

**RELIGION**



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**St. Joseph's gets a facelift**

Working Plant Manager and Chair of St. Joseph's Building Committee, Denny Ebaugh, installs a lightning rod atop the main cross on St. Joseph's Catholic Church. The Emmitsburg church is undergoing a three-phase \$750,000 renovation. Electrical upgrades have been completed. Scaffolding has encased the building for the past month as workers from R.L. Bryan, Inc., Baltimore, have been restoring the building's façade. This second phase of the restoration should be completed by Labor

Day. Remaining interior work will hopefully begin in early 2006. The church has thus far raised \$660,000 to pay for the renovation work.


See related article, "St. Joseph's Church begins \$750,000 renovation," in the Aug. 11, 2004 issue of *The Emmitsburg Dispatch*.



**Local Catholic leaders respond**

*Response to the advertisement in the July 21, and August 4, 2005 editions of the Emmitsburg Dispatch regarding "The Public Messages of Our Lady of Emmitsburg":*

The Catholic pastors, pastoral life director, and religious leaders of the Emmitsburg area out of concern for the truth and not wishing people to be misled, present again the decree of the Archbishop of Baltimore, William Cardinal Keeler, regarding the matter of alleged apparitions and locutions (messages).



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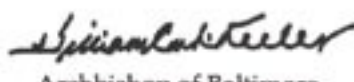
**DECREE**

Having received reports of alleged locutions and visions said to have taken place in St. Joseph Church, Emmitsburg, in the Archdiocese of Baltimore;

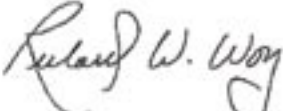
and having studied these reports most attentively through the work of a commission of recognized experts in theology, canon law, and the behavioral sciences;

and having shared with the Holy See the report of the Commission and received from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, the appropriate authorization;

I hereby declare that in this case, *constat de non supernaturalitate*. Accordingly, there is to be no public activity in the churches, oratories and other properties of the Archdiocese of Baltimore relating to the alleged apparitions and locutions.

Archbishop of Baltimore



Rev. Monsignor Richard W. Woy  
Chancellor

Given at Baltimore on June 7, 2003,  
the Vigil of Pentecost

Some respondents point to the good work done by the Mission of Mercy, which is headed by some of the same people who promote the alleged messages. We reply that it is necessary to make an intellectual distinction between the two works, granted that some of the same protagonists play leadership roles in both organizations.

We the undersigned Catholic pastors, pastoral life director, and religious leaders of the Emmitsburg area urge our people to cease the activity about which the Church has decreed "nothing of a supernatural nature is occurring." We the undersigned remind our people to abide by the directives of the Church.

- Rev. Martin E. Feild, pastor, St. Joseph's Church, Taneytown, MD
- Rev. Wm. J. Goff, C.M., hospital chaplain, St. Joseph's Church, Emmitsburg, MD
- Rev. Ray Harris, Director of Pastoral Field Education, Mount St. Mary's Seminary, Emmitsburg, MD
- Rev. Richard B. Hilgartner, chaplain, Mount St. Mary's University, Emmitsburg, MD
- Rev. Michael J. Kennedy, C.M., chaplain, Mother Seton Shrine, Emmitsburg, MD
- Rev. Jack Lombardi, Director of the Grotto of Lourdes, Emmitsburg, MD
- Sr. Joan Maenner, O.S.F., Pastoral Life Director, St. Anthony's-Mount Carmel Churches, Emmitsburg-Taneytown, MD
- Rev. Vincent J. O'Malley, C.M., pastor, St. Joseph's Church, Emmitsburg, MD
- Rev. J. Wilfrid Parent, Executive Director for Catholic Identity and Mission, Mount St. Mary's University, Emmitsburg, MD
- Rev. Paul V. Redmond, Professor Emeritus, Mount St. Mary's University, Emmitsburg, MD
- Very Rev. Msgr. Steven Rohlfs, Rector of the Seminary, Mount Saint Mary's University, Emmitsburg, MD
- Rev. David W. Shaum, Mount St. Mary's University, Emmitsburg, MD
- Rev. Steven P. Trzeciecki, C.M., assistant pastor, St. Joseph's Church, Emmitsburg, MD

**St. Joseph's  
Community Picnic & Fun Day**

Corner of DePaul and N. Seton Ave.  
Saturday, August 27, 2005  
11:30-7:30 P.M.

**Food**  
BBQ Chicken Dinners (dine in or carry out)  
Homemade Soups  
Homemade French Fries  
Lots of goodies!




**Fun**  
Pony Rides, Moon Bounce,  
Bingo, Golf,  
Face Painting, Darts,  
Sand Art, Raffles  
Games For All Ages!



**Entertainment**  
Home Comfort Bluegrass Band  
Denny & Elaine's Classic Karaoke

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**