

Sisters of the
Holy Family



Palmdale Spectacular VII

September 12, 2004

Afternoon Garden Gala
Scrumptious Food and Wine
Harp Music
Historical Presentation
Silent and Live Auctions



*To seek out and advocate
for the poor and needy,
especially families,
for the Kingdom of God.*

Welcome from Sister Sharon

September 12, 2004

Dear Friends,

Welcome to Palmdale Spectacular VII!



“Your love, dear brothers and sisters, has brought me great joy and much encouragement! You have cheered the hearts of all of God’s people.” Phm 1:7

The Sisters of the Holy Family celebrate 55 years in Mission San Jose. We invite you to share the story of the rich history of our home, walk the grounds and take in the beauty. We are all blessed by this gift of nature and by those who, for generations, have cared for it.

This year our Honorary Committee is made up of those individuals and businesses that have helped us build our Motherhouse and maintain these grounds. We recognize and honor them for helping us extend our mission on, and from, this place.

In appreciation for this land and our care for it, the planet and all peoples, we give you a copy of the “Earth Charter.” In light of our mission as a Congregation, we have added our name as endorsers of this Charter committing ourselves to bring forth a sustainable global society. We invite you to join us in this endeavor.

Thank you for your presence with us today. Through your generous support of our Mission Fund, our Sisters will be able to continue their ministry to the homeless and to children and families in need.

Sincerely,

Sister Sharon Flannigan
Congregational President

A Very Special Thank You to Our Honorary Committee

Reardon Construction Company – Kathy Reardon-Kopping
Building the Sisters' Motherhouse

Interlocking Tile & Roof Company – Laura Pessagno
Manufacturing and installing the tile for the roof of the Motherhouse

Jack Pereira – Patty Lacey (Jack's godchild)
Care of the grounds

Felipe Galvan
Faithful guardian of the grounds

Holey & Associates – Carl Bridgers
Designing our many renovation projects

Frank Portman Co. – Bill Portman
Executing the many renovation projects

American Air Systems – Ed Reardon
Assisting with our heating and cooling requirements

Judge Roy Pucci – Joan Pucci
Providing scholarships for young children

Mid-Peninsula Housing Coalition – Fran Wagstaff
Working collaboratively with us to provide affordable housing

On Lok SeniorHealth Center – Jennie Chin Hansen
Dedication to the care of the elderly

Palmdale Estates – Veena Roesler
Many years of generous support

*These companies and individuals have helped maintain or care for the land.
We thank each and every one of them for carrying on and assisting
to maintain the mission of the Sisters of the Holy Family.*

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Felipe Galvan	Signs
Palmdale Estates	Tablecloths, etc.
Nancy Margherita	Basket Arranging
Myrtle Avilla	Basket Arranging

*To the many donors of Auction Items listed in this program,
your generosity is overwhelming!*

Palmdale Spectacular

September 12, 2004

Schedule of Events

12:45 p.m.

Welcoming & Registration

1:00 p.m.

Silent Auction - Wine & Art, Armer House

Silent Auction, Best House

Bar Opens, Snacks Available - Tent, Best House Garden

Spectacular Drawing Tickets Available, Armer House and Best House

Harp Music, Best House

2:00 p.m.

Historical Presentations (2 p.m. & 2:30 p.m.) - Tent, Best House Garden

Self-Guided Tour of the Grounds (approximately 30 minutes)

3:00 p.m.

Hors d'oeuvres, Served at Table - Tent, Armer House Garden

15-minute Final Call Warning for Silent Auctions, Armer House & Best House

3:15 p.m.

Silent Auction Ends, Armer House & Best House

Live Auction - Tent, Armer House Garden

3:45 p.m.

Invocation - Tent, Armer House Garden

Spectacular VII Drawing

Dinner Served, with Harp Music Accompaniment

5:00 p.m.

