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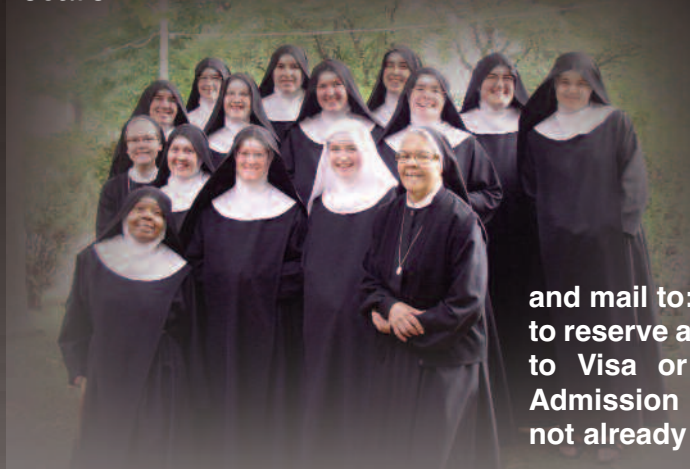
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Carlos Ibay has stunned audiences all over the world with his amazing talent. He was an invited soloist at St. Patrick's Cathedral in the Memorial Mass immediately following the attacks of September 11, 2001. Fluent in several languages, his voice and piano playing abilities have enchanted massive crowds in Italy, Russia, Australia, the Philippines, Hollywood and on Broadway. Carlos has played at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. and at the Carnegie Hall in New York. *Come be inspired* at Carlos' first concert in the Heartland. The Sisters invite you to join them and Carlos for a reception following the concert at each location.



Carlos will donate all proceeds of this concert to benefit the Benedictines of Mary, Queen of Apostles for the building of their new monastery near St. Joseph. Admission is \$25.00 per person.

Please make all checks payable to:

Benedictines of Mary, Queen of Apostles
and mail to: 1400 NE 42nd Terrace, Kansas City, MO 64116
to reserve a seat. Credit Card reservations may be charged
to Visa or Mastercard by telephoning (816) 455-2063.
Admission may be paid at the door for any performance
not already sold out.

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At Ephesus

NOVEMBER 2007

THE BENEDICTINES OF MARY, QUEEN OF APOSTLES

Dear Family, Friends, and Benefactors,

By a true, almost-unbelievable gift of God's Providence, three of us were sponsored to take a trip to Ephesus in Turkey, along with twenty-five other pilgrims.

We experienced the unique privilege of being in the home of Our Lady, where she had received the Apostles, to pray with and for our revered and dear Ordinary, Bishop Robert W. Finn, one of their successors. He informed us that he would join us "because the Apostles went there, I should go there". The gift of our lives to the Church in this diocese is reciprocated in so many ways.

This awesome confirmation of our community's charism to emulate the life of Our Blessed Mother, especially in her role in the early days of the Church as a presence and support to the first priests, the Apostles, was viably felt when we entered her humble abode.



At Ephesus!
Yes, we were really there in front of Our Lady's House in Turkey, with your intentions in our hearts.



Bishop Finn's secretary,
Fr. Rocha.

Sr. Misericordia Bishop Finn Mother Prioress

While on her secluded mountain, we were able to hear the sounds Our Lady did, see the birds she saw, enjoy the views she heard, eat the food she ate. We nuns stayed in the nearby convent of the Sisters Minor of Mary Immaculate, and the priests with the Capuchin Friars who care for the shrine.

Before the thousands of other pilgrims crowded into the venerable little house in waves, our fellow pilgrims



definitively proclaimed the Mary the Mother of God, and composed the second half of the Hail Mary.

This journey to Ephesus crowned a busy summer, and we look forward to the silent, prayerful season of Advent.

The trips to the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood are proving to be so helpful as we learn from them how to embroider vestments in their tradition. Now they are starting to come to Kansas City to work with us in our own setting.



