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## June Anniversary Celebration

“I am truly thankful for having been a part of these great events”

by Fr. Scott Daniels O.P.

I am compelled by love to express to all of you the great blessings of Divine Grace, through the intercession of Our Lady of the Roses, experienced by me while in attendance at the 38th Anniversary of Our Lady’s apparitions at Bayside.



From the first moment I arrived in New York, my soul was flooded with peace and thanksgiving to God for His infinite goodness in allowing me to be present for the momentous activities to celebrate the 38th year of Our Lady’s coming to the world with messages of love and calls for humanity to be converted to God through Our Lord Jesus Christ.

The first planned event during the weekend was the visit to the **grave of Veronica**. Being present there for the first time, I was overwhelmed by the memories of her gentleness and kindness experienced firsthand by me many years ago. Before the pilgrims congregated around the grave, I offered a prayer of thanksgiving for her loving response to God’s Providence in having had the faith to respond to the call to be an instrument by and through which Our Lady would speak to the world concerning our lives and vocations as Catholics and what we owe to God in love and justice.

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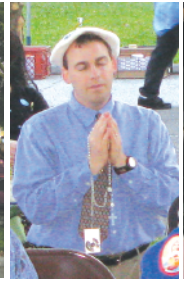




Fr. Daniels leading procession



550 pilgrims from across the globe



Praying



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After visiting the gravesite of Veronica, the pilgrims made a visit to the **workshop of Our Lady** to see the wonderful work done there on behalf of the Mission from Heaven. I was deeply impressed by the many labors of love done there by the Lay Order of St. Michael. The environment reminded me more of a canonically established house of religion than anything else. The dedication of this small band of disciples generated within me a great hope for the Church in the midst of so much rebellion and disobedience experienced in our secular and pluralistic world.



Some of the Lay Order of St. Michael, in green ties with embroidered LOSM; (l. to r.) Michael Mangan, James Donohue, Vigil Coordinator, and John Benevides.

**B**efore the **Rosary Procession and Vigil** on Saturday, June 21st, I heard confessions and offered Mass for the pilgrims. The love, humility and utter rejection of sin on behalf of these good people was more than inspirational to me. I went to the vigil having experienced so much grace and peace. During the vigil, I was permitted to rest in the Lord in the company of Our Lady in offering prayers for my vocation, the world's healing and for the people I serve as a priest of Jesus Christ.

After a period of deep contemplative prayer, I was asked to hear the confessions of the faithful. As a priest, I must tell you that hearing confessions is the most humbling and one of the most blessed aspects of the priesthood, for the priest is reminded of his own broken nature and the blessed grace of God in bringing about the transformation and sanctification of sinners. As I state often: "It is in God alone that we receive healing and it is from Him alone that our help and wholeness comes."



The next event of the 38th Anniversary weekend was the **Sunday Holy Hour for priests** on June 22. This event, too, was one imparting great peace and the assurance that God is with all priests in helping them to achieve their own salvation and the salvation of those they are called to serve. While I was in prayer, I was constantly reminded that only that which is done for God and for His Kingdom—THIS ALONE—is worth living and dying for. I was accompanied during the vigil and the holy hour by four other priests who, like myself, came in faith for a strengthening of our priestly vocations, acknowledging always that Our Lady is the Mother and Protector of the priests of Her Son.

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Venerating  
crucifix kissed  
by Our Lady

Laughing

Working  
William Dykes, LOSM

Hanging out

Darryl  
Bolisay, LOSM

Michael exhibiting  
sword of St. Michael  
(a Vatican replica)

It is also my firm conviction that the prayers offered by loving pilgrims who attend these holy hours on a weekly basis—in all kinds of weather conditions—have and continue to strengthen my priestly vocation. I cannot emphasize enough the grace God imparts to His priests through these holy hours. I truly am thankful for this great gift to the Church.

After the holy hour, about 230 pilgrims gathered at the Marriott Hotel for the **Anniversary Banquet** to honor Our Lady of the Roses. Every moment of this event was filled with joy and hope that the world has not been abandoned by Providence. Every speaker was ablaze with the faith and love that God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—has remained faithful although we have not. At one point I gave testimony to the workings of God’s grace in my life through the apparitions of Our Lady of the Roses.

As always, I asked the Holy Spirit and the patron of my preaching, St. Vincent Ferrer, to be with me and help me to say all that God intended for the occasion. Though I am a limited being and can never adequately thank God for His goodness, I never want to shortchange Him when it comes to naming graces received. I only hope and pray that the talk was received and embraced with an ever greater love and longing for Heaven and the things of God.

As for the remainder of the 38th Anniversary events, I was continually edified by the **beautiful Latin Masses** offered—being reminded constantly of its serene, lifting and transcendent holiness. The experience now compels me to learn this extraordinary rite and offer it as much as possible.



The last event, the **Organizer’s Conference**, was a great way to sum up the entire weekend. Having been away from the Shrine for so many years, I was continually awe-struck by the many things done by Heaven over the years and the many obstacles overcome. I am truly thankful for having been a part of these great events. The graces received have already given me a greater appreciation of my priesthood and I look forward with God’s grace to a never-ending increase and yield of God’s grace until the day I rest with Him, Our Lady and the communion of saints forever.

*If you like these photos, definitely check out the 210-photo spectacular of the 38th Anniversary at [www.smwa.org](http://www.smwa.org). You can also listen online to the prayers and program of the entire Anniversary Vigil and Holy Hour. It’s like being right there on the sacred grounds.*

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Michael is known as “Golden Boy” in Heaven. He is truly a warrior of Heaven.  
Veronica, Dec. 7, 1970

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