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Statues & Shrines ...of saints

Statues surrounding St. Peter's Square, Rome

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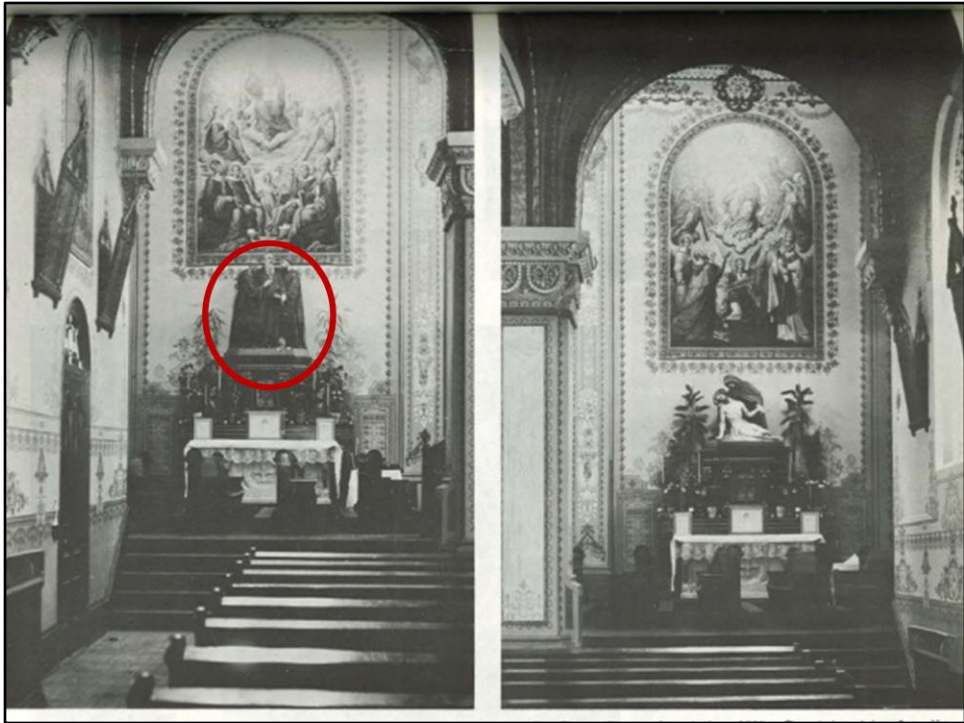
Notre Dame gargoyles

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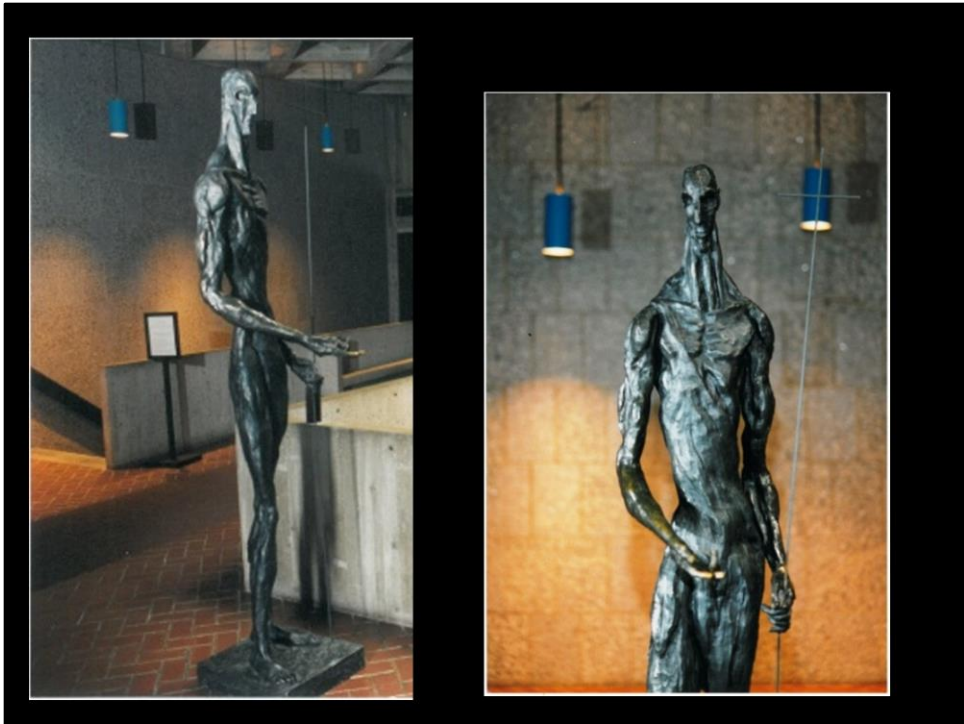
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[Saint John's First Abbey Church](#)



