



CATHEDRAL CENTENNIAL – 2015

Remembrance, Thanksgiving, Celebration

The Cathedral of Saint Paul will host events all year long

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(Saint Paul, Minn.) The Cathedral of Saint Paul's landmark building turns 100 this year and to celebrate the anniversary, the parish will host a full calendar year of exhibits, lectures, choral and organ concerts, and special Works of Mercy projects. Palm Sunday, March 29, 2015 marks the 100th Anniversary of the First Mass at the Cathedral celebrated by Archbishop John Ireland. The first Mass occurred on Palm Sunday in 1915; and coincidentally, the Centennial Anniversary Mass also lands on Palm Sunday. The Most Reverend John C. Nienstedt, Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, will preside at the 10 a.m. Anniversary Mass, Sunday, March 29, 2015.

"We know each time visitors enter the Cathedral, they encounter beauty whether their purpose is spiritual, faith-filled, quiet solace or to take in a cultural event," said Fr. John Ubel, Rector of the Cathedral. "During this Centennial year, we extend a special invitation to neighbors and community. Our doors are open all day, every day. We hope this anniversary inspires you to come inside and take in the beauty and history of this century-old church."

Three unique exhibits created for the Centennial year will all be free and open to the public.

A Timeline of Cathedral History opens January 25

Opening the Centennial - 2015 year Sunday, January 25 will be "*A Timeline of Cathedral History*" displayed through a series of very early black-and-white photographs, including the picture at right of the architect, Emmanuel Masqueray on a site visit. The timeline includes short descriptions of key events leading up to the completion of the Cathedral's construction.



The History of the Cathedral in 25 Objects opens March 15

Following a very popular Smithsonian exhibit model, the archivists have selected 25 objects to display throughout the expansive Cathedral to tell the building's story.

Beginning Sunday, March 15, visitors may pick up the easy-to-follow "25 Objects" map in the church brochure racks and begin their walk through history. Some of the items on view include: Archbishop John Ireland's death mask, gold candlesticks donated by James J. Hill's daughters, and a coin bank distributed to children more than a 100 years ago to help in fundraising for the new Cathedral!

100 Years of Weddings at the Cathedral of Saint Paul opens June 6

This exhibit opens in coordination with the Archdiocesan Marriage Day following a special Mass celebrated by Archbishop Nienstedt. The event is meant to celebrate and honor more than 2,000 couples who married at the Cathedral and their families. For a full year, Cathedral archivists have been collecting wedding photos donated by members of the community with the goal of displaying a wedding photograph for each year. By constructing donated photographs into a 100 year timeline, visitors will be able to see the evolution of weddings over time, as well as how world events shaped the style and nature of weddings held over the past 100 years.

Hosting public exhibits, like other centennial events, are an effort to fulfill the three-fold mission of the Cathedral, according to Celeste Raspanti, Ph.D, Cathedral Centennial Chair. "People from all over should feel a sense of ownership of the Cathedral because it is the mother church of the archdiocese. It has a public face with a mission to enrich the cultural life of the community. It's also a parish, and fulfilling the mission of every parish to educate in faith and to minister to those in need," said Raspanti.

Centennial Works of Mercy each month

The Centennial Works of Mercy Project is also a program of Centennial – 2015 fulfilling the mission to minister to those in need. While outreach programs are on-going, for the Centennial, Cathedral Parish groups and parishioners volunteered to sponsor an activity each month that engages the parish in a corporal work of mercy* which is a theme in Catholic social teachings and has been an essential part of the Cathedral parish life.

Below is a list of the full calendar of Centennial Works of Mercy and public events taking us through Centennial – 2015.

January **Centennial Works of Mercy Project: Project Home (overnight shelter for families)**
Sponsored by Cathedral Justice Initiatives

January 25 Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul – Official opening of Centennial - 2015.
Opening of Exhibit: *Timeline of Cathedral History*, after 10 a.m. Mass,
Lower level and Hayden Hall

