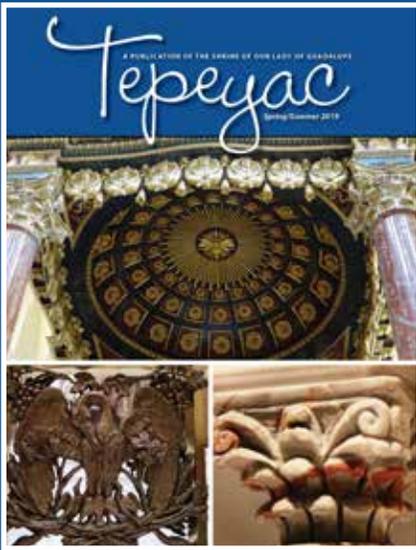


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ON THE COVER: The cover of this issue of Tepeyac features the tops of the columns and the canopy of the baldachino, one of the two pelicans with chicks from the communion rail gate, and the top of a column from the tabernacle, all located in the Shrine Church. The main focus of this issue is the symbolism contained within the Shrine Church, thus the selection of these three items. The pelican is an ancient symbol representing Christ and His sacrifice. The action of feeding the chicks blood when the mother pelican cannot locate food for its young symbolizes the reception of Holy Communion. Underneath the canopy of the baldachino, in the center a dove can be seen representing the Holy Spirit. Seven seraphim line the outside edges of the canopy on all sides, similar to the baldachino at St. Mary Major in Rome.

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A WORD FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In this issue of the Tepeyac, you will hear of numerous activities taking place and graces received in the Shrine Church. You will read about a California pilgrim's experience of a Pontifical Mass with Cardinal Burke. You will hear of a talk by Joe Scheidler, "the Godfather of Pro-Life activism," in the church crypt. An explanation of signs and symbols that pilgrims find in the church will be provided. Future events taking place in the church will be highlighted – this year's Queen of the America's Guild Conference, Marian Symposium, Homeschool Kickoff event and organ recitals. And the story of a special grace received by a pilgrim will be recounted. The Shrine Church is the center of all of these activities and blessings. This again highlights the intention of Our Lady when she asked for a church to be built long ago:

"I want very much to have a sacred little house built here for me," she said, and "I will show Him, I will exalt Him and make Him manifest." May all of our activities at this Shrine dedicated to Our Lady of Guadalupe, and every blessing received, lead to the exaltation of Christ, Our Lord.

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

Mr. Leif E. Arvidson, Executive Director

FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK MARY COREDEMPTRIX: WHY THE DOGMA?

By Father Elias Mary Mills, FI

The International Marian Association in conjunction with the Franciscans of the Immaculate and the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be hosting the second annual Marian Symposium from Friday, October 11th to Saturday, October 12th.

The theme for this year's symposium will be "Mary Coredeptrix: Why the Dogma?" This theme is inspired by the late Father Peter Damian Fehlner, FI, the first rector of the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, who believed that the proclamation of the doctrine of Our Lady's Universal Coredeemption and Mediation of All Grace as a dogma of the Faith was of paramount importance in fulfilling God's plan of salvation and establishing the absolute primacy of Christ over all creation. St. Paul writes:

"And as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all shall be made alive. But everyone in his own order: the first fruits Christ, then they that are of Christ, who have believed in his coming. Afterwards the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God the Father, when he shall have brought to nought all principality, and power, and virtue. For he must reign, until he has put all his enemies under his feet."¹

Marian Coredeemption and achieving the Absolute Primacy of Christ are intimately bound together as Jesus and Mary were from the very beginning in God's plan as revealed in Genesis 3:15.

The majority who oppose Marian Coredeemption do not do so because it

is not Catholic teaching, but because of ecumenical concerns - worried about what our protestant brethren will think and that it will be an obstacle to reunification. They also seem concerned that if Our Lady is proclaimed Coredeptrix and Mediatrix it will be a difficult burden put upon the Catholic faithful to have to explain these terms to their non-Catholic friends. Supporters of the Fifth Marian Dogma respond, "No more difficult than explaining Our Lady as the Immaculate Conception or Theotokos," and, "Would it be a terrible thing for a Catholic to have to study their Faith well enough to defend these important truths?" What really underlies this type of argument against the Coredeemption is the Modernist/Protestant notion that the virtue of Faith is not dogmatic, meaning based on an assent of the will to teachings revealed by Christ, but rather a feeling or emotion that one experiences, which one may call this false representation of Faith, "Toyota Faith," because like the Toyota commercial states, "Oh, what a feeling!"