[Saint John's First Abbey Church](#) 1882-1898



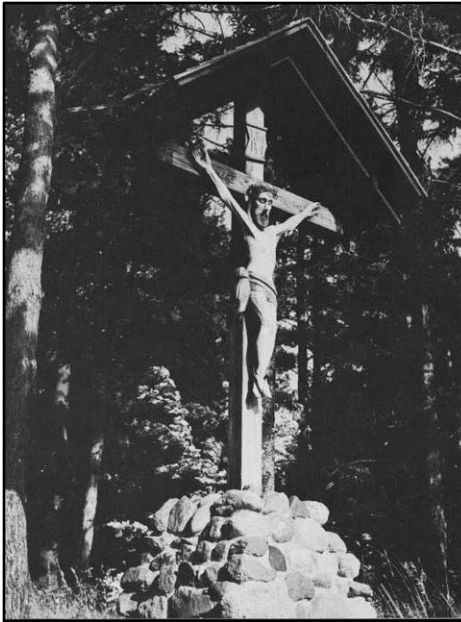
John the Baptist statue in Abbey Church in bronze by Doris Caesar
SJU Archives photo (76/4 v.7 p.9)

Our Lady of the Annunciation
in bronze by Doris Caesar



aka "Scary Mary"

Our Lady of the Annunciation in bronze by Doris Caesar
Aka "Scary Mary" statue, photos by Paul Jasmer, OSB, June 2006



(now enshrined in the Monastery)

A crucifix by Cornelius Wittmann, OSB (1828-1921), enshrined on the shores of Lake Sag



Crucifix by pioneer monk Cornelius Wittmann OSB (1828-1921)
Photos from 1954 *Sagatagan*

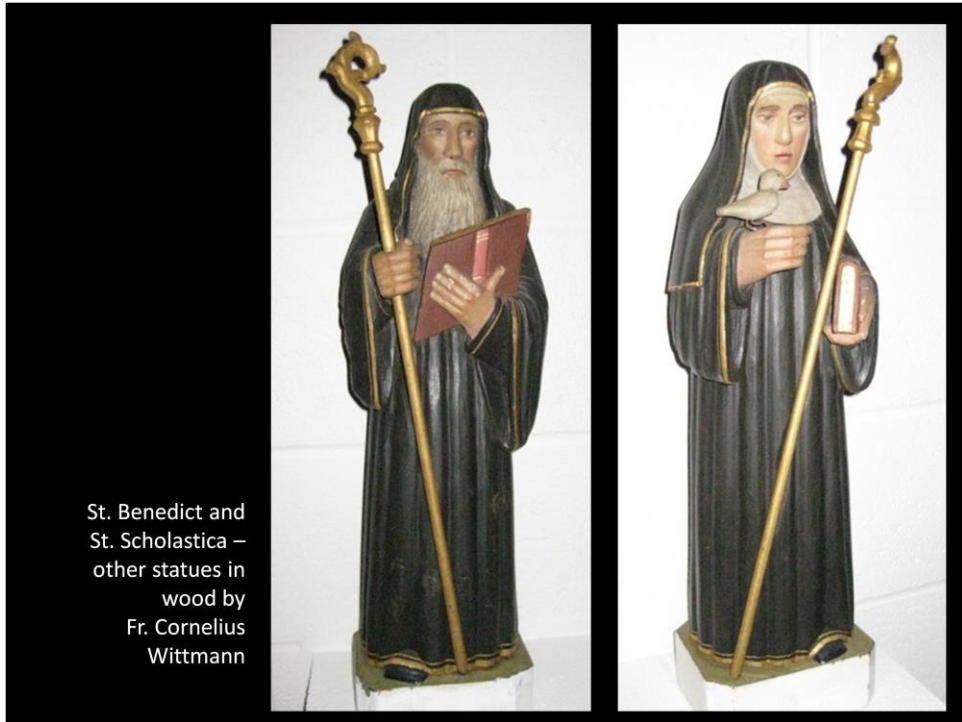


A statue of Tekakwitha took the place of the Wittmann crucifix in 1956



(And speaking of the not-necessarily-saintly... 😊)