Closing

Payment & Pickup of Auction Items Armer House and Best House

Menu

Special Thank You to Palmdale Estates Catering

Antipasto

Cheese and Crackers, Artichoke Dip, Raw Vegetables

Salami and Mortadella, Olives and Pepperoncini

Served Salad

Spinach Salad with Sliced Almonds, Mushrooms, and Mandarin Oranges

Honey Mustard Dressing

Fresh Baked Roll and Butter

Sit Down Dinner

*Champagne Chicken with Mushroom and Parsley**

Savory Rice Pilaf

Sautéed Seasonal Confetti of Vegetables

Dessert

Compliments of Spin-A-Yarn Restaurant

Cheesecake

** Vegetarian option only available by arrangement before September 5, 2004.*

Self-Guided Tour

Palmdale Estates has a rich history just waiting for you to discover and explore. Home of the Motherhouse of the Sisters of the Holy Family since 1949, Palmdale Estates has a long history reaching back to the Ohlone Indians, was once part of the old Mission San Jose Gardens, and continues to be a part of the thriving historic Mission San Jose.

The tour will take approximately 30 minutes. Please be prepared to walk about a mile and wear comfortable shoes. The path is wheelchair accessible.



Trees: The short road to the Sundial was originally a racetrack road during the time of Juan Gallegos.

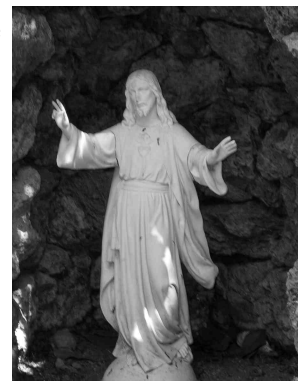
Monterey Cypress tree near the Sundial is said to be over 300 years old.

There are close to 500 trees on the Palmdale property! Just a sampling include: Star Acacia, Japanese Maple, Norfolk Island Pine, Orchid Tree, Atlas Cedar, Hinoki Cypress, Ginkgo, English Holly, Jacaranda, Crape Myrtle, Glossy Privet, Sweet Gum, Southern Magnolia, Oleander, Colorado Spruce, English Laurel, Pyracantha, California Oak, Black Locust, Giant Sequoia, Coast Redwood, California Bay, California Washington Palm, Mexican Palm, Box Elder, Carob, Silk Oak, New Zealand Christmas Tree, Colorado Spruce, Victorian Box, California Sycamore, Portugal Laurel, Douglas Fir, Golden Wattle, European White Birch, English Hawthorne, Lombardy Poplar, Catalina Cherry, Japanese Plum, Prune, Persimmon and Avocado and many, many more varieties. Amazingly, some of the old palm trees are originally from the mission and date back to its inception!

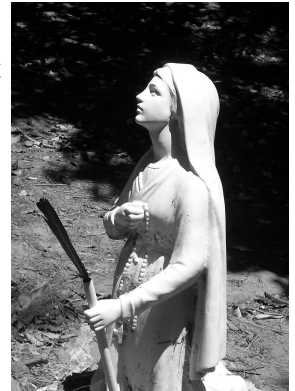
1. **Sundial** – This sundial was put in by the Starrs. Sundials are the oldest known device for the measurement of time and the most ancient of scientific instruments. It is based on the fact that the shadow of an object will move from one side of the object to the other as the sun “moves” from east to west during the day. The origin of the sundial is unknown; the oldest sundials in museums today date from 1500 B.C. Sundials are used today in gardens to accent flower beds and bushes. Sundials are beautiful and enduring and one of the most important historic factors of time.



2. **Sunken Gardens** – At one time this was the fourth lake. The fountain in the center is made out of lava stone. Legend has it that in the winters the small lake overflowed and flooded the Best’s home. Mr. Best solved the problem by closing it off and planting trees. Out of his frustration, comes beauty: the very pretty Sunken Garden, a secluded area where beautiful weddings are now held.
3. **Sacred Heart Grotto** – All the grottos were built by the Starr and Best Families. The Sacred Heart Grotto depicts a humble Visitation sister of the monastery at Paray-le Monial, Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque (b.1647, d.1690) being visited by Christ revealing the desires of His Heart and to



confide the task of imparting new life to the devotion of the Sacred Heart. When He appeared, radiant with love, He asked for acts of devotion, frequent Communion, Communion on the First Friday of the month, and the observance of the Holy Hour. This was known as the "great apparition" which took place during the octave of Corpus Christi, 1675. Many Catholics still continue this devotion to the Sacred Heart in their lives today.



