

How did your grandmother, a loved one or a Shrine experience shape your spiritual journey? _____

I was in the Precious Blood order for a while and I'm from Mercer County so ~~the~~ I consider the Shrine a part of my heritage.

It is a holy place. I love the peace I feel there I want it to always be there.

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My wife Marilyn, worked at THE SHRINE MAKING COMMUNION HOSTS IN THE 1940's, WHEN SHE WAS A TEENAGER AND ATTENDED ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

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By seeing their example of a prayerful life instilled in me my faith.

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I'm only 85 yrs. old but we spent a lot of time there my ~~mom's~~ sister is lay in the cemetery there. My dad was for ~~over~~ boss for over 15 years given the job by sister. I lived in Marietta & Coldwater till 1960. Worked for New Idea 46 yrs. I'm happy to say health has been great & I work five mornings a week at my current job & enjoy it. We have five kids & they've all made it to the convent many times.

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It was always rewarding to hear the remarks from the fifth & seventh grade CCD students after touring this beautiful & Holy Chapel.

This place is a ~~place of~~ ^{spot} for personal meditation & reflection, offering the holiness of quiet & peace.

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I love the peace & tranquility the Shrine offers!

I love to just sit in the chapel, relax & meditate. Best medicine anyone could ask for. We are so blessed to have the Shrine in our community!

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I grew up across the fields from the Shrine.

I participated in the yearly pilgrimage.

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Visited during childhood and whole life
Many prayers answered

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Our parents took us for visits to the Shrine several times a year since we can remember.

Ray and I always kept it up with our children and we still make visits in our old age, it is a touching and great visit every time we go.

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As a charismatic Catholic I can feel the presence of the Holy Spirit at the Shrine.

I have lit some candles over the years for various prayer requests and I am grateful for the intercession of the Saints. God has answered every prayer in "His Infinite Way".

Lisa Maeller

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My grandparents, with whom we lived, took me to the Shrine at least once or twice a month back in the late 1940's + early 50's. We would make the Stations of the Cross in the woods. On one occasion shortly after my first Communion I lost my ^{crucifix} rosary that my grandparents had given me as a first Comm. gift. All the nuns prayed for the lost rosary. About a month later, after gravel path had been scraped, a nun saw something glistening in the stones. It was my rosary minus some beads. The nuns gave it for me for free.

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I am 85 and I hope my grandchildren have good memories of Shrine. My Mother & Father took us to Relic Chapel often when 12 of us were growing up. In 1930 - 1940 - 1950 we spent many Sunday afternoons praying visiting talking with sisters. Mom had health problems but lived to 86.

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I am Catholic, due to fact my great grandparents were born in Ireland, so all their children & grand children are Catholic. I never heard of Maria Stein Shrine, one Sunday my husband, myself & 2 sons took a Sunday drive to see OH. We're from Paris, OH. We saw a sign of a festival at Maria Stein Shrine & went. The boys & their dad walked around while I went into the beautiful Chapel. I felt at home the music went in, I felt at peace & a welcome I never felt before. From then on every yr we went to the festival. My husband is not Catholic & never understood what I felt visiting. I always wanted to give a donation, but seems the money's just not there. Two weeks ago I had surgery again. Since moving to FL 10 yrs & 5 mos ago I've learned how high prices are. I am sorry, but the Shrine is in my prayers. Penmanship is poor due to hand surgery. Some day I hope to give. Till then Thank you
Nora Anne Stoddard

would love to hear your story! Please use return form below. My late husband came to the shrine for the first time & I fell in love w/ it. Been there many times

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My Mom brought me there as a child - she prayed
with me regularly. I took my kids there and my 4th grade Religion Class
Beautiful Shrine - Shrine & Holy!

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SISTERS!

My Mother, Elizabeth, was an ardent helper at the ~~Shrine~~ store
and as needed. She inspired me....

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My grandmother was Alma Manning Hayden. She met Sr. M. Friedburg, C.P.S.,
when my two aunts, Sr. Mary Lawrence, ^{C.P.S.} and Sr. M. Juanita, ^{C.P.S.} worked at
the Shrine from time to time. Whenever my grandmother had a
few dollars, she would save them & send the money to Sr. Friedburg.
In turn, sometime during the 1950's, Sr. Friedburg had a station of
the Cross dedicated to her. My mother & I spent a few weekends there
when I was 15, and stayed at the Gate House. My husband & I visit the