Those who readily acknowledge that this doctrine is the common teaching of the Church will ultimately ask, "Why do you want to insist on making it a dogma?" I would respond, "Because it is the human thing to do." G.K. Chesterton once wrote,

"Man can be defined as an animal that makes dogmas. As he piles doctrine on doctrine and conclusion on conclusion in the formation of some tremendous scheme of philosophy and religion, he is, in the only legitimate sense of which

the expression is capable, becoming more and more human. When he drops one doctrine after another in a refined scepticism, when he declines to tie himself to a system, when he says that he has outgrown definitions, when he says that he disbelieves in finality, when, in his own imagination, he sits as God, holding no form of creed but contemplating all, then he is by that very process sinking slowly backwards into the vagueness of the vagrant animals and the unconsciousness of the grass. Trees have no dogmas. Turnips are singularly broad-minded.”²

He goes on to write,

“Truths turn into dogmas the instant that they are disputed. Thus every man who utters a doubt defines a religion. And the scepticism of our time does not really destroy the beliefs, rather it creates them; gives them their limits and their plain and defiant shape.... We who are Christians never knew the great philosophic common sense which inheres in that mystery until the anti-Christian writers pointed it out to us. The great march of mental destruction will go on. Everything will be denied. Everything will become a creed. It is a reasonable position to deny the stones in the street; it will be a religious dogma to assert them. It is a rational thesis that we are all in a dream; it will be a mystical sanity to say that we are all awake. Fires will be kindled to testify that two and two make four. Swords will be drawn to prove that leaves are green in summer. We shall be left defending, not only the incredible virtues and sanities of human life, but something more incredible still, this huge impossible universe which stares us in the face. We shall fight for visible prodigies as if they were invisible. We shall look on the impossible grass and the skies with a strange courage. We shall be of those who have seen and yet have believed.”³

The Church established by Christ, Who is Truth Incarnate, has the duty to be the Teacher (Magister) and Guardian of the Truth, both the truth as revealed in nature – the Natural Law – and that which is divinely revealed. Throughout the ages when a doctrine has been denied, questioned, or falsely stated, the Church has responded to these challenges by facing them head on and defining them as dogmas or condemning the contrary as heresies. The Church has never been worried about public opinion when it comes to speaking the Truth.

What exactly is a dogma? “A dogma is a truth, tenet, or doctrine directly or authoritatively proposed by the Church for belief as an article of Divine Revelation. In the strictest sense, it is a doctrine solemnly defined both as to its content (what it says)

and its formulation (the way it is said).”⁴ In other words, it settles all debate as to what the teaching is and how it is to be taught and removes all personal theological opinions.

Opinions are the bane of true religion and objective truth for as the old saying goes, “Opinions are like noses. Everyone has one, but there are holes in them.” Why is it important for the Church to proclaim and define dogmas? The Catechetical Dictionary states, “Giving the assent of faith to the dogma thus clarified fosters in the faithful an increase in love and understanding of the truth of the faith and nurtures religious piety and a more fervent spiritual life.”⁵ Also, proclaiming a doctrine to be a dogma gives greater glory to God; even more so when concerning Our Lady, which then gives the greatest glory to God and obtains graces from heaven.

With this last point we are reminded of “the power of the keys” that Our Lord entrusted to Peter and his successors to bind and loose. We normally focus on the negative aspect of these keys in the fact that the Holy Father can bind; prevent people from receiving grace through interdict,



excommunication, or the withholding of sacramental absolution; but fail to realize that the Holy Father by the exercise of his power as the Supreme Pontiff and Vicar of Christ can also loosen graces upon the whole Church, especially when he exercises the gift of Papal Infallibility and proclaims a dogma of the Faith. As in ages past there has always been an influx of heavenly blessings upon the Church and the world after the solemn proclamation of a dogma. Why wouldn't one expect this since the Holy Father, as head of the Church Militant on behalf of all of God's people, is acknowledging and praising the wonders of Divine Wisdom?

