

# The Bridge



Staff & Volunteer Newsletter for  
Guardian Angel Cathedral and the Shrine of the Most Holy Redeemer



*Guardian Angel Cathedral (left)  
Shrine of the Most Holy Redeemer (above)*

## **"The Shrine is an Extension of the Cathedral."** Bishop Pepe

*By: Michael La Rocca*

These words were spoken to me by our Bishop late in the month of May when I was approached by the Vicar General and the Bishop to become the Manager of the Shrine of the Most Holy Redeemer, as well as continuing my current duties as Master of Ceremonies to the Bishop and Director of Liturgical Ministries for the Cathedral.

Our Bishop feels that his Churches at both ends of the famous Las Vegas Strip need to function more closely than they have in the past. So, that

### **"A breath of fresh air" ...**

The first thing that is happening to help build that bridge is this Newsletter, fittingly called The Bridge. This Newsletter will be a monthly information publication for both the Cathedral (GAC) and the Shrine (SHR) volunteers and staff.

Over the next few months updates in liturgical practices will be taking place. Those who serve at the Cathedral will now be able to help at the Shrine, and those at the Shrine will be able to assist at the Cathedral. In an upcoming memorandum, details on how this will work and how you will inform me of which Church and when you would like to serve will be addressed.

being his request, I have been asked to be the "bridge" to make that request a reality. Just call me "Brooklyn."



Training for Liturgical Ministries will now happen four times a year: Twice a year for each ministry at GAC and twice a year at SHR. Procedures for serving at Mass will be extremely similar at both Churches which will make it easier for those of you who would like to lend your talents at both locations.

More exciting things will be happening in the near future at both GAC & SHR. Be open to the changes and welcome them as a "breath of fresh air" and not a "force to be reckoned with."

My continued love and respect goes out to our GAC and SHR Staff and Volunteers. We could not accomplish any of this without you...



**JULY 2010**

### COMMITTEES

- **Television**  
Wed July 14 – 6:30pm  
Michael La Rocca  
GAC Ofc: 735-3500  
SHR Ofc: 891-8600
- **Senior Club**  
Tues. Oct 5 – 1:00pm  
Call: 363-6820
- **Oktoberfest**  
Edgar Velazquez/  
Chairman  
Call: 813-2657  
Barbara Burke/Crafts  
Call: 871-9065  
Theresa Gagliano/  
Bake Sale  
Call: 658-3211
- **St. Joseph's Table**  
Julie Andriaccio  
Chairman  
Call: 735-1065
- **Meetings held at the  
Catholic Center in  
Anderson Hall**

### **Music**

- **GAC Cantors and Holiday Chorus**  
Debbie Cenna  
GAC Music Director  
Call: 612-4466
- **Diocesan/Cathedral Choir**  
Marek Rachelski, Director  
Call: 565-5060
- **Shrine Coordinators**  
Kenny & Ellen Lerum  
Call: 421-2544

Offices Closed  
Monday July 5, 2010  
Independence Day  
Have a Great 4<sup>th</sup> of July!!!



Michael La Rocca (above)

## Getting To Know You

In case you didn't know, Michael worked with the Miss America Pageant for ten years before moving to Las Vegas in 1996. He spent 32 years in Showbusiness performing, producing, directing and choreographing. Throughout his showbiz career Michael was always very involved with his parishes in his hometown of Buffalo, NY, when he resided in Phoenix, AZ, and here in Las Vegas. After throat challenges that left him unable to sing, Michael moved into church ministry full-time. He is Master of Ceremonies to our Bishop, Joseph A. Pepe, Director of Liturgical Ministries for Guardian Angel Cathedral, Executive Producer for GAC-TV and now making history as the first Lay Manager of the Shrine of the Most Holy Redeemer for the Diocese of Las Vegas.

Michael is honored and humbled that the Bishop and Vicar General have asked him to assume this additional position in our Diocese. He has asked that all of the GAC and SHR staff and volunteers keep him in your daily prayers. "I have the energy, the determination and the vision to get the job done, but I could sure use all the prayers I can get," says Michael.

### Liturgical Ministry Workshops

**EM's** – Aug 10 – 6:30 pm – SHR  
Sept 21 – 6:30 pm – GAC  
**LECTORS** – Aug 11 – 6:30 pm – SHR  
Sept 22 – 6:30 pm – GAC  
**SERVERS** – Aug 12 – 6:30 pm – SHR  
Sept 23 – 6:30 pm – GAC

*All Workshops are held in the Church and will not exceed 3 hrs*

You must attend a workshop once a year for each Liturgical Ministry in which you are involved.

**All SHR Staff & Volunteers  
Please Attend a  
"Getting To Know You"  
Pizza Party  
Sunday July 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM  
In the Shrine Lobby with a short  
talk in the Church.  
Meet Michael, our new  
Chaplains and Staff Members.  
GAC Staff & Volunteers are also  
welcome to attend.**

## Announcements for July 2010

### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES WORKSHOPS

There are only two more opportunities to attend a Liturgical Ministry Workshop in 2010, Aug. 10, 11, & 12 at SHR, and Sept. 21, 22 & 23 at GAC. All volunteers may attend a workshop at either Church, but you must attend a workshop once a year for each ministry in which you are involved. New people should also attend workshops.

### EVENT ENTERTAINMENT DIRECTOR NEEDED

We are looking for a volunteer Event Entertainment Coordinator for the annual Oktoberfest, St. Joseph's Table etc. Interested persons should contact Michael.

### CHRISTMAS PROGRAM BOOK CHAIRPERSON NEEDED

We are looking for an organized individual with internet access to coordinate the Souvenir Christmas Program Book. Contact Michael for details.

### SHRINE LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ASSISTANTS NEEDED

Duties include supervising liturgies and seeing that all volunteers, priests etc. are present and ready for Mass. Shrine individuals, who are currently helping in an Assistant capacity, please schedule an appointment with Michael. If you would like to be considered for a Liturgical Ministry Assistant, please contact Michael.

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You can find the monthly Newsletter and Schedules online at: [www.lasvegas-diocese.org](http://www.lasvegas-diocese.org) Go to Parishes and click on the GAC or SHR page



**IN CONCERT at the SHRINE  
The CANTORES MINORES  
of Warsaw Cathedral  
Wednesday July 28, 2010 / 7:00 PM**

Admission is FREE

A Collection will be taken to benefit the Choir and GAC-TV

### **MORE CATHEDRAL & SHRINE EVENTS**

"Getting To Know You" Pizza Party – July 18, 1:30pm at SHR  
6<sup>th</sup> Annual Oktoberfest, Craft & Bake Sale – Oct 2 & 3 at GAC  
Christmas Midnight Mass LIVE Telecast – KLAS TV Ch 8 at GAC  
St. Joseph's Table – Sat. March 19, 2011  
Our Lady of Fatima Day – Fri. May 13, 2011