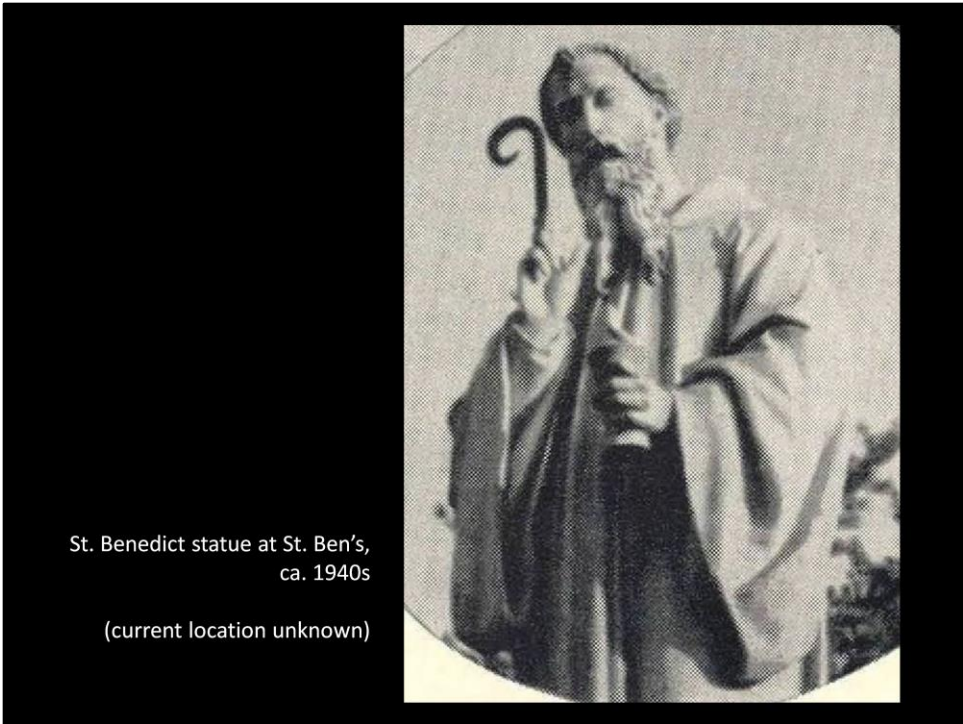
Tekakwitha Statue took the place of the Wittmann crucifix in 1956
See <http://www.csbsju.edu/SJU-Archives/SJUHistory/SJUBuildings/KateriTekakwithaStatue.htm>



St. Benedict and
St. Scholastica –
other statues in
wood by
Fr. Cornelius
Wittmann

Benedict & Scholastica. Polychrome wood carving by Cornelius Wittmann OSB (1828-1921).

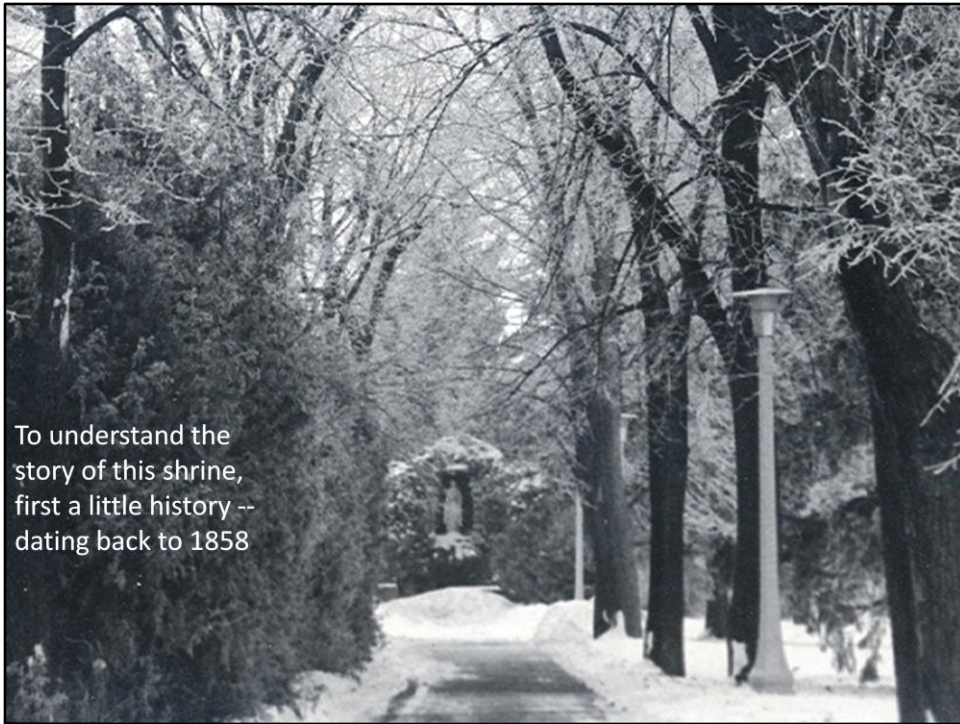
In St. John's Abbey and University Church.



