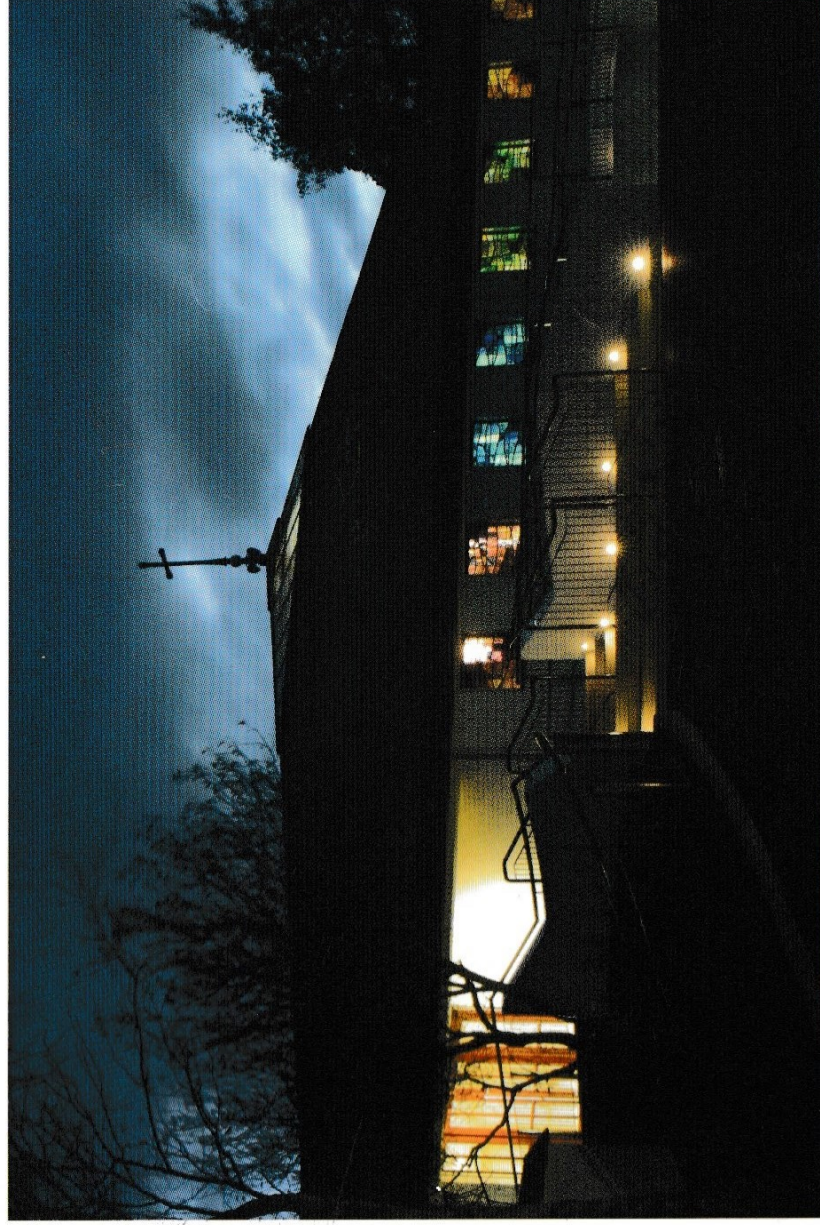


**Church of the Immaculate Conception
Trench Road**



Dedication of New Altar and Solemn Re-Opening
on
Thursday 8 December 2005
by
Most Rev. Séamus Hegarty DD
Bishop of Derry



New Sanctuary

FOREWARD

The priests of the parish of Glendermott welcome all who have come here today to join us in thanksgiving to God for the ceremony of Dedication of the New Altar of this Church of the Immaculate Conception, Trench Road.

We extend a warm welcome to our Bishop, Most Reverend Seamus Hegarty, who has taken great interest in our renovations of the sanctuary from the start.

Several issues came together two years ago to advance this project. The problem of persistent leaks from the glass portion of the roof over the altar needed to be addressed. Health and Safety regulations concerning wheelchair access required modifications to be made to our entrance set-up.

