THE HILL OF THE CROSS -

A Labor of Love

St. Joseph's Catholic Church
Honey Creek
Route 4 Box 2074 Hwy. 46
Bulverde, Texas 78163

# FORWARD

On April 17, 1984, at the request of their pastor, Reverend Bernard C. Mullaney, a small group of parishioners of St. Joseph's Catholic Church-Honey Creek in Bulverde, Texas, gathered together with Deacon James F. Legendre and his wife, Arlene, to discuss and plan an outdoor Way of the Cross.

The criteria established from the outset was that the area chosen would remain in as natural a state as possible. Thought was given to the continued sanctuary of the native animals and birds while still assuring that the outdoor "Way of the Cross" would be an easily accessible place for anyone who would wish to enter to meditate, pray and reflect on the suffering and love of Jesus Christ as He experienced his passion, death and resurrection.

And so began this "Labor of Love", the Hill of the Cross. The original committee under the leadership of Deacon James F. Legendre and his wife, Arlene, was composed of parishioners, Joyce Gass, Rosalie Bushick, Arthur J. Schmidt and Joe Kaizen.

Studying a copy of the original survey of the church property, the committee members seemed to be drawn toward the two hills located east of the church and the two cemeteries. While walking, talking and studying the contours of the two hills, the committee felt a strong, pre-determined guidance leading them through the native juniper, cedars, oaks and other vegetation. It seemed as if these hills had just been waiting to offer these people of dedication and deep faith this opportunity, not only to share this pristine area with the wildlife there, but to share a beautiful site to enjoy a time of quiet prayer and meditation with their risen Savior.

# the way of the cross



## 1 JESUS IS CONDEMNED TO DEATH

**Meditation:** Consider Jesus, scourged and crowned with thorns, being unjustly condemned by Pilate to die on the cross.



## 2 JESUS ACCEPTS HIS CROSS

**Meditation:** A heavy cross is laid upon the bruised shoulders of Jesus. He receives it with meekness for by the Holy Cross He will Redeem the World.



## 3 JESUS FALLS FOR THE FIRST TIME

**Meditation:** Laboring under the weight of the cross, Jesus slowly sets forth to Calvary. His strength fails Him; He falls to the ground under the cross.



## 4 JESUS MEETS HIS AFFLICTED MOTHER

**Meditation:** Consider the meeting of the Son and the Mother, which took place on this journey. A sword of anguish pierced His Mother's heart!



## 5 SIMON OF CYRENE HELPS

**Meditation:** As the strength of Jesus fails, and He is unable to proceed, the executioners compel Simon of Cyrene to help carry the cross.



## 6 VERONICA OFFERS HER VEIL TO JESUS

**Meditation:** The holy woman, Veronica, seeing Jesus with His face bathed in sweat and blood, presented Him her veil. He wiped His face, and left the imprint of His adorable countenance.



## 7 JESUS FALLS FOR THE SECOND TIME

**Meditation:** The pain of His wounds and the loss of His blood increasing at every step, His strength fails and Jesus falls to the ground a second time.



## 8 JESUS SPEAKS TO THE WOMEN OF JERUSALEM

**Meditation:** Women wept with compassion at the pitiful sight of Jesus walking along. He said to them, "Weep not so much for me, but rather for your children."



## 9 JESUS FALLS FOR THE THIRD TIME

**Meditation:** Jesus falls for the third time. His weakness was extreme, they tried to hasten His steps when he hardly had strength to move.



## 10 JESUS IS STRIPPED OF HIS GARMENTS

**Meditation:** Recall how Jesus arrived at the place of His Crucifixion. The soldiers tore His clothes from His bleeding body.



## 11 JESUS IS NAILED TO THE CROSS

**Meditation:** Jesus lies down upon His Cross, and extends His arms to offer up the sacrifice of His Life for our salvation. The soldiers nail Him, hands and feet.



## 12 JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS

**Meditation:** Recall how Jesus agonized for three hours, dying upon the Cross. Then, overcome, His Body sagged; and He breathed His last.



## 13 JESUS IS TAKEN DOWN FROM THE CROSS

**Meditation:** Recall how two of His disciples, Joseph and Nicodemus, took Jesus' body down from His Cross and they laid Him in the arms of His stricken Mother.