St. Benedict statue at St. Ben's,
ca. 1940s

(current location unknown)

St. Benedict statue at St. Ben's
photo from *These Gentle Communists*, p.3
<http://cdm.csbsju.edu/cdm/ref/collection/CSBArchives/id/6078/show/6069>



St. Ben's Grotto



Bernadette Soubirous, a peasant girl in Lourdes, France, reported eighteen visions of the Blessed Virgin Mary from February to July, 1858

Our Lady of Lourdes, France

Painting from <http://acatholicview.blogspot.com/2013/02/our-lady-of-lourdes.html>

In 1864, French sculptor Joseph-Hugues Fabisch was commissioned to create a statue of Our Lady of Lourdes based on Bernadette's descriptions.

The statue rests in the niche where the Virgin appeared to Bernadette.

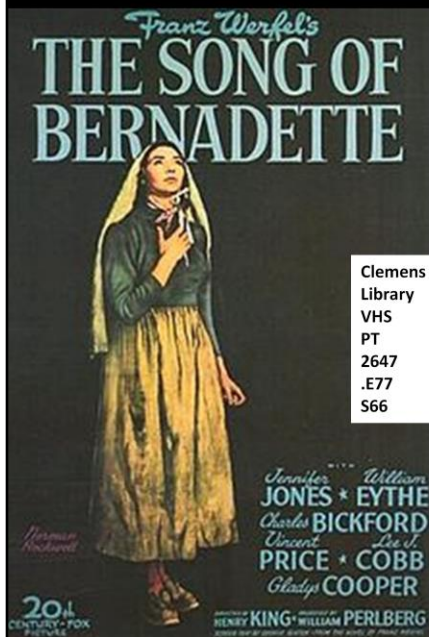
It has become an iconic symbol of Our Lady of Lourdes, although it depicts a figure which is not only older and taller than Bernadette's description, but also more in keeping with orthodox and traditional representations of the Virgin Mary.



In 1864, sculptor [Joseph-Hugues Fabisch](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joseph-Hugues_Fabisch) was commissioned to create a statue of [Our Lady of Lourdes](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Our_Lady_of_Lourdes).

Statue photo and text from http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joseph-Hugues_Fabisch

The miracle at Lourdes was depicted
in a classic movie in 1943...



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Statue photo from http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joseph-Hugues_Fabisch



...and became a play that was enacted in many Catholic schools and colleges, including St. Ben's



“The Song of Bernadette” play was enacted in many places, including St. Ben's. Statue photo from http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joseph-Hugues_Fabisch Play photo from SBMA 391



Photo: SBMA Grotto 003



With Lamps Burning, 1957

From Henry Borgerding,
OSB's chronicle:

"The grotto at the cemetery was erected at a cost of \$400 and the Blessed Virgin statue \$100. The walk was beautified and trees on both sides planted.

This grotto was dedicated on the last day of May. It soon became a favorite place for private devotion and even a number of pious lay persons from the village went there frequently."

Grotto photo from *With Lamps Burning*
p. 109 of the pdf



Two versions of the Grotto
Photos: SBMA 003 & 029



Yes, confirmed by another early photo of the Grotto from the St. Benedict's Monastery Archives

Yes, it was St. Ben's grotto
SBMA 003 & 029



The Grotto
Color photos from CSB Archives

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1972
BENEDICTION SCHOOL
VOLUME XX
NUMBER 1

Grotto Turns 100!

