

Dear Lourdes Family:

Most of us tend to think that the straight path is the best one. As we reflect on the journey that Lourdes has traveled over the last ten years, however, our path for much-needed parking and expansion has been anything but straight.

As we begin implementing the vision of building a new church, we have summarized some of the milestones of our journey.

- In 2008, Lourdes purchased the land on Edgewood (currently our parking lot) with the plan and intention to build a new church on the property.
- In 2013, Lourdes purchased the Centennial Property (on Boulevard, less than a block south of Lourdes). With nearby land in short supply, this was a perfect opportunity to acquire what we needed to be able to develop needed parking and move forward with the plans to build a new church on Edgewood.
- In 2015, neighborhood groups and the City of Atlanta required Lourdes plans to accommodate a parking structure with liner buildings (buildings around the perimeter of the parking area). There was also resistance to building a parking garage above ground level, so we were required to have a garage below ground level.
- Because we had no intention of becoming a retail and/or housing landlord, we embarked on the path to find a developer. We took our time to find the one that would serve our needs with assurances to protect our investment. In 2018 we sold the Centennial property to Lucror Resources to build a mixed-use development. We were able to use the sale of the land as leverage to gain additional parking spaces we need.
- Our current Edgewood lot has capacity for approximately 100 cars. In the parking structure to be built by Lucror, we will gain 200 parking spaces for Saturday evenings and Sundays and nearly double our total parking capacity. The agreement guarantees parking for Lourdes in perpetuity.

We offer our sincere gratitude to our parish family. We have taken a number of steps forward in faith as we launch into the next chapter in our history and our mission in Jesus Christ. We ask for your prayers and your continued support as we move forward into the future.

Peace and blessings,



Building Unity In Lourdes Development



AN EVENING WITH THEA: *A Tribute to Sister Thea Bowman*

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church
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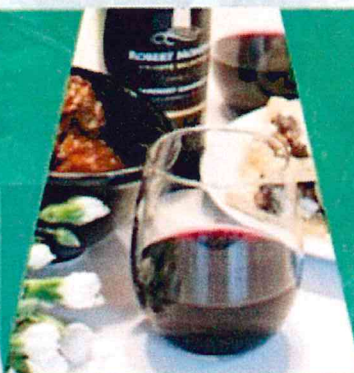
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Saturday, June 29, 2019
7:00 P.M.

Performance Begins at 8 P.M.

