

Pilgrimage to St. Louis and national shrines



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Above, this statue grouping in the historic Old Cathedral of St. Louis depicts St. Margaret Mary Alacoque kneeling before Jesus. In December of 1673, St. Margaret Mary received a number of visions of Christ, who gave her the mission of spreading the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Led by Msgr. Joseph F. Schaedel, vicar general and pilgrimage director, pilgrims from the Archdiocese of Indianapolis toured the Old Cathedral of St. Louis and the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis on July 13 as part of a pilgrimage to St. Louis and several national shrines in Indiana, Illinois and Missouri. On their way to St. Louis on July 12, the pilgrims stopped at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, the home of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Providence and the National Shrine of St. Theodora Guérin.

Left, this statue of St. Joseph and the Child Jesus is above the tabernacle on the high altar at the Shrine of St. Joseph in St. Louis.



Archdiocesan pilgrims visited the National Shrine of the Miraculous Medal on July 13 in Perryville, Mo. St. Catherine Labouré of France received apparitions of Mary in 1830, who requested that she have a medal cast depicting Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, also known as the Miraculous Medal. The first medals were created on June 30, 1832.



Msgr. Joseph F. Schaedel, vicar general, celebrated Mass on July 14 at the historic Shrine of St. Joseph in St. Louis. Father Robert Mazzola, left, concelebrated the Mass and Our Lady of the Greenwood parishioner John Welch of Greenwood assisted as an altar server.



Above, Father Clarence Zachman, the former director of the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville, Ill., leads a tour on July 14 for the archdiocesan pilgrims.

Left, archdiocesan pilgrim Bea Eckert of St. Luke the Evangelist Parish in Indianapolis kisses a reliquary containing a relic of St. Peter Claver at the Shrine of St. Joseph in St. Louis. Thomas Milligan, a shrine volunteer, holds the reliquary.



This elaborate mosaic in the historic Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis depicts King Louis IX of France, the leader of France from 1226 until 1270, with members of the royal court. The city of St. Louis is named for King Louis, who is regarded as one of the greatest monarchs in French history because he embodied the Christian ideals of chivalry and piety.