



Trinity Dome, Basilica of the National Shrine, Washington, DC

Rambusch was contracted to design and oversee the gold mosaic adornment of the third, and final massive mosaic crossing dome within the National Shrine, nearly 90-ft in diameter.

Services: Mosaic design, mosaic cartoon, oversight

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The Trinity Dome is the central and largest dome of the Basilica of the National Shrine of The Immaculate Conception Shrine. This "Crowning Jewel" has been adorned in mosaic according to the original iconographic scheme of the Great Upper Church depicting the Most Holy Trinity, the Blessed Virgin Mary as the Immaculate Conception, and a procession of saints who have an association with the Americas and the National Shrine.

The procession of saints includes, among others, St. Juan Diego (the first canonized male Native American), St. Kateri Tekakwitha (the first canonized female Native American), St. Teresa of Calcutta (an honorary American citizen), St. Francis Cabrini, M.S.C. (the first U.S. citizen to be canonized), St. John Paul II (the first pope to visit the National Shrine), and St. Junípero Serra (declared a saint by Pope Francis at the National Shrine in 2015 for the first canonization ever to take place on American soil). The Nicene Creed encircles the base of the dome, while the dome's four pendentives will feature the four Evangelists: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

During his visit to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on September 23, 2015, Pope Francis blessed the preliminary segment of mosaic created for the Trinity Dome containing the words of the beginning and end of the Nicene Creed: "I believe in one God." "Amen."



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"In more than 15 years of working with the Rambusch Company at the National Shrine, I can honestly say that our working relationship is nothing less than excellent. I would be happy to welcome any members of the Committee to the National Shrine who may wish to see the work of the Rambusch Company first hand."

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