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O.L.F. October Bus Pilgrimage to Catholic Washington **Saturday, October 22, 2011** **\$45 Per Person**

**The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
Franciscan Monastery in Northeast Washington**

Bus leaves O.L.F. Parking Lot at 7:00 AM Returns to Lot at 10:00 PM

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception is the largest Roman Catholic church in the United States and North America, and is one of the ten largest churches in the world. Designated by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops as a National Sanctuary of Prayer and Pilgrimage, the Basilica is the nation's pre-eminent Marian shrine, dedicated to the patroness of the United States the Blessed Virgin Mary under her title of the Immaculate Conception. It is often-times affectionately referred to as America's Catholic Church. Visited by Pope Benedict XVI, Pope John Paul II, and Mother Teresa, among others, the Basilica,



though distinctly American, rivals the great sanctuaries of Europe and the world. Byzantine-Romanesque in style, its massive, one-of-a-kind superstructure is home to over 70 chapels and oratories that relate to the peoples, cultures and traditions that are the fabric of the Catholic faith and the mosaic of our great nation. The Basilica also houses the largest collection of contemporary ecclesiastical art on earth. Open 365 days a year, the Basilica is host to nearly one million visitors annually, attracting pilgrims and tourists alike from across the country and around the world. The Basilica offers six Masses and five hours of Confessions daily, as well as Guided Tours, a Catholic Gift Shop, a Catholic Book Store, and a Cafeteria to accommodate its visitors.

To make reservations call the Rectory answering service at 942-0371

- Meals and Memorabilia at pilgrims' own expense. B.Y.O. or buy at sites.
- Brunch/Lunch at Basilica
- Dinner on way back to O.L.F.
- Frequent comfort (and or snack) stops
- Free guided tours at both sites
- Since it is the Month of the Rosary there will be *onboard* Rosaries

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Franciscan Monastery in Northeast Washington, with its arched walkways, 15 miniature outdoor chapels and well-kept garden, offers a meditative oasis in the city. Walking around the 44 acres quietly, you might feel as if you are in a foreign (and much more peaceful) land.

The monastery offers tours daily, but before going inside, take time to meander around the grounds. This is not a place to go, see and leave quickly. Walk slowly around the Rosary Portico (that's the covered passageway bordering the front garden). Notice the mosaics above each altar depicting scenes from the lives of Mary and Jesus. Note the Angelic Greeting in almost 200 languages. Sit on the bench outside the replica of Saint Francis's first church near Assisi, Italy. Walk down to the lower garden and see the replicas of the Grotto of Gethsemane and the tomb of Mary.

On the tour, you will learn that the monastery was built in 1899 and that many of the shrines are replicas of ones in Israel. A copy of Jesus' tomb is the exact height and distance from a copy of Mount Calvary.

"That's why they built this church," said a guide "so [we would] know what it looks like over there."

The tour will also lead you into the catacombs, where there are bone relics. (The catacombs are open only to guided tours.) There are also more chapels there. The coolest (and creepiest) part of the maze-like cave is the altar in the Purgatory Chapel. A bas-relief depicts souls in purgatory imploring Mary and the angels. In the passageway beyond that, there are two gates on either side of the wall and stairs leading up. This is a replica of the room where the Romans would have held the Christians before they were fed to the lions in the first century.

Before you leave, look at the artifacts in the hall outside the gift store. The Byzantine crosses from the third century are especially intriguing.

-- Moira E. McLaughlin (April 11, 2008)

Hold the Presses! A person who has a deep appreciation for what it is we are trying to accomplish here at Our Lady of Fatima parish, and who wishes to remain anonymous for the time being, gave us a check this week in the amount of eight thousand, six hundred dollars with the sole instruction: "Keep it going."

Naturally, the Pastor thanked the party in the name of the parish. The party is not what we think of as particularly wealthy, nor did they die leaving the money in a Will. Apparently the party is convinced that the 5th Ward [as well as the Diocese] needs OLF and is willing to "sacrifice" *big time* to keep it going. As October presses in on all of us let each of us remember to say a couple of Rosaries for this special benefactor.

The Rosary (from Latin *rosarium*, meaning "rose garden") or "garland of roses" is a traditional Catholic devotion.

The traditional 15 Mysteries of the Rosary were standardized, based on the long-standing custom, by Pope St. Pius V in the 16th century. The mysteries are grouped into three sets: the joyful mysteries, the sorrowful mysteries, and the glorious mysteries. In 2002, Pope John Paul II announced five new optional mysteries, the luminous mysteries, bringing the total number of mysteries to 20.

There are differing views on the history of the rosary. According to tradition, the rosary was given to Saint Dominic in an apparition by the Blessed Virgin Mary in the year 1214 in the church of Prouille. This Marian apparition received the title of Our Lady of the Rosary. In the 15th century it was promoted by Blessed Alanus de Rupe (aka Alain de la Roche or Saint Alan of the Rock), a learned Dominican priest and theologian, who established the "15 rosary promises" and started many rosary confraternities. However, most scholarly research suggests a more gradual and organic development of the rosary.

