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SHOW HIM. EXALT HIM.
MAKE HIM MANIFEST.



FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESK

By Leif Arvidson

This year, the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe celebrates the 10th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Shrine Church! As we reflect more deeply on the apparitions of Our Lady in Mexico City almost 500 years ago, the expression of her main purpose stands out:

“I want very much to have a sacred little house built here for me, in which I will show Him, I will exalt Him and make Him manifest.”

Through a series of miracles, Our Lady inspired the Bishop of Mexico City, Juan de Zumárraga, to build a church. Over the years, untold millions of pilgrims have been led to Christ at this holy site.

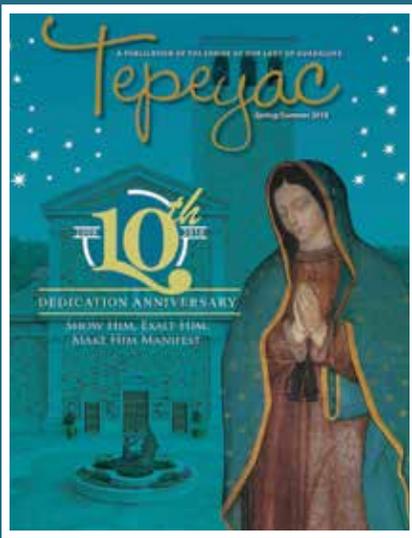
Our Lady's message is not limited by national boundaries. She appeared right in the middle of what Pope Saint John Paul II referred to as the “American Continent” - directly in the center of the convergence of North and South America - and her message was for the entire American Continent, and indeed the entire world. Centuries later, here in the Midwestern Region of the United States, she inspired then-Bishop Raymond Leo Burke to build a sacred little house in her honor, and we have committed ourselves to her mission to show Christ, to exalt Christ and to make Christ manifest.



To show our unity of mission and purpose with the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City, Cardinal Burke invited His Eminence Norberto Rivera Carrera, Archbishop Emeritus of Mexico City and successor of Bishop Juan de Zumárraga, to join us for the celebration of the Shrine's 10th Anniversary. His Eminence graciously accepted the invitation.

You will find information about our 10th Anniversary festivities in this issue of the Tepeyac. Please join us for the celebration in late July or make a pilgrimage anytime during this exciting anniversary year as we continue to work together to show Him, exalt Him, and make Him manifest.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of America and Star of the New Evangelization, Pray for Us!



ON THE COVER: This issue of the Tepeyac Newsletter is a commemorative issue of the 10th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Shrine Church which took place on July 31, 2008. In the foreground is a digital photograph of Our Lady of Guadalupe from Saint Juan Diego's Tilma, which is on display in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City. Prominently featured is the 10th Dedication Anniversary logo. The words “Show Him. Exalt Him. Make Him Manifest” were spoken by Our Lady to Saint Juan Diego to let him know the work that She would accomplish by having the church built on the Hill of Tepeyac. They also express the mission of the Shrine; to lead pilgrims to Christ through Mary. In the background, the beautiful entrance and façade of the Shrine Church can be seen. The statue in the planter shows the moment when Saint Juan Diego unveiled the miraculous Castilian roses to Bishop Juan de Zumárraga, and simultaneously, Our Lady's image appeared on his tilma. The white stars in the sky and the turquoise tint on the cover are the same shape of the gold stars that can be found on Our Lady's mantle and the color of the mantle itself.

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10TH ANNUAL SUMMER ORGAN RECITAL SERIES

By Gregory Marco, Pilgrimage Coordinator

“In the Latin Church the pipe organ is to be held in high esteem, for it is the traditional musical instrument which adds a wonderful splendor to the Church's ceremonies and powerfully lifts up man's mind to God and to higher things.” - (*Sancrosanctum Concilium*, 120.)

Shortly after the Dedication of the Shrine Church in 2008, Dr. Brian Luckner, Director of Sacred Music at Saint Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse, Wis., and the main Shrine organist, has been selecting organists for the

Shrine's Organ Recital Series. The variety of places from which these organists come to the Shrine to share their talents has been impressive. Dr. Luckner has asked not only local organists to participate, but also organists from all over the country and some international organists as well!

The Shrine is pleased to host three organ

recitals that constitute the 2018 Summer Organ Recital Series. All the recitals are at 3:00 PM and are about one hour in duration. A freewill offering is graciously accepted. The organ is a wonderful 54-rank Noack, and the acoustic in the beautiful Shrine Church is superb.

Please join us for the three recitals this summer:

June 10 - David Lim, Director Worship and Music Bethlehem Lutheran Church Bayport, Minnesota

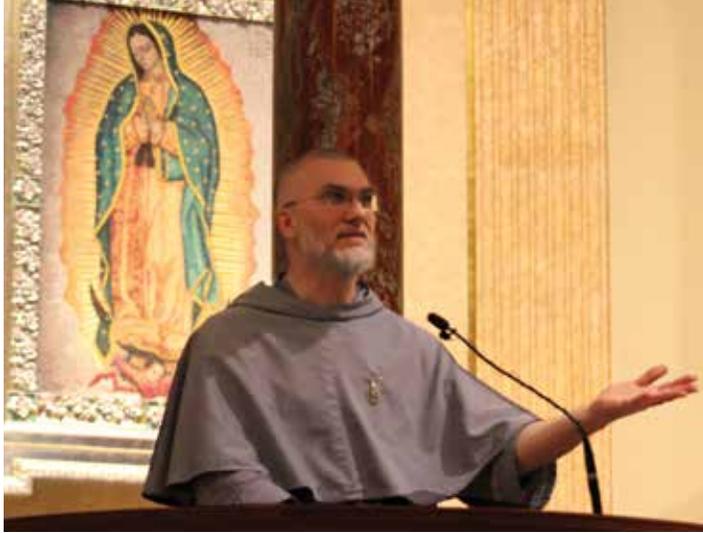
July 22 - Thomas Fielding, Director of Liturgy and Music Saint Augustine Cathedral Kalamazoo, Michigan

August 12 - Kevin J. Vaughn, Director of Music and Organist Gloria Dei Lutheran Church South Bend, Indiana

If for some reason you cannot join us for one of the recitals this year, the organ is played regularly throughout the year at the 1:00 PM Holy Mass every Sunday.

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FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK

By Father Elias Mary Mills, F.I.

Dear Friends of the Shrine,

Ava Maria! This year we are celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Shrine's beautiful Church dedicated to Our Lady of Guadalupe. The anniversary of the dedication of a church is a time for us as Catholics to ponder that we are truly blessed to have churches that are truly temples of the Lord.

Exalt Him. Honor Him. Make Him Manifest.

In the Old Testament the Jews had the temple of Solomon that was to be a symbol of God's dwelling among His people, but was just that: a symbol, a type, but not the reality. With Our Lord's Real Presence in the Blessed Sacrament we can truly say that the Church is the House of God and His dwelling place among men. Also, because the church is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary under her title as Our Lady of Guadalupe, pilgrims are drawn to this church seeking the maternal mediation and blessings of their heavenly mother. Pope St. John Paul II in his book, *Gift and Mystery*, commemorating the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood, wrote: "I was already convinced that *Mary leads us to Christ*, but at that time I began to realize also that *Christ leads us to His Mother*". There are many events planned for this special 10th anniversary which you will read about elsewhere in the newsletter, but I want to point out two special events that illustrate this point of our saintly pontiff.

