



OUR LADY OF THE HEIGHTS

A Unique Devotion in the Society

On the eve of June 1 in 1921, a massacre occurred in the Greenwood District of Tulsa, Oklahoma in what was called the “Black Wall Street.” Greenwood was nationally known as a flourishing Black community with churches, schools, affluent neighborhoods, Black-owned businesses, and many other attributes. This created a volatile atmosphere that erupted on Memorial Day weekend when a young black man was falsely accused of assaulting a white woman.

Unrest grew because of the rumor and within an hour mobs descended on Greenwood. Black men, women, and children were gunned down as they fled. Homes and shops were looted by deputized white citizens until “crop dusters” began firebombing the area. When the smoke cleared days later, hundreds were dead and thousands were left homeless, and entire community was all but annihilated at what has been described as the single worst incidence of racial violence in American history.



100 years later, the Parish Church of St. Jerome sits quietly in the “The Neighborhood a short walk from Greenwood.” Many parishioners pass the “burned out neighborhood” on their way to church, past the streets, sidewalks, and steps that now lead to nowhere. To commemorate this event and remember those who have been murdered for the color of their skin, in 2021 Saint Jerome’s began celebrating the feast of Our Lady of the Heights.

The inaugural feast included a special Mass created for the Feast as well as an image of the Black Madonna and Child. A statue of Our Lady trampling the serpent under her feet was also installed with many poignant reminders of the parish’s commitment to equality. The feast has become an annual event, and in 2022 the parish added a special icon of Our Lady of the Heights to the statue to remind the community of this important feast.

The feast has also been added to the Society’s calendar with Our Lady of the Heights being commemorated on June 1st in remembrance of the terrible event in Tulsa but also in wider remembrance of all those persecuted because of their skin color. Our Lady of the Heights, Pray for Us!

(Special thanks to Canon Joshua Miller-Shawnee, SSM for this text. The article was shortened for space.)

UPCOMING ORDINATION

Rev. Mr. Daniel Minnucci To Be Ordained

Deacon Daniel Minnucci will be ordained to the Sacred Priesthood on August 13, 2022 in Columbia, Pennsylvania. We request your prayers for Deacon Minnucci at this special event.

SUPERIOR GENERAL TRAVELS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM

A Trip Across the Pond



In May, Archbishop Lewins and Archbishop Myers met in Norfolk to transfer archival material and discuss the future of the Church. During their meeting, Archbishop Myers had the opportunity to visit the Shrine at Walsingham where he prayed for the Society. Archbishop Myers also visited Abbas Seraphim and James of the British

Orthodox Church and Canon Andrew Scurr of the Anglican Catholic Church. Cities visited included London, Windsor, Canterbury, Norwich, and King's Lynn.

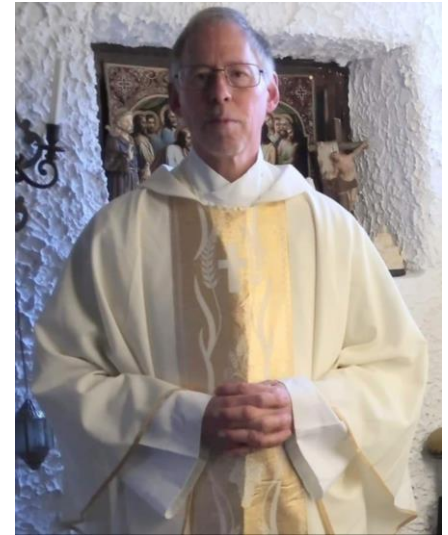


(Pictured are the Roman Catholic and Anglican Shrines)

CELEBRATING NEW MINISTRIES

The Right Reverend William Young Joins Holy Name of Mary

Bishop William Young, affectionately known as Father William, has joined Holy Name of Mary in Towanda, PA as their Associate Pastor. This innovative partnership connects Father William and Canon Daniel Storrs as they find new ways to serve the people of God. We congratulate Holy Name of Mary on their new endeavor and celebrate “how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell in unity!”



NEW FRIENDSHIP FORMED

The Society of Mercy in Contact with the Old Catholic Church of British Columbia



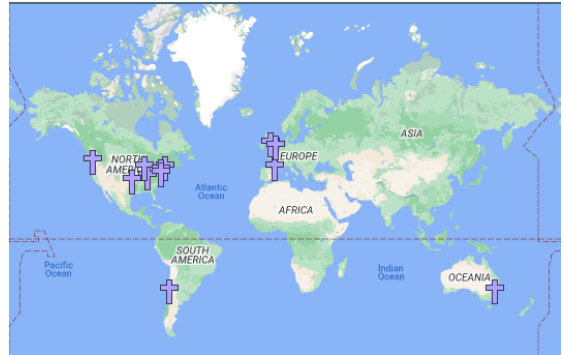
Our Superior General had the opportunity to visit St. Raphael's Old Catholic Church in Vancouver, British Columbia. The parish has been in the Vancouver area since 1921 and is the flagship parish of the Old Catholic Church of British Columbia. During his visit, the Superior General met with Bishop Gerard LaPlante and Fr. Martin Lotho who extended gracious hospitality.

Also, during the visit, the Superior General visited the Abbey of New Westminster and the All Saints of North America Orthodox Monastery.

GATHERING OF LEADERS

Archbishops Myers and Roberts Meet

In June, Archbishop Myers traveled to Ottawa to visit with Archbishop George Roberts, Primate of the Old Roman Catholic Church Latin Rite. During their time together, they were able to celebrate the Holy Mass, pray together, and visit numerous holy sites. Sites visited included St. Joseph's Oratory, the Sanctuarie de Lourdes de Rigaud, Notre-Dame-de-Bon-Secours Chapel, and the Calvaire d'Oka. Archbishop Roberts also received the Order of Our Lady Help of Christians as a sign of friendship between the two groups.



Join Us!

A Call for Vocations

The Society of Mercy continues to grow, but we need your help to share God's mercy with more people. The Society currently serves in the places indicated on the map below and has six seminarians with three inquirers. Please share information about us with those in your life who have a vocation to the Sacred Priesthood, as well as laity who would like to become Companions.

Easter in the Society

Some Photos from Our Ministries



Holy Name of Mary, St. Jerome,
Our Lady Help of Christians