

Our Lady of the Snows is one of the outdoor shrines.

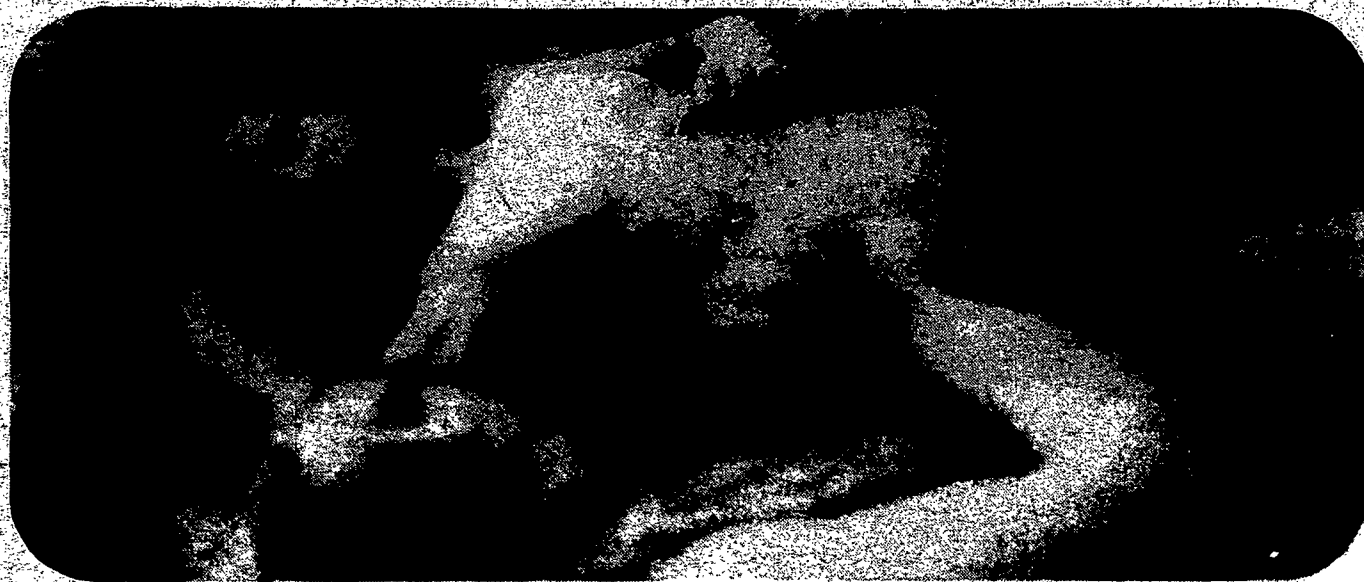
Rosary Grotto

Conesus — Like the rest of the Divine Word Seminary, the famous grottoes depicting scenes from the mysteries of the rosary are also coming back to life.

In the past they attracted hundreds of visitors each week but during the years when the future of the seminary property was uncertain they fell into disrepair and frequently became the targets of vandals.

Now, however, the priests and brothers have begun to repaint the statues and repair the grottoes and the area around them. Father Paul Thunich, SVD, who spent some of his early life as a priest at the seminary, began the restoration project almost a year ago.

Father Thunich, ordained in 1929 and now retired, spends much of his time during nice weather working on the grottoes' exterior. During winter months or when the weather is cold and rainy he and some of the others retreat indoors to



Adam and Eve await their turn in the restoration room.



A blighted shepherd seems to be pleading for a new coat of paint and his missing arm.



Except for his legs which have crumbled away this shepherd boy is still in good shape.



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