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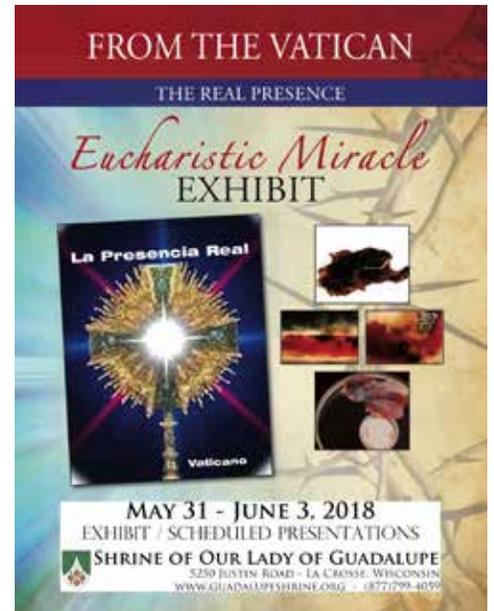
In every apparition of Our Lady, she leads souls to her Son by asking for a church to be built where the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass may be offered up and where her Son's Eucharistic presence can be housed for all to come and adore. Every year the Church calls to mind this great gift of the Blessed Sacra-

ment during the Solemnity of Corpus Christi.

Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit

This year, in preparation for Corpus Christi, which falls on Sunday, June 3rd, we will host a special exhibit on the Eucharistic Miracles throughout the ages. The exhibit will start on Thursday, May 31, which is the actual feast day for most of the Church around the world, and will continue through Sunday, June 3. This exhibit is a great reminder of the truth that Our Lord is truly present, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity, under the appearance of bread and wine. Miracles are one of the ways in which Our Lord helps to bring us to believe in the supernatural realities and the truths of the Faith. The exhibit is a great way to strengthen our Faith, if it is wavering, and prepare us for what is most important, the exercising of this Faith in the act of adoration and worship of Our Lord's Real Presence among us in the various ways that are offered to us in our Catholic Faith. Some of the ways in which Catholics can adore Our Lord are by participating in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, Forty Hours devotion, perpetual adoration, and what has been a tradition since the 13th century, the traditional Corpus Christi procession.

The Feast of Corpus Christi goes back to the 13th century, but it celebrates something far older: the institution of the Blessed Sacrament at the Last Supper. While Holy Thursday is also a celebration of this mystery, the solemn nature of Holy Week, and the focus on Christ's Passion on Good Friday, overshadows that aspect of Holy Thursday. The appearance of Corpus Christi as a feast in the Christian calendar was primarily due to the petitions of the thirteenth-century Augustinian nun Juliana of Liège. From her early youth Juliana had a veneration for the Blessed Sacrament, and always longed for a special feast in its honor. Her desire was increased by a vision she had of the Church under the appearance of the full moon having one dark spot, which signified the absence of such a solemnity. In 1208 she reported her first vision of Christ in which she was instructed to plead for the institution of



the Feast of Corpus Christi. The vision was repeated for the next 20 years but she kept it a secret. Finally she related it to her confessor, who then relayed it to the bishop. Juliana also petitioned the learned Dominican Hugh of St-Cher, Jacques Pantaléon (Archdeacon of Liège who later became Pope Urban IV) and Robert de Thorete, Bishop of Liège. At that time bishops could order feasts in their dioceses, so in 1246 Bishop Robert convened a synod and ordered a celebration of Corpus Christi to be held each year thereafter. From Liège, the celebration began to spread. In 1263 Pope Urban IV investigated claims of a Eucharistic miracle at Bolsena, in which a consecrated host began to bleed. In 1264 he issued the papal bull *Transiturus de hoc mundo* which established the Feast of Corpus Christi as a universal feast of the Church, to be celebrated on the Thursday following Trinity Sunday. This was the very first papally sanctioned universal feast in the history of the Latin Rite. At the request of Pope Urban IV, St. Thomas Aquinas composed the office for the feast. This office is widely considered one of the most beautiful in the

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Thanking God for Ten Years of the Shrine Church

By Raymond Leo Cardinal BURKE

July 31st of this year marks an important milestone for the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe at La Crosse: the 10th anniversary of the solemn sacred rite by which the Shrine Church became the House of God and at the same time the House of Pilgrims. From that moment, in ever-increasing numbers, pilgrims have been drawn by Our Lady of Guadalupe to the Shrine Church, dedicated to Our Savior and Our Lady, His Virgin Mother, in order that they might meet Her Divine Son through prayer and sacrifice and, most of all, through the Sacraments of Penance and the Holy Eucharist. The Church of Our Lady of Guadalupe is, in fact, the point of arrival for pilgrims to Our Lady's Shrine.

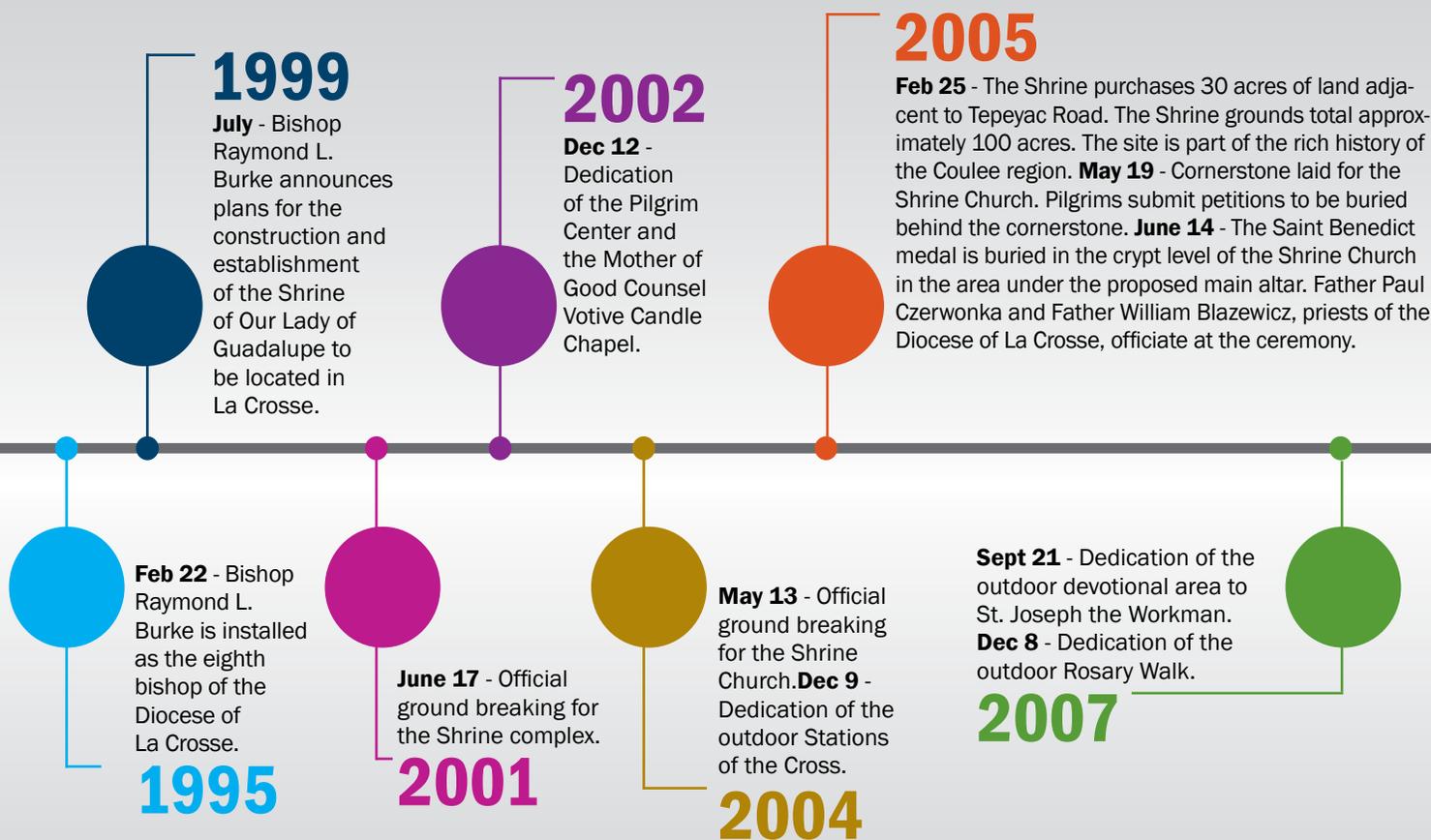
Every part of the Shrine and every activity at the Shrine has, as its goal, the deeper knowledge of God as He has revealed Himself most perfectly to us by sending to us His only-begotten Son in our human flesh. In the words of the Profession of Faith: "For us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man." Even as Our Lady,