The number of steps in the previous sanctuary layout had become a safety issue for some lay readers; many people said it would be good to place the tabernacle at the back of the altar and the ideal of a centre aisle was often voiced.

Given that redecoration and recarpeting were also needed in anticipation of the twenty-fifth anniversary next May, we had enough prompts to plan a renovation.

We are grateful to our architect, Mr George Brennan, and all the members of the design team, who imaginatively carried out our instructions for the new sanctuary and all our other needs. They have served us well.

To the builders and the various services that assisted we say well done. MC Construction have presented us with a completed project of which we can all be justly proud.

This is also a time to thank you, the people of Glendermott. This project was made possible by your steady and patient generosity, especially through support for our recent special fundraising ventures. As a result, a little over half of the cost of the project is now covered by draw returns and donations. For such generosity we are indeed most grateful. It is appropriate that we dedicate our new altar on this feast of the Immaculate Conception. May this day be the first of many blessed days for the congregations that worship here and may we grow in holiness through the intercession of Mary, the Immaculate Conception.

Fr Aidan Mullan PP
Fr Michael McCaughey CC
Fr Eugene Hasson CC
Fr Peter O'Kane CC

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION TRENCH ROAD

In 1978 the Reverend Austin Duffy commissioned FM Corr and Associates to design the new Church of the Immaculate Conception to accommodate a congregation of 600. Construction commenced in May 1980, and was completed one year later with the dedication ceremony being held on Sunday the 31 May 1981.

The church with its adjacent sacristies and presbytery has a characteristic layout in plan evoking the strong symbolism of the fish. The popularity of this symbolism in Christian art lays in the famous acrostic consisting of the initial letters of five Greek words forming the word for fish (*Ichthys*) *Iesous Christos Theou Yios Soter*, i.e. Jesus Christ, Son of God.

The church interior is an impressive space with a fan shaped plan, unique folded roof geometry, lined with diagonal redwood boarding, which is crowned at it's apex by a large roof light providing for natural light above the sanctuary. The generous sanctuary is located at the widest end of the internal space and offers great proximity to the congregation.

In April 2004 the current parish priest the Reverend Aidan Mullan PP instructed Brennan Associates, to undertake a general review of the existing church to establish how it could be modified and adapted to best respond to current liturgical and practical needs. The renovations proposed are therefore intended to maintain the intrinsic character of the church and it's setting whilst enhancing the possibilities for extending liturgical functions and modern worship. The recent refurbishment works to the church commenced in July 2005 and were completed in November 2005.

The approach to the church from the car park has been improved by the introduction of generous complimentary steps and ramps incorporating new landscaping and the provision of five dedicated disabled parking bays, located close to the entrance doors.

The remodelling of this entrance provides for a natural gathering space and a more flexible and dignified access to the church for formal gatherings such as weddings or funerals. The introduction of additional external lighting has been carefully handled to ensure the setting of the church is truly maximised at all times.

The entire fan shaped plan of the church has been reappraised with the introduction of a new central aisle giving a strong central axis, the total number of aisles have been reduced from six to five. This creates a clear processional route for both priest and congregation leading from the sacristy and entrance porch to the sanctuary. The main entrance doors from the entrance porch have been completely reconfigured to provide an extra set of doors in the centre, opening onto the central aisle. These are formed in a screen of translucent and opaque glass allowing for both privacy and natural light.

The central aisle offers a more flexible and efficient liturgical arrangement particularly for funerals and weddings, and immediately frames the view of the sanctuary. Internally the area around the sanctuary has been completely remodelled to provide a more user friendly and visually effective layout. The original steps have been removed and reconfigured in a curved form that sweeps out towards the nave and compliments the rear wall of the sanctuary finished in oak and carpet. The sanctuary and associated steps have been subtly re-modelled without sacrificing any of its former generosity.