## 14 JESUS IS LAID IN THE SEPULCHRE

**Meditation:** The Body of Her dearly beloved Son is laid in the tomb. The lifeless Body remains until the hour of its glorious Resurrection.

Photo 3
entrance

THE FIRST STATION
OF THE CROSS.





1. THE SECOND STATION OF THE CROSS
2. THE THIRD STATION OF THE CROSS






1. THE FOURTH STATION
   OF THE CROSS

2. THE FIFTH STATION
   OF THE CROSS





THE FIFTH STATION OF THE CROSS







1. & 2.
THE SIXTH STATION OF THE CROSS




THE SEVENTH STATION OF THE CROSS

THE EIGHTH STATION
OF THE CROSS





1. THE TENTH STATION OF THE CROSS

2. THE ELEVENTH STATION OF THE CROSS










THE
TWELFTH
STATION
OF
THE
CROSS

1. THE FOURTEENTH STATION OF THE CROSS
2. THE EMPTY TOMB



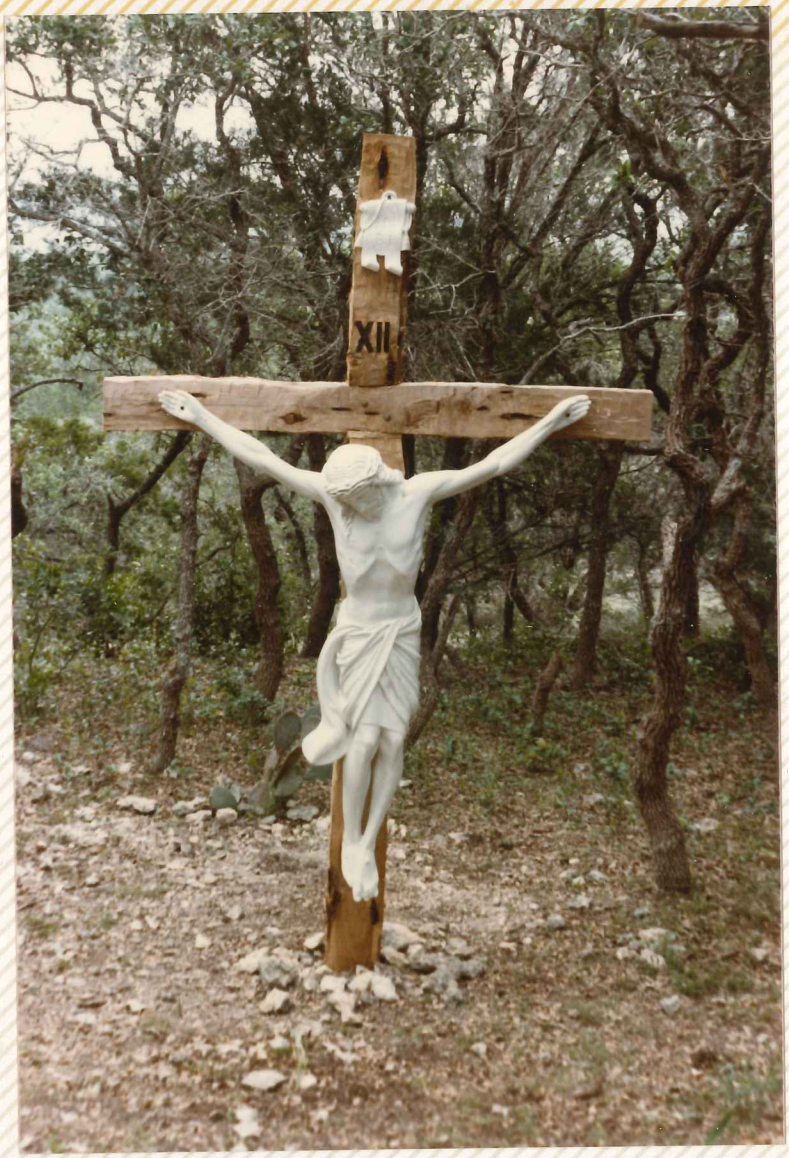




FIVE PHOTO SET OF SCENES
AT THE HILL OF THE CROSS
AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE
FOR $1.00 PER SET.






XII