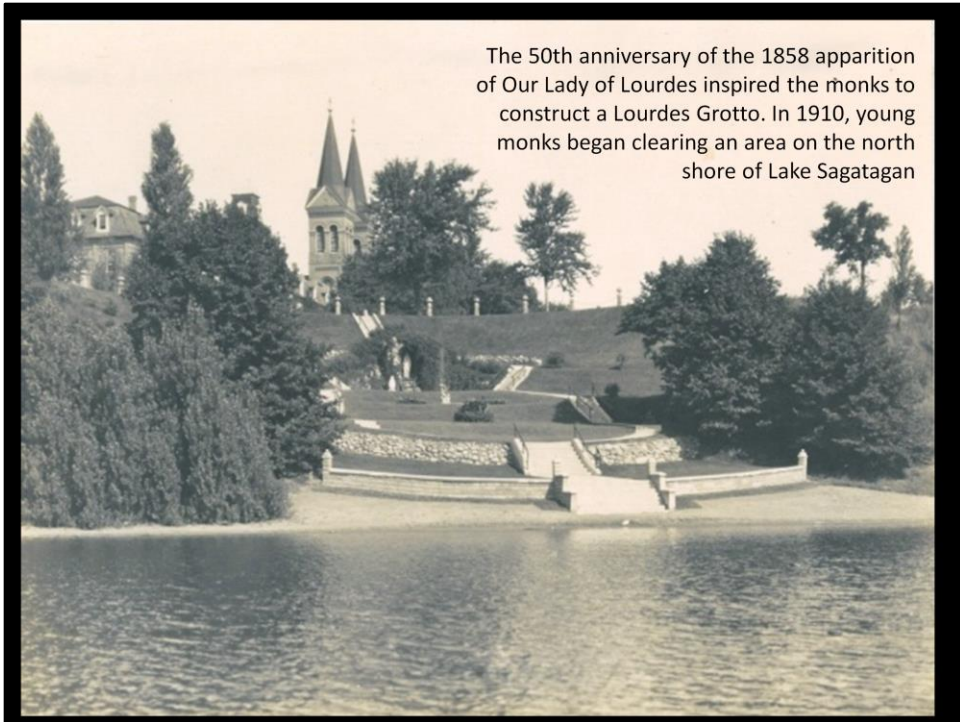
Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto is having a centennial! The grotto is beloved by Sisters, students and the public as a setting for personal devotion, photographs, pranks and perhaps more than a few marriage proposals.

Built in 1910 from a design by Raphael Knapp, OSB, a monk at Saint John's Abbey, the grotto has gone through quite a few changes. Originally it was smaller and more formal, with a pair of flanking columns.

In 1939, it was covered with granite rocks to more closely resemble the cave at Lourdes. At that time there was great interest in St. Bernadette Soubirous, who was canonized in 1933. The grotto became a devotional site for Our Lady of Lourdes, complete with a statue of St. Bernadette and a water feature.

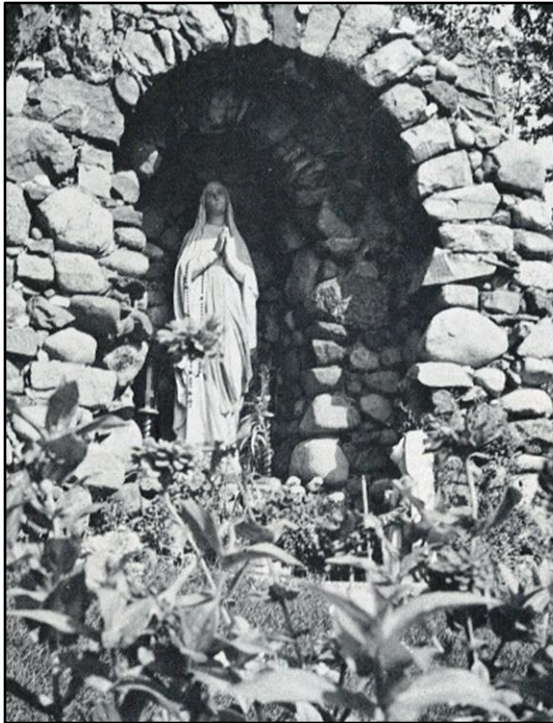
Sometime after the 1960s, the statue of Bernadette mysteriously disappeared. Concrete repairs in 2005-06 shored up the weakened structure, but also erased the design of the back side. Bookmarks and brochures commemorating the grotto's anniversary are available at the Gathering Place, Spirituality Center and Art and Heritage Place.

