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Over 10,000 People Expected to Visit Miraculous Medal Shrine for the 88th Annual Solemn Novena and Feast Day Mass November 14-23

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Photo: Rev. Michael J. Callaghan, CM, Miraculous Medal Shrine, will be the Homilist for the Miraculous Medal Shrine's 88th Annual Solemn Novena, speaking on the theme: "The Miraculous Medal in America's History."

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Photo: On Wednesday, November 23, the Feast Day Mass in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal will be celebrated by **Bishop Timothy C. Senior, Auxiliary of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, Rector of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, at 10am.**

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October 10, 2016 – Over 10,000 people are expected to come through the doors to pray for those they love and care for during the Solemn Novena Services at the Miraculous Medal Shrine at 500 E. Cheltenham Avenue in Germantown. All are welcome! Pilgrims will experience prayers to Mary, powerful Sermons, and the beauty of our recently restored Sanctuary! Additionally, the Shrine will officially close its Holy Door of Mercy during the Novena on November 18 at the 12:05pm Mass.

Starting on Monday, November 14, 2016, the Miraculous Medal Shrine in Germantown will celebrate our 88th Annual Nine-Day Solemn Novena. There will be six to eight services daily, through Tuesday, November 22. **Rev. Michael J. Callaghan, CM, Miraculous Medal Shrine**, will be the Homilist for the nine days, speaking on the theme: *The Miraculous Medal in America's History*. On Wednesday, November 23, the Feast Day Mass in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal will be celebrated by **Bishop Timothy C. Senior, Auxiliary of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, Rector of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary**, at 10am.

[See Bio information and list of topics below]

If you would like to leave us your intentions for the Solemn Novena to be placed at Mary's Altar for the nine days, please visit our website at www.MiraculousMedal.org. We will stream LIVE each day at 9am ET. We will follow our regular Monday schedule on each Monday during the Novena. If you miss a day, we will be posting the sermons on our website www.MiraculousMedal.org and on Facebook at Mary's Miraculous Medal Family page each day.

The Novena Schedule is attached. You may also [click here for the full Novena schedule](#).
[Link: <http://cammonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/MiraculousMedal-SOLEMN-NOVENA-2016.pdf>]

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Solemn Novena Theme:

The Miraculous Medal in America's History

Monday, Nov. 14: Our Declaration: "O Mary, Conceived without Sin, Pray for Us..."

Tuesday, Nov. 15: Our Stars and Stripes: The Symbols on the Miraculous Medal

Wednesday, Nov. 16: Our Forefathers and Mothers: American Vincentians, Daughters of Charity, Sisters of Charity Saints: Rosati, De Andreis, Seton, Skelly, Labouré

Thursday, Nov. 17: Our Heavenly Home: The Land of the Free: Scriptures Associated with the Miraculous Medal

Friday, Nov. 18: Our National and International Monuments of Salvation

Saturday, Nov. 19: Our Liberty and Life: The Medal as a Symbol for Life: Born and Unborn

Sunday, Nov. 20: The Pursuit of Happiness: The Medal and Immigration

Monday, Nov. 21: "From Sea to Shining Sea": USA Geography and the Miraculous Medal

Tuesday, Nov. 22: Manifest Destiny: The Future and the Miraculous Medal... Our Responsibility to Co-operate with Mary

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Join These Special Groups to Pay Homage to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

Each day, prayer will be offered for a different group, seeking Mary's intercession for their needs. Prayers will be offered for the following special intentions on each day of the Solemn Novena:

Monday, Nov. 14: Priests, Seminarians, Deacons, and Religious Men and Women

Tuesday, Nov. 15: Public Servants: Police, Firefighters, and EMTs

Wednesday, Nov. 16: U.S. Veterans and Military Personnel

Thursday, Nov. 17: Catholic Educators

Friday, Nov. 18: Seniors (each service will have "Anointing of the Sick")

Saturday, Nov. 19: Catholic Medical Professionals: Doctors, Nurses, and Technicians

Sunday, Nov. 20: Vincentian and Novena Families: All Who Attend Vincentian Parishes and the Monday Novenas (Past and Present Devotees)

Monday, Nov. 21: Catholic Societies / Organizations: Knights of Columbus, Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Legion of Mary, and many more

Tuesday, Nov. 22: Catholic Lawyers and Business Professionals

Invitations have been sent to each of these groups locally, and advertised and posted in all of the local parish bulletins. Many of these groups are organizing vans and buses to bring their parishes, youth, and special groups. Again, all are welcome to attend.