A curved wall now frames the rear of the sanctuary, incorporating an illuminated recess in which is suspended a new curved tabernacle, made of silver and brass. The tabernacle therefore rests in the more traditional position at the centre of the sanctuary directly behind the altar. The recess in which it hangs is marked by a contrasting rich colour, and is lit in such a manner that ensures that it is the main visual focus of the new sanctuary arrangement day and night. This has the positive effect of reinforcing the new symmetry of the interior but paradoxically acts also as a strong and constant visual reference when

viewed from any part of the church. This is in direct contrast to the original veiled tabernacle located to one side of the former sanctuary.

A winged shaped canopy rises from the back wall of the sanctuary to the roof light. This element generates an enhanced scale, appropriate to the internal proportions of the church and creates a unique but complimentary relationship between nave and sanctuary. It also allows for the successful integration of artificial lighting which is employed to full effect to discretely highlight each element forming the overall composition of the new sanctuary.

The altar furniture: the altar, ambo, sedelia, baptismal font and credence table, have been designed to integrate with and enhance the overall appearance of the new sanctuary. The pieces that comprise these are fashioned from Portland stone and glass, complementary in their curved forms they are detailed and constructed with simplicity and elegance. The ambo and sedelia are arranged either side of the altar. The frontal to the new altar has a corresponding central motif of host and chalice symbolising the importance of the Eucharist.

The new baptismal font remains in the original location to the right hand side of the sanctuary, but the area to the left of the sanctuary where the tabernacle was previously located has been adapted to give the shrine to the Virgin Mary a greater prominence within this the Church of the Immaculate Conception. A new statue of Saint Pio has also been located to right of the baptistery.

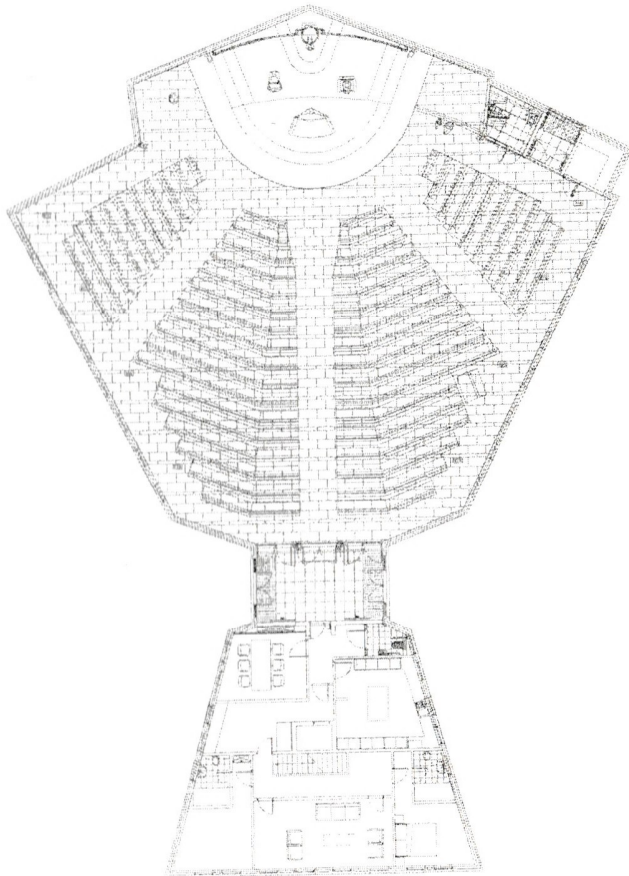
A new Johannes Organ has been located towards the rear of the church. The confessionals have been reduced from two to one and have been completely refurbished. New floor finishes have been provided throughout the church, including a new limestone tile to the entrance lobby. The church has also been redecorated both internally and externally.

On behalf of the entire design team I would like to thank Reverend Aidan Mullan and Reverend Michael McCaughey for their support and guidance. I also hope that all parishioners will find the renovated church a reflective and pleasant space for prayer and worship for many years ahead.