Celebrations of the Grotto



The 50th anniversary of the 1858 apparition of Our Lady of Lourdes inspired the monks to construct a Lourdes Grotto. In 1910, young monks began clearing an area on the north shore of Lake Sagatagan

Lourdes Grotto at St. John's c.1925
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The grotto at St. John's is dedicated in 1912

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ST. JOHN'S RECORD

P. Alphonse Sausen who completed a three years' course of theology at St. Anselm's College, Rome, returned Sept. 3rd and has taken up his duties here as professor.

Since Lourdes, the Mecca of Christian pilgrims, has played such an important figure among the Christian nations during the last half-century, the many signal favors connected with it have not failed to arouse the spirit of the children of Mary at St. John's. Ever since the Jubilee year of the apparition of Our Blessed Lady at Lourdes, preparations were being made to build a Lourdes Grotto. After considerable deliberation regarding the situation, it was finally decided to erect it on the north shore of the lake. Work had been begun by the clerics two years ago, but it was not completed until this summer. The Blessed Virgin statue is placed in a niche of rubble-stones, facing the lake. A beautiful fountain graces the lawn about eight feet in front of the statue. A row of lawn tiers rises gradually from the lake shore to the level of the campus. An oval-shaped sidewalk completely embraces the shrine. A visit to the Grotto will testify to its beauty as also to the devotion to the Heavenly Queen cherished at St. John's. It is not only a fitting tribute to Our Lady but also a credit to the Sodality and the Ven. Clerics. On Sunday, Sept. 3th at 3:30 P.M., the Grotto was solemnly blessed by our Right. Rev. Abbot. After the song "O Holy Mary, Virgin Mild" by the students' choir the sacred words of benediction were pronounced. Then the Right Rev. Abbot gave utterance to his pleasure at witnessing such an imposing spectacle. He expressed his appreciation and thanks to the Ven. Clerics for the accomplished

The Record Oct. 1912 p. 408

The grotto at St. John's is dedicated

<http://cdm.csbsju.edu/cdm/ref/collection/CSBArchNews/id/16645/show/16628> *The Record* October 1912, p. 408.