from her first apparition to Saint Juan Diego, made clear her purpose: that a chapel be built, in order that she might show the mystery of God's merciful love, present in God the Son Incarnate, to all who would come to her in the chapel, so she continues her extraordinary act of motherly love in the church which is the heart of her Shrine at La Crosse, Wisconsin. In order to understand the mission of the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe at La Crosse, I invite you to read again the homily which I preached on the occasion of the Dedication of the Shrine Church and which is reprinted in this issue of Tepeyac.

In conjunction with the 10th Anniversary, the Queen of the Americas Guild, which has been a faithful and generous partner in the mission of the Shrine, is conducting its annual conference on July 27th to 29th next, the weekend preceding the July 31st Anniversary. The annual conference will be blessed in particular by the participation of His Eminence Norberto Cardinal Rivera Carrera, Archbishop Emeritus of Mexico City, and Monsignor Eduardo Chávez Sánchez, the Master Theologian of the Chapter of Canons of the Basilica of Our Lady in Mexico City, and author of numerous books on Our Lady of Guadalupe. Cardinal Rivera Carrera has faithfully supported the work of the Shrine of Our Lady at La Crosse, from its inception, and Monsignor Chávez is a long-time friend of the Shrine. The annual conference will

be a wonderful occasion to come to know more deeply Our Lady of Guadalupe and to experience her maternal care in leading us to her Divine Son. I express my heartfelt thanks to Mr. Christopher Smoczynski, President of the Board of Directors of the Queen of the Americas Guild, and to Miss Rebecca Nichols, the Secretary and Treasurer of the Board, for their generous willingness to be an important part of the 10th Anniversary.

The Dedication of the Shrine Church, in fact, marked the completion of a long process which had begun more than ten years prior. In the first years of my service as Bishop of La Crosse, I began to write about the importance of devotions in the life of a Christian. In particular, I highlighted the devotion of pilgrimage to a shrine as one of the most ancient and most efficacious means of continuing and deepening our encounter with Christ in the Sacred Liturgy, above all, in the Holy Eucharist, the Sacrament of His Real Presence. I expressed the hope that a shrine to Our Lady, Mother of God and Mother of the Church, could be established in the Diocese of La Crosse for the spiritual good of the faithful of the Diocese and of far beyond. With time, I began to meet with a group of priests and lay faithful who shared with me the conviction about the importance of the establishment of a shrine for pilgrimage and who committed themselves to assisting me in planning for it, both by studying the essential elements of its



structure and by gathering the funds needed to begin to establish and develop it. That work led to the groundbreaking for the Pilgrim Center in 1999.

From the beginning, the goal was to build a church in which the pilgrims would be directly invited by Our Lady of Guadalupe to encounter Christ alive for us in the Church for our eternal salvation. A certain patience was required. First, the Pilgrim Center in which to welcome and offer hospitality to pilgrims had to be built. Then the pathway to the Shrine Church which fittingly stands at a high point on the grounds and is reached after traversing a certain pilgrim path. At the same time, the Mother of Good Counsel Votive Candle Chapel was built, so that prayers could be offered for the many intentions of pilgrims and those united with the great spiritual work of the Shrine, even though they were unable to make a pilgrimage, could be remembered.

Throughout the entire time of the planning and building of the Shrine, from my first public announcement of its establishment, the work has been met with significant opposition and has undergone trials. The opposition and trials have been symbolically represented by foul weather on the occasion of practically all of the first major events in the life of the Shrine. The groundbreaking for the Pilgrim Center had to be cancelled two times because of inclement weather which had made it impossible to have access to the grounds on which the Pilgrim

Center was to be built.

What was most difficult was the incomprehension of the great good of pilgrimage to a shrine on the part of many, including some of the faithful. The project was accused of being a medieval idea which had long ago been surpassed or a work of religious fanatics which would bring harm to the local community. Nevertheless, those who were working with me and I myself were convinced that we were doing God's work and would not let ourselves be hindered by discouraging circumstances.

The day of the Dedication of the Shrine Church was a great confirmation of God's blessing upon the work of the Shrine, a blessing which has manifested itself in so many spiritual favors granted to pilgrims, most of all, the simple and yet most treasured favor of a confirmation and growth in faith through a pilgrimage to the Shrine. Even on the day of the Dedication, the morning threatened rain which would have greatly impaired the sacred rites which began with a procession from the Pilgrim Center to the Shrine Church. I remember going to the chapel in the Bishop's House and begging Our Lord, through Our Lady of Guadalupe's intercession, for clement weather during the Rite of Dedication. Our Lord, in His superabundant mercy granted the favor.

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SCHEDULE OF THE DAY

"VIGIL" - July 30th

5:00 p.m. - Solemn Vespers

"ANNIVERSARY" - July 31st

7:30 - 8:30 a.m. - Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast

11:00 a.m. - Holy Mass, followed by a Reception on the Plaza

3:00 p.m. - Blessing of the Ground for the Retreat Center

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2008

July 30 - Dedication of the devotional area to Saint Kateri Tekakwitha. **July 31** - Dedication of the Shrine Church. Archbishop Raymond L. Burke, Founder of the Shrine, was the main celebrant at the Mass of Dedication. Cardinals Justin Rigali (Philadelphia) and Francis George (Chicago), and over 20 bishops/archbishops and more than 100 priests, joined the hundreds of faithful inside the new church. Over 60 Knights and Ladies of the Holy Sepulchre and more than 25 Knights of Columbus Honor Guard were also present. **Dec 12** - Dedication of the Memorial to the Unborn.