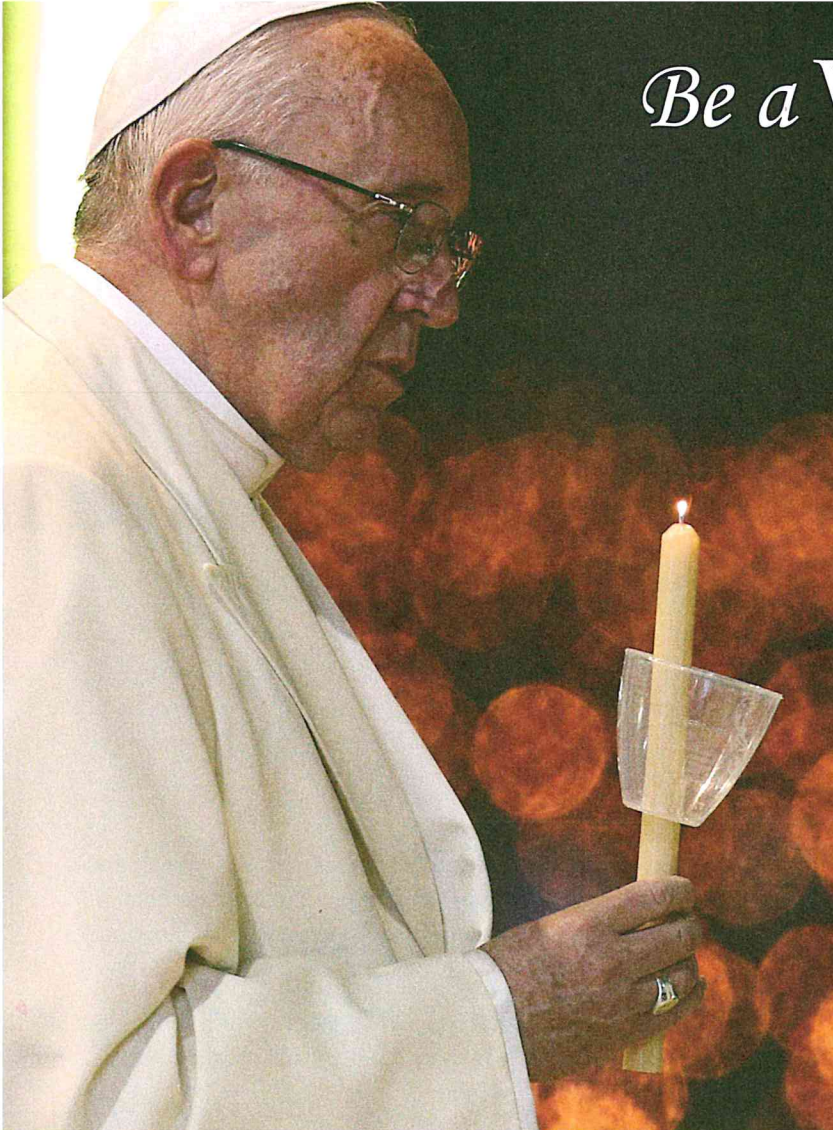
A Cocktail Event

Wine, Beer & Food



Admission
\$15.00

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church
Adamski Hall
928 Ralph D. Abernathy Blvd, SW
Atlanta, GA 30310



Be a Witness of **Charity**

**"A LITTLE MERCY MAKES THE WORLD
LESS COLD AND MORE JUST."**

—Pope Francis, *Angelus*, March 17, 2013

How You Can Help

PRAY

Pray for the Holy Father as he reaches out compassionately to make the world less cold and more just, and pray for those suffering around the world who will benefit from this collection.

SHARE

To spread the message of mercy and peace, share this flier with someone who might be interested, and tell others how Pope Francis supports the marginalized.

GIVE

Please give generously to the collection to be a witness of charity and offer hope to those who suffer around the globe.

The Peter's Pence Collection has ancient roots that reach all the way back to New Testament times. The early Christians provided material support that the disciples—those preaching the Gospel—could distribute to those in need (see Acts 4:34-35, 11:29). Today, the Peter's Pence Collection is the way we, as members of the Catholic Church, unite ourselves to the concerns of the Holy Father. Donations to this collection support the charitable works of Pope Francis for the relief of those most in need.

How Pope Francis Invites Us to Make the World Less Cold and More Just

Pope Francis encourages us not to "fall into indifference," but rather to "become instruments of God's mercy" (General Audience, November 9, 2016). Each of us is called to be an instrument of God's mercy and to be a witness of charity. For "it is precisely in the measure to which we open ourselves to others that life becomes fruitful, society regains peace and people recover their full dignity," Pope Francis teaches us (General Audience, October 26, 2016).

How We Can Join Pope Francis and Be a Witness of Charity

By supporting the Peter's Pence Collection, you assist the charitable works of Pope Francis. Your generosity witnesses to charity and helps the Holy See reach out compassionately to those who are marginalized.

For example, in the Dioceses of Embeder, Harar, and Mek in Ethiopia, people rely exclusively on subsistence farming and nomadic herding. The El Niño weather phenomenon worsened drought conditions in these regions, and the people fear a new famine that could be far worse than the 1984 famine that led to more than a million deaths in Ethiopia. But your support of the collection is helping the Holy Father to bring aid to the affected villages. Your donations have funded food and medicines that give the Ethiopian people a measure of relief and hope. Learn more by visiting www.peterspence.va/opere.



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