GREETINGS FROM DETROIT'S BASILICA

Our Basilica Serves the Mission!

I was invited by Fr. Mitch Pacwa, host of EWTN Live, to appear on his show on July 13 to discuss the importance of basilicas in general and specifically the Basilica of Ste. Anne de Detroit. You can find a link to the video at ste-anne.org/basilica.

The buildings of the Catholic Church help it serve its mission. Our churches are a home where God’s people gather to worship, pray and celebrate the sacraments. Our schools are places that provide quality education and nurture young people in their faith.

The Basilica of Ste. Anne is certainly a beautiful building and we love its grandeur. More importantly, the basilica building serves our Catholic mission. Our mission is to be a place of Catholic worship and devotions as well as provide opportunities for growth in faith and spirituality. A basilica is meant to be an apostolic center for the whole archdiocese and beyond as part of the network of basilicas. We accomplish our mission in various ways.

Our annual Novena (see page 3) to prepare to celebrate the Feast of Ste. Anne has benefited thousands of people from all over the region for around 130 years.

We have more than 80 weddings a year. Couples come attracted by the beauty of our basilica and most of them participate in our marriage preparation program. This program includes helping them to become reconnected to the Catholic Church. This is one example of evangelization.

We continue to invite the public to join us in our celebrations of Hispanic Catholic Culture, such as Day of the Dead (November 2), the Feast of St. Juan Diego (December 9), the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (December 12), and the Posadas (novena to Christmas).

We have added a basilica tab to our website to provide more accessible information about what it means to be a basilica. This tab also includes information about our plans to restore the basilica building.

I hope to see you soon for Mass, a tour or one of our special events!

Peace,
Msgr. Chuck Kosanke
Rector
Lupita's Story: The Power of Faith in the Life of a Young Cancer Survivor

The Basilica of Ste. Anne de Detroit is home to a thriving youth group for teen girls called Las Flores del Corazón Abierto, which means The Flowers of the Open Heart.

To come to a Las Flores gathering is to see the grace of God in action. The girls laugh, pray the rosary, reflect on Scripture readings, play games and enjoy some pizza and ice cream. The girls are forming real friendships and opening up about how they have experienced the love of God in their own lives through prayer and the love of others.

One of these extraordinary girls is Guadalupe "Lupita" Espitia.

Lupita is a 17 year-old high school junior. As a middle school student, she attended Religious Education classes at Ste. Anne, where she and her family first met Fr. Ryan Adams. It was soon after that that her family was rocked by the news that Lupita had a cancerous tumor at the base of her brain near her pituitary gland.

Lupita spent a month in the hospital in Ann Arbor. Her tumor was inoperable so she endured intensive chemotherapy to shrink the tumor, which caused numerous complications.

During that time Lupita recalls, "My mom always had her bible and her rosary and she would read to me and pray for me all the time, even when I was sleeping. I felt really connected to God during the whole chemo process. Praying always made us feel better. Fr. Ryan visited me and blessed me with a relic of Ste. Anne. He's very understanding. He's really strong and a very good person to lean on if you need help."

When she left the hospital, she and her family always made it to Mass at Ste. Anne. Lupita said, "I sometimes was so weak I couldn't stand up during Mass, but I always wanted to go. It was very helpful for me."

Thankfully, Lupita's treatment was successful and she is now cancer free.

She adds, "Cancer was hard and sad at times. But I got through it. I don't ever remember feeling defeated."

As for Fr. Ryan, when asked about his relationship with Lupita and her family, he tears up and says, "Her family has been a huge source of inspiration for me. They have helped me more than I've helped them."
NOVENA 2022

Our 2022 Novena to Ste. Anne was a beautiful celebration of faith and culture. Many thanks to all the donors and volunteers who made it possible. Ste. Anne, pray for us!

ANNUAL EXHIBIT
Fr. Gabriel Richard: Missionary - Educator - Civic Leader
September 13 - 30, 2022 in the Chapel

Self-Guided Tours on Sundays from 11am - 2pm
Docent-Led Tours and Group Tours scheduled upon request
Contact 313.496.1701 or contact@steannedetroit.org for scheduling and more information. Tours run 45 minutes. Please enter through the chapel door on Ste. Anne Street.

Special Presentation by Kevin Madosky
"The Spirituality of Fr. Richard"
September 18 at 1:30pm in the Basilica
Free admission. No reservation needed. Livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube.

More details at ste-anne.org/father-gabriel-richard/

MUSIC MINISTRY
Vespers and Organ Recitals
7:30pm
9/25 - 10/23 - 11/27
No cost to attend
No reservation required

New Children’s Choir
at the 10am Sunday Spanish Mass
Open to kids ages 7+
Rehearsals once a week
Contact Rubi for more information or to sign up your child.
(313) 415-5415

BASILICA OF STE. ANNE

FALL 2022
Founded in 1701, the Basilica of Ste. Anne de Detroit invites people of all cultures to encounter Jesus, grow in faith and form disciples. Inspired by our patroness, we provide a place for pilgrimage, formation, healing and devotion.

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