2012

Dec 12 - Dedication of the statue of Blessed John Duns Scotus in the exterior alcove of the Blessed John Duns Scotus Friary.

2015

Dec 12 - Dedication of the Way of the Cross Archway

July 31 - Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke announced that Pope Benedict XVI granted the affiliation of the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse to the Papal Basilica of Saint Mary Major in Rome. With this affiliation, pilgrims visiting the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe have the opportunity to gain plenary indulgences, under the usual conditions. **Sept 23** - The Marian Catechist Apostolate officially establishes its international headquarters at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

2011

Dec 12 - Dedication of the statue of the Guardian Angel in the Memorial to the Unborn

2014

July 31 - 10th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Shrine Church

2018



HOMILY - ARCHBISHOP RAYMOND L. BURKE MASS OF DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH AND ALTAR OF SACRIFICE

Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, La Crosse, Wisconsin

JULY 31, 2008

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 • Ps 19:8-9, 10, 15 • 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17 • 2 Chr 7:16 • Mt 16:13-19

Praised be Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

1. When the Mother of God appeared to Saint Juan Diego, for the first time, on December 9, 1531, she spoke, most lovingly and directly, about the purpose of her apparition. She expressed her firm desire that a chapel be built, in which she might manifest the mercy and love of God to her children of America (cf. Nican Mopohua, nos. 26-32). She made it clear that, for the fulfillment of her desire, Juan Diego, a Native American whom she addressed as her dearest son, was to be her messenger to Bishop Juan de Zumárraga (Nican Mopohua, nos. 33-37).

2. The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared with child, with God the Son Incarnate in her womb, on what was, at that time and in that place, the feast of her Immaculate Conception. She appeared as the “woman clothed with the sun,” described in the Book of Revelation, who would bring forth from her womb “a male child, one who is to rule all the nations” (cf. Rv 12:5). Every detail of her vesture and of the setting pointed to the great mystery of the Redemptive Incarnation, of the Coming of the Second Person of the Holy Trinity in our human nature to save us from everlasting death and to win our hearts for God the Father, forever (cf. Pope Benedict XVI, Encyclical Letter *Deus caritas est*, “On Christian Love,” 25 December 2005, no. 17).

3. The Mother of God desired that a chapel be built, to which she would invite her children

to come on pilgrimage, in order that she might show them anew the living presence of God the Son with them in His holy Church, accompanying them along the way of their life pilgrimage. At her fourth and final apparition to Saint Juan Diego, on December 12, 1531, our Lord granted that her image remain with us, in a miraculous way, on the tilma of Juan Diego. Her image, not made by a human hand, was to be enthroned in her chapel, so that she might continue to appear to her children and to speak to them her message of divine mercy and love. Through her miraculous image, Our Lady of Guadalupe leads her children to know and live the truth that God the Son took a human heart under her Immaculate Heart, in order that He might offer Himself in a pure, selfless and total sacrifice to obtain, for them, the forgiveness of sins and a share in His inheritance of eternal life.

4. Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of God and Mother of America, leads her children to the Church, built upon the “rock” of Saint Peter’s profession of faith in her Son, the only-begotten Son of God: “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God” (Gospel). She draws us to the great mystery of God’s love of us in His only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in which mystery she, from the moment of her Immaculate Conception, has been the first and best co-worker. She teaches us the truth that, in Jesus Christ alone, we find our salvation; the truth that Jesus Christ, by His living presence in the Church, gives, to Saint Peter and his successors, “the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven,” for the sake of the salvation of all mankind, without boundary or

exception (Gospel).

5. By her apparitions to Saint Juan Diego, the Mother of God showed herself to be the first and best among us who are the members of her Son’s Mystical Body, the Church. She spoke and acted as the perfect woman of the Church, insisting that her desire of a chapel, of a place of pilgrimage, could only be accomplished with the blessing and at the direction of the Bishop, a true successor of the Apostles. Her apparitions and her message underlined for her children the truth that our Bishops and their priests are, in the words of Saint Juan Diego, “the images of our Lord,” through their teaching, sanctifying and governing mission, carried out in His person as our Head and Shepherd (cf. Nican Mopohua, no. 24).

6A. Inviting her sons and daughters to come on pilgrimage to her chapel, Our Lady of Guadalupe uncovers for them the extraordinary truth about their ordinary daily living, namely, that they are called to live in Christ, that Christ thirsts for their love, in order that they might belong totally to Him and in Him find joy and peace during the days of their earthly pilgrimage and the fullness of joy and peace at the end of their pilgrimage in “the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem” (Heb 12:22). Welcoming her children to her chapel, the temple of her Son, even as her womb was His temple, she teaches them that their daily living has its secure foundation in Jesus Christ, that they, too, are indeed temples of God, temples in which her Divine Son has chosen to dwell through the outpouring of His Holy Spirit (Reading II). Returning to their homes, her pilgrims will be filled with new enthusiasm and new energy to live in Christ more perfectly, in their homes, their parishes, their neighborhoods and local communities, and in the wide community of our world.

6B. Invitando a sus hijos e hijas a que vengan en peregrinación a su capilla, Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe revela para ellos la extraordinaria verdad sobre su vida diaria ordinaria, específicamente, que tienen un llamado para vivir en Cristo, que Cristo tiene sed de su amor, para que puedan ser de Él totalmente y en Él encontrar alegría y paz durante sus días de peregrinación aquí en la tierra y la plenitud de esa alegría y paz al final de su peregrinación en “la ciudad del Dios vivo, la Jerusalén celestial” (Heb 12:22). Acogiendo a sus hijos en su capilla, el templo de su Hijo, así como su matriz fue templo, ella les enseña que su vida diaria tiene cimientos sólidos en Jesucristo, que de hecho ellos también son templos de Dios, templos en los cuales su divino Hijo decidió morar por el derramamiento de Su Espíritu Santo (Segunda Lectura). Regresando a sus hogares, sus peregrinos estarán llenos de nuevo entusiasmo y de nueva energía para vivir más perfectamente en Cristo, dentro de sus hogares, parroquias, vecindades y comunidades locales, y en la vasta comunidad de nuestro mundo.

