



LE DECINE DEL ROSARIO

THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF POMPEII

The Oldest Continuing Italian-American Catholic Church
in the City of Chicago, located in the heart of historic "Little Italy."

A Gift of Italian-American Hospitality, Embracing All Pilgrims of Faith
Founded in 1911 ✘ Established as a Shrine in 1994

The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.
— *Mark 1:15*

The term **shrine** signifies a church or other sacred place to which the faithful make pilgrimages for a particular pious reason with the approval of the local ordinary. At shrines, more abundant means of salvation are to be provided for the faithful; the Word of God is to be carefully proclaimed; liturgical life is to be appropriately fostered especially through the celebration of the Eucharist and penance; and approved forms of popular piety are to be cultivated.

Code of Canon Law, 1230 and 1234

Le Decine del Rosario is the Italian phrase for decades of the rosary, representing the twenty decades of the rosary, for which our weekly bulletin is named.

A Pilgrimage in Reverse

Dear Friends of Our Lady,

As a Shrine, we have a mission: to be a place where the human heart always has a home... a home in the heart of Our Lady and of her beloved Son, Jesus Christ. We are a place where we enshrine the Italian-American religious heritage, with all its devotions and flair.

At the center of this mission is our ministry: a ministry of pilgrimage and encouragement. And so, during these 20 years of service, we have hosted many pilgrims, who journey to this shrine-church to find peace and solace.

To celebrate this 20th anniversary as a pilgrimage place, The Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii is hosting, what we might call, a pilgrimage in reverse... from this Shrine we will go on a journey to Italy and to other places and shrines in the home country of those whose heritage we cherish.

Think about joining this anniversary pilgrimage. We leave on October 1, 2015 and return on October 10, 2015. If you want details, we will send you a brochure (call our Shrine Office – 312.421.3757) or pick up a bulletin, or log onto our website (www.ourladyofpompeii.org).

We will be going to Rome, Florence, Assisi and of course to our beloved Pompeii. This will be a wonderful opportunity for prayer, rest and to take in the beauty of these holy places.

Consider joining us.

And if you are lucky at raffles, soon we will be announcing a raffle of two tickets for this pilgrimage.

Spread the word, we want to have at least 25 pilgrims join us.

Until the next time, let us look out for each other and hold each other close in prayer to Our Lady.

Peace,

Father Richard, Rector