





**Jennifer Crowley** (R) from St. Edward's Parish in Clifton Park chose the refurbishment of **"Theresa's Rosary"** (the white rocks near the Coliseum) as the project for a Gold Award with the Girl Scouts. As the highest achievement, the project is to educate and inspire. It requires that the Scout "choose, investigate, get help, create a plan, present the plan, take action [on a project]. . . that will have a sustainable impact on their community and beyond." Jennifer used her outstanding leadership skills to landscape and preserve this beloved rosary of "Theresa the Huron Girl."



At the Monument to the Unborn by the Coliseum (L), prayers were offered on the National Day of Remembrance for the Unborn which takes place on the second Saturday of September. The Shrine also participated in the nationwide Rosary Coast to Coast on Respect Life Sunday to pray for the conversion of our country and for life issues.



Several youth groups visited throughout the year, including the annual St. Isaac Jogues Youth Conference and the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS).

(R) Fr Peter Cameron, O.P. with Hard As Nails Ministries distributes Holy Communion to two of the 25 young adults newly commissioned as missionaries.



(L) St. Mary's Institute of Amsterdam, NY was one of many Catholic schools from near and far who brought the future of the Church on pilgrimage to the birthplace of the Catholic faith in this part of North America.



**Sisters of Life bring postulants to the Shrine every Fall.**



**French sisters from Montreal explore the Saints of Auriesville Museum**



**Sisters from Vietnam attended Mass at the high altar in Coliseum**



## Looking Ahead. . . ....To 2019 and Beyond

### Website

Design of our new website is progressing, and we plan to launch a fresh, updated, and user friendly site in 2019.

### The Auriesville Institute

Explore the Shrine and deepen your knowledge and love for the Faith by participating in the inaugural Auriesville Institute lecture series. Local and visiting experts present on topics such as the Saints, the Mass, Church doctrine, apologetics, family and life issues, in a classroom setting where questions and engaging conversation are encouraged.

### Camping Retreats

Plans are in the works for overnight accommodations at the Shrine to be available for the first time in many years by reserving RVs provided by Alpin Haus of Amsterdam, NY. Information coming soon.

### Our Dutch Connection



The Shrine will be included in an audio tour of the Mohawk Valley, a service of Dutch Heritage World Tours. Dutch-American history is a strong one throughout the Hudson and Mohawk Valleys. Dutch settlers near Albany were instrumental in the daring escape of St. Isaac Jogues from captivity here at Auriesville. Also look for a “Dutch Garden” outside the Saints of Auriesville Museum in recognition of their charity. And inside the Museum, the Dutch venue will be expanded.

### Room for Life

The Candle Hut near the Three Crosses is being re-dedicated as the Room for Life where pilgrims may light a candle and pray and spend a quiet moment in the adjoining life resource room which will house a collection of resources and materials on Church teaching on life issues.

### Hard As Nails Ministries

This apostolate is known for Justin Fatica and his “You’re Amazing!” series on EWTN. These youth missionaries receive intense evangelization training and then travel by bus to bring the truth of Jesus Christ to cities, college campuses and churches throughout the country. Their “Passion Conference” for teens and young adults is coming to the Shrine on April 13, 2019 and will be led by Fr. Peter John Cameron, O.P, Justin Fatica, and the Hard As Nails Missionaries.



### St. Kateri Grotto

The completion and installation of the Our Lady of Martyrs Grotto Sculpture in 2018 near the Visitors Center represents the first new addition to the Shrine’s unique collection of sacred art in many years. Sponsorship opportunities are still available to help bring to completion the second of two original works by world-renowned Catholic artist Tim Schmalz – the St. Kateri Grotto Sculpture. Thank you for your support!

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