Photo from 1954 *Sagatagan*

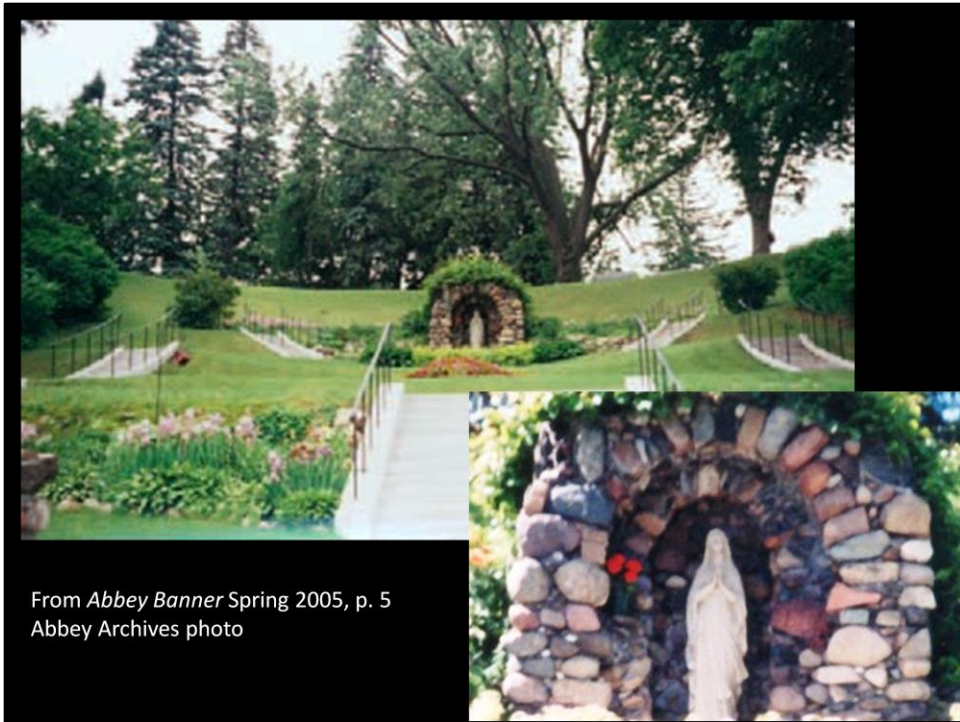


1940 Mary (Lourdes) Grotto
Robert Adams (SJP)



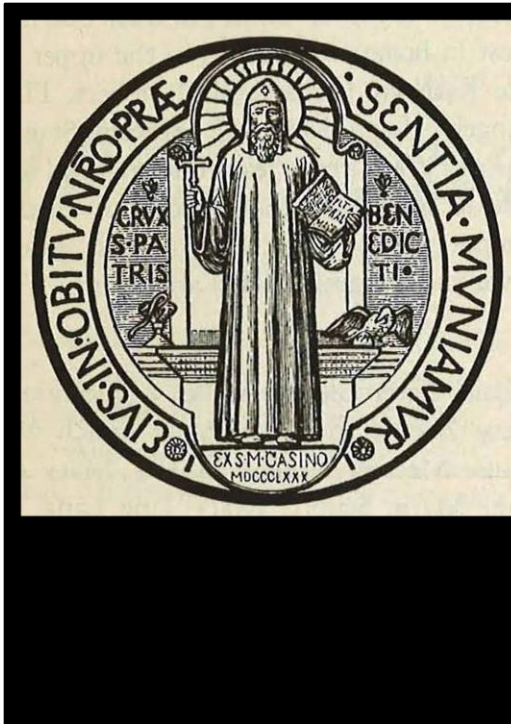
1954 *Sagatagan* photo of St. John's Lourdes grotto – with Bernadette

1954 *Sagatagan* photo of St. John's Lourdes grotto – with Bernadette



From *Abbey Banner* Spring 2005, p. 5
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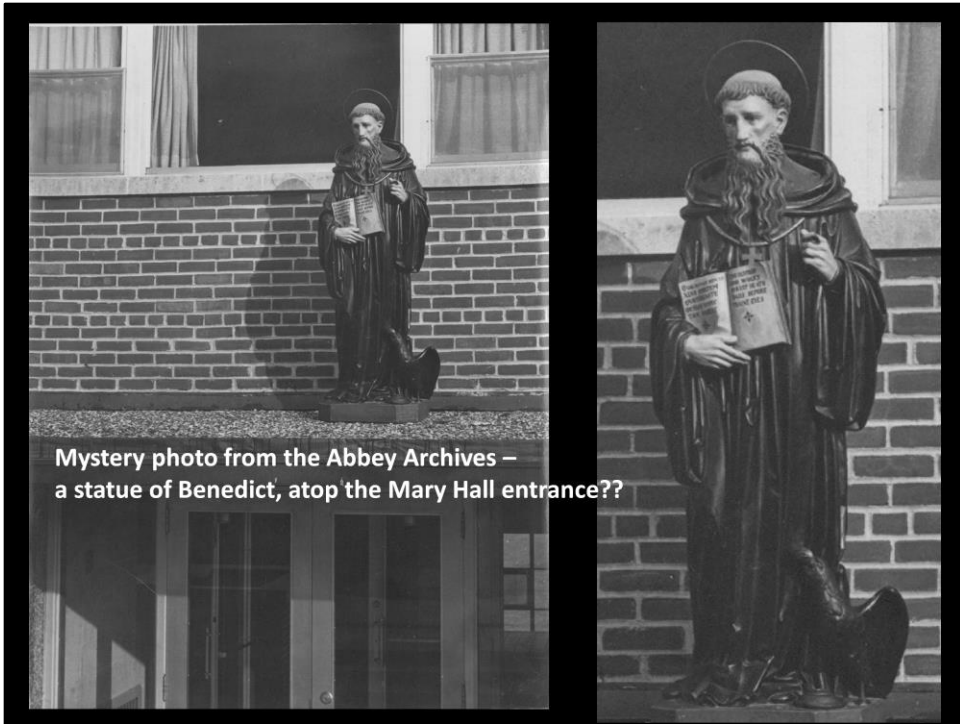
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1945 *Facula* p. 41

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Mystery photo from the Abbey Archives – a statue of Benedict, atop the Mary Hall entrance??



Atop the Mary Hall entrance...and now in the Roske house!



Statuary makes a comeback: Madrid, Spain's Sagrada Familia (Holy Family) Basilica by Gaudi, now under construction

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This was originally the first slide to this PowerPoint the first time it was shown, which happened to be March 13, 2013, the day that Pope Francis was elected as Pope. View from the top of St. Peter's, Rome, <http://pilgrimages.com/moise/st-peters-italy.jpg>