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Members of the Castillo de San Luis and the Saint Augustine Garrison fire their muskets at the start of the Grand Opening for the \$8 million, 24,000 square foot Visitor Center at Mission San Luis Sunday, Dec. 13, 2009 in Tallahassee, Fla. The building offers a gift shop, a 125-

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Dressed in Spanish 1740's military garb, Keith Stewart and David Shepard, with The Saint Augustine Garrison, wait outside the San Luis Mission Church as a commemorative mass take place inside Sunday, Dec. 13, 2009 in Tallahassee, Fla. The service was followed by the Grand

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The Good Shepherd Catholic Church Men's Choir sings during a commemorative mass at San Luis Mission Church before the Grand Opening of the Visitor Center Sunday,

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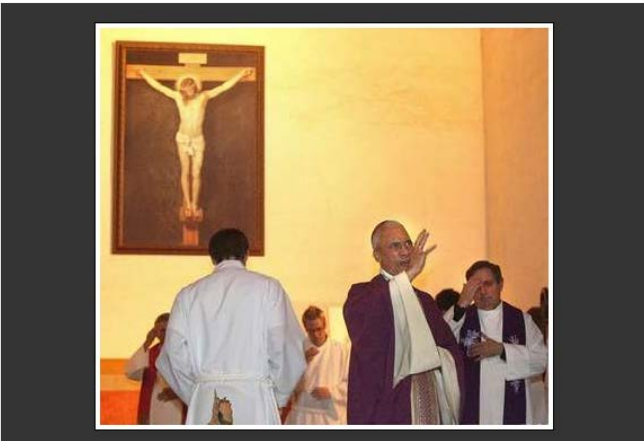
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The San Luis Mission Church is packed for a commemorative mass prior to the Grand Opening of the Visitor Center Sunday, Dec. 13, 2009 in Tallahassee, Fla. The \$8 million, 24,000 square foot Visitor Center offers a gift shop, a 125-seat theater, classrooms and a banquet

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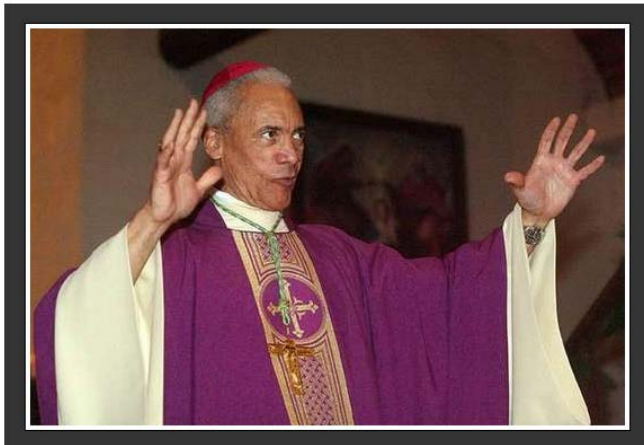
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The Most Rev. John H. Ricard, center, leads a commemorative mass at the San Luis Mission Church prior to the Grand Opening of the Visitor Center Sunday, Dec.

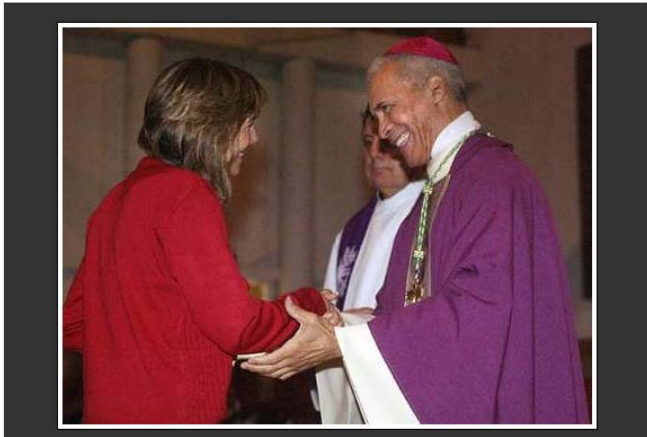
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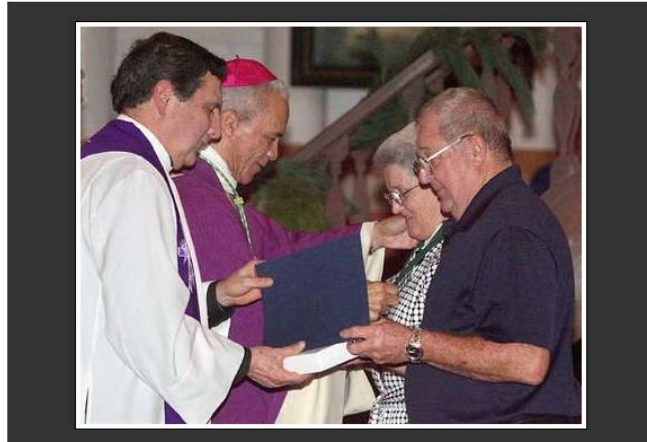
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Jean Nixon, from Blessed Sacrament Parish, receives a Diocesan Medal of Honor for Lifetime Achievement from The Most Rev. John H. Ricard during a commemorative mass at the San Luis Mission Church prior to the Grand Opening of the Visitor Center Sunday, Dec. 13, 2009 in

