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SHRINE ADDS 11 NEW RELICS TO COLLECTION

MARIA STEIN, Ohio (November 19, 2018) – On November 11, 2018, the Maria Stein Shrine of the Holy Relics officially welcomed 11 new relics to its collection. The special day was highlighted by family activities, veneration and prayer. The new relics, all either first, second or third class, were of the following Saints: St. Pope John Paul II, St. Andre Bessette, St. Marianne Cope, Bl Solanus Casey, Bl Stanley Rother, Bl Francis Xavier Seelos, St. Theophilus of Corte, St. John Eudes, St. Claude de la Colombiere, Bl Maria Dorste zu Vischering and a stone from Gethsemane.

First-class relics are items directly associated with the events of Christ's life (manger, cross, etc.) or the physical remains of a saint (a bone, a hair, skull, a limb, etc.). Second-Class relics are items that the saint owned or frequently used, for example, a crucifix, rosary, book, etc. Again, an item more important in the saint's life is thus a more important relic. Sometimes a second-class relic is a part of an item that the saint wore (a shirt, a glove, etc.). Finally, third-Class relics are any object that is touched to a first- or second-class relic.

It's been nearly 5 years since a new relic was added to the Shrine's extensive collection, as they are not easily acquired when one follows the proper, reputable channels. These additions bring the number of reliquaries to 976 and individual relics to 1,199. They are all now on permanent public display for veneration in the Relic Chapel. Updates to the eShrine app and paper directory are currently underway and will be available soon.

The Maria Stein Shrine of the Holy Relics provides faith nourishment and spiritual renewal through opportunities for prayer and pilgrimage and inspiration from the lives of the saints. People from around the world visit the shrine to explore and enjoy this environment rich in holiness and history. The Shrine is located at 2291 St. John's Rd. in Maria Stein. For more event information, visit www.mariasteinshrine.org