Finally, Our Lady at Fatima prophesied that many calamities and sufferings would come upon the world, but that in the end her Immaculate Heart would triumph. Father Peter and others believed there could not be the complete triumph of her Immaculate Heart without the proclamation of the her fifth and final Marian dogma, the crowning jewel of the Queen of Heaven and Earth, namely Our Lady's Universal Coredemption and Mediation of all Grace and her titles as Coredemprix, Mediatrix, and Advocate. How could Our Lady's Immaculate Heart be said to have triumphed when even Catholics do not acknowledge her full role in the work of salvation, let alone Protestants? Instead of being an obstacle, the fifth Marian dogma will be an instrument to reunification of all of God's people as one flock under one shepherd. Also the final Marian dogma would do much to address the falsehoods of our day with the attempts to redefine objective truth which is ultimately an attack on Christ Himself. Blessed Columba Marmion, OSB, once wrote:

“No piety would be truly Christian if it did not include in its object the Mother of the Word Incarnate. Devotion towards the Virgin Mary is not only important, but necessary, if we wish to draw abundantly at the source of life. To separate Christ from His Mother in our piety, is to divide Christ; it is to lose sight of the essential mission of His Sacred Humanity in the distribution of grace. Where the Mother is left out, the Son is no longer understood.”⁶

Please stay tuned for the details of the second annual Marian Symposium as they are finalized and posted on the Shrine's website. Ave Maria!

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Pieta Statue: Located at Mother of the Redeemer Retreat Center, Bloomington, Indiana.

EVERYTHING IN THE SHRINE CHURCH HAS MEANING

By Sister M. Ancilla, FSGM

INTRODUCTION

I have been fascinated by the architectural shapes and symbols seen throughout the Shrine Church.

After eight years, I see things that I have never noticed before and wonder: "What does that mean?" and "Why is it important?"

The interior of the Shrine Church is a brilliant composition of detailed ornamental plaster and decorative finishes that overwhelms the pilgrim with beauty.

"Mary's beauty, of promise and hope,"² her virtues - depicted in the material elements of ornaments, symbols, shapes, words - point to something, someone, beyond itself. The pilgrim enters into the story of salvation. The images and forms conjure up in the pilgrim's memory a piece of the story. Much of the art is Marian; the goal was, and is, to instruct the faithful about the life of Christ and Our Lady.³

Pilgrims to the Shrine Church are given a new way to look at her while drawing a deeper understanding of the scriptural story and who Our Lady is and her coredeemptive role in that story.⁴

In general, I will name many of the ornaments and symbols that one will see in the Shrine Church, their foundation in Scripture and their meaning.⁵



Corinthian capital with acanthus leaves:

Symbolize the Resurrection, new life. In the ancient world, acanthus leaves were associated with funerary monuments.

Monumental fluted Corinthian pilasters and arches: Define the nave and give it a monumental scale worthy of a temple to the Lord.



Glazed Corinthian capitals: Symbolize the Mother of God and include cherubim who look towards the Sanctuary.

Medallions: Symbolize titles of Mary.

- Pictured below is the symbol of Mary as "House of Gold."
- Connected to the Corinthian capitals with swags made of roses.

Swags: Symbolize festivity, celebration.

- Roses that Our Lady placed in Saint Juan Diego's tilma.



Egg and dart: Symbolize new life.

Nesting of birds appears in prophets, psalms, parables:

- "On the mountain height of Israel I will plant [a cedar sprig] ... in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest" (Ez 17:23).
- "Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young at Your altars, O Lord of hosts" (Ps 84:3).
- "The kingdom of Heaven is like a grain of mustard seed ... it becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches" (Mt 13:31-32).



Cherub: The cherubim are the second highest rank in the angelic hierarchy.

- "He rode on a cherub, and flew..." (Ps 18:10).
- "The cherubim shall spread out their wings above, overshadowing the mercy seat with their wings...; toward the mercy seat shall the faces of the cherubim be stationed..." (Ex 25:17-22).

Angels give God unceasing praise. Parts of our Liturgy come from Scriptural accounts of angelic worship:

- The Gloria begins with words sung by the angels at Christ's birth (Lk 2:14).
- The Sanctus is from Isaiah's vision of God surrounded by angels who sing, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; ...' (Is 6:1-3).
- Cherub faces are seen underneath the balcony organ pipe cases; baldacchino.