4. **Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto** – In 1858 the Blessed Mother Mary appeared to Bernadette Soubirous near Lourdes in France within the cave of Massabielle. Through this humble girl, Mary called sinners to conversion and enkindled within the Church a great zeal for prayer and charity, especially service to the sick and poor. This grotto is especially pertinent to the Sisters of the Holy Family, whose mission is to seek out and advocate for the poor and needy. All the concrete work was done by the Starr and Best Families.

5. **Cross bridge over creek** – sculptured concrete. The sycamore trees are registered with the State of California because of size and age. Amazingly, the curly leaf willow tree you see in front of you is from a slip taken from the tree at Napoleon's grave on St. Helena Island in the 1860s by John Beard!

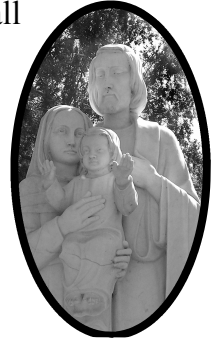


6. **Lower Lake (artificial)** – The ponds were cemented so they would hold water, and in their heyday, canoes were provided for the guests of the Starrs. (Proceed across street.)
7. **Heart Garden** – Garden was put in by the Starrs. Rumor has it that Mr. Starr put in this very romantic garden as a gift of love to his wife.
8. **Upper Lake (artificial)** – Again, fountains are made out of lava stone. The fountains are fed by water from the surrounding hills. The water pressure is natural and is a gift that helps keep the grounds green and lush.
9. **Cross bridge** – this little bridge connects the Heart Garden and the Upper Lake. These lakes were really natural ponds that the Starr and Best Families nurtured and sculpted into "lakes."
10. **Cross second bridge** – When you look below, you will see a cement culvert with running water. This was an original stream that ran through the property, since time immemorial. In the 1970s the local water district wanted to eliminate this stream because it threatened the integrity of Mission Boulevard. But, because it is such an important part of the property, Matt Whitfield, a long-time friend and benefactor of the sisters, fought to have the creek preserved and reinforced.
11. **Memorial Gardens** – The original portion of the Gardens, the oriental basin and gravel walks were built for Mrs. Starr in the 1930s. The six sections of the Memorial Gardens are home to more than 50 memorial markers of friends and benefactors of the Sisters. There are several grottos dedicated to saints in the Gardens. St. Jude, also known as Thaddeus, was the apostle who asked the Lord at the Last Supper why he had manifested himself to his disciples and not to the whole world (John 14:22). He is known as the saint of the impossible and his feast day is October 28. St. Joseph, foster father to Jesus, is the patron saint of the Sisters of the Holy Family and of workers. He claims two feast days, March 19 and May 1. St. Anthony of Padua, a Franciscan monk and doctor was devoted to the poor. Also known as the patron saint of lost and found, his feast day is June 13.

