

NEW CHURCH LANDMARK FOR WASHINGTON

A new landmark for the nation's capital - the largest Roman Catholic Church in the United States. The dome rises more than 200 feet in the air - the spire is 329 feet high. This, the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, is dedicated in an impressive ceremony, at which most American prelates of the Church take part. Five cardinals and a cardinal-designate are present for the joyful occasion. The dedication does not mark completion of the 30-million dollar edifice. The interior walls have yet to be faced with marble, and eleven chapels and some 20 altars have to be built. No steel has been used - only brick, stone and concrete. Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, blesses the shrine, which has been 39 years in the building. Seventh largest church in the world, it is a monument to the Catholic faith in America.