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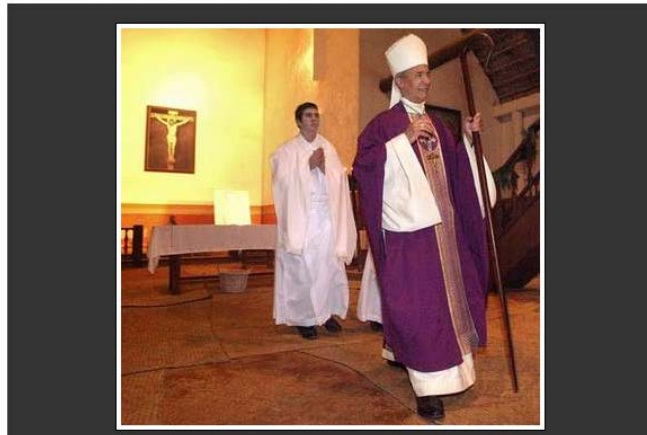
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Edmund and Patricia Kowalski, from Good Shephard Parish, receive Diocesan Medals of Honor for Lifetime Achievement during a commemorative mass at the San Luis Mission Church prior to the Grand Opening of the Visitor Center Sunday, Dec. 13, 2009 in Tallahassee, Fla.

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At right, Jerilyn and Robert Young, from Our Lady Queen of Peace, receive Diocesan Medals of Honor for Lifetime Achievement from (from left) Monsignor Michael Tugwell and The Most Rev. John H. Ricard during a commemorative mass at the San Luis Mission Church prior to the Grand

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At right, The Most Rev. John H. Ricard leads the Recessional at the conclusion of a commemorative mass at the San Luis Mission Church Sunday, Dec. 13, 2009 in Tallahassee, Fla. The service was followed by the Grand

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Recipients of Diocesan Medals of Honor for Lifetime Achievement pose for a group photo after a commemorative mass at the San Luis Mission Church prior to the Grand Opening of the Visitor Center Sunday, Dec. 11/25

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Members of the Castillo de San Luis prepare to prime and load their muskets before firing them at the start of the Grand Opening 12/25

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Members of The Saint Augustine Garrison shake hands after firing their muskets at the start of the Grand Opening 13/25

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Sec. of State Kurt Browning applauds as he speaks at the Grand Opening

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Guests fill the banquet hall during the Grand Opening

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David Ramsay, chairman of Mission San Luis, hugs Dr. Bonnie McEwan, Mission San Luis executive director, after reading a resolution honoring her at the Grand Opening

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Shoppers check out the items available in the gift shop during the Grand Opening

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Jose Vazquez and Danny Cabrera, with Real Paella, serve up mixta paella during the Grand Opening

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Replicas of old flags and maps are available for purchase in the gift shop during the Grand Opening

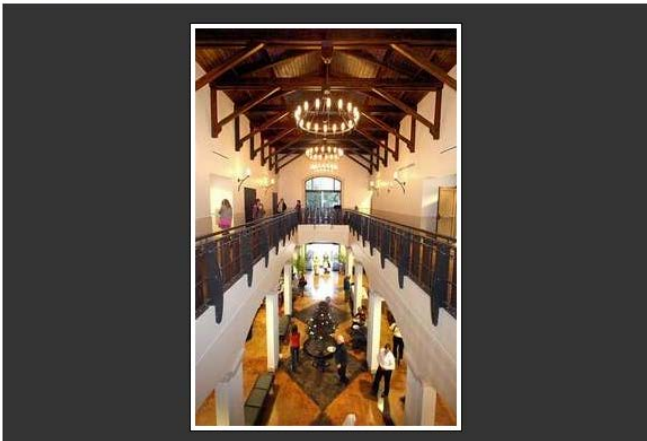
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Robert Tennie takes a photo of his wife Ann Tennie in front of the 13-foot tall hand-carved Honduran mahogany door entrance during the Grand Opening

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Guests tour the \$8 million, 24,000 square foot Visitor Center during its Grand Opening at Mission San Luis Sunday, Dec.

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Dressed in 1700s clothing, Rob Fleischmann and Alexandra Walrath play a dancing song in the SunTrust Theatre with their flauto dolces (recorders) during the Grand Opening

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Dressed in 1700s clothing, Rob Fleischmann and Alexandra Walrath play a dancing song in the SunTrust Theatre with their flauto dolces (recorders) during the Grand Opening