George Brennan

Brennan Associates
Architects & Designers

December 2005



DESIGN TEAM

Architect	Brennan Associates, Derry
Quantity Surveyor	The Mulheron Partnership Derry
Structural Engineer	Doran Consulting, Derry
Services Engineer	Patrick McCaul Engineers, Omagh
Planning Supervisor	Safety Professionals, Derry

CONTRACTORS

Main Contractor	MC Construction, Derry
Electrical Contractor	Thermal Electrics, Derry
Mechanical Contractor	LMF Fabrications, Derry
Sanctuary Furniture	Feelystone, Boyle
Tabernacle, Brassware	MPS Brassware, Belfast
Specialist Glass	CWS Glass, Belfast
Organ	Henderson Music, Derry
Landscaping	Willsboro Landscaping, Derry

ENTRANCE HYMN: 'O Mary Of Graces'

O Mary of graces and mother of Christ,
O may you direct me and guide me aright.
O may you protect me from Satan's control,
And may you protect me in body and soul.

O may you protect me by land and by sea,
And may you protect me from sorrows to be;
A strong guard of angels above me provide;
May God be before me and God at my side.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

SOLEMN ENTRANCE

*The altar servers, the concelebrants and the Bishop go in procession through the church.
The Bishop goes to the Chair.*

Bishop: The grace and peace of God be with all of you in this holy Church.

All: And also with you.

The Bishop welcomes the people and gives a short introduction to the ceremony.

BLESSING AND SPRINKLING OF WATER

The Bishop blesses water with which to sprinkle the people as a sign of repentance and a reminder of their Baptism, and to purify the altar.

Bishop: Brothers and sisters in Christ, this is a day of rejoicing: we have come together to dedicate this altar by offering the sacrifice of Christ. May we respond to these holy rites, receive God's word with faith, share at the Lord's table with joy, and raise our hearts in hope. Gathered around this one altar we draw nearer to Christ, the living stone, in whom we become God's holy temple. But first, let us ask God to bless this gift of water. As it is sprinkled upon us and upon this altar, may it be a sign of our repentance and a reminder of our baptism.

All pray in silence for a brief period.

Bishop: God of mercy, you call every creature to the light of life, and surround us with such great love that, when we stray, you continually lead us back to Christ our head.

For you have established an inheritance of such mercy, that those sinners, who pass through water made sacred, die with Christ to rise restored as members of his body and heirs of his eternal covenant.

Bless this water; sanctify it.

As it is sprinkled upon us and upon this altar make it a sign of the saving waters of baptism, by which we become one in Christ, the temple of your Spirit. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

All: Amen.

The Bishop sprinkles the people with holy water.

Bishop: May God, the Father of mercies, to whom we dedicate this altar on earth, forgive us our sins and enable us to offer an unending sacrifice of praise on his altar in heaven.

All: Amen.

The Gloria is sung.

OPENING PRAYER

Bishop: Let us pray.
Lord, you willed that all things be drawn to your Son, mounted on the altar of the cross. Bless those who dedicate this altar to your service. May it be the table of our unity, a banquet of plenty, and a source of the Spirit, in whom we grow daily as your faithful people. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

All: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

As is fitting to the proclamation of the word of God, two readers, one of whom carries the Lectionary, come to the bishop. The bishop takes the Lectionary, shows it to the people, and says:

Bishop: May the word of God always be heard in this place, as it unfolds the mystery of Christ before you and achieves your salvation within the Church.

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Genesis
I will make you enemies of each other, your offspring and her offspring.

PSALM (Sung)

'A Banquet is Prepared'

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians
Before the world was made, God chose us in Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Sung)

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
You are to conceive and bear a son.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation He came down from Heaven
by the power of the Holy Spirit
He became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THE ANOINTINGS

INVITATION TO PRAYER

Bishop: Let our prayers go forth to God the Father
through Jesus Christ, his Son,
with whom are joined all the saints
who have shared in his suffering and now sit at his table of glory.

Let us stand.