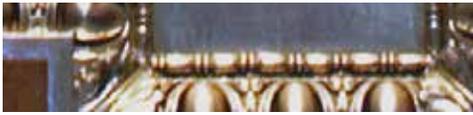


Leaf and dart: Symbolize the goodness of creation and spiritual growth and renewal.

- "The earth brought forth vegetation ... and God saw that it was good" (Gen 1:12).
- "For as the earth brings forth its shoots ... so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations" (Is 61:11).
- "But you, O mountains of Israel, shall shoot forth your branches, and yield your fruit to my people Israel..." (Ez 36:8).

Dove: Symbolizes the Holy Spirit, as well as purity.

- When Christ was baptized by John the Baptist, a dove descended on Him (cf. Mt 3:16; Mk 1:10).
- A dove symbolizes the Holy Spirit hovering over Our Lady at the Annunciation (cf. Lk 1:26-38).



Bead and reel: Symbolize festivity, garments of celebration, and the offering of precious gifts as sacrifice.

- "He has clothed me with the garments of salvation ... as a bride adorns herself with her jewels" (Is 61:10).
- "I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, ..., prepared as a bride adorned for her husband" (Rev 21:2).
- "We have brought the Lord's offering, articles of gold, armlets and bracelets, signet rings, earrings, and beads, to make atonement for ourselves before the Lord" (Num 31:50).

Rosettes: Symbolize the Blessed Virgin Mary. One of her titles is Mystical Rose.

- "Hail, O you who alone gave rise to the unfading Rose! Hail, salvation of the world, O you, the ever-Virgin!" (Akathist Hymn, Canon First Ode).
- "I am the Rose of Sharon, and the Lily of the valleys" (Cant. 2:1).
- "The rose gives a fragrant odor; it is beautiful to the sight, and tender to the touch, yet it grows among thorns, inimical to the beauty and tenderness" (Mary to Saint Brigid).
- "The Virgin may ... be called a blooming rose. Just as the gentle rose is placed among thorns, so this gentle Virgin was surrounded by sorrow" (Saint Brigid).



The **entablature** is inscribed with twenty **titles** of the Virgin from the Litany of Loreto⁶, such as Rosa Mystica (Mystical Rose) and Regina Martyrum (Queen of Martyrs). Her **symbols** are reflected in the half-circle **stained glass windows** (see photo depicting the Fleur d' Lis).

Doric confessionals are placed in the side aisles immediately in front of the **crossing**.



Ribs punctuate the vaulted ceiling, while **stained glass windows** follow the life of the Virgin and Christ.



The **dome** is painted with blue and gold colors based on the sacred image. The constellation of stars, as they appeared on December 12, 1531, are depicted. The **lantern** seen in the inside top of dome contains the symbols of the Holy Trinity.



Fleur d' Lis are plants with sword-shaped leaves and erect stalks bearing bright-colored flowers composed of three petals and three sepals.

Fleur d' Lis symbolizes purity, the lily, the Virgin Mary, and the Holy Trinity.



Altar Rail Gate defines the Sanctuary.

Mother pelican feeding her young: Symbolizes the Holy Eucharist and our Redeemer Who gave His life for our redemption and the atonement He made through His Passion, Death and Resurrection.

- Ancient legend that in time of famine, the mother pelican struck her breast with the beak to feed her young with her blood to prevent starvation.
- "Like what tender tales tell of the Pelican / Bathe me, Jesus Lord, in what Thy Bosom ran / Blood that but one drop of has the power to win / All the world forgiveness of its world of sin."⁷

The **altar, shaped like a tomb**, symbolizes the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass as well as the Resurrection.

CONCLUSION

Elements in architecture are not just about evoking something delightful in the soul or pleasing to the eye. Architectural ornaments create something "trans-visual,"⁸ evoking something deeper in the soul. It is this experience that draws pilgrims far and wide, often evoking strong emotional responses,

such as deep reverence, tears of sadness or joy, peace, gratitude.

Our Lady bridges heaven and earth by helping humanity both enter into the sacred and connect with Her Son. Sacred art and architecture beckon pilgrims to drink of the Fountain of Truth, Goodness, and Beauty, of God with Our Lady.

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4. Cf. Ibid., 35.
5. Duncan Stroik and Caroline Cole, of Stroik Architects.
6. Note: The Litany of Loreto contains at least 50 titles of Our Lady.
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8. Roten. Quoted in Gress, Marian Option, 36.