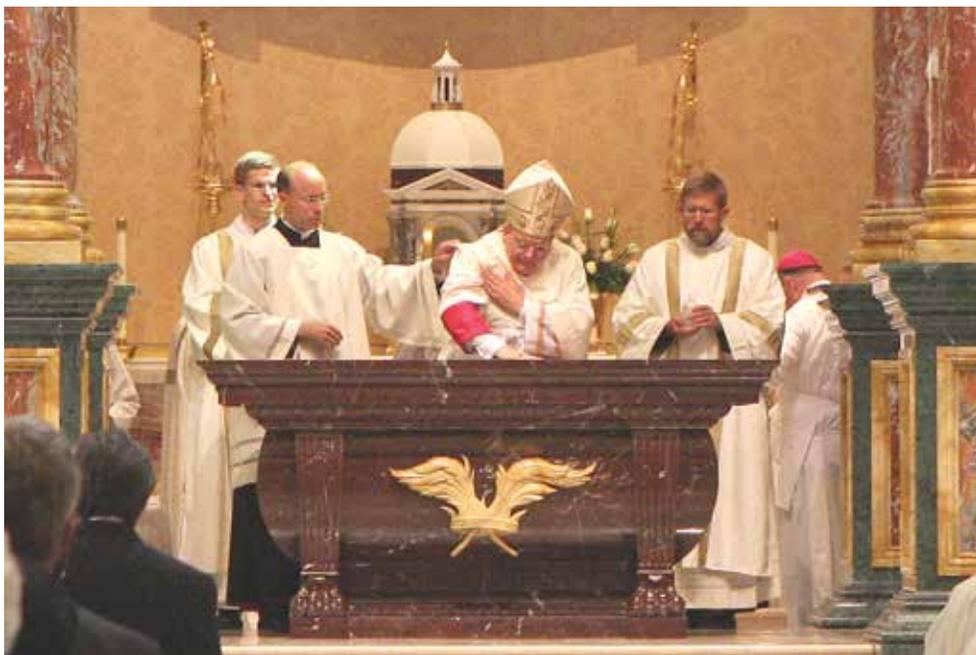
7. Our Lady of Guadalupe, drawing us to herself, takes us, with maternal tenderness and directness, to her Divine Son, above all, in the Sacraments of the Holy Eucharist and Penance, with the instruction which she gave to the wine stewards at the Wedding Feast at Cana: "Do whatever He tells you" (Jn 2:5). The words of her dialogue with her Son and Lord, and of her instruction to the wine stewards at the Wedding Feast at Cana are fittingly inscribed in the dome of this church which we will now dedicate to His and to her honor. They are, in short, the program of our life pilgrimage, which we discover anew on pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

8. Our Lady of Guadalupe's message of divine mercy and love is verified for us, today, in the ancient and most solemn rite of the Dedication of a Church and Altar of Sacrifice. God dwells with us, in a pre-eminent way, in our churches and chapels which are set apart by the Prayer of Consecration and the Anointing of the Altar of Sacrifice and of the Walls with the Sacred Chrism.

9. The offering of the Sacrifice of the Mass on the newly-consecrated altar brings to fullness the Rite of Dedication. Through His Eucharistic Sacrifice, God the Son will dwell with us, here, in the most wonderful way of all, in His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity, offered and poured out for us on Calvary, the oblation which He makes ever present for us in the Holy Mass. The crucifix is suspended directly above the altar of sacrifice to remind us of the great mystery which takes place before our eyes, at every offering of the Holy Mass. Rightly the altar of sacrifice is the visual point of focus and the spiritual point of arrival in every church and chapel. In the same way, every pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe finds its fulfillment in the most sublime encounter with Christ, our Savior, in the Holy Eucharist. Without the altar of sacrifice, without the offering of the Holy Mass, without the reposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle, there is no chapel in which Our Lady of Guadalupe can fully manifest to our minds and hearts the mystery of God's mercy and love in our lives.

10. Our Lord Jesus will remain with us in this holy place, for the Sacred Hosts consecrated at the altar of sacrifice will be reposed in the tabernacle after Holy Communion. The tabernacle is placed in direct relation to the altar of sacrifice, so that, upon entering the church, our eyes are directed, at once, to the altar and to the tabernacle. Our Lady of Guadalupe, in her most beautiful representation, stands in the background, drawing us to herself, so that she may take us to her Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in the Eucharistic Sacrifice and in adoration of His Real Presence in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

11. Our Lady, drawing us to her Son in the Holy Eucharist, also leads us to meet Him in the Sacrament of Penance, in order that our hearts may be purified of anything, even the



smallest thing, which may keep us from resting totally in the glorious pierced Heart of her Divine Son. Integral to her invitation to come on pilgrimage to her chapel is her leading us to meet Christ in the Sacrament of Penance for the confession and forgiveness of our sins. Here, at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, at any hour, pilgrims, repentant of their sins, will be able to meet Christ in the Sacrament of Confession.

12. The altar of sacrifice represents for us the deepest meaning of our lives, the truth which we seek and find on pilgrimage. Because we are united with our Lord Jesus Christ in the Eucharistic Sacrifice, accomplished on the altar, we, in turn, become altars of sacrifice with Him, offering our lives totally in love of God and our neighbor. United in heart and, indeed, in our whole being, to the Sacred Heart of our Lord Jesus Christ, we are called to offer our lives as a pure and holy sacrifice. Our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, has reminded us that every aspect of our lives is transformed by the Holy Eucharist, by the union of our hearts with the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus. In his Post-synodal Apostolic Exhortation "On the Holy Eucharist as the Source and Summit of the Church's Life and Mission," he instructed us with these striking words:

Worship pleasing to God thus becomes a new way of living our whole life, each particular moment of which is lifted up, since it is lived as part of a relationship with Christ and as an offering to God (Pope Benedict XVI, Post-synodal Apostolic Exhortation *Sacramentum caritatis*, "On the Eucharist as the Source and Summit of the Church's Life and Mission," 22 February 2007, no. 71).

It is indeed our identification of self with the altar, which calls forth daily the very best we have to offer, which enables us to go beyond our sinful tendencies, in order to become a sincere gift of love to God and to

our neighbor. It comes as no surprise that one of the principal fruits of a sacred pilgrimage is a deeper and more generous engagement in love of our neighbor, especially of our brothers and sisters who are in most need.

13. Our communion with Christ here is, at one and the same time, communion with all of our brothers and sisters. The beauty of this church lifts up our minds and hearts to Christ Who shares with us the gift of Divine Love, without boundary or exception; to Christ Who is all beautiful because He is all-loving. The beauty of this church inspires us to the even greater beauty of a holy life, lived in Christ. Just as Christ dwelt in the womb of the Virgin Mary, so He will dwell here, in order that He may dwell in each of us, through the outpouring of His Holy Spirit.

14. The apparitions of Our Lady of Guadalupe and her message brought the Native Americans and Europeans, dwelling in Mexico at the time, to Christ and, through their life in Christ, to a remarkable communion with one another. They, who were on the brink of a most bloody conflict, destined to end in the violent death of countless brothers and sisters, formed, under the maternal care and through the maternal intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, one people who addresses Our Lady by the affectionate name, La Morenita, referring to the color of her skin, which is, at once, true to her Palestinian origin and to the mestiza face of the one people of Mexico.

15. At the same time, through the conversion of literally millions of Native Americans, Our Lady of Guadalupe helped to bring an end to the diabolical practice of human sacrifice, which, at the time, was most violently destroying the lives of tens of thousands of our Native American brothers and sisters.

Rightly, Our Lady of Guadalupe is called the Star of the First Evangelization of America, Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe 7



for she led her children of America, Native American and European, to the teaching and living of faith in Jesus Christ Who unites every brother and sister in respect for the inviolable dignity of human life, created in the divine image and likeness, and redeemed by His Suffering and Dying on the Cross.