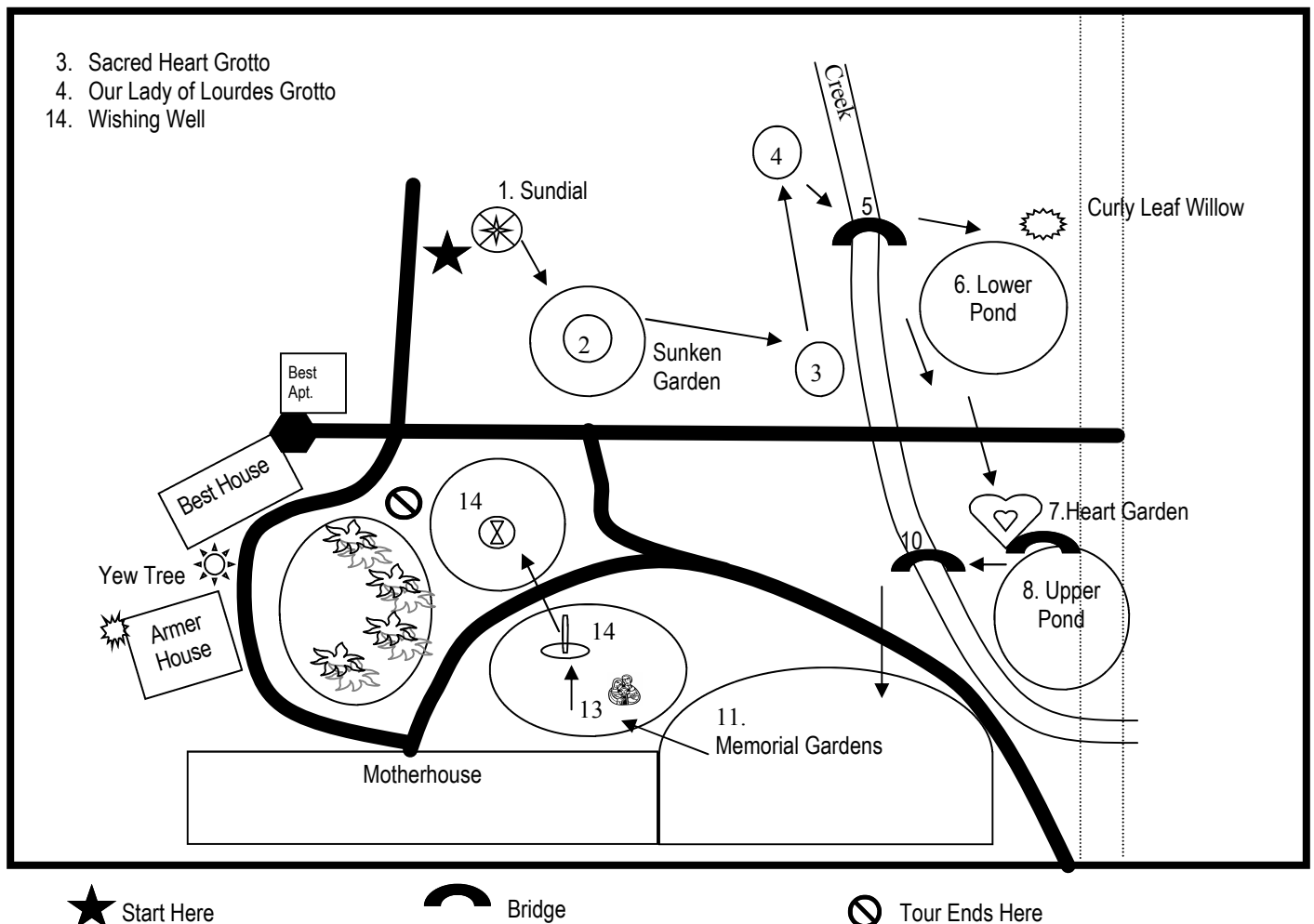




- 12. Peace Pole** – December 31, 1995 at 5:00 a.m. an International Prayer for Peace was held at Mission San Jose in honor of global peace and this pole was erected. Peace Poles are hand-crafted monuments erected the world over as an international symbol of peace. Their purpose is to spread the message, MAY PEACE PREVAIL ON EARTH, and act as a constant reminder for us to visualize and pray for world peace. The Peace Pole reminds us to keep peace ever present in our thoughts. There are over 200,000 peace poles in 180 countries all over the world dedicated as monuments to peace. The first Peace Pole was erected in Japan in 1955. The Peace Pole displays the message “May Peace Prevail on Earth” in many different languages on each of the sides.



- 13. Holy Family Statue** – Given to the Sisters in 1966 by the Holy Family Guilds. The Guilds are composed of individuals who support the mission of the Sisters of the Holy Family. If you would like more information about the Guilds, please contact Sister John Marie Samaha at 510- 624-4500.
- 14. Wishing Well** – Originally this was a septic tank! It was capped off and is now used as a garden decoration. Jack Pereira was head gardener and planted many trees and flowers on the estate. He was responsible for creating this Wishing Well from what could have been an unpleasant aspect of the property.



