

# IPVS NEWS

The Official Newsletter of the International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima

## Cardinal DiNardo venerates Our Lady, inspires the faithful



It was a grace-filled event in the presence of one of the princes of the Catholic Church, His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, and inspiring to hear him preach on the visit of the International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima during the Feast of the Immaculate Conception at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in Houston, Texas. Here is an excerpt from his homily during the Mass:

"As we gather to celebrate the Eucharist, we have in our presence the International Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima. The archdiocese is honored to host this statue especially as we celebrate this beautiful Feast Day of Mary, the Blessed Mother of God, the Immaculate Conception!

The Virgin Mary is the one creature whose innocence is eloquence.

God wanted to seek out human beings. He had the most wonderful plan, He sent His beloved Son born of the all-holy Virgin Mary.

We honor the creature Mary who is the most energetic servant to accept the Father's will. She bore Jesus in Her womb, but She had already conceived and bore Him in Her heart as what St Augustine said.

What a wonderful feast day, what a beautiful way which we could bring all of our cares and take them to the Blessed Virgin Mary through Her Immaculate Heart. That is why this Fatima statue

is here to remind us; that is why this devotion makes it clear to us that through Her intercession, using the prayers of the mother of God that we can gain spiritual insight.

There is a science to the Virgin Mary, more than calculus or high science. It is the most incalculable vulnerability to the will of God we have ever seen in a creature.

Mary answered the Angel, 'Let it be done to me as you say'. Soon after the Annunciation, the first thing She did was to visit Elizabeth and cry out, 'My soul magnifies the Lord'. May we do the same."



## THE POWER OF THE ROSARY

by Rose Marie Malburg

In the late fall while talking on the phone with a good friend, she mentioned her brother-in-law, who was not Catholic, had been suffering from cancer for almost ten years and the last two years he spent in a hospital bed which was set up in the family living room. He suffered greatly and was receiving large dosages of morphine to ease the pain as he begged to die.

Twelve years earlier I was briefly introduced to this then healthy young man, married and the father of two very young children.

I promised my friend that just as soon as we finished our conversation, I would pray a rosary for her brother-in-law, asking Our Lady to intercede. (I believe the rosary prayed was the most devout rosary I can ever remember praying.)

That evening my friend called and told me her brother-in-law had passed away a few hours earlier. At the time, I did not attribute any connection between my praying the rosary for him and his death. However, the morning of his funeral, as I lay sleeping, I heard a voice calling my name. As I looked up, I saw what appeared to be a young man dressed in a farmer's bib-overalls and a straw hat holding a shovel. He said "Thank you!" and the vision disappeared. I vaguely thought the man looked like my friend's brother-in-law.

A couple of weeks passed when I had an opportunity to talk with my friend and asked her what type of work her brother-in-law was engaged in. She replied: "He worked for a company who supplied fertilizer and other chemicals to farmers." I knew then the young man in the vision was my friend's brother-in-law.

"The daily rosary is a powerful prayer", but we will not truly realize just how powerful until we are in Heaven.

## SECRET POWER OF THE HOLY ROSARY

Often Father Gabriel Amorth, Chief Exorcist of the Vatican writes: One day a colleague of mine heard the devil say during an exorcism, "Every Hail Mary is like a blow on my head. If Christians knew how powerful the Rosary was, it would be my end."

The secret that makes this prayer so effective is that the Rosary is both prayer and meditation. It is addressed to the Father, to the Blessed Virgin, and to the Holy Trinity, and is a meditation centered on Christ.

In addition to the above: Please enunciate each word of the Rosary clearly, distinctly, slowly and in unison. Do not trample on the heels of the words of anyone with your words. Do not speak over the leader if you are following or the respondent if you are leading the Rosary. Remember that they also are having a conversation with Mary Our Mother and it is not polite to speak when someone else is speaking.

In the case of the public Rosary, there are only two people speaking: the Leader and the

respondents. Each is speaking to the Blessed Mother and listening carefully to her response within their hearts as they meditate on the scene before them in their consideration of the mystery being spoken of and interpreted and translated into their lives.