16. In our time, Our Lady of Guadalupe continues to exercise her maternal care and to make unceasing intercession for the restoration of the respect for all human life, especially the lives of our innocent and defenseless brothers and sisters, and of our brothers and sisters who carry a heavy burden of suffering because of special needs, serious illness or advanced years. In our time and in our nation, millions of infants in the womb have been destroyed through the legalized practice of procured abortion, and the lives of our weak and vulnerable brothers and sisters are increasingly under threat and attack. The culture of death surrounds us and threatens to overwhelm us, but Our Lady of Guadalupe leads us to Christ Who reveals to us, by His own Conception in her Immaculate Womb and by His Birth, and by His Suffering and Dying, the inviolable dignity of every human life, from the moment of its inception to the moment of natural death. In our doubt and fear that we can do all that God asks of us to overcome the culture of death and to foster a civilization of divine life and love, Our Lady of Guadalupe assures us of her care and intercession. She speaks to us the words which she first spoke to Saint Juan Diego:

Am I not here, I who am your mother? Are you not under my shadow and watch? Am I not the source of your joy? Are you not in the fold of my mantle, in the crossing of my arms? (Nican Mopohua, nos. 118-119).

Leaving Our Lady's church to return home, the pilgrim will read these words and be inspired to call upon the unfailing protection and intercession of the Mother of God in doing all that her Divine Son tells us, especially in giving witness to the Gospel of Life.

17A. Mother of America, Our Lady of Guadalupe draws the many and diverse peoples of South and Central and North America into one people, her sons and daughters for whom her Divine Son poured

out His life on Calvary and for whom He never ceases to pour out His life in the Church. The Servant of God Pope John Paul II, with the Bishops of the entire American continent in the Special Assembly of the Synod of Bishops for America, held from November 16th to December 12th, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, in 1997, invoked Our Lady of Guadalupe as Star of the New Evangelization. The Servant of God expressed his hope for our continent in these words:

It is my heartfelt hope that she, whose intercession was responsible for strengthening the faith of the first disciples (cf. Jn 2:11), will by her maternal intercession guide the Church in America, obtaining the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, as she once did for the early Church (cf. Acts 1:14), so that the new evangelization may yield a splendid flowering of Christian life (Pope John Paul II, Post-synodal Apostolic Exhortation *Ecclesia in America*, "On the Encounter with the Living Jesus Christ: The Way to Conversion, Communion, and Solidarity in America," 22 January 1999, no. 11).

May Mary Immaculate, our Mother and Star, lead us to Christ Who will overcome in us anything which divides us as brothers and sisters of America. May the grace of Christ, coming to us through Our Lady of Guadalupe, overcome in us every form of national or racial prejudice and hatred, and lead the diverse peoples of the one continent of America to the unity which her Divine Son alone creates in human hearts.

7B. Como Madre de América, Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe atrae a muchas y diversas personas de Sur, Centro y Norteamérica y los convierte en sus hijos e hijas por quienes su divino Hijo vertió su vida en el Calvario y para quienes Él nunca cesa de dar su vida en la Iglesia. El Siervo de Dios Papa Juan Pablo II, con los Obispos de todo el continente americano en la asamblea especial del Sínodo de Obispos para América, que se llevo a cabo desde el 16 de noviembre al 12 de diciembre, la Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, en 1997, invocó a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe como la Estrella de la Nueva Evangelización. El Siervo de Dios expresó su esperanza para nuestro continente con estas palabras:

Abrigo en mi corazón la firme esperanza

de que ella, a cuya intercession se debe el fortalecimiento de la fe de los primeros discípulos (cf. Jn 2:11), guíe con su intercesión maternal a la Iglesia en este Continente, alcanzándole la efusión del Espíritu Santo como en la Iglesia naciente (cf. Hch 1:14), para que la nueva evangelización produzca un espléndido florecimiento de vida cristiana (Papa Juan Pablo II, Exhortación Apostólica Postsinodal *Ecclesia in America*, "Sobre el Encuentro con Jesucristo Vivo, Camino para la Conversión, la Comunión y la Solidaridad en América," 22 de enero de 1999, no. 11).

Que María Inmaculada, nuestra Madre y Estrella, nos guíe hacia Cristo que transformará en nuestros corazones todo aquello que nos impida ser hermanos y hermanas en América. Que la gracia de Cristo, que nos llega a través de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, elimine en nosotros toda forma de odio y prejuicio racial o nacional y que guíe los diversos pueblos de este continente de América a la unidad que solo el Divino Hijo de María puede crear en los corazones humanos.

18. The placing of the relics of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin, and Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro, Priest and Martyr, into the altar of sacrifice reminds us that our life in Christ is lived in communion with all the saints who are both our inspiration and our intercessors for the many graces which we need to remain faithful pilgrims on the way to our heavenly homeland. The placing of the relics reminds us that, at every offering of the Eucharistic Sacrifice, the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God; Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha and Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro; and all the saints join us in the worship of God through the offering of our lives in pure and selfless love.

19. Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, like her older Native American brother, Saint Juan Diego, was led to an ever deeper union with Christ through her devotion to the Mother of God, above all, through her praying of the Rosary. Her oneness of heart with the Immaculate Heart of Mary inspired her to offer her virginity to Christ in faithful and enduring spousal love, a love nurtured by frequent reception of Holy Communion and of daily and prolonged prayer before the tabernacle. When her life in Christ reached its fullness in death, she peacefully handed over her life to her Divine Bridegroom with the words: "Jesus, I love Thee" (cf. Katharine Tekakwitha: *The Lily of the Mohawks* [The Position of the Historical Section of the Sacred Congregation of Rites on the Introduction of the Cause for Beatification and Canonization and on the Virtues of the Servant of God], New York: Fordham University Press, 1940, p. 34-35, 44-47, and 53).

20. Through his father's impassioned plea for the help of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the infant Miguel Agustín Pro was delivered from a chronic illness which threatened to snuff out his life. Throughout his life, so heavily burdened with chronic physical illness and, most of all, by the violent persecution of the Church in his



beloved homeland of Mexico, Blessed Miguel Pro unfailingly invoked the intercession of the Virgin of Guadalupe. After his martyr's death, a visit to the prison cell in which his brother and he had awaited execution revealed two prayers which they had inscribed on the wall: ¡Viva Cristo Rey! Long live Christ the King!, and ¡Viva la Virgen de Guadalupe! Long live the Virgin of Guadalupe! (cf. Ann Ball, *Blessed Miguel Pro: 20th-Century Mexican Martyr*, Rockford, Illinois: Tan Books and Publishers, Inc., 1996, pp. 2-3, and 75-76). In a most extraordinary way, Blessed Miguel Pro teaches us to keep our life in Christ pure and strong, invoking the intercession of the Mother of God and following her example.