The practice of meditation during the praying of the Hail Marys is attributed to Dominic of Prussia (1382–1460), a Carthusian monk, who called it "Life of Jesus Rosary" The German monk from Trier added a sentence to each of the 50 Hail Marys, using quotes from scriptures. In 1569, the papal bull *Consueverunt Romani Pontifices* by the Dominican Pope Pius V officially established the devotion to the rosary in the Catholic Church.

From the 16th to the early 20th century, the structure of the rosary remained essentially unchanged. There were 15 mysteries, one for each of the 15 decades. In the 20th century the addition of the Fatima Prayer to the end of each decade became more common. There were no other changes until 2002 when John Paul II instituted five optional new Luminous Mysteries.

The New Roman Missal : Changes in the people's parts, and their benefits

THE GREETING

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**



Scriptural sources: Galatians 6:18, Philippians 4:23, and 2 Timothy 4:22. It's interesting to note that in each case, St. Paul said "with your spirit" while addressing the Christian community, not just one person.

The meaning: Throughout the Mass, whenever the priest greets the people with "The Lord be with you," the people respond with a greeting that is less like the "hello" of the familiar "and also with you". By saying "and with your spirit," we acknowledge the spiritual nature of Christian community. We are entering a sacramental realm in unity with the priest.

PENITENTIAL RITE, FORM A

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have **greatly sinned**, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, **through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;** therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

PENITENTIAL RITE, FORM B

Priest: **Have mercy on us, O Lord.**

People: **For we have sinned against you.**

Priest: **Show us, O Lord, your mercy.**

People: And grant us your salvation.

Scriptural source: 1 Chronicles 21:8

The meaning: We are taking more seriously the reality that we are sinners in need of Christ's salvation. We are expressing more clearly our accountability. Speaking these words increases our humility and makes our contrition more sincere. We are less likely to mindlessly run through the Penitential Rite without truly intending to repent.

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
**We praise you, we bless you, we adore you,
we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.**

Lord Jesus Christ, **Only Begotten Son,**

Lord God, Lamb of God, **Son of the Father,**

you take away the sins of the world,

have mercy on us;

you take away the **sins** of the world,

receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father,

have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

Scriptural source: Luke 2:14

The meaning: We have been forgiven. Now we praise God for his mercy and acknowledge his supreme authority in a spirit of joyful gratefulness. Instead of "his people on earth" we are "people of good will," indicating that because we are God's forgiven people, we have his good will – his favor rests on us.

Note that "sin" in the singular has become "sins" plural: Jesus takes away our individual sins, not just generic sin.

Mon. 9/26 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Cancer**
 Feast St. Cosmas & St. Damian, martyrs
 8:00 AM Mass Michael & Ann Billy, Ron, Bernice Biem & Sons

Tues. 9/27 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Heart Diseases**
 Feast St. Vincent de Paul, Priest
 8:00 AM Mass Alice Highduch, Stanley J. Krish Family

Wed. 9/28 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Arthritis**
 Feast Weekday
 8:00 AM Mass Louie Mangiacarne, Willy & Dan Maier

Thur. 9/29 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Nervous Disorders**
 Feast St. Michael, St. Gabriel & St. Raphael, archangels
 8:00 AM Mass NO MASS SCHEDULED

Fri. 9/30 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Emotional Disorders**
 Feast St. Jerome, Priest
 8:00 AM Mass NO MASS SCHEDULED

Sat. 10/01 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Diabetes**
 Feast Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
 4:30 PM Mass Janet Pufka, Lorraine Shuma

Sun. 10/02 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Addictions**
 Feast Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
 9:00 AM Mass Hattie R. Zaczek, B/Day, Children
 11:00 AM Living and Deceased member of Our Lady of Fatima

*Lord
 Jesus
 Christ
 Son
 Of
 God
 Have
 Mercy
 On
 Me
 A
 Sinner*

Happy Birthday:

9/28 Aus Hallinan
 10/02 Kimberly Palmer
 10/03 Emma Jo Summers

Happy Wedding Anniversary:

9/29 Joe and Melinda Jo Summers
 10/01 John and Joan Adams, Sr

MONEY MATTERS

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (September 18,2011)

179 people Celebrated Liturgy at O.L.F. contributing \$1,659.00 of which \$ 199.00 accounted for visitor contributions.

# Envelopes In Circulation	209	# Used	78	# Unused	131
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A small sampling of the many worshipers failing to use our Hymn Book suggested their reason for failing to do so was that the plastic covers: a) made it difficult for the books to be retrieved from and returned to the Plexiglas holders and, b) the plastic cover has a design flaw which allows for the book's binding and cover to be mutilated and pages nearest the two covers to be wrinkled and torn. In an attempt to conform to Rome's wishes and Hollidaysburg's directives to get **all** worshipers singing we want to make all the worship aids we use easily accessible to all our worshipers. In a truly Catholic [what applies to one applies to all] Spirit we urge everyone to "make a joyful noise to the Lord" by cooperating with the directors, cantors, psalmists, instrumentalists, etc.