Welcome to Faith Quest at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception!

Do you know who the patroness of the United States is? The answer is the Blessed Virgin Mary under her title of the Immaculate Conception, and you are standing in our nation’s preeminent shrine dedicated to her. This shrine is the largest Roman Catholic church in the United States (actually, in all of North America) and is home to the largest collection of contemporary ecclesiastical art on earth and more than 70 chapels and oratories that relate to the peoples, cultures, and traditions that are all part of the fabric of Catholic faith.

In today’s quest, you are going to have a chance to visit some of those chapels and learn about how the Blessed Virgin Mary is honored in different places around the world. Catholics from so many countries and cultures have contributed not only to the chapels of this Basilica, but to the diversity in our archdiocese and in our nation. Diversity, yes, and while we can respect and even rejoice in the amazing mosaic of devotion to Our Lady you’ll see here, we are also reminded that as one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church, our unity transcends all.

Because the Basilica is so large (one of the 10 largest in the world!), our quest today is limited to chapels on the Lower Level, although of course you are welcome to continue your explorations in the Upper Level. Begin by getting a map at the Information Desk and proceeding to the chapel of Our Lady of La Vang. From there you will spend some time at the Hall of American Saints. Then you will enter the Crypt Church and continue by visiting the Our Lady, Queen of Peace chapel (to your left). You will visit the remaining Marian chapels in the Crypt Church in a clockwise direction by proceeding to Our Lady of Ephesus and ending with Our Mother of Africa (exit the Crypt Church and go right to find it).

Along the way, be sure to observe carefully. You will be completing a unique Blessed Mother crossword puzzle based on the information you learn as you visit the various chapels. The clues are given below the puzzle, with hints that tell you in which chapel you can find the answer. A word bank is also provided to help you.

When you are finished with the crossword puzzle, remember to go back to the Information Desk to get your passport stamped. You can update your status on the Faith Quest leaderboard at www.adw.org/FaithQuest and send photos, posts, and tweets about your quest to www.facebook.com/groups/faithquesters or Twitter @WashArchdiocese. Thank you for visiting the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception!
1. Our Lady of La Vang

2. Hall of American Saints

3. Our Lady, Queen of Peace

4. Our Lady of Ephesus

5. Our Lady of Hope

6. Our Lady of Good Health

7. Our Lady of Antipolo

8. Our Lady of Mariazell

9. Our Lady of Ta’Pinu

10. Our Lady of Bistrica

11. Our Mother of Africa

Relief in Our Mother of Africa Chapel

Special note of interest regarding the relief in Our Mother of Africa chapel: Notice the Modern African Family is not found within the relief itself. There is a progression which depicts the African/African-American people from the time of slavery to the civil rights movement in the 1960s. The Modern African Family is not part of the relief because they, as a family and a people, have been freed from any bondage through their own determination, the Holy Spirit and the Crucified Christ. The Holy Spirit is clearly depicted to show this.
Using the clues on the next page, complete the crossword below. (Note: For multiword answers, don't put blank spaces in the puzzle.)

[Crossword puzzle image]

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WORD BANK

Arrival          Evacuation          Slavery
Austria          Four              Slavic
Canh Thint       Frances Xavier Cabrini  Styria
Carmela Grima   Gozo              Theotokos
Civil rights     Ildephonsus       Thomas
Croatia          Kateri Tekakwitha  Turks
Crying out       Mark              Vailankanni
Elizabeth Ann Seton  Pax              Vietnam
Ephesus
17. To which saint did Mary appear under the title of Our Lady, Queen of Peace? Hint: Find this answer in the chapel of **Our Lady, Queen of Peace**.

18. Our Lady of Mariazell is considered the great mother of this country. Hint: Find this answer in the chapel of **Our Lady of Mariazell**.

19. Which emperor restricted the practice of Catholicism in Vietnam? Hint: Find this answer in the chapel of **Our Lady of La Vang**.

20. The relief in this chapel depicts the African people beginning with what? Hint: Find this answer in the chapel of **Our Mother of Africa**.

21. The mural painted on the left depicts “The _____” of the Virgin’s image to the country. Hint: Find this answer in the chapel of **Our Lady of Antipolo**.

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2. Our Lady of Mariazell is considered the great mother of this people/community. Hint: Find this answer in the chapel of **Our Lady of Mariazell**.

3. In which country did the devotion of Our Lady of La Vang originate? Hint: Find this answer in the chapel of **Our Lady of La Vang**.

6. Sculptures on the wall of this chapel show the 4 evangelists with African features and the creatures that are traditionally associated with each of them. Which is the lion? Find this answer in the chapel of **Our Mother of Africa**.

8. What is the name of the mural depicting the image being taken away to escape Japanese destruction of the town in 1945? Hint: Find this answer in the chapel of **Our Lady of Antipolo**.

11. What was Mary declared at the Council of Ephesus in AD 431? It means “God-bearer,” “Mother of God.” Hint: Find this answer in the chapel of **Our Lady of Ephesus**.

13. To how many children did Our Lady of Hope appear? Hint: Find this answer in the chapel of **Our Lady of Hope**.

16. This saint founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart, a community that greatly supported Italian immigrants in the U.S. Hint: Find this answer in the **Hall of American Saints**.

19. Legend says that “La Vang” comes from the Vietnamese words for “_____ ___,” referring to the cries for help of the persecuted Christians. Hint: Find this answer in the chapel of **Our Lady of La Vang**.

22. The apparition of Our Lady of Good Health took place in this city in India. Hint: Find this answer in the chapel of **Our Lady of Good Health**.

23. According to tradition, Mary lived with St. John in his home after Jesus was crucified. Where was John’s home? Hint: Find this answer in the chapel of **Our Lady of Ephesus**.

24. A statue of the Blessed Virgin accompanied refugees fleeing this group of people in the 13th century. Hint: Find this answer in the chapel of **Our Lady of Bistrica**.
Faith Quest Puzzle Answers

1. p
2. slavic
3. việt nam
4. t
5. y
6. mark?
7. e vacuation
8. m
9. h
10. r
11. theotokos
12. m
13. r
14. a
15. c
16. frances xavier
17. ercabriini
18. crying out
19. A
20. a
21. A
22. vailankanni
23. ephesus
24. turks