In addition, thousands of intentions from all over the world have been sent to the Shrine over the past few weeks to be placed at the foot of Mary's Altar to ask for her intercession.

The Miraculous Medal was shown to St. Catherine Labouré by the Blessed Mother during her third visitation. Billions of people worldwide wear this medal today and receive many Miracles. The full history of the Miraculous Medal and Miraculous Medal Shrine can be found online at www.MiraculousMedal.org.

The Central Association of the Miraculous Medal is a Catholic non-profit organization established in 1915 by the Congregation of the Mission, an order of Priests founded by St. Vincent de Paul, popularly known as the Vincentians. The Miraculous Medal Shrine was built in 1927 to help spread the devotion to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and to support the mission work of the Vincentian Priests and Brothers on behalf of those Most in Need.

For more information on the Solemn Novena Nine Days of Prayer or how to have your intention placed on Mary's Altar, contact the Central Association of the Miraculous Medal at 215-848-1010 or email Florence Dellisanti at fdellisanti@cammonline.org.

Secured gated parking is available. Photos are available by email or online at www.MiraculousMedal.org.

Bios of Celebrants and Preachers:

Preacher, Solemn Novena, All Masses and Services:

Rev. Michael J. Callaghan, CM

Miraculous Medal Shrine

Fr. Michael Callaghan, CM, was ordained to the priesthood in 1976 and professed final vows in the Congregation of the Mission (Vincentians) in 1983. He earned a BA in Philosophy and MDiv in Theology at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Wynnewood, PA. Fr. Callaghan also holds an MAT in English from Niagara University, NY, and a PhD in English from New York University, NY.

In his ministry, Fr. Callaghan has served as Associate Pastor at Sacred Heart Church, in Manoa, PA, and Our Lady of Fatima Church, Bensalem, PA. He was an English teacher at Archbishop Wood High School for Boys, Warminster, PA, and Assistant Professor of English and Speech at the College of Professional Studies at St. John's University, Jamaica, NY. He also served as chair of the Department of English at St. Joseph's Preparatory Seminary, Princeton, NJ.

Fr. Callaghan is a member of the Modern Language Association, National Council of Teachers of English, New York State English Council, and International Thomas Merton Society. In 2002, he received the Outstanding Faculty Achievement Award at St. John's University, Jamaica, NY.

Miraculous Medal Feast Day Principal Celebrant

Wednesday, November 23, at 10am Mass:

Bishop Timothy C. Senior, Auxiliary of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, Rector of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary

Bishop Timothy Senior was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia in 1985 and was appointed Titular Bishop of Floriana and Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia by Cardinal Justin Rigali on July 31, 2009. He became Rector of Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary, Wynnewood, PA, on July 2, 2012.

Bishop Senior earned his MDiv and MA in Theology from Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary, Wynnewood, PA, and then served as an assistant pastor at a parish in Bucks County and taught religion in an Archdiocesan high school before earning his MSW and MBA from Boston College.

He has served as Moderator of the Curia, assisting the Archbishop in the governance of the Archdiocese, and as Vicar for Clergy for the Archdiocese. He also served in the Archdiocesan Secretariat for Catholic Human Services, as Deputy Secretary and Secretary, assisting the Archdiocesan-sponsored Catholic healthcare and social services.

In 1998, Bishop Senior was named Chaplain to His Holiness, Pope John Paul, II, with the title "Reverend Monsignor." In 2004, he was named Vicar for Clergy by Cardinal Justin Rigali, and in 2005, was named a Prelate of Honor by the late Pope John Paul II.

For more information about upcoming events at The Central Association of the Miraculous Medal and the Miraculous Medal Shrine, please visit www.MiraculousMedal.org.

The Miraculous Medal Shrine, home of the Miraculous Medal Monday Novena, welcomes all visitors to our beautiful Shrine, located in the heart of Philadelphia. The Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal provides a sanctuary for prayer, meditation, and pilgrimage to God and to The Blessed Virgin

Mary. Visitors are also encouraged to enjoy our Museum's historical collection of Marian and religious artwork. The Shrine and Museum are run under the auspices of the Vincentian Community and The Central Association of the Miraculous Medal.

For over 100 years, The Central Association of the Miraculous Medal has been dedicated to spreading devotion to Mary Immaculate and her Miraculous Medal, supporting the promotion of this devotion, helping the formation and education of seminarians, providing care to the aged and infirm Priests and Brothers of the Eastern Province, and supporting programs that provide assistance to the poor.

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