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*May peace be yours on
Christmas Day and
Throughout the New Year..
You and your loved ones
Will be remembered in the Holy
Sacrifice of the Mass on
Christmas Day...
Fr. Pat & the Shrine Board*



FATHER PATRICK DOLAN, NEW SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

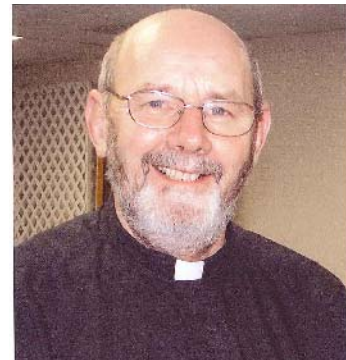
We want to take this opportunity to introduce you to our new Pastor and Spiritual Director of the Mother's Shrine, Fr. Patrick Dolan. Father Dolan has quite a colorful background being from Ireland. He attended All Hallows Seminary in Ireland. He studied Philosophy at University College in Dublin and did his post-graduate work at St. Louis University.

He began his priestly work in the Diocese of Jefferson City in 1971 in Mexico, Missouri as Associate Pastor and later Associate Pastor at Our Lady of Lourdes, Columbia. Then he spent five years as teacher and spiritual director at the Helias Catholic High School in Jefferson City.

Father volunteered for work in Peru as a missionary priest of the diocese. He spent 11 years in Nasca, Peru from 1983 to December 1994. On his return from Peru Father served as pastor at Salisbury and Boonville and eight years at Immaculate Conception in Jefferson City prior to being assigned to the Shrine of St. Patrick in July of 2010.

Father Pat recognizes the importance and beauty of the faith of Mary and St. Patrick for the mission of the local church and the Shrine of Mary, Mother of the Church.

Father has four brothers and four sisters and loves to visit them in Ireland. Father's favorite hobby is fishing for trout or crappie and he loves to hunt, especially quail with his dog Rex. Father looks forward to continuing the mission to evangelize to the presence of the Shrine and the ministries of St. Patrick's Church.



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MOTHER OF THE YEAR CONTEST

Congratulations to Nora Ruch Kesel

Donna Belfiore nominated her mother, Nora. Here is her winning story: Our mother is the mother of 15 children and was married to my father for 52 wonderful years before he passed away in 1995. Sadly, she also lost a son that same year, just 6 weeks prior to her husband's passing. She currently has 37 grandchildren and 51 great-grandchildren.

She has always cared for those who come under her roof, whether for a visit or an extended period of time. She is a wonderful cook and baker. Mother opened her home to her older sister, who never married. My aunt lived with us for many, many years in St. Louis, before mom & dad retired and moved back to dad's hometown of St. Elizabeth, MO. Then, when my aunt was too frail to care for herself, Mom again welcomed her back into her home and cared for her as long as she could before my aunt had to be moved to a nursing home.

Mother worked as a nurse's aide at St. Anthony's Hospital in St. Louis for over twenty years. She worked full time, even with a large family to tend to at home. Needless to say, we all had to learn at an early age how to cook, clean and do laundry.

We always had a large vegetable garden on a small farm that my parents owned. Our summer vacations were spent there, harvesting and preserving those vegetables and fruits she and dad labored so hard to produce. She taught us many life skills during those years.

She is a patient, kind, gentle woman, who has served God and her family at every opportunity and has a very strong religious faith.



PHOTO CONTEST



Congratulations to Ilene Bock

Sunrise Beach, MO

Ilene took this winning photo. It is a very unusual photo of the Shrine with a full moon shining down on the sculpture of Mary.

This is one sight that many people do not get to see. To be here on a night of the full moon is very impressive.

Remember, we will be hosting another contest next year, so keep your eyes open for the

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Dennis Devine and Jim Reinert are the newest board members.

Jim Reinert and his wife Sharon reside in Parkville, MO and maintain a summer residence at the lake. They have two children; Mary Cate and Chris. Jim is an Executive with DST Systems and Sharon spends her time coordinating and organizing the family activities.

Jim is a Viet Nam veteran and a graduate of Missouri Western College and Sharon is a graduate of Avila College, both with degrees in business, marketing and finance.

They have been associated with St. Patrick's and the Shrine for a number of years as Sharon's parents, Charlie and Mary White, were instrumental in establishing the Grotto and the Shrine.

Dennis and his wife Marge have a home in Arizona and one here at the Lake. Dennis grew up on a farm in northwest Iowa; they have five children and 13 grandchildren.

Dennis was a banker for twenty years, the last ten as president of a bank in Nebraska. Then they started a trucking company and managed that company for fifteen years. The company grew from two tractors in 1984 to ninety in late 1999 when they sold the company.

SPACE AVAILABLE

Are you looking for a place to meet, have a day of recollection, or just looking for someplace to take your friends? Then come to the Shrine. (We have the space to convene more people than anyplace in the diocese, with the amphitheater and the pavilion. Of course, the focus will always be on spirituality).

SUSTAINING FUND

The sustaining fund is an ongoing fund established to provide continued care and maintenance of the Shrine from the interest earned. We are asking you to make a quarterly contribution to this Fund to keep the Shrine looking its best.



NAME ON FRONT OF MOTHERS' SHRINE



The National Shrine of Mary, Mother of the Church

How would you like to help us put the name of our beautiful shrine on the front of the fountains? Sponsor an 8" - 10" letter on stand-out brackets with LED lighting behind to look like it is floating off the wall for only \$200 per letter.

Simply contact the office and let us know how many letters you would like to sponsor.

Hopefully we will get all the letters sponsored and have the letters mounted on the Wall by the time you come back next spring.

TOURS

We have had nine tours this year. A couple were small group tours but most were bus tours from parts of Missouri, Kansas, Iowa and Arkansas. So get your groups together and come for a visit. Our ambassadors/tour guides greet all our tours with cake and coffee.





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**BLESSINGS FOR OUR ARMED FORCES.
MAY CHRIST KEEP YOU IN HIS LOVING ARMS**
Please say a prayer each and every day for our young men and women serving our country to bring peace to the world. They are so in need of your support and your prayers.



KIOSK Is In The Works
This long awaited kiosk now looks like a reality as an outdoor stand alone kiosk has come down greatly in cost. They are now approximately \$3,000 each and we would like to put several on the grounds to make them handicapped accessible. This will eliminate the book (that is always missing pages). You will go to the kiosk, type in the mother’s name and it will appear, listing the location on the Wall.
Hopefully, we will be able to expand the information to include a small biography on each person .
This is so exciting, so get ready to send information about your loved ones. I would love to include a photograph, I will let you know if and when this is possible.
If you would like to sponsor a kiosk or two or more, please call the office, we would be so happy! The quicker we can get sponsors, the quicker we can get them on the grounds.