LITANY OF THE SAINTS

Lord, have mercy.....	Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy	Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy	Lord, have mercy
Holy Mary, Mother of God	Pray for us
Saint Michael	Pray for us
Saint John the Baptist	Pray for us
Saint Joseph	Pray for us

Saint Peter and Saint Paul	Pray for us
Saint Andrew	Pray for us
Saint John	Pray for us
Saint Mary Magdalene	Pray for us
Saint Martin	Pray for us
Saint Therese of Lisieux	Pray for us
Saint Francis of Assisi	Pray for us
Saint Pio of Pietrelcina	Pray for us
Saint John Vianney	Pray for us
Saint Teresa	Pray for us
Saint Patrick	Pray for us
Saint Columba	Pray for us
Saint Brigid	Pray for us
Saint Eugene	Pray for us
All holy men and women	Pray for us

Lord, be merciful	Lord, save your people
From all evil	Lord, save your people
From every sin	Lord, save your people
From everlasting death	Lord, save your people
By your coming as man	Lord, save your people
By your death and rising to new life	Lord, save your people
By your gift of the Holy Spirit	Lord, save your people
Guide and protect your Holy Church	Lord, hear our prayer
Keep the Pope, our Bishops and all the clergy	
In faithful service to your Church	Lord, hear our prayer
Bring all people together in peace and trust	Lord, hear our prayer
Strengthen us in your service	Lord, hear our prayer
Make this altar holy and consecrate it to your worship.....	Lord, hear our prayer
Jesus, Son of the living God	Lord, hear our prayer
Christ, hear us	Christ, hear us
Lord Jesus, hear our prayer	Lord Jesus, hear our prayer

Bishop: Lord,
May the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary
and all of the saints make our prayers acceptable to you.
May this altar be the place
where the great mysteries of redemption are accomplished;
a place where your people offer their gifts,
unfold their good intentions, pour out their prayers
and echo every meaning of their faith and devotion.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Bishop: Father,
we praise and give you thanks,
for you have established the sacrament of true worship
by bringing to perfection in Christ
the mystery of the one true altar
prefigured in those many altars of old.
Noah,
the second father of the human race,
once the waters fell and the mountains peaked again,
built an altar in your name,
You, Lord, were appeased by his fragrant offering
and your rainbow bore witness
to a covenant refounded in love.
Abraham,
our father in faith,
wholeheartedly accepted your word
and constructed an altar on which to slay
Isaac, his only son,
but you, Lord, stayed his hand
and provided a ram for his offering.
Moses,
mediator of the old law,
built an altar
on which was cast the blood of a lamb;
as prefiguring the altar of the cross.
All this Christ has fulfilled in the Paschal mystery:
as priest and victim he freely mounted the tree of the cross
and gave himself to you, Father, as the one perfect oblation.
In this sacrifice, the new covenant is sealed,
in his blood sin is engulfed.
Lord, we therefore stand before you in prayer.
Bless this altar built in the house of the Church,
that it may ever be reserved for the sacrifice of Christ,
and stand forever as the Lord's table,
where your people will find nourishment and strength.
Make this altar a sign of Christ
from whose pierced side flowed blood and water,
which ushered in the sacraments of the Church.
Make it a table of joy,
where the friends of Christ may hasten
to cast upon you their burdens and cares,
and take up their journey restored.
Make it a place of communion and peace,
so that those who share the body and blood of your Son

May be filled with his Spirit
and grow in your life of love.
Make it a source of unity and friendship,
where your people may gather as one
to share your spirit of mutual love.
Make it the centre of our praise and thanksgiving
until we arrive at the eternal tabernacle,
where, together with Christ,
high priest and living altar,
we will offer you an everlasting sacrifice of praise.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.

All: Amen.

ANOINTING OF THE ALTAR

The anointing with Chrism makes this altar a symbol of Christ, who is called 'The Anointed One'. The Father 'anointed' him with the Holy Spirit and made him High Priest, so that, on the altar of his body, he might offer the sacrifice of his life for the salvation of all.

Bishop: We now anoint this altar.
May God in his power make it holy,
a visible sign of the mystery of Christ,
who offered himself for the life of the world.

INCENSATION OF THE ALTAR

This signifies that Christ's sacrifice ascends to God and that our prayers also rise to him.

