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EARLY CATHOLIC HISTORY
OF SCOTTSDALE. A
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Docent Connection

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DOCENT NEWSLETTER

Frank's Story by Johanna Warner

A few years ago a man by the name of Frank Roberts took the time to visit the Old Adobe Mission. He was so impressed with our beautiful Mission that he purchased several candles. Since his visit Frank developed cancer and would light a candle each day and say a prayer asking the Lord to heal him. His cancer went into remission. This past summer, Frank called to ask for more candles, he had a heart attack and he knew the candles would help him overcome his heart disease. I shipped him four candles and he was so happy to receive them. He was feeling so much better. Last week Frank called requesting four more candles.

I was ready to send out the candles but wanted to confirm Frank's address. A young man answered the phone, it was his son-in-law Chris, I explained who I was and it was at that time he told me that Frank had passed that morning. Chris and Sarah, his daughter, told me of how much he loved the Mission and the candles that help him through his illness to his final day. Frank died of heart failure, his cancer was still in remission. I sent Frank's family a card and a candle expressing the Old Adobe Mission docents and volunteers sympathy for their loss. Sarah called Saturday and told me she had brought Frank's ashes home

that day and will light the candle to help Frank on his journey to Heaven. Frank found comfort at the Old Adobe Mission. We never know who will walk through the doors of the Mission and who will be touched with the joy and spirit we show each visitor. Thank you to each and everyone one of you for all that you do.

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Rosary at the Mission Church

The praying of the rosary continues at the Mission for the month of December. The dates are the following: Thursdays 8 and 22, Wednesdays 14 and 28. Rosaries start at 9:30 a.m. prior to opening the doors

for visitors. Everyone is welcome! Bring a friend.



Prayer Line

As you might have heard two young, wonderful men belonging to our Mission Community have passed away tragically during November. The first was Dominic Ameche IV, 26, grandson of our Monday p.m. docent Marilyn Carey. The

second one was William "Billy" Mandel Waldo IV, 17, a senior at Saguaro High School, and nephew of our Wednesday p.m. docent Judy Waldo. Please keep these two young men in your prayers as they

enter into the Heart of our Lord.

Eternal rest grant unto them,
O Lord, and let perpetual light
shine upon them. May the
souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God,
rest in peace.
Amen.

Johanna's Updates

We have received many updates from Johanna throughout November. The most important ones are: The "Miracle of the Roses" Pageant will once again take place this year. It will be Saturday, December 10, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. in front of the Mission Church. Please arrive early as chairs will be provided but it fills up quickly. Msgr. Hever will do the opening prayer, and he is very punctual! We will be hosting once again the Folkloric Dancers of the City of Scottsdale International Club. Johnny Diloné and Gloria Argueso will once again be narrating the beautiful story of the Miracle of the Roses. Our actors are Ana Gonzalez returning as Our Lady of Guadalupe, Armando Pineda as Juan Diego, Luis Arredondo as the Bishop, and Pedro Gonzalez as the friar. Laurel Hirsch (please contact Laurel if you would like to help) and her committee will provide after-the-show refreshments. Johanna has once again invited the Mayor and included other surprises. Don't miss this annual tradition! Please don't forget to look for

the 'special envelope' Johanna has placed in the Sales Desk at the Mission. If you have questions about this envelope, please feel free to call Johanna about it. It will be retrieved on December 9 so do what you have to do this week or the next!

Also, this is a brief reminder of the 'ornament' you would like to place on our new 9 feet tall Christmas tree that Johanna got for the Mission. Johanna explains, "I am suggesting that we, if you would like, bring in an ornament with your name and year on it, and place it on the tree. This ornament will not be returned to you, as it will stay with the tree for years to come. You will always be a part of the OLPH Old Adobe Mission Christmas Tree. Your name should be written small and the year could be this year or the year you started volunteering at the Mission. Your ornament should be selected with the spirit of Christmas in mind and one that would be appropriate and fitting for the Mission." Important reminder: Our next meeting will be on Friday, January 20, 2012. Johanna

would like to know if anyone is interested in going to the San Xavier Mission in Tucson. She is working on transportation, but there is a possibility we may have to carpool. Contact Johanna if you are interested. The meeting and the trip to Tucson will take place on Friday, January 20, 2012. The day would consist of the ride down to Tucson, visit the Mission, have lunch, and be back at the Old Adobe Mission by 4:00 p.m. There would be a minimal cost for transportation. Those who choose not to go on the trip to Tucson -should it take place - a short meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. at the Mission on 1/20/2012.