Spread this powerful prayer of exorcism, the Rosary, which contains the Our Father, the Perfect Prayer, prayed five times in the recitation of each set of the Rosary's Mysteries, backed up by the powerful prayers of Our Mother who prays with us as we pray 53 Hail Mary's.

The Eternal Father described to a group of us, through a Visionary Friend of mine, what happens when we pray the Rosary, saying, "When you pray Holy Mary Mother of God, pray for us sinners now....., the Blessed Mother comes instantly to your side to pray with you. And, she does not come alone. She brings angels with Her. And not just one or two, for She is the Queen of Angels, so choirs of angels come with Her. And She and Jesus are joined at the heart and cannot be separated so She brings Jesus

with Her. And Jesus cannot be separated from the Trinity, so He brings the Father and the Holy Spirit with Him.

And, where the Holy Trinity is, all of creation is, and you are surrounded by such beauty and light as you cannot imagine in this life. Your Mother comes as Our Lady of Grace with Her hands outstretched. Rays of light emit from Her hands piercing your body, healing you and filling you with graces. This is your inheritance which was poured out from the heart of Jesus on the Cross, when the centurion pierced His Heart with the spear, into the only pure vessel ready to receive such graces at that time, Your Mother.

Now, as you pray the Rosary or even just recite one Hail Mary, you receive your portion of these graces. Is it any wonder that anyone who prays the Rosary from the heart is so blessed and protected and powerful in their prayers for others? Let us ask our Mother's intercession through the daily praying of the Holy Rosary.

## A TRUE STORY ABOUT THE ROSARY

by Rev. Mark G. Mazza

I received a call from a good catholic woman whose husband of many years was near death. For several months he had unsuccessfully battled against cancer. Now our good God was ready to take him home. During his long illness he had often spoken of his love for the Catholic faith. Fondly, he recalled the times he served at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass as an energetic and devoted altar boy many years ago. In particular, this kind soul loved to pray the rosary. During his final days that rosary was always in his hands. Perhaps that is why Mary, our Heavenly Mother, granted one last favor to Her devoted son.

After the last rites were administered, I took my rosary in hand and knelt with his wife and children at the bedside. As we prayed the Sorrowful Mysteries this poor soul was united with our Lord on the cross. With the Lord Jesus he prepared to breathe his last. At the third mystery, we meditated on the crowning with thorns. I prayed aloud that my friend would soon be "crowned with glory in heaven." At the word "heaven", he expired.

Friends, the daily rosary is a powerful prayer. May we live and die with the rosary prayers on our lips.

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Everyday

**Glorious**  
Sunday & Wednesday

**Joyful**  
Monday & Saturday

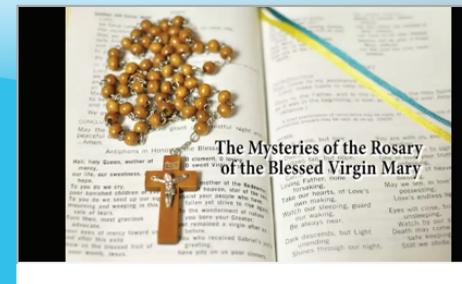
**Sorrowful**  
Tuesday & Friday

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Thursday

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**Pray the ROSARY everyday.**

"Pray, pray a great deal and make sacrifices for sinners, for many souls go to hell because there is no one to pray and make sacrifices for them." - Our Lady of Fatima, 1917

### Prayer Intentions

operation of the eye of my mother mama mary give her strength  
annaliza tayag: for complete healing of geneva mendoza  
adele: Mama Mary please heal my wounded, please give me strength and joy to carry on.  
Please always stay beside me and guide me. Give me ur warm embrace. I love you and I will forever thank you. This I ask through Christ our Lord. Amen

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Carmelite Sisters, DCJ

Dedicating their lives in daily servanthood. The Carmelite Sisters of the Divine Heart of Jesus is a First Order Carmelite congregation of sisters that combine a contemplative life with a rich apostolate in serving elderly, youth, and children. Over the years they have become "friends of Our Lady" in the IPVS Apostolate by their constant prayers and allowing their members to actively host and take part in the travels of Our Blessed Mother.

