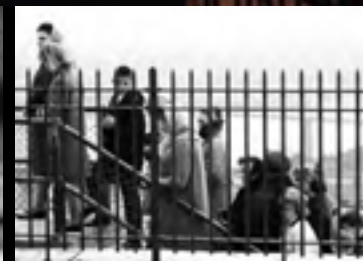


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The Photographs

My interest in the annual Good Friday pilgrimage to Immaculata began in 1970 when I photographed the event for *Cincinnati* magazine. The Foreword by Richard L. Gordon, who was then editor of the magazine, is the complete text of that photo story.

The dedication and pageantry of hundreds of people who climb the steps year after year has drawn me back on several occasions. My original intent was to produce an exhibit of black and white photographs.

Much of the black and white photography in this book is from 1970. Though there are photos from later years, they are difficult to distinguish except for apparel. The obvious faith and reverence is timeless. The color photography is easier to place in a timeframe: there are photos from 1970, two occasions from 2004-2008, and finally, most of the photos are from the year 2009.

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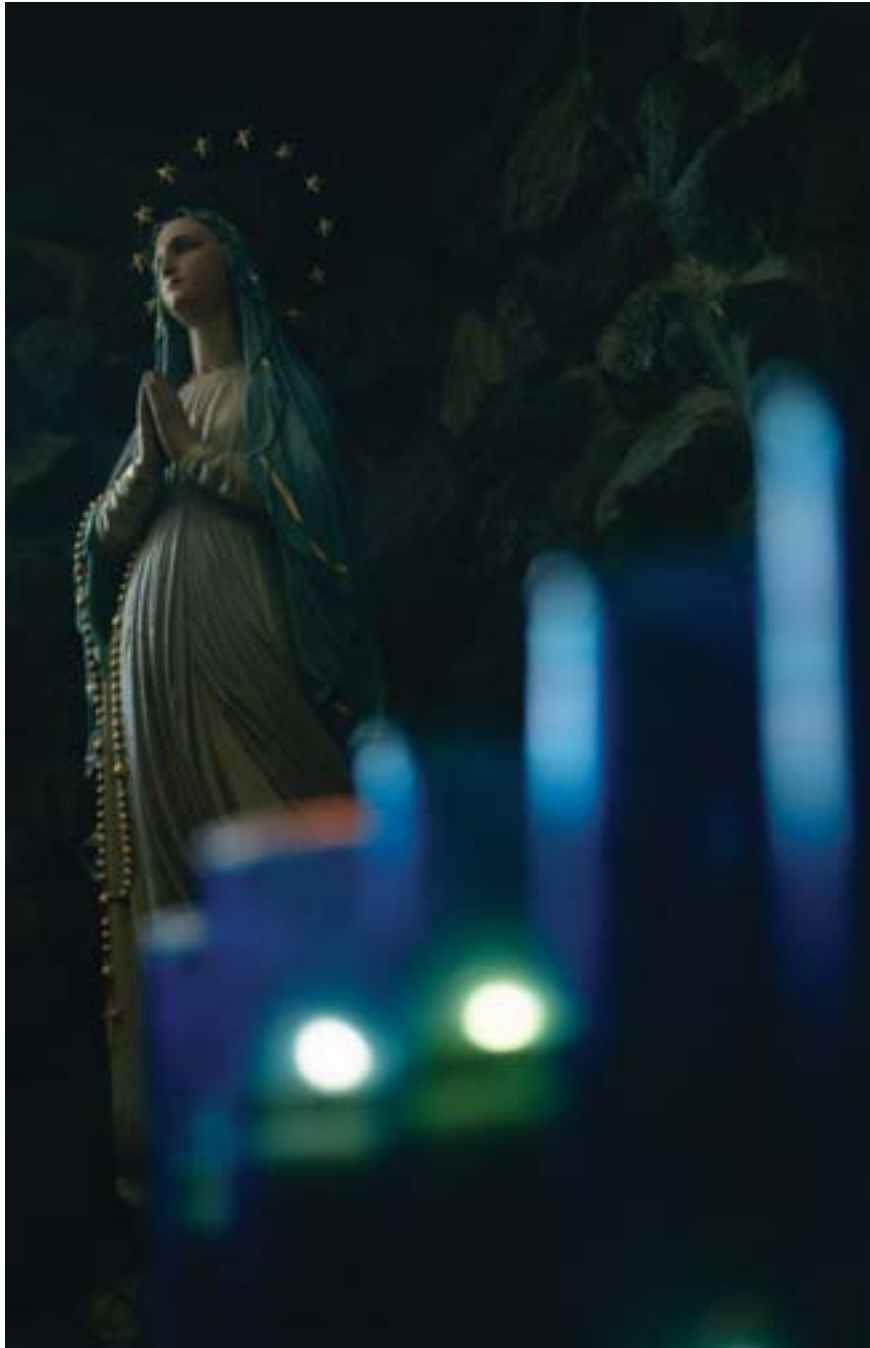












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