2019 SUMMER ORGAN RECITAL SERIES

by Brian Luckner



We look forward to hearing three wonderful organ recitals at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe this summer. On June 9, Christopher Berry will perform. He is director of music and organist at the Basilica of Saint Josaphat in Milwaukee and adjunct organ faculty and college organist at Carthage College in Kenosha, Wisconsin. This will be a return appearance for Chris, who first played a recital at the Shrine in 2015. The July 14 recitalist will be David Jaronowski, who is director of music and organist at Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Cleveland, Ohio. The third and final recital of the season will occur on August 4, when Christopher Holman will play. He is the Frank Huntington Beebe Fellow at the Schola Cantorum Basiliensis in Basel, Switzerland.

The Shrine's Summer Organ Recital Series has taken place annually since 2009, the first full summer that the Shrine Church was open. The very first recital that year was performed by the Shrine's director of music and organist, Dr. Brian Luckner, who continues to coordinate the series. The Shrine is blessed with an exceptionally fine organ built by the Noack Organ Company in 2008. The Noack firm is based in Georgetown, Massachusetts. The organ has 40 stops (54 ranks), three manuals and pedal. The magnificent instrument, splendid acoustic, and impressive beauty of the Shrine Church have attracted organists from across the United States and Europe. By the end of this summer, fifty different organists will have performed recitals here. The waiting list for future recitalists extends out several years.

All recitals are on Sunday afternoons at 3:00 and each is about one hour in duration. Admission is free; a freewill offering is collected to help offset expenses associated with the series. All are welcome to come enjoy the great diversity of repertoire that is performed by the many outstanding musicians who travel to La Crosse to share their talents with our community.

THE GIFT OF BEING GIVEN MORE TIME TO BE A FAITHFUL SERVANT OF JESUS AND MARY

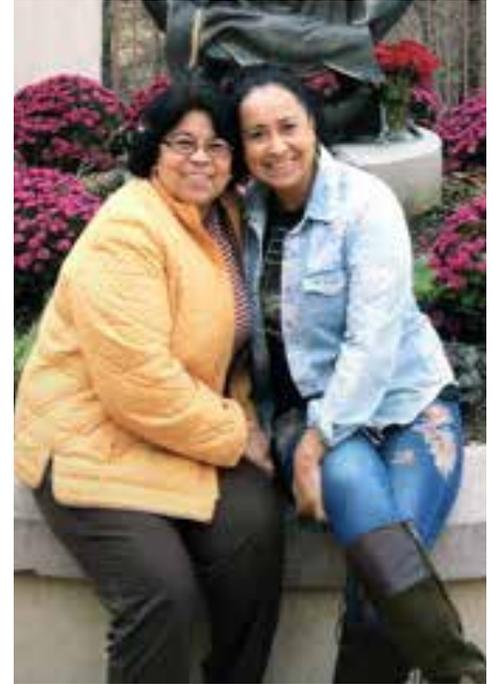
By Mrs. Celia Barragan, as told to Laura Antonie and Greg Marco

On December 11, 2017, the Barragan Family, from New Braunfels, Texas, experienced a tragedy. Celia Barragan's father-in-law died in a house fire. This event was stressful for Celia, so much so that she blacked out and had a period of transient global amnesia for twenty-four hours. The next day, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, her family took her to the hospital for tests, and the doctors diagnosed her with a brain aneurysm. They advised that she seek immediate treatment at a larger hospital. After returning home, she went to two major hospitals, one in San Antonio and one in Houston, where the diagnosis was confirmed. They also discovered blood flow was not occurring on the left side of her brain due to an occluded artery. The doctors told her that she was likely to lose her life. If she lived, her chances of experiencing a stroke or paralysis were high.

Celia's husband, Mario, did not want to give up and insisted that she visit Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, for another opinion. Celia came to Mayo Clinic for the first time in March of 2018. She wanted to visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse before the appointment, but there was no time. The neurologists at Mayo told her the aneurysm had grown and was around the area of her optic nerve. They also reconfirmed the earlier prognoses that, if not addressed soon, the aneurysm could burst, and she would go blind, have a stroke, and experience paralysis.