Bishop: Lord,
May our prayer ascend as incense in your sight.
As this building is filled with fragrance
so may your Church fill the world
with the fragrance of Christ.

Because it is at this newly anointed altar that the memorial of the Lord is celebrated and his Body and Blood given to the people, we see in the altar a sign of Christ himself. For this reason the Bishop now uses the brazier to reverence the altar with incense.

The altar is now dressed. This indicates that the Christian altar is the altar of the Eucharistic Sacrifice, and the table of the Lord, where all God's people meet to be refreshed with the Body and Blood of Christ.

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR

The altar is now prepared for the celebration of Mass. The Paschal Candle represents the Risen Christ. The Altar candles are lit from it. This reminds us that Christ is "a light to enlighten the nations." His brightness shines out in the Church, and through it, to the whole human family. The Bishop gives the lighted Candle to the Parish Priest saying:

Bishop: Light of Christ,
shine on this altar
and be reflected by those
who share at this table.

The altar candles are lighted from the Candle.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The collection is taken up. Gifts are brought in procession to the Bishop.

Bishop: Pray, brethren, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.

All: **May the Lord accept this sacrifice at your hands for the praise and
glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Bishop: Lord,
accept this sacrifice
on the feast of the sinless Virgin Mary.
You kept her free from sin
From the first moment of her life.
Help us by her prayers,
and free us from our sins.

All: **Amen**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Bishop: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Bishop: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

All: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Bishop: Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

True priest and true victim,
He offered himself to you on the altar of the cross
and commanded us to celebrate that same sacrifice,
until he comes again.

Therefore your people have built this altar
and have dedicated it to your name with grateful hearts.
This is a truly sacred place.

Here the sacrifice of Christ is offered in mystery,
perfect praise is given to you,
and our redemption is made continually present.

Here is prepared the Lord's table, at which your children,
nourished by the body of Christ,
and gathered into a Church, one and holy.

Here your people drink of the Spirit,
the stream of living water, flowing from the rock of Christ.
They will become, in him, a worthy offering and a living altar.
We praise you, Lord,
with all the angels and saints in their song of joy:

All: **Holy, holy, holy**

We come to you, Father,
with praise and thanksgiving
through Jesus Christ your Son.
Through him we ask you to accept and bless
these gifts we offer you in sacrifice.

We offer them for your holy catholic Church,
watch over it, Lord, and guide it;
grant it peace and unity throughout the world.
We offer them for Benedict our Pope,
for Seamus our bishop, Francis his assistant bishop
and for all who hold and teach the catholic faith
that comes to us from the apostles.

Concelebrant 1:

Remember, Lord, your people,
especially those for whom we now pray, *N* and *N*.
Remember all of us gathered here before you.
you know how firmly we believe in you

and dedicate ourselves to you.
We offer you this sacrifice of praise
for ourselves and those who are dear to us.
We pray to you, our living and true God,
for our well-being and redemption.

Concelebrant 2:

In union with the whole Church
we honour Mary,
the ever-virgin mother of Jesus Christ our Lord and God.
We honour Joseph, her husband,
the apostles and martyrs Peter and Paul, Andrew
[James, John, Thomas, James, Philip,
Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon and Jude;
we honour Linus, Cletus, Clement, Sixtus,
Cornelius, Cyprian, Lawrence, Chrysogonus,
John and Paul, Cosmas and Damian]
and all the saints.
May their merits and prayers
gain us your constant help and protection.

Bishop: Father, accept this offering
from your whole family.
Grant us your peace in this life,
save us from final damnation,
And count us among those you have chosen.
Bless and approve our offering:
make it acceptable to you,
an offering in spirit and in truth.
Let it become for us
the body and blood of Jesus Christ,
your only Son, our Lord.
The day before he suffered
He took bread in his sacred hands
and looking up to heaven,
to you, his almighty Father,
he gave you thanks and praise.
He broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples, and said:
**TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT IT:
THIS IS MY BODY WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.**
When supper was ended, he took the cup.
Again he gave you thanks and praise,
gave the cup to his disciples, and said:

**TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT:
THIS IS THE CUP OF MY BLOOD,
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND EVERLASTING COVENANT.
IT WILL BE SHED FOR YOU AND FOR ALL
SO THAT SINS MAY BE FORGIVEN.
DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.**

Bishop: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Choir: **Christ has died
Christ is risen
Christ will come again.**

Bishop: Father, we celebrate the memory of Christ, your Son.
We, your people and your ministers,
recall his passion,
his resurrection from the dead,
and his ascension into glory;
and from the many gifts you have given us
we offer to you, God of glory and majesty,
this holy and perfect sacrifice:
the bread of life
and the cup of eternal salvation.
Look with favour on these offerings
and accept them as once you accepted
the gifts of your servant Abel,
the sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith,
and the bread and wine offered by your priest Melchizedek.
Almighty God, we pray that your angel may take this sacrifice
to your altar in heaven.
Then, as we receive from this altar
the sacred body and blood of your Son,
let us be filled with every grace and blessing.

Concelebrant 3:

Remember, Lord, those who have died
and have gone before us marked with the sign of faith,
especially those for whom we now pray, *N* and *N*.
May these, and all who sleep in Christ,
find in your presence
light, happiness, and peace.

Concelebrant 4:

For ourselves, too, we ask
some share in the fellowship of your apostles and martyrs.

With John the Baptist, Stephen, Matthias, Barnabas,
[Ignatius, Alexander, Marcellinus, Peter,
Felicity, Perpetua, Agatha, Lucy,
Agnes, Cecilia, Anastasia]
and all the saints.
Though we are sinners,
we trust in your mercy and love.
Do not consider what we truly deserve,
but grant us your forgiveness.

Bishop: Through Christ our Lord,
you give us all these gifts.
You fill them with life and goodness,
you bless them and make them holy.
Through him,
with him,
in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours,
almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

Choir: Amen.

COMMUNION RITE

Bishop: Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Saviour gave us.

All: **Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth,
as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

Bishop: Deliver us Lord, from every evil,
and grant us peace in our day.
In your mercy keep us free from sin
and protect us from all anxiety
as we wait in joyful hope
for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: **For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.**

Bishop: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles:
I leave you peace,
my peace I give you.
Look not on our sins,
but on the faith of your Church,
and grant us the peace
and unity of your kingdom
where you live for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Bishop: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
All: **And also with you.**

Bishop: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.
Choir: **Lamb of God**

Bishop: This is the Lamb of God,
who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.
All: **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
But only say the word and I shall be healed.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Bishop: Lord, our God,
in your love, you chose the Virgin Mary
and kept her free from sin.
May this sacrament of your love
free us from our sins.

All: Amen.

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Bishop: The Lord be with you.
All: **And also with you.**

Bishop: Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.
May God, who has given you the dignity of a royal priesthood,
strengthen you in your holy service
and make you worthy to share in his sacrifice.

All: Amen.

Bishop: May he, who invites you to the one table,
and feeds you with the one bread,
make you one in heart and mind.

All: **Amen.**

Bishop: You have come to rejoice at Mary's feast.
May all to whom you proclaim Christ
be drawn to him by the example of your love.

All: **Amen.**

Bishop: May almighty God bless you,
The Father,
and the Son,
and the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

Bishop: Go in the peace of Christ.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN: 'Lady of Knock'

There were people of all ages gathered round the gable wall.
Poor and humble men and women, little children that you called.
We are gathered here before you, and our hearts are just the same.
Filled with joy at such a vision as we praise your name.

*Golden rose, Queen of Ireland
All my cares and troubles cease
As we kneel with love before you
Lady of Knock, my queen of peace.*

Oh your message was unspoken, but the truth in silence lies.
So I gaze upon your vision and the truth I try to find.
Here I stand with John the teacher, and with Joseph at your side.
And I see the Lamb of God on the altar glorified.