21. I conclude by returning to the beginning of our celebration. We began the Rite of Dedication by purifying ourselves, the church building and altar of sacrifice with Holy Water, and by listening to the Word of God, proclaimed for our instruction. The sequence of the Rite reminds us that there is something which must go before the union of our hearts with the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus. It is the opening of our minds through the confession of our sins and instruction in the Word of God, handed down to us faithfully in the Church. Like God's holy people, at the time of the restoration of Jerusalem after the Babylonian Captivity, the hearing of God's Word, proclaimed for us in the sacred assembly, fills our minds and hearts with sorrow for our sins and with the humble wonder at God's immense love of us, which leads to true worship, to the encounter with God Who dwells with us, as we confidently and joyfully exclaim: "Amen, amen!" (Reading I).

22. Saint Juan Diego was on his way to receive instruction from the Franciscan Friars, when Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared to him at Tepeyac Hill. Over the course of five apparitions, Our Lady instructed Saint Juan Diego and his uncle, Juan Bernardino, regarding the truth of the Redemptive

Incarnation. Through her apparitions, she was the vehicle for the instruction of millions of Native Americans who received the gift of faith and Baptism. Juan Diego dedicated the seventeen years of his life, which remained after Our Lady's apparitions, to giving catechesis to the pilgrims who came to venerate her miraculous image.

23. How sorely needed is the same instruction in our time and place, in our culture which has either forgotten or has never known the Gospel of God's mercy and love! How much our society, especially our young people, are hungering to know Christ in all of the richness of His life with us in the Church! Essential to the invitation of Our Lady of Guadalupe to come to her on pilgrimage is the evangelization and catechesis of which she is the Star. As we rejoice, today, to dedicate the Church, the heart of Our Lady's Shrine, let us devote ourselves to making the sacrifices necessary for the development of the Marian Catechist Center and Retreat House, which, in a certain sense, we may call the head of Our Lady's Shrine.

24. At the very beginning of the development of this shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Servant of God Father John Anthony Hardon of the Society of Jesus, master catechist and founder of the Marian Catechist Apostolate, visited and blessed the site upon which this church has been erected. He understood so deeply the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe, a teaching which leads to the encounter with Christ alive in the Church, above all, in the Holy Eucharist. The Servant of God chose Mary Immaculate, under her title of Our Lady of Guadalupe, to be the patron of his apostolate for the spiritual and doctrinal formation of catechists, and he wanted pilgrimage to this shrine to be the point of reference and the compass of direction for the Marian Catechists who are consecrated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus through the Immaculate Heart of Mary. It is hoped that, one day soon, the Archive and

Guild of the Servant of God will have its home at the home of Our Lady of Guadalupe, in the Marian Catechetical Center. May the Servant of God unfailingly intercede for the essentially catechetical mission of this shrine.

25A. As we now dedicate the Church of the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe and its altar of sacrifice, let us recognize the great mystery of the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ in our midst, offering Himself to God the Father for our eternal salvation. At the invitation of Our Lady and one with her Immaculate Heart, let us recognize our Lord Jesus Christ in our midst and let us lift up our hearts to His glorious pierced Heart. May our hearts, one with His Most Sacred Heart, become ever more a fountain of the "living water" of divine love for all our brothers and sisters (cf. Jn 7:38; and Pope Benedict XVI, Encyclical Letter *Deus caritas est*, no. 42).

25B. Al dedicar ahora la Iglesia Santuario de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe y su altar del sacrificio, reconocamos el gran misterio de la presencia entre nosotros de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, ofreciéndose a Dios Padre por nuestra eterna salvación. Respondiendo a la invitación de Nuestra Señora y en union con su Inmaculado Corazón, reconocamos a Nuestro Señor Jesucristo entre nosotros y levantemos nuestros corazones a su glorioso Corazón traspasado.

Que nuestros corazones, unidos a su Sacratísimo Corazón, lleguen a ser cada día más una fuente del "agua viva" de amor divino para todos nuestros hermanos y hermanas (cf. Jn 7:38; y Papa Benedicto XVI, Carta Encíclica *Deus caritas est*, no. 42).

Our Lady of Guadalupe,
Mother of America and Star
of the New Evangelization,
pray for us.

Saint Juan Diego, pray for us.
Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, pray for us.
Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro, pray for us.

traditional Roman Breviary, and it is the source of the famous Eucharistic hymns “Pange Lingua Gloriosi” and “Tantum Ergo Sacramentum.”

Come let us adore Him. You are invited to participate in the Shrine’s Corpus Christi Procession which will begin following the 1:00pm Mass on Sunday, June 3, 2018. For more details about the Corpus Christi Procession, go to: guadalupeshrine.org/corpus-christi-procession

Christ leads us to Mary.

This insight of Pope St. John Paul II is clearly illustrated by Our Lord Himself while hanging from the cross on that first Good Friday, He looked at His Mother standing below and said, “Woman, behold your son,” and to the disciple whom He loved, “Son, behold your Mother.” Our Lord in our day continues to say to His disciples whom He loves, “Behold your Mother” through the different devotions and events that are offered here at the Shrine.

Marian Symposium. This year, in particular, I am happy to announce a Marian Symposium dedicated to the further understanding of Our Lady’s role in the work of redemption, entitled, “Mary Corede-matrix: Relevance and Remedy for Our Time.” The symposium will take place on Friday, October 12 to Saturday, October 13th, and is sponsored by the Shrine in conjunction with Dr. Mark Miravalle and the International Marian Association. The symposium will feature such speakers as Dr. Mark Miravalle on “Mary Corede-matrix: Relevance and Remedy for Our Time”; Dr. Carrie Gress, authoress of “The Marian Option,” on “Mary Corede-matrix: Key to the Marian Option”;



Gabriel Castillo on “Mary Corede-matrix and the New Evangelization”; and, other noted priests and laity in the field of Mariology who will sing the praises of Our Lady and her role as Corede-matrix. Details will be posted on: guadalupeshrine.org/events/marian-symposium.

It is so important that we highlight, both theologically and pastorally, once again this most important Marian doctrine of the Church and its relevance and the remedy for what is happening in our times both in the world and in the Church.

We hope you will join us for these very important events - Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit, Corpus Christi Procession, Marian Symposium - during this special 10th anniversary year. Ave Maria!

OTHER SUMMER EVENTS

By Steve Doll, Pilgrimage Outreach Coordinator

FILIPINO FAMILY DAY OF PILGRIMAGE

On **Saturday, June 23, 2018**, the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be hosting a Filipino Family Day of Pilgrimage.

The day will consist of the Sacraments of Confession and Holy Mass, a Procession, Church Tour, Meet and Greet, and Filipino Customs.

Those interested in participating, please contact: **Steve Doll, 608- 782-5440, Ext 240, sdoll@guadalupeshrine.org.**

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE: MOTHER OF THE CIVILIZATION OF LOVE

Friday, July 27th, 2018 - Saturday, July 28th, 2018 at 12:00 PM

The 13th Annual Queen of the Americas Guild Conference will be held on July 27 and 28, 2018. In addition to the keynote address by His Eminence Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke, others confirmed on the panel of presenters include: His Eminence Norberto Cardinal Rivera Carrera; Most Rev. Arturo Cepeda; Msgr. Eduardo Chavez and Marty Rotella.

On Sunday, July 29, Msgr. Eduardo Chavez will give a presentation in Spanish, followed by a Holy Mass in Spanish with Cardinal Carrera.