On Monday, November 5th, her family flew in to Minneapolis for an appointment scheduled for the following day. In God's providence, she was finally able to make a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. She was accompanied by her husband, Mario, and her children, Maricela and Mario Armando. When they came to the Shrine, they felt at peace. Celia said that when she went on the church tour with Greg Marco she became very emotional. Tears kept streaming down her face as Greg was giving the tour. She felt so much at home in the Shrine Church. As soon as the doors to the nave opened and she saw the mosaic of Our Lady of Guadalupe in the sanctuary, she felt the strong presence of the Blessed Mother. She had been praying very hard over the last few months, and many other people praying for her as well. She did not ask for healing, but instead, gave thanks to God for the previous six months of health. She spoke to Our Lady and asked that she continue to watch over her and her family. She also let the Blessed Mother know that she was here to do her Son's will and be His faithful servant.

A warm feeling overcame Celia, and



she felt like she was being held. At that moment, a thought came to Celia: "What if the neurosurgeon comes in tomorrow and tells me that the aneurysm is gone?" In all of the reading material given to her and the research that she had done, nothing she came across stated that an aneurysm could just disappear. Once the tour was finished, they met Fr. Joachim and Br. Charbel, two of the Franciscan Friars of the Immaculate assigned to the Shrine. They both promised to pray for Celia.

The following day, Celia returned to Mayo Clinic for a full day of labs and tests. At the end of the day, when the family met with the neurologist, he walked into the room and gave them the extraordinary news: the aneurysm was completely gone! Celia knew that immediately she had experienced a miracle! Her family was stunned. The doctor also confirmed that the blood flow to the right side of her brain was back to normal.

The experience and the special "thought" that Celia had in the Shrine Church the day before became a reality. The Barragan family floated out of the room in disbelief, with much joy and thanksgiving to God. The next day, the Barragans made a return pilgrimage in thanksgiving for the miracle and to let the Shrine staff and Friars know what had happened.

Celia truly feels that a miracle did happen on her pilgrimage to the Shrine, and that she was healed through the intercession of Our Lady and the grace and power of Almighty God. Her faith and the prayers of so many family members, friends, religious

A PONTIFICAL MASS AND A CHRISTKINDLMARKT – IN ONE DAY!

By Steven Doll, Pilgrimage Outreach Coordinator
By Gisela Pett, Manager, Culina Mariana Café

More than 1,200 pilgrims visited the Shrine on Saturday, December 15, 2018. A Rorate Mass for Our Lady in Advent was celebrated by Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke, with the assistance of the Canons of the Institute of Christ the King, and the St. Mary's Oratory Schola Cantorum. In addition, the Christkindlmarkt was being held.

One gentleman traveled all the way from California to attend the Pontifical Mass: Mr. Jose Robledo, Jr. Mr. Robledo met Cardinal Burke twice before coming to La Crosse. The first meeting took place in the San Francisco area at the celebration of a traditional Latin Mass. The second meeting took place at a conference in Philadelphia entitled, "Matrimony, Rediscovering Its Truth", in April of 2018. He considered both of these occasions to be tremendous blessings. Mr. Robledo shared with us, "I had been wanting to travel to Mexico and visit the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe. I found that that Cardinal Burke was affiliated with the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse, Wisconsin...a flyer on my Facebook page announced that Cardinal Burke was going to celebrate a Solemn Pontifical High Mass at the Shrine...so I booked my flights and reserved the hotel. [The Solemn Pontifical High Mass] was so beautiful, and so much history...reverence and respect for Our Lord Jesus Christ. It was a glorious day!"

"And a final blessing from His Emence, Cardinal Raymond Burke... [after Mass] I spoke with him, and he told me he remembered me, 'the faithful man from Bakersfield, California'. What a blessing!"

The Shrine of our Lady of Guadalupe held the 2nd annual Christkindlmarkt the weekend of December 15th – 16th, 2018. Artists, craftsmen and local stores offered beautiful handmade gifts and delicious cookies, pies and strudel for Christmas. One of the highlights was the live Nativity: the Holy Family and animals! Carolers' songs surrounded the Market with an atmosphere of Christmas!

Guests from the local area and visitors from out of town experienced the annual Christmas event with joy!

This coming December we will look forward to celebrating Christmas with the community again!