Historical Presentation

By SISTER MICHAELA O'CONNOR

The Ohlone, Jose Vallejo, the Starrs and the Bests — many names come to mind when thinking about the lush property we call Palmdale.

What is its story? Sister Michaela O'Connor has spent many happy hours researching the story of this little piece of heaven in our own backyard. Come hear all about it!



Many of the visitors to the beautiful grounds of the Motherhouse of the Sisters of the Holy Family (SHF) Motherhouse have questions about the landscaped acres or the interesting people and events that have shaped the site.

This is a chance to hear about the property's history, see a few exhibits and ask questions that you may have been considering.

Sister Michaela O'Connor, archivist for the SHF, originally researched the property to help satisfy her own interests in the previous inhabitants and owners of Palmdale. The SHF archives are the Sisters' storehouse for over 132 year of history in photos, memorabilia, recorded history, and oral traditions. The collections began in 1872, and are a rich source of historical materials concerning the work of the SHF throughout the western states. The archives have assisted scholars and genealogists with their historical searches and helped those all-important anniversary committees from dioceses and parishes in providing pictures and stories for commemorative publications.

Besides her archives responsibilities, Sister Michaela has a full time ministry among the Laotian Hill tribes of the East Bay of which the Kmhmu' make up the majority. Her ministry here involves being catechist; liturgist; photographer; decorator; taxi driver; tutor; instructor; court advocate; social worker; field trip organizer; dispenser of toys, clothing, and entertainment; drama coach; oral history and records archivist; as well as general gofer for the Kmhmu' Pastoral Center Diocese of Oakland.

She loves all her jobs!



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General Auction Rules

Welcome! Good luck and good bidding!

The number on the back of your program is your bidding number. Be sure to keep this program with you for the entire day.

- The **Silent Auction** begins at 1:00 p.m. and continues until 3:00 p.m.
 - The **Live Auction** will begin at 3:15 pm. It will be fast.
 - Stay alert and let your bids be known by raising your program. A bid is registered only when formally recognized and called by the Auctioneer.
 - *All final decisions will be made by the Auctioneer.*
1. All articles are sold “as is” and Sisters of the Holy Family are not responsible for the correct description or the authenticity of any item or service.
 2. All items purchased are to be used by December 31, 2005, unless otherwise specified or other arrangements are made with the donor.
 3. All arrangements for cabins, condominiums, etc., must be made directly with the owner at least 60 days prior to the date of use. The dates must be mutually agreed upon, and restrictions such as special holidays or seasons, if any, must be honored.
 4. Values quoted are estimates only and are not warranted by the Sisters of the Holy Family for tax or other purposes.
 5. In the **Live Auction**, the highest bidder acknowledged by the Auctioneer shall be the purchaser. Highest bidders must identify themselves, using the bid number on their program.
 6. All items on the **Silent Auction** will have bid sheets attached or adjacent. Persons wishing to bid must do so by legibly writing their bid number, name and bid amount on the bid sheet on the uppermost line still available. *Bids without bid numbers are not valid.*
 7. No bids will be accepted after the close of the **Silent Auction**. In the event of a dispute or if two or more people are still bidding at the time of the auction closing, the Auctioneer will arrange an oral auction on the item in question.
 8. All auction items must be removed on the night of the auction at the expense of the buyer.
 9. Payment of items may be made by cash, check, or VISA.
 10. Sales tax—all prices of taxable items include sales tax reimbursement computed to the nearest penny.

We have done our best to establish a reasonable fair market value or donor value for goods and services at this event. If deductions are critical for you, please consult with your accountant to establish deductions.

Live Auction

Silent Auction

SAVE THIS DATE
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Sisters of the Holy Family

PALMDALE SPECTACULAR VIII
September 18, 2005

Also:
34th Annual Holiday Boutique –2004
Saturday, October 16 — 10 am to 4 pm
Sunday October 17– 10 am to 2 pm

Donor Appreciation Event
April 9, 2005

Mother's Day Brunch
May 8, 2005