SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

OPENING DAY OF THE 34TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL WEEK OF PRAYER AND FASTING

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2026

IN COLLABORATION WITH THE LEGION OF MARY



Theme: God's Influencers

BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
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EMCEE: MAUREEN FLYNN

8:30 – 9:00	**Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament & Eucharistic Procession with Legion of Mary and IWOPF Communities. Led by Fr. Eugenio LuKong**
9:00 – 9:10	**INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME – MAUREEN FLYNN**
9:10 – 9:45	**Rosary – The LUMINOUS MYSTERIES** Led by the Asian and African Communities
9:30 – 11:30	**MORNING – Continuous CONFESSIONS will be held in the Basilica side chapels in the Upper Church**
9:45 – 10:30	SPEAKER: **FR. CHRIS ALAR** **Talk Title: "**How We Need to Rely on the Saints"
10:30 – 10:35	**BREAK — Music by Aria**
10:35 – 11:20	SPEAKER: **MSGR. ANTHONY FIGUEIREDO** **Talk Title:** "Saint Carlo Acutis: His Way to be a Saint Today"
11:20 – 11:45	**ROSARY – THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES** Led by the Hispanic Community & the Seven Sisters Apostolate
11:45	**Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament Fr. Eugenio LuKong**
11:50 – 12:00	**PROCESSION OF THE NATIONS**
12:00 – 1:30	**MASS: BISHOP EMERITUS ROBERT J. BAKER – MAIN CELEBRANT AND HOMILIST** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament downstairs (following Mass), **Deacon Gerard Anthony**
1:30 – 2:00	**Lunch Break - Afternoon Program will be in the Crypt Church**
2:15 – 3:00	SPEAKER: **TED FLYNN** **Talk Title**: "Our Lady's Role: God has Ordained it"
2:00 – 3:30	**AFTERNOON – Continuous CONFESSIONS will be held in the Crypt side chapels**
3:00 – 3:20	**DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET** Led by: **Joan & Dave Maroney**, Founders of Divine Mercy for America
3:20 – 3:25	**Music by Aria**
3:30 – 4:30	SPEAKER: **MSGR. ANTHONY FIGUEIREDO** **Talk Title:** "Saint Carlo Acutis: His Miracles and Graces"
4:30 – 4:35	**Benediction and Closing Remarks**
4:35 – 5:30	**Veneration of St. Carlo Acutis' Official Pilgrim Relic (Pericardium/Heart)**

Continuous Confessions will be heard in the Basilica side chapels – in the Upper Church in the **MORNING** and the Crypt Church in the **AFTERNOON** – all day except during Mass.