Sister Tarcisia hails from Missouri, and before her entrance into the convent, worked in an orchard. Her former boss came to help us plan for our own, which we will plant in the Spring. Volunteers have spent many hours in the hot sun helping to prepare the acres destined for the orchard.



We humbly celebrated the conclusion of our donated land's twenty years in the CRP (a government erosion prevention plan) by breaking ground in the place where the sanctuary of our Church will be, and we sang Vespers there with our close friends, the School Sisters of Christ the King.



The campaign to raise funds for the new Priory has begun: "New Shoots from Sacred Roots" capsulizes who we are in the Church and in the Benedictine timeline, and what we hope to achieve by establishing a permanent House of Prayer.

Our monastery's crest symbolizes the light of God's mercy and grace shining into the darkness of the world (*Lux in Tenebris*) by means of the sacred priesthood, from its source, the Heart of Jesus, through the Heart of Mary. Our building plan is designed upon this theme.



Our "Knights in shining armor" (of Columbus) from the St. Joseph area have been busy securing for us, their newest sisters, donations in-kind of excavating, concrete foundation, electricity, drywall, and so forth. Groups like the Serrans and other individuals are also very charitably and tirelessly working to make us better known so we can obtain the funds we need to be established in the Heart of the Church in America. We never knew



St. Joseph could have so many faces! God-willing, our plans should soon become three-dimensional.



In the meantime, the community welcomed a religious confrere of our Sr. Wilhelmina. On September 15, Bishop Finn blessed her medal shortly after his first public Mass in the extraordinary form, opening its use according to Pope Benedict's *Motu Proprio*.

Next Spring should witness a group of young ladies answering the call to join our little band gathered around Our Lady at the foot of the cross. We will be quickly running out of space in our city convent! St. Benedict in his Rule directs us not to grant an easy entrance, but the interest level is very high. Aside from regular adult aspirants discerning their vocations with us, we often have had groups of homeschooled girls come and spend a day with us.



Our main thrust now is raising funds so we can get started on building! We have no doubts of the power of St. Joseph, and besides, we left all our cares and concerns with Our Lady in her house at Ephesus.

We thank you so very much for your support of prayers and donations, so necessary to build up the Body of Christ in which we are all united.



In Corde Mariae,

*Sr. Therese, o.s.b., Prioress
of Our Lady of Ephesus*

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Prioress of Our Lady of Ephesus
and Sisters

The Cellarer's Wish List

- Three-way walkie talkies
- #10 envelopes
- metal sewing gauges
- seam rippers
- meat thermometers
- stamps: US, Canada, Overseas

The continuation of the chapter "Mary's Love for God," from *The Virtues of Mary* by Fr. L. Lanzoni

The tender love for God which glowed in Mary's heart never manifested itself, as far as we know, by ecstasies or raptures, such as we read of in lives of many saints whose natural strength was sometimes overwhelmed or absorbed by the excess of divine love. Mary was familiar with the marvels of God, and the body which belonged to the sinless mother was not weakened by the vehemence of her love. No ecstasy is recorded of her by tradition save only that rapture of love in which she died, to pass from earth to heaven. But that which at one and the same time manifested and increased Mary's love for God was chiefly all the demands and desires of God. No angel or man ever did God's bid-



ding more exactly or more nobly than Mary did. United most perfectly as she was with God and filled with God's presence, she knew no evil, but did all things well, as maiden, as spouse, as mother. Hence the Holy Scriptures, which do not mention a single miracle wrought by the Mother of God, record her loving care and acts of virtue. Her humble words of answer to the angel, her poverty at Bethlehem, her gentle words to Jesus in the temple, her kindly thoughtfulness for the guests at Cana, her heroic fortitude at the foot of the cross, her prayerfulness in the guest chamber, all these are traits of those virtues which adorn the mantle of the King's daughter, whose glory is all within, in her soul ardent with faith, with hope and with love.