- February** **Centennial Works of Mercy Project: Listening House Sock Drive,**
Sponsored by the Cathedral Men's Association
- February 28** Centennial Tea sponsored by the Centennial Committee
Noon, Hayden Hall
- March** **Centennial Works of Mercy Project: Concerts at Senior Homes,**
Sponsored by the Cathedral Music Department, Children's Choir
- March 4-13** Centennial Pilgrimage to Italy led by Cathedral Rector, Fr. John Ubel
- March 7** Saturday Morning of Recollection: Dr. Denis McNamara
Church Architecture: Sacrament of the New Heaven and the New Earth
Pillars of the Church: Decoration, Ornament, Wedding Feast of the Lamb
- March 15** Exhibit opening: *The History of the Cathedral in 25 Objects,*
Following 10 a.m. Mass in the Cathedral, narthex, lower level and museum.
- March 17** Centennial Saint Patrick's Day Mass and breakfast, Hayden Hall
- March 22** Presentation: Larry Millett: *The Churches of Emmanuel Masqueray, 2:30 p.m.,*
Reception in Hayden Hall sponsored by the Summit Avenue Residential & Preservation
Association (SARPA)
- March 23** Concert: The Choir of King's College, Cambridge, 7:30 p.m.,
Sponsored by Minnesota Public Radio
- March 28/29** Palm Sunday: 100th Anniversary of the First Mass in the Cathedral of Saint Paul.
Archbishop Nienstedt will preside; reception in Hayden Hall after 10 a.m. Mass.
- April** **Centennial Works of Mercy Project: Food Drive**
Sponsored by Cathedral Young Adults
- April 11/12** 100th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral of Saint Paul.
Archbishop Nienstedt will preside at 10 a.m. Mass
- April 12** Centennial Parish Festival: 1 to 5 p.m.
- April 12** Divine Mercy Information Day
- April 18** Concert: Saint Paul Cathedral Choir of London, 7:30 p.m.
Sponsored by Minnesota Public Radio
- April 26** Centennial Lemon Pie Sale
- May** **Centennial Works of Mercy Project – Cathedral on the Road,**
Sponsored by Cathedral Tour Guides
- May 12** Larry Morgan, TKDA, *Engineering the Cathedral: How did they do it?*
7:30 p.m., Hayden Hall, reception

- June** **Centennial Works of Mercy Project– Service at Dorothy Day Center,**
Sponsored by Cathedral Justice Initiatives
- June 6** Archdiocesan Marriage Day. 10 a.m. Mass; Archbishop Nienstedt will preside;
Exhibit opening: *100 Years of Marriage at the Cathedral of Saint Paul*,
Reception in Hayden Hall
- June TBD** Centennial Softball Tournament
- July** **Centennial Works of Mercy Project – Blood Drive,**
Sponsored the Divine Mercy Cenacle and the Cathedral Staff
- July TBD** Interfaith Gathering: Cathedral tours, reception in Hayden Hall
- August** **Centennial Works of Mercy Project – School Supply Drive,**
Sponsored by Cathedral Moms group
- August 4** 200th Anniversary of the Ordination of Saint John Vianney,
Secondary patron of the Cathedral and of the Archdiocese,
Mass, reception in Hayden Hall
- August TBD** The Next 100 Years: Cathedral Children plant the Centennial Tree,
Gathering and picnic in Cathedral garden
- August 20** Concert: Organ, Donald Verkullen
- September** **Centennial Works of Mercy Project – Clothing Drive,**
Sponsored by the Cathedral Parish in cooperation with
Saint Thomas More Parish Swap Shop
- September 10** Concert: Organ, Samuel Backman
- September 13** Day of Prayer for Religious. Open House
- October** **Centennial Works of Mercy Project – Prayer for Pro-life Issues,**
Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus
- November 2** **Centennial Works of Mercy Project – Commemoration of**
All the Faithful Departed, sponsored by Cathedral clergy
- December** **Centennial Works of Mercy Project – The Giving Tree,**
Sponsored by the Cathedral Women’s Association
- December 1** *Women Who Helped Build the Cathedral of Saint Paul.*
Dinner, presentation at the James J. Hill House, 6 p.m.

Events on this calendar are subject to change.

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***Works of Mercy**

Feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, visit the sick, visit the imprisoned, shelter the homeless, bury the dead, instruct the ignorant, counsel the doubtful, admonish sinners, bear wrongs patiently, forgive offences, comfort the afflicted, pray for the living and the dead.

For more information about the Centennial Anniversary of the Cathedral of Saint Paul, please visit www.cathedralsaintpaul.org/centennial.

Cathedral Hours: The Cathedral doors are open Sunday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Guided tours are given at 1 p.m. Monday through Friday year round except on Holy Days and civil holidays. No appointment is necessary. More information is available at cathedralsaintpaul.org. Welcome Center: 651-228-1766.

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