## Virgin Mary, all nature is blessed in you

Blessed Lady, sky and stars, earth and rivers, day and night—everything that is subject to the power or use of man—rejoice that through you they are in some sense restored to their lost beauty and are endowed with inexpressible new grace. All creatures were dead, as it were, useless for men or for the praise of God, who made them. The world, contrary to its true destiny, was corrupted and tainted by the acts of men who served idols. Now all creation has been restored to life and rejoices that it is controlled and given splendor by men who believe in God.

The universe rejoices with new and indefinable loveliness. Not only does it feel the unseen presence of God himself, its Creator, it sees him openly, working and making it holy. These great blessings spring from the blessed fruit of Mary's womb.

Through the fullness of the grace that was given you, dead things rejoice in their freedom, and those in heaven are glad to be made new. Through the Son who was the glorious fruit of your virgin womb, just souls who died before his life-giving death rejoice as they are freed from captivity, and the angels are glad at the restoration of their shattered domain.

Lady, full and overflowing with grace, all creation

receives new life from your abundance. Virgin, blessed above all creatures, through your blessing all creation is blessed, not only creation from its Creator, but the Creator himself has been blessed by creation.

To Mary God gave his only-begotten Son, whom he loved as himself. Through Mary God made himself a Son, not different but the same, by nature Son of God and Son of Mary. The whole universe was created by God, and God was born of Mary. God created all things, and Mary gave birth to God. The God who made all things gave himself form through Mary, and thus he made his own creation. He who could create all things from nothing would not remake his ruined creation without Mary.

God, then, is the Father of the created world and Mary the mother of the re-created world. God is the Father by whom all things were given life, and Mary the mother through whom all things were given new life. For God begot the Son, through whom all things were made, and Mary gave birth to him as the Savior of the world. Without God's Son, nothing could exist; without Mary's Son, nothing could be redeemed.

From a sermon by Saint Anselm, bishop  
(Oratio 52: PL 158, 955-956)

### ST. LOUIS DE MONTFORT -- INDIVIDUAL CONSECRATION TO JESUS CHRIST THROUGH THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary was a request of Our Blessed Lady when she appeared at Fatima, as a means of appeasing Her Divine Son. In complying with Her directions, the Holy Father consecrated the entire world saying, "His action would be complete when the Consecration had been made in every country, in every diocese, in every parish, in every home, and by Each Individual Soul."

The purpose in studying this "DeMontfort Way" is to learn how we can best accomplish God's will for us. God made us to know Him, to love Him and to serve Him and to be happy with Him forever in Heaven. We were made to give honor and glory to God and to save our own souls. That is the reason for our existence.

We need our Blessed Mother today as She has never been needed before, that She might ob-

tain for us the help and graces which we need so that we are victorious in the end.

She needs us today, more than She has ever needed Her children before in this final critical struggle with Satan. Consecrated souls can present Her with the weapons She needs with which to fight and successfully vanquish the forces of evil rampant in the World today.

In his introduction, St. Louis DeMontfort makes three points about Our Lady: 1) Mary is God's treasure; His masterpiece of Grace. God alone fully understands the immense holiness which He has created in Her. 2) God has shared Mary with us. He has given Her to us in Christ to be our Mother and to lead us to Her Son. In fact, Mary is our "Meeting Place" with the Holy Trinity. 3) Our knowledge and love of Mary will lead us to know and love Jesus. She will establish His kingdom in our hearts.

St. Louis DeMontfort's formula for Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary is not to be taken lightly. This is evidenced from the fact that the Saint himself advocates a serious preparation consisting of twelve preliminary days in which the soul endeavors to rid itself of the spirit of the world as opposed to the Spirit of Christ. This is followed by three weeks of prayer and meditation during which the soul strives to acquire a better knowledge of self.

On the day of consecration attend Mass, receive Holy Communion, and read the prayer of consecration. Tremendous benefits will accrue to those living the Consecration. Many times groups of people will make the Consecration together on a Feast Day of Our Blessed Mother. For a free St. Louis DeMontfort's book for Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary, please go to <http://www.freeforcatholics.com/freebies2/Sacramentals/T3HMTV4C7WM.cfm>

## TRAVELS of Our Lady



"I am the humble servant of the Lord;  
be it done to me according to Thy word."