Chorus:

*And the Lamb will conquer, and the women clothed in the sun
Will shine her light on everyone. (Repeat)*

Chorus:

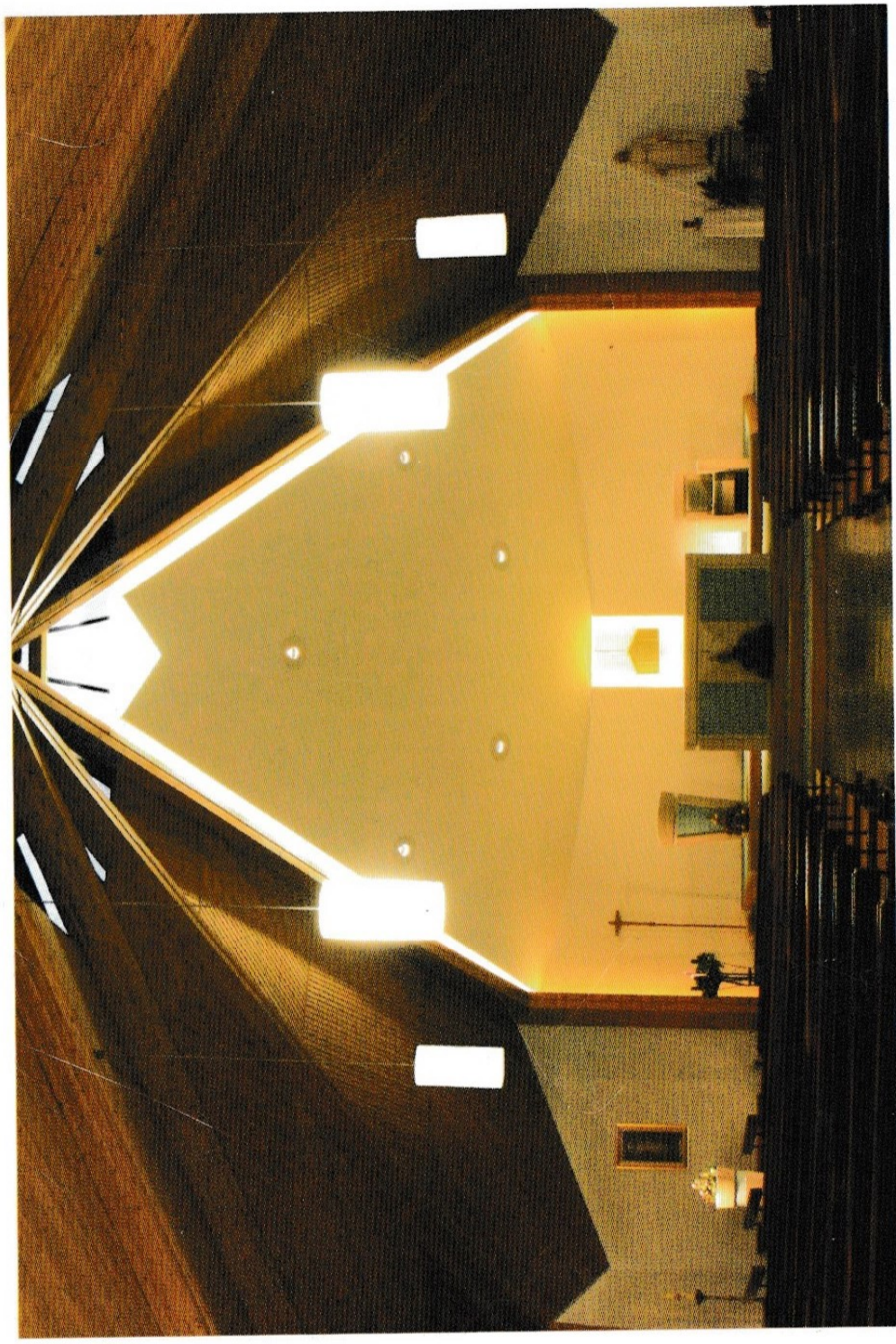
**New Sanctuary Furniture
of
Portland Stone and Glass**



*May this altar be the place where the great mysteries
of redemption are accomplished; a place where your
people offer their gifts, unfold their good intentions,
pour out their prayers and echo every meaning of
their faith and devotion.*



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