FATHER OF THE AMERICAN PRO-LIFE MOVEMENT SPEAKS AT THE SHRINE

By Steven Doll, Pilgrimage Outreach Coordinator

On January 22, 2019, Joseph M. Scheidler, Father of the American Pro-Life Movement, spoke at the Shrine's Annual Day of Prayer for Life. Motivated by a genuine concern for the safety of children, Mr. Scheidler made the decision to dedicate his life to becoming a full time pro-life activist to fight the atrocity of legalized abortion back in 1973. After 46 years in the movement, at age 91, Mr. Scheidler has hardly slowed down and continues to actively fight for the protection of unborn children. Here's an excerpt of the message he shared with attendees:

In regards to the Washington D.C. March for Life: "I have been to forty some marches, and this year was the most upbeat I have seen, I think something is coming."

In regards to the dignity of all human life: "God does not make junk. A human being is the most glorious thing you can imagine, one human being, that tiny little dot above the eye in your newspaper, is of more value than the universe. Life is the most precious gift we have."

Q: "Is our generation really the pro-life generation?"

A: "Well, you know, I am 91 years old, but I am part of the pro-life generation, you guys are great and I'm glad you're coming along, but we're all part of the generation, whatever age you are, we are still doing the same thing. I like that, and it sounds good, and you probably will be the generation that see's Roe v. Wade overturned, but some people went before you, and we consider ourselves part of the generation too."

Q: "Do you think Roe V. Wade is near to reverse? Why?"

A: "I think it is, I think possibly even within my life time we will see at least Roe v. Wade, because it is bad law. It is an exercise in raw judicial power, according to Justice White, and it is also on a collision course with itself. It is bad law, it is not in there, it is made up. We are living a lie. Let's bring truth back to our society."

It was an honor to host Mr. Scheidler at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The full video recording of his profound talk can be found on the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe's YouTube Channel at https://youtu.be/G8t5p_fAyKM.



and priests had been answered. But more than that, Celia knew that Our Lord and the Blessed Mother were giving her more time to strive ever more to be a faithful servant.

Today, Celia is doing very well. She has not experienced any problems since her

appointment last Fall, and she continues to spread the good news with everyone she meets. Of course, she plans to make another visit to the Shrine in November of 2020 when she has what will hopefully be her final follow-up appointment!

SHRINE OF OUR
LADY OF GUADALUPE
CALENDAR OF EVENTS
guadalupeshrine.org/events

JUNE 9 - JULY 14 - AUGUST 4
SUMMER ORGAN RECITALS

MAY

4 - Saint Peregrine Day of Prayer for
the Sick and those with Cancer

12 - Mother's Day Brunch

25 - Baccalaureate Mass - Blessing for
Graduating Students

JUNE

15 - Filipino Pilgrimage Day

16 - Father's Day Brunch

23 - CORPUS CHRISTI with Procession

JULY

31 - Dedication Anniversary of the
Shrine Church / Saint Juan Diego
Guild Inductions

AUGUST

5 - Patronal Feast Day of the Basilica
of Saint Mary Major

6-7 - Speculum Iustitiae Conference

OCTOBER

11-12 - Marian Symposium



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QUEEN OF THE AMERICAS GUILD CONFERENCE

"Our Lady of Guadalupe, Guide and Intercessor in Witnessing to the Gospel."

July 26-27, 2019 - Public Welcome.

Hosted at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe.
Speakers: **Robert Royal** - The founder and President of the Faith & Reason Institute in Washington, D.C. and Editor-in-Chief of The Catholic Thing. Member of EWTN's Papal Posse. **Austin Ruse** - The President Catholic Family and Human Rights Institute (C-FAM) and Catholic Author. queenoftheamericasguild.org

Beginning May 3rd, the Culina Mariana Café
will be open on Fridays and Saturdays, 5pm - 9pm

Friday evening's menu
will include Fish Fry!

Saturday evening's
exquisite menu
will offer fine dining!



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MIDWEST HOMESCHOOL
FAMILY KICKOFF

On Saturday, August 24, 2019, the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, will be hosting our 5th Annual Midwest Homeschool Family Kickoff. In addition to Confessions, Holy Mass, a Homeschool Blessing, lunch, and games, the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe will host **EWTN contributor, Father Gerald Murray** to give spiritual talks to homeschool families. For more info contact Steve Doll, sdoll@guadalupeshrine.org, (877) 799-4059 (ext. 240)

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