It is wonderful to meet humble priests like Fr. Stephen Loncar, OFMConv, Pastor, St. Joseph the Worker Parish Hungarian Church in Gary, IN. He would do anything for the success of the pilgrimage of Our Blessed Mother, even to carry the 40 lbs. precious statue. Then he gave a blessing to us, custodians.



Our Queen and Mother with a brave Knight and Police Officer.

Yes, the same gentlemen in the two pictures with Our Lady wears two different "hats" -- as a Fourth Degree Knight and as a Houston Police Officer. Mr. W. D. Rowley committed himself to helping and escorting the IPVS during our pilgrimage in Texas in December 2011. He stood guard every step of the way: from the preparation to the final procession--changing from one hat to another, literally. Never mind the 30-lbs of equipment a police officer on patrol must carry, and the knight's sword and his hat for God's great glory.



St. Joseph Academy in San Marcos, CA. Kids had the chance to write their petitions and present them to Our Lady.



ST. ANNE CATHOLIC SCHOOL in Tomball, TX  
School children enjoy listening to Mr. Malburg as he tells the story of the little saints of Fatima and the miracle of the sun in the great apparition of 1917 when the Blessed Virgin Mary revealed the basic message to the world which is the peace plan from heaven.

## OUR LADY OF FATIMA'S PEACE PLAN FROM HEAVEN

*"Fatima is one of the greatest signs of the times in the 20th century because it announces many of the later events, and conditions them on the response to its appeals,"* said the Pope in his Fatima letter of October 13, 1991 (Osservatore Romano, October 24, 1991).

His Holiness said the greatness of Fatima lies not so much in the miracle, but that it offers the specific response necessary to save mankind from self-destruction.

The Peace Plan from Heaven is a call for prayer and penance offered in reparation for sin. Our Lady said at Fatima, "War is a punishment for sin."

She asks for Communions of Reparation on the First Saturday of the month and that each day:

We offer up each act as a sacrifice for sin.  
That we pray the Rosary daily.

That we be consecrated to Her Immaculate Heart and wear the Brown Scapular as a sign of this consecration.

How can devotion to the Immaculate Heart save many souls?

This devotion, in fulfillment of the three basic requests of Our Lady, will make ourselves holy and our prayers effective. We practice this devotion with an act of consecration. This can be implemented by enrollment in the Brown Scapular which Our Lady held from the sky in Her final appearance at Fatima. Lucia said "this is because She wants everyone to wear it. It is the sign of consecration to Her Immaculate Heart."

By doing as Our Lady asks (by being souls consecrated to the Immaculate Heart and especially those who make the total consecration to Mary), so many more souls may be converted and the annihilation of nations could be averted.



*"It has been such a great privilege and honor for me to experience and be enveloped by the tangible love and presence of our dear Mother Mary through the International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima. Words cannot really express my gratitude and love to Her for showing me how great Her love is for all of us and that She cares so much for us, which made such a great impact in my heart and life. In turn, I wish to help spread the devotion to Her Immaculate Heart and make Her love and messages known so that we can all be united with Her Son, Jesus, in Her maternal Heart."*

God bless you all!

Sr. Mary Katherine of the Cross, Carmel D.C.J.



### ROME, Italy

#### Our Lady's presence blessed the conference

Left Photo: Thomas McKenna with Gianna Emanuela Molla, the youngest daughter of St. Gianna Molla, and Bishop Rudolfo Laise. In 2006 before retiring as bishop of the diocese of San Luis in Argentina, Bishop Laise hosted an historic pilgrimage in the diocese as one of his last acts as bishop.

Right Photos: IPVS Foundation Director Thomas McKenna explained the history of the International Pilgrim Virgin and praised the work of the Luci sull'Est's apostolate of 20 years bringing the message of Fatima to countries that suffered under Communism.





These photos were taken on December 2011 during the second visit of the IPVS in Robstown, TX - Corpus Christi Diocese.