For more information visit: queenoftheamericsguild.org/event/2018-la-crosse-conference/

2018 MIDWEST HOMESCHOOL KICKOFF

The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe invites all homeschool families to participate in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on **Saturday, August 25, 2018, at 11:00am**. The schedule includes Holy Mass and Confession, Homeschool Blessings, Lunch and Games. The local Troops of St. George will be selling hot food to raise funds for the Troop activities! For more information visit: www.guadalupeshrine.org/midwest-homeschool-kickoff.





Meet our Finance Team!

Joan Bluske, Finance Director

After raising her family, Joan went back to school and graduated from UW - La Crosse with a bachelor degree in Accounting and then went on to earn her CPA certification. Her prior work experience includes Accounting Manager at Kaplan Professional, Financial Analyst at Trane Company, and Cost Accountant at Isola Laminate Systems.

A lifelong resident of Wisconsin with roots based in the central Wisconsin area of Marathon, Joan currently resides in Onalaska with her husband, Dean. They have three grown children - Jennifer, Tony, and Ryan. They also enjoy spending time with their two grandchildren, Evan and Anna.

Joan is a CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) volunteer, helping kids in the family court system to have a voice by spending time with them and reporting observations to the court. In her spare time Joan enjoys hiking, kayaking, and spending time at their cabin on Lake Petenwell in Central Wisconsin.

Accepting the Finance Director position in October 2017, Joan is extremely grateful to be working for the Shrine. "Not only is it a beautiful setting to come to work every day, but also it is spiritually inspirational."

Caleb Thatcher, Associate Accountant

Caleb started working at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in July 2017 as an Associate Accountant. He grew up just north of La Crosse in the small town of Galesville. In 2015 Caleb graduated from the University of Minnesota-Duluth with a Bachelor's degree in Accounting. For two years he worked in a public accounting firm in La Crosse and earned his Certified Public Accountant

license in February of 2017.

While at UMD, Caleb was a student missionary through FOCUS. Now he teaches religious education at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Holmen.

Caleb, along with his wife, Brianna, and newborn daughter, Addalyn, live in Holmen. Caleb is looking forward to his first full summer at the Shrine.

Conner Mattern, Associate Accountant

Originally from Aberdeen, South Dakota, born and raised, Conner attended Catholic School from grades K-12, while being very active in a youth group at his parish during junior high and high school. He attended Northern State University for Accounting, where he was very active at the Newman Center including leading Bible studies, being on the student leadership board, and growing in his personal faith journey.

After graduating from Northern State University in 2015, he became a missionary with FOCUS on the campus of Winona State University in Winona, Minnesota.

After answering God's call of service, he accepted a position at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in September of 2017. Conner is a fun loving guy who enjoys working on computers and getting outside to hammock whenever he can.

Rebecca Korish, Data Entry Specialist

Rebecca was born into a large family and was baptized at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman in La Crosse, WI. When she was six years old, she, her parents and siblings who still lived at home, moved from Holmen, WI to a small farm out towards Cashton, WI. Rebecca likes living out in

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that everything about the Shrine must be as beautiful and enduring as possible, in order not to distract, in any way, the attention of the pilgrims from the contemplation of the source of all beauty and permanence: God Our Father. The Shrine Church, above all, had to be constructed of the most beautiful and enduring materials possible. It also had to follow in the long tradition of Sacred Architecture. Through the generosity of countless benefactors who, with both large and small gifts, all given with sacrifice and with deep faith, and with the help of the most competent of sacred architects and artists, the beautiful Shrine Church was brought to completion.

The celebration of the many blessings which God has granted over the past 10 years to the faithful who have come to pray, sacrifice and worship in the Shrine Church, dedicated on July 31, 2008, requires us to look to the future, to what God, through the Virgin Mother of His Divine Son, is yet asking us to do at Our Lady's Shrine. There remain two integral parts of the mission of the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe at La Crosse, the Father John A. Hardon Marian Catechist Center and Retreat House, and the monastery of contemplative nuns, which are yet to be realized. Connected with the building of the Marian Catechist Center and Retreat House is the completion of the crypt of the Shrine Church as a place of devotion. For the present, it is necessarily used as a place of meeting and hospitality. Over the past two years, the Shrine has been conducting a capital campaign, Answering Mary's Call, to carry forward the vision of the Shrine. In your gratitude to God for the 10th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Shrine Church, I ask you to join us in the Answering Mary's Call.

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the country and enjoys playing piano, gardening, and spending some time outside.

Rebecca's employment at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe started in the Culina Mariana Café; then, in June of last year, she responded to an opening in Data Entry.

Rebecca is thankful for this beautiful Marian Shrine dedicated to Our Lady of Guadalupe, and for the great gift to be able to attend Mass, go to Confession, and spend time in the Church with Our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament.



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Thanking God, I also thank all, both living and deceased, who have made possible the achievement of so important a milestone: the pilgrims and benefactors, the Board of Directors and the Trustees of the Endowment Trust, the faithful staff of the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe and the volunteers who assist them, and all who, in any way, through prayer and sacrifice, have helped to establish and carry forward the great spiritual work of the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe at La Crosse. In a particular way, I thank His Grace Archbishop Alexander K. Sample and Mr. John Hansen, Members, with me, of the Shrine Corporation, who assist me in safeguarding and promoting the integrity of the Shrine's mission and operation. God willing, I will be able to offer the Pontifical Mass on the Anniversary of the Dedication of the Church. The intention of the Holy Mass will be: God's blessing on the Shrine and upon all who have made and are making possible its work.

I hope to see during the celebrations for the 10th Anniversary, especially on the occasion of the Pontifical Mass on July 31st next. May God bless you and your homes, and may Our Lady of Guadalupe and Saint Juan Diego always intercede for your intentions.



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- 31 - 3 - Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit
- 3 - Corpus Christi Procession
- 10 - Organ Recital
- 17 - Father's Day – Mass & Brunch
- 23 - Filipino Family Pilgrimage Day

JULY

- 13-15 - Marian Catechist Consecration Weekend
- 22 - Organ Recital
- 27-28 - Queen of the Americas Guild
- 31 - Dedication Anniversary of the Shrine Church

AUGUST

- 5 - Patronal Feast Day of the Papal Basilica of Saint Mary Major
- 7-8 - Speculum Iustitiae Conference for Canon & Civil Lawyers
- 12 - Organ Recital
- 25 - Midwest Homeschool Kickoff Mass

SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- 8 - Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Diocese of La Crosse Hispanic Pilgrimage Day
- 28-30 - Oktoberfest Buffet

OCTOBER

- 12-13 - Marian Symposium

DEVOTIONS/RELIC VENERATIONS

- Rosary** – Mon. thru Sat., 3:30 pm
- Divine Mercy Chaplet** – Thurs., 3:00 pm
- Stations of the Cross** – Fri., 2:45 pm
- First Saturdays** – Organized devotions are held most months (July and August devotions are to be fulfilled privately)



RELIC VENERATIONS CALENDAR

www.guadalupe Shrine.org/pray/relic-venerations

SHRINE CLOSED

- Thanksgiving Day**
- Christmas Day**
- New Year's Day**
- Good Friday / Holy Saturday**

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