to the future" as we assist our pilgrims and visitors in "being shaped by the Word and Will of God" and say "yes" to whatever God asks, as did the Blessed Virgin Mary.

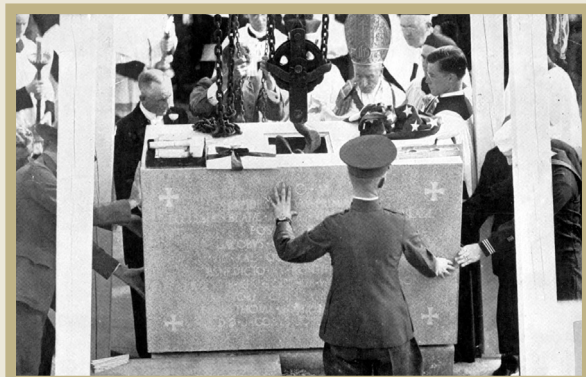
Of course, we cannot do any of this without you, the faithful friends of Mary's Shrine. You are the reason we exist, and you are the reason we celebrate *A Century of Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary* and look to the next one hundred years. 🍷

Centennial of America's Catholic Church

On September 23, 2020, the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception will celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of the placing of its first stone—the foundation stone, upon which has been built America's Catholic Church.

A century in the making, the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception is more than our nation's preeminent Marian shrine and patronal church. From its foundation stone to the Trinity Dome, the National Shrine embodies the diversity of the peoples, cultures and traditions of our great country and the unity and universality of the Catholic Church. For this reason, Mary's Shrine is a mosaic of our nation, cornerstone of faith, and foundation for the future.

Through the generosity of American Catholics, the prayers of the faithful, and the hard work of artisans and laborers, the National Shrine has been built to praise God and give honor to His Mother—and our Mother. The one hundred years since 1920 have truly marked a century of devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary.



Placing of the Foundation Stone on September 23, 1920.

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Celebration of the centennial will begin with Mass on September 20, 2020. The Most Rev. Wilton D. Gregory, Archbishop of Washington and Chairman of the National Shrine's Board of Trustees, will be the principal celebrant and homilist. Please mark your calendars!

This Mass will inaugurate a year-long celebration of the one-hundredth anniversary that will include special Masses, concerts, pilgrimages, exhibits, and other events to commemorate this historic milestone of America's Catholic Church. Planning is underway and more information will be posted at www.nationalshrine.org/centennial as it becomes available. 🍷

MISSION STATEMENT

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, a Catholic church dedicated to the patroness of our nation, is a place of worship, pilgrimage, evangelization and reconciliation. It offers visitors the occasion for a deepening conversion, a step forward in the journey to God, with Mary as the model for that journey. This monumental church, raised by Catholics of the United States because of their devotion to Mary the Mother of God, gives visibility to their faith and Catholic heritage. Mary's Shrine invites people from across the country and beyond into the saving moment of faith, hope and charity, so that they may be reconciled and transformed into living symbols of Christ's presence in the world. It is here that the faithful gather to worship God, give honor to Mary, and are sent to spread God's word wherever they go. 🍷

National Prayer Vigil for Life 2020

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception was once again host to the National Prayer Vigil for Life, January 23 - 24, 2020.

“My good young people...it takes heroism today to stand for the sanctity of human life,” Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City, Kansas, Chairman of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee on Pro-Life Activities, said as he addressed a congregation of more than 10,000 at the National Prayer Vigil’s Opening Mass, for which he was celebrant and homilist.

“We gather these days for the somber commemoration of the 47th anniversary of tragically flawed Supreme Court twin decisions – *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*,” Archbishop Naumann said. “Sadly,” he continued, “during the past 47 years, abortion advocates have become more radical and intolerant. The façade of making abortion safe, legal and rare has been reduced to only keeping it legal. The killing of one’s child is exalted as brave. Even the most modest regulation of abortion facilities for the protection of women’s health is vigorously opposed.”

However, he said, “Thankfully, not everything is doom and gloom. In these early days of 2020, there are signs of hope. Despite biased secular media, decades of persistent Pro-Life educational efforts have resulted in our nation’s youth being more Pro-Life than their parents.”

He also pointed out that “The efforts of more than 2,700 pregnancy resource centers, surrounding with love and practical support more than half a million mothers annually, have helped to steadily and significantly reduce both the number and rate of abortions in our nation over the past 30 years.”

Reporting on a recent visit with the Holy Father in Rome, Archbishop Naumann said that Pope Francis affirmed the protection of the unborn as a preeminent priority, saying, “if we do not defend life, no other rights matter.” The Holy Father went on to say, “Please tell the pilgrims at the March for Life and the entire Pro-Life community ‘the Pope is with you! He is praying for you! He supports you! He encourages you to persevere!’” Upon hearing this, all gathered throughout the Basilica



More than 10,000 gather at Mary's Shrine for the National Prayer Vigil for Life.

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Opening Mass Procession



Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann

erupted in applause as a sign of their solidarity with the Holy Father and the Pro-Life cause.

Prayerful solidarity continued overnight with the National Rosary for Life, Night Prayer, Adoration, Holy Hours, and Morning Prayer, followed by the Closing Mass of the National Prayer Vigil, celebrated the morning of the annual March for Life.

Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio of the Archdiocese of the Military Services, USA, the principal celebrant and homilist of the Closing Mass, said, “We have kept vigil so as to march with His message and attest always and everywhere the dignity of the human person from conception to natural death.”

He continued, “we will march in the tradition of this country, but also as a reminder that life is a pilgrimage which leads to life without end. We are responsible for completing that pilgrimage in faithful observance of the commandments. We are also responsible for helping our brothers and sisters complete their pilgrimage in response to the divine will.”

As he concluded, Archbishop Broglio said, “Gathered in this magnificent shrine to the Immaculate Conception...let us ask Mary, Mother of Life, to help us receive and bear constant witness to the ‘Gospel of Life.’” 🌿

Inspiring a Generation of Catholic Youth

The spring is a magnificent time of year in our Nation's Capital and especially here at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Nature has finally awakened after the long winter months, and the Shrine gardens abound with blooming flowers radiating a serene beauty. It is a time when the impact of your support is especially visible as the warm sun and blue skies highlight the breathtaking beauty of this sacred house of prayer. However, the impact of your generosity far exceeds the immaculate gardens and tall marble-clad walls of Mary's Shrine.



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The future of our Church.

Mary's Shrine and its significance for Catholics all over the world. It is truly heartwarming to witness these bright-eyed children amazed by the size and splendor of Mary's Shrine, and at their sweet innocence as they kneel down to join us for Mass or in praying the Rosary.

While every field trip is a memorable experience, a visit to Mary's Shrine can be life-changing for a child. These students, having acquired spiritual graces and practical knowledge, leave Mary's Shrine with a deepened sense of faith and mission that enriches their own spiritual lives and the lives of those around them.

For many, a visit to the National Shrine inspires a lifelong devotion to the Blessed Mother. And for a special few, it rouses a curiosity about their own vocations to the priesthood or religious life.

It is because of your support that Mary's Shrine is able to welcome church and school groups and provide the sacred atmosphere upon which these transformations of heart are so dependent. The youth of our country are the future of the Catholic Church and the legacy of the National Shrine. Teaching them about our faith is paramount to sustaining and growing the future of the Catholic Church in the United States, and every dollar you contribute supports the many programs and day-to-day operating expenses that provide the means for us to minister to these young souls. Thank you! 🙏



Visiting Mary's Shrine!

On any given spring day, hundreds of visitors and pilgrims will enter the Great Upper Church for the very first time. Among these visitors are young students arriving in the early morning for a school field trip. It is a joy to see the steady stream of children marching up the front steps in a perfect line occasionally zig-zagged by a child with an overexcited burst of enthusiasm. With wide eyes and sincere hearts, these first-time visitors stand in the shadow of the Basilica dome, in awe of the tremendous beauty and grandeur of this magnificent Shrine dedicated to Our Lady.

As the school teacher leads them through the main doors into the Great Upper Church, gasps escape the mouths of children struck by both the magnitude and magnificence of this sacred place. Eager girls and boys skip ahead to point at the enormous mosaic of Christ in Majesty, the many beautiful statues of Our Lady, and the massive marble archways. They whisper breathlessly in wonder and astonishment to one another but quiet down as the tour begins. These young souls listen eagerly as they learn about the history of



Children pray the Rosary.

New Mosaic Blessed & Dedicated

The newest mosaic dedicated at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception memorializes Blessed Frederic Ozanam, the principal founder of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Dedication of the mosaic of Blessed Frederic Ozanam on January 26 took on special significance as the year 2020 marks the 175th anniversary of the founding of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in the United States.

The last mosaic dedicated at the National Shrine was that of the Trinity Dome in 2017. The dedication of the Trinity Dome mosaic, considered the crowning jewel of Mary's Shrine, marked the completion of the National Shrine according to its original architectural and iconographic plans.

Given this, the Most Reverend Donald J. Hying, Bishop of Madison, National Episcopal Advisor of the National Council of the United States Society of St. Vincent de Paul, and celebrant and homilist of the Mass and Dedication of the Mosaic of Blessed Frederic Ozanam, remarked, "I would think it is very difficult to add something new here to the national basilica."

However, he poignantly reflected, "Today this beautiful national church, which we can all rightfully claim as our own and which has been a work in progress for one hundred years, reminds us that the progress of our own spirituality is never quite finished. It reminds us that God wants to add something new and do something new within us."



Mosaic of Blessed Frederic Ozanam, Founder of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Geraldine M. Rohling

The mosaic of Blessed Frederic Ozanam resides in the St. Vincent de Paul Chapel, adjacent to the Miraculous Medal Chapel. The location could not be more perfect as Blessed Frederic not only had a deep devotion to Mary during his lifetime, but he had chosen Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception as Patroness of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Blessed Frederic lived in Paris when the Blessed Mother, appearing to St. Catherine Labouré, a Daughter of Charity, requested that the Medal of the Immaculate Conception, Our Lady of Grace (see front cover), be created. On account of the many miracles attributed to this devotion to Mary, the medal became known as the "Miraculous Medal." It is said that Frederic received one of the first Miraculous Medals ever made and had one with him at the time of his death.

At the conclusion of Mass, Monsignor Walter R. Rossi, Rector of the Basilica, thanked the National Council of the United States Society of St. Vincent de Paul for the gift of the mosaic of Blessed Frederic Ozanam which he said, "is a beautiful addition to the chapel and a great tribute to your founder."

Mindful of the mosaic's dedication on the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time, designated by Pope Francis as the "Sunday of the Word of God," Monsignor Rossi said, "May Blessed Frederic, St. Vincent de Paul and Our Lady, the Immaculate Conception, pray with us this day, helping us, like them, to always open our minds and hearts to the Word of God, and say "yes" to whatever the Word asks." 🌹

UPCOMING PILGRIMAGES TO MARY'S SHRINE

May 2	Asian and Pacific Island Catholics Marian Pilgrimage
May 17	Our Lady of Lujan Argentinean Pilgrimage
May 30	Mother of Miracles Pilgrimage
May 31	Archdiocese of the Military Services, USA, Pilgrimage
June 25	Diocese of Greensburg Pilgrimage
June 27	Filipino Catholic Community Pilgrimage
August 15	Catholic Golden Age Assumption Pilgrimage
August 26	National Council of Catholic Women Centennial Mass and Pilgrimage

Mass of the Americas: Unity & Diversity

On November 16, 2019, Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone of San Francisco celebrated the first-ever Mass of the Americas in the Extraordinary Form in the Great Upper Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. The Mass was sponsored by the Benedict XVI Institute for Sacred Music and Divine Worship.

More than 3,000 of the faithful from all walks of life and ethnicities, lay and religious, young and old, participated in the Mass that honored the Blessed Virgin Mary under her titles of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the patroness of Mexico and all of the Americas, and Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, patroness of the United States.

“The Mass we celebrate today,” Archbishop Cordileone said in his homily, “speaks profoundly to the power of our Mother to unite her children. She stands there in every generation of the Church, interceding to her Son for her children, actively leading them to Him.”

He continued, “The Church in her wisdom has always understood that truth, beauty and goodness are all necessary...because the human person is an integral whole: goodness feeds the body, truth feeds the mind, and beauty feeds the soul.” He spoke of the need for all to have access to and be dignified by that “which ennobles and elevates the soul.”

Of what some may call “this elaborate liturgy taking place in such an ornate house of worship,” he said, “As Servant of God Dorothy Day would have it, the poorest person on the streets of the nation’s capital has access to this magnificent church built to the glory of

God, access to the profoundly beautiful music, and access to the beauty of the ritual.” (Of note, Servant of God Dorothy Day, known for her advocacy of the poor, made a personal pilgrimage to the National Shrine in 1932.)

Archbishop Cordileone concluded, “We are happy to come together today to offer something beautiful to God and to express our love for the Mother of His Son: we give our best because we are motivated by love which settles for nothing less. And here our Blessed Mother is once again uniting us: poor with the well-to-do and the in between, from every nation, race, people and tongue.”



The faithful participate in the Mass of the Americas.

Of Mary he said, “She is all-beautiful, because she reflects the beauty of her Creator, her Son and her Spouse. She is the model of all humility that we need in order to fulfill her Son’s dying wish, “that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us.” 🙏

UPCOMING BASILICA BROADCASTS ON EWTN *(all times Eastern)*

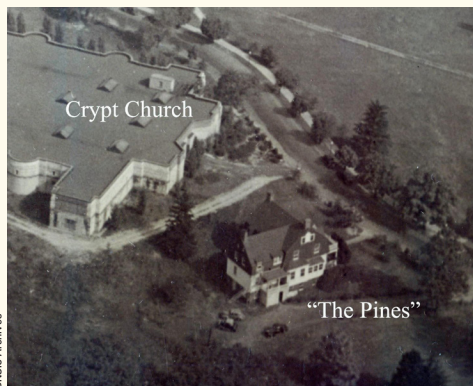
April 5	Palm Sunday	12 noon
April 9	Holy Thursday: Choral Meditations/Mass of the Lord’s Supper	5:30 p.m.
April 10	Good Friday: Choral Meditations/Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion	2:30 p.m.
April 11	The Solemn Easter Vigil	8 p.m.
April 12	Easter Sunday Mass	12 noon
April 12	Spanish Easter Sunday Mass	2:30 p.m.
May 31	Archdiocese for the Military Services Memorial Mass	12 noon
August 15	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	12 noon
August 22	Pontifical Solemn High Mass	1 p.m.
September 3	CUA Mass of the Holy Spirit	12:10 p.m.
September 3	Father Vincent Capodanno Memorial Mass	6:30 p.m.
September 20	100th Anniversary Mass of the Placing of the Foundation Stone	12 noon

THE MYSTERIOUS TERRACE HOUSE OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE

Geraldine M. Rohling, Ph.D., M.A.Ed.

Archivist-Curator

After a hiatus of thirty-five years, the National Shrine began its final phase of construction in July 1955. One of the first tasks was the demolition of a large house situated on what is now the south terrace (front) of the National Shrine. Visible in the photographs of the 1920s, including the Blessing of the Land and the dedication of the Foundation Stone, the story behind this spectral dwelling materialized into one laced with Americana and Church history.



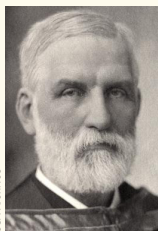
Crypt Church and "The Pines"

Divinity Hall

In 1789, Reverend John Carroll (S.J.), a cousin of the illustrious Charles Carroll of Carrollton, the only Catholic to sign the Declaration of Independence, was named the first bishop of the United States. His See or Diocese of Baltimore included not only the city of the same name, but also the former thirteen colonies and the ten square miles that constituted the capital city of Washington, D.C. One hundred years and some 90 dioceses later, as a festive closing to the centenary celebration of the founding of the American hierarchy, Catholic University dedicated Divinity Hall (13 Nov 1889), its premiere school and faculty. Chartered as a pontifical graduate school in the "sacred sciences" for the clergy, Divinity Hall *was* the university. The landscape of a "true university" did not begin to develop until the dedication of a second building, McMahon Hall (1895), and the installation of two new lay faculties: the School of Philosophy (biological sciences, letters, mathematics, physical sciences, and technology) and the School of Social Sciences (economics, law, political science, and sociology). In addition to the expanding architectural landscape, the admission of lay male students helped to alleviate the financial woes that

plagued the university. It would be another generation before women would be admitted.

"The Cottage"



William Callyhan Robinson

The dean of the new School of Social Sciences was Judge William Callyhan Robinson. Raised in the Methodist Church he became an Episcopal minister but then converted to Roman Catholicism in the early 1860s.

It is believed that if he had not been married, he would have become a Catholic priest. Robinson entered the legal profession and became a distinguished professor and the dean of the School of Law at Yale University. In 1895, CUA offered him the position of dean of the Social Sciences but with an emphasis on establishing a School of Law. Robinson "took up the cross," as he termed it, left behind his beloved New Haven, and transplanted himself somewhat reluctantly but resolutely in Washington with its "roasting climate and half-civilized condition" (letter, 16 May 1896).

Within the academic world, the faculty of a university is the cause of its celebrity. In years past, institutions would woo distinguished professors with benefits such as housing, boasting of a self-contained, quasi-monastic campus, with a "faculty row" of residences. Robinson, after confirming his departure from Yale, applied to the CUA board of directors for such a residence. There was none. James Cardinal Gibbons, the archbishop of Baltimore and university chancellor, and Bishop John J. Keane, the first rector, considered the request reasonable. Upon further consideration, they also deemed it proper to provide other professors with suitable residences, should they ask. In addition to Dean Robinson, three other professors were "promised ... handsome residences," among them Rev. Dr. Thomas J. Shahan, a young professor of Church History, who would later become the 4th rector of CUA, and the founder of the National Shrine. A plan for three or four "professors' cottages" was presented to the board of directors. It was approved with the stipulation that the rent charged was to be equal to 6% of the cost and the occupants were responsible for "ordinary repairs." In the end, only one house was constructed and at a cost that exceeded the budgeted amount.



Robinson Cottage

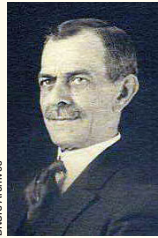
The “Robinson Cottage” was more akin to an estate house; it was a large two-story dwelling with several bedrooms, more than one parlor, and generous dining facilities. Private but not isolated, the house was sheltered in the southwest corner of the campus. The cottage was approached by a leisurely winding path from Bunker Hill Road (Michigan Ave.) and 4th Street, NE that continued towards the university proper. Today, this path is the entrance to the Shrine and its eastern thoroughfare. Around this time, municipal amenities such as sewerage, gas, and waterlines were introduced to the campus, the latter of which was a defense against the annual winter “water famine” or frozen wells. An electric plant was also added to provide heat and lighting. The house benefited from the water lines but required the installation of its own heating system, which never worked properly. Thus, Judge Robinson and his family vacated the house in April of 1899, taking up their new residence not far from the Capitol and the National Archives. Later that spring, “the cottage” underwent refurbishing and “fitting up” for its new occupant: Bishop Thomas J. Conaty, the second rector of the university, in order that he might have the “privacy and independence ... beneficial to his position.” The rector’s stay was somewhat short-lived. In March 1903, Conaty became the bishop of what was then the Diocese of Monterey-Los Angeles, a position he held until his death in 1915.

“The Pines”

In the fall of 1903, the Cain family moved into “the cottage.” Two of their eight children were born in “Mr. Cain’s residence.” While *The Washington Post* (1906) reported Cain residing in the “University Cottage” and at “the Pines [in] Brookland,” the university records still listed the residence as “the cottage.” To add to

the misperception, the 1910 U.S. Census listed the address of the residence as “Harewood Road,” with no mention of the university. Despite this fluctuation in names and addresses, the one conclusive fact was the house and the land it occupied belonged to the university and Cain was the distinguished tenant.

Exactly how or why Cain and his family came to live in “the cottage” is not certain. One thing, however, was certain: a residence such as “the cottage” begged for residents whose social standing would invite the elite of Washington to venture into what had been tagged “unavailable property” in the “northeast frontier.” (See “Blessing of the Land,” *Mary’s Shrine*, 2018, No. 2.) Anything that would help the profile of the university was welcomed.



J. Fendall Cain

J. Fendall Cain belonged to an old and distinguished Washington family. He was a recognized power broker within the banking and financial world of Washington, D.C. In 1866, he married Laura Cecilia Harvey, the daughter of George W. Harvey, one of the most successful restaurateurs in Washington. “Many well-known citizens and their families” attended the 4:00 p.m. ceremony (not a Nuptial Mass) at St. Patrick’s Church, the first parish in Washington (est. 1794). The newlyweds made their home in a custom built, spacious seven-room dwelling on New York Ave., NW (razed, c.1915).



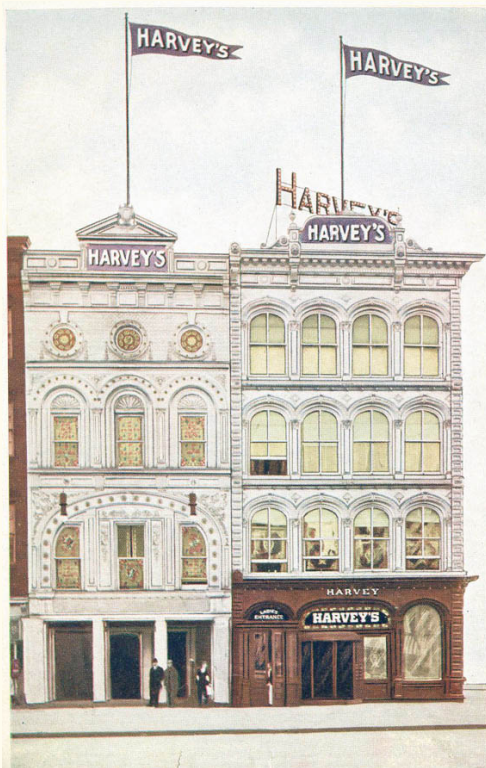
Harvey Caricature by Thomas Nast, 1890

The bride’s father, George Harvey, was known for his oyster restaurant, established in 1858. The original feature of this tidewater eatery was Harvey’s steamed oysters. In 1863, the restaurant

received its most winning endorsement when President Lincoln came to dine. For almost seven decades, every president from Grant to FDR dined at *Harvey’s Old Established Ladies’ and Gentlemen’s Oyster Saloon and Restaurant* (11th and Pennsylvania, NW) which boasted exclusive accommodations for men (1st floor) and women (2d floor). Harvey, a Catholic

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entrepreneur, was well-known in both the civil and ecclesiastical inner circles. In fact, it was Harvey who “provided the lunches and banquets when the bishops first met with prominent people to discuss the plans for the university” (letter, 1930). Cain, who enjoyed a bedrock relationship with Bishop Keane and subsequently the university, attended these luncheons and banquets.



Advertising Brochure.

Harvey's Restaurant, c.1912

Life at “the Pines” was one of gentility and graciousness: pleasant gatherings, cotillions, and visits by distinguished guests, all of which were duly reported in the Washington newspapers. One such event reported in the *Evening Star*, was in honor of “Miss Mary Mildred Cain and ... [and her older brother] Joseph Harvey Cain,” who worked for “the isthmian canal commission, at Panama” (builders of the Panama Canal). “A string orchestra provided the music for dancing and a buffet supper was served at 11 o'clock. The parlors were tastily arranged and decorated with palms, flowers, and flags.” In keeping with the social etiquette of the time, the names of the guests and the chaperones were also listed.

In addition to social gatherings, there were the wedding receptions of three of the four Cain girls. In the spring of 1915, Mary Mildred Cain was married in the Chapel of Saint Paul,

in Divinity (Caldwell) Hall. The marriage ceremony, which was followed by the Nuptial Mass, was at 7:30 a.m. The early hour was due to the required midnight fast before receiving Holy Communion. Thus, the “wedding breakfast” was at “the Pines.” Three years later, Alice Erma Cain was married at St. Anthony of Padua, the parish church in Brookland, just up the street. The list of ten prominent clergymen who were present in the sanctuary included Bishop Shahan and his personal secretary, Rev. Bernard A. McKenna, future director of the National Shrine. According to the *Evening Star*, “An informal reception ... followed at the Pines.” In 1924, Laura Cecilia Cain also married at St. Anthony's with her reception also at “the Pines.”

The Cain residence was home to many a joyous occasion as well as the realities of life. On Wednesday afternoon, 30 September 1925, J. Fendall Cain died, unexpectedly, while at home. The wake was held at “the Pines,” which was now an active construction site.



17 March 1925

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On Saturday, a Solemn Requiem Mass was sung by his close friend, Bishop Shahan, in the Crypt Church of the National Shrine, located directly behind the house. Representatives of the various faculties of the university and many students attended. After the absolution of the body, Bishop Shahan delivered a brief and touching eulogy, characterizing Cain, the “official accountant,” “treasurer,” and “auditor” of the university for almost 40 years, as “an exemplar of fidelity, prudence, and loyalty.” Within a year, the widow and family moved from “the Pines” to a row house on Newton Street in Brookland.

The Crypt Church

In photographs from the Blessing of the Land (16 May 1920) and the dedication of the Foundation Stone (23 Sept 1920) the house stands as a silent observer. During both events, the white-corded outline of the Shrine came



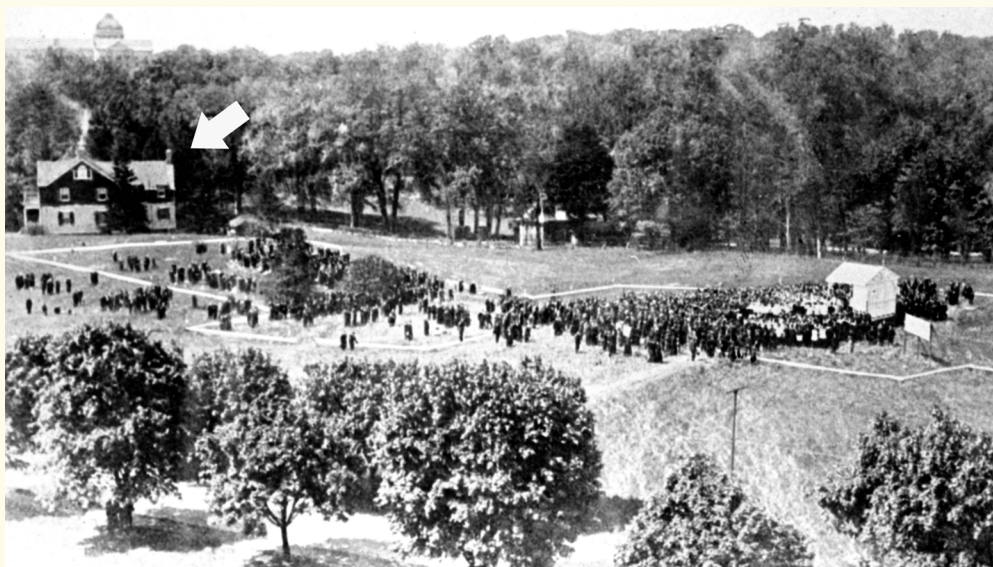
1925 Crypt Church

intimately close to the house, placing the church directly in the backyard of “the Pines” or placing “the Pines” on the doorstep of the Shrine.

From 1919, when the Olmsted Brothers, landscape architects, and Maginnis and Walsh, architects, submitted their plans and drawings for the National Shrine and its location, until the day it was razed, “the cottage” was living on borrowed time. Construction on the National Shrine caused “the Pines” to depreciate from an estate manor to an *ad hoc* university building. From 1929 to 1952, it was the Omega chapter house of the national Phi Kappa fraternity for Catholic students, after which, it became studios for the music department, all the while

sitting on the front doorstep of the National Shrine.

In 1948, the National Shrine incorporated as an institution separate and independent of the university; the land was deeded to the National Shrine making it the sole owner and proprietor. The resumption of work in 1954 declared an end to “the Pines.” In January 1956, the “tearing down and removal of the old frame Music Building” was completed. In time, the quiet, southwest corner where “the Pines” once stood, became the main or protocol entrance of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, welcoming pilgrims, popes, presidents, and distinguished visitors from around the world. 🌍



16 May 1920

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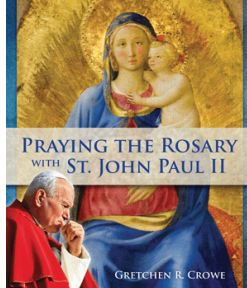


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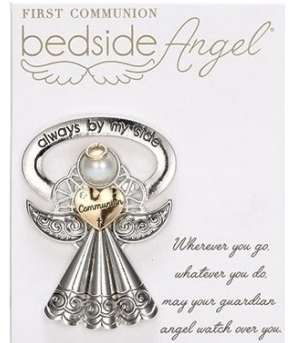
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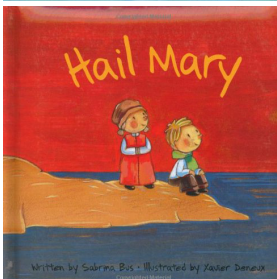
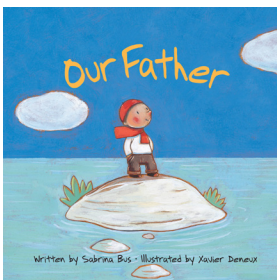
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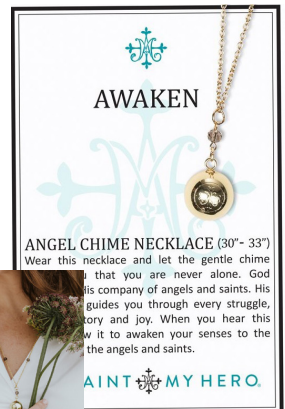
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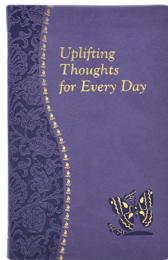


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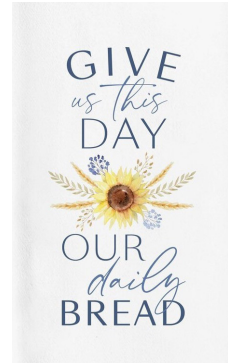


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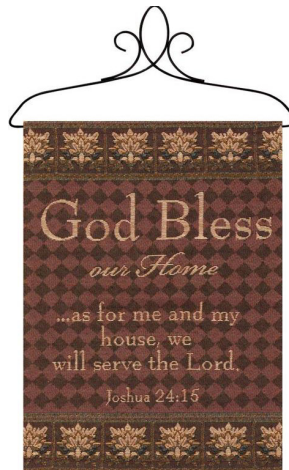
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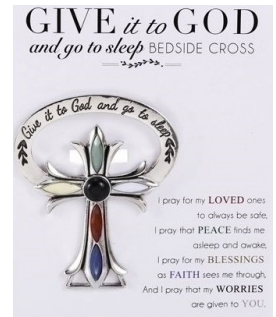
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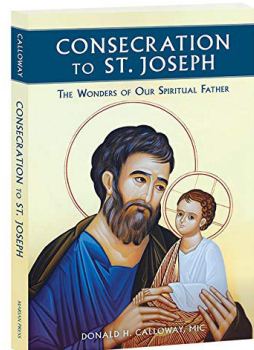


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