Mary Ramon, with Her son, Ruben, thanking Our Lady of Fatima for the gift of miraculous healing, saving Her son from being aborted in 1994 during the first visit of the IPVS in Robstown, TX. The pastor of the parish asked Mary to speak at the end of mass to share her story.

## A Mother's Prayer to Our Heavenly Mother

**Robstown, Texas.** St. Anthony of Padua Parish and International Headquarters of the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity.

It was 1994, some 17 years ago, the International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima visited here.

December 2011 marked another visit of the IPVS to Texas to "claim Her dominion" once again.

It is here that we learn the beautiful story from Mary Ramon, a parishioner and a devotee of the Blessed Mother:

I was begging Our Lady to help me in 1994, the first time I saw Her beautiful Image. I was sick at the time with a tumor in my womb, and I was pregnant. I prayed to Mary to save my baby; I believe that a mother truly understands a mother.

I saw the statue at the last minute. She was already going down the aisle as She was leaving in procession. As She passed right by me, my heart was screaming and screaming in silent prayer as I cried. Then, I clearly heard the words: 'It is going to be okay.'

My due date was October 13th. It was a very long journey from then on. I was bedridden and very ill. The doctors kept telling me 'You

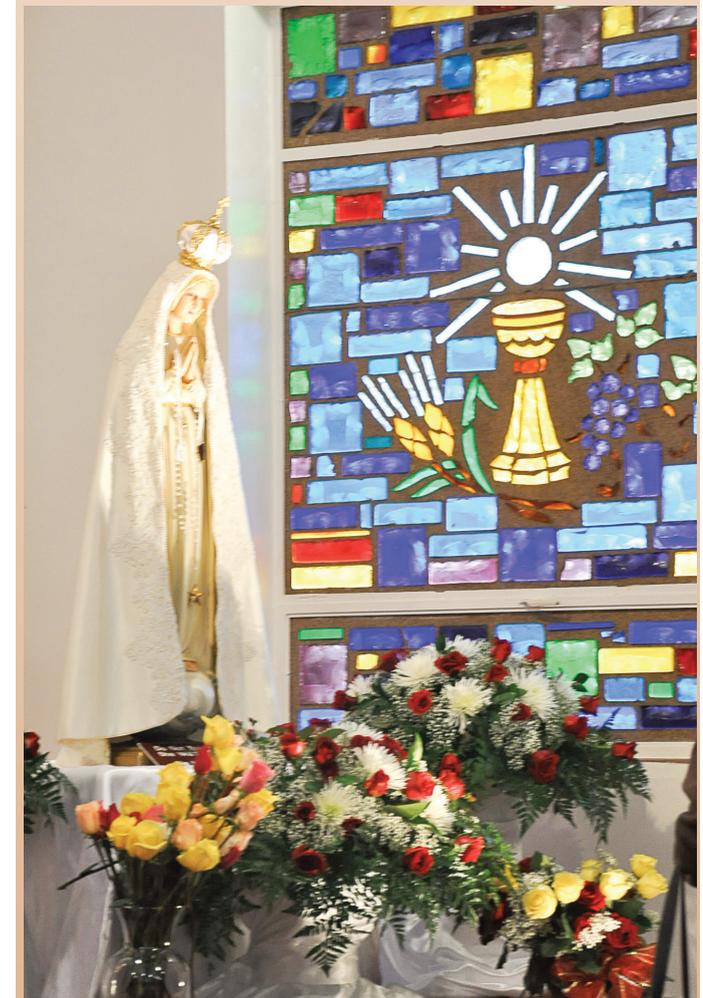
need to have an abortion.' I insisted 'no abortion.' I knew the risk, but I knew Our Heavenly Mother would help me; She already assured me that everything would turn out good. Time came when it was very critical. There were more risks than they were originally aware of. The tumor continued to grow. The baby continued to grow. They required a sonogram every other day. The doctors kept telling me: 'The baby is in distress and we need to do an abortion.' Again, I said 'No'.

Finally, the morning came I was scheduled for a C-section, and I was brought into the surgery room. The doctor told me 'It's a boy.' I then asked 'What about the tumor, what about the tumor?' The doctor responded, 'There is no tumor, no tumor.' I was like WOW! I knew it was because of our Heavenly Mother.

Years have gone by, and I have a healthy son. It is because of Her. This time I could feel Her presence. I knew I was going to be okay.

My son is now 16 years old and he is here with me. This is the baby the doctors wanted me to abort. He recently joined the White Army of Our Lady of Fatima here in Robstown.

I am so blessed to share this with you, and I am so happy that each time Our Lady of Fatima statue comes, She comes to me personally as my Mother.



## Philippine Islands Visit - January 2012

During this time of world crisis, and in the midst of our struggle to defend the dignity of Family and Life in our country, the International Pilgrim Statue (IPVS) of Our Lady of Fatima returns to the Philippines in January 2012.

Many testimonies tell us Her visit is an occasion of tremendous outpouring of grace for our people. Countless miracles do happen during Her visit - conversion and renewal, the most important among these.

*Our Lady's request at Fatima for penance, reparation, true devotion and consecration to Her Immaculate Heart, remain timely as ever.*

This particular image is also referred to as the Weeping Madonna since it was recorded to have shed tears a number of times in the past. Interestingly, at the height of debates in the US Supreme Court on the Roe vs. Wade case that eventually legalized abortion, the image was documented to have shed tears in July 1972.

To make a brief historical background, this statue is legally referred to as the International Pilgrim Virgin Statue (IPVS) and the legal jurisdiction of the Foundation carrying the same name.

It is referred to as the International because it has revealed in over 100 countries ever since it was commissioned by Mr. John Haffert (co-founder of the Blue Army) and blessed by the bishop of Fatima in 1947. The IPVS, since the death of Mr. Haffert, in 2001, is now under the legal protection of the IPVS Foundation based in the U.S.A.

In the Philippines, the IPVS Foundation representative is Fr. Melvin Castro, who also happens to be the Founder and Moderator of the Confraternity of Mary, Mediatrix of All Grace.

I am, therefore, gladly endorsing for: the leaders and members of the World Apostolate of Fatima (WAF) to support and collaborate for the fruitfulness of the IPVS Visit in the Philippines.

*+Angel N. Lagdameo*

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Archbishop of Jaro  
National Spiritual Director, World Apostolate of Fatima  
December 5, 2011



Most Rev. Florentino Cinense, Bishop of Tarlac and Rev. Fr. Melvin Castro welcome the image during the observance of First Saturday Devotions at the Cathedral of St. Sebastian in Tarlac Diocese.



The Carmelites in the Philippines welcomes Mr. Malburg and Our Lady with smiles and prayers. They have always been there throughout the years supporting and praying for the IPVS Apostolate spreading the message of Our Lady, particularly the Brown Scapular.



"Dawn Procession" (that means 4:30 in the morning) with Our Lady of Peace College Seminar-ians. About 2 miles walk from the seminary to the Cathedral.



For three weeks, an estimated crowd of five thousand a day came to pray and see the statue. Mr. Malburg leads the procession as he is being helped by the Knights to control the crowd.



Most. Rev. Socrates Villegas, Archbishop of Lingayen-Dagupan gazes at Our Lady once again. Bishop Soc is a long time devotee of Our Lady of Fatima. Over the years he asked that the IPVS visit the Peace Shrine in Manila, then in Bataan Diocese, and this time in the Archdiocese of Lingayen-Dagupan.

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NOTE: We receive many requests for Our Lady of Fatima statues which we do not keep on hand. You may contact the National Centre for St. Padre Pio in Barto, PA. They purchase Pilgrim Virgin statues from Fatima, Portugal and touch them to the blood and glove of St. Padre Pio. <http://padrepio.org> or call Vera at 610-845-3000

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-Pope Benedict XVI  
message for World Communications Day 2011



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2012

January- Philippines

February -Open

March - Open

April - Springfield, IL

May- Canada - Pending

June - New Jersey - Pending

August - Cincinnati, OH

September - California - pending

October - Steubenville, Ohio

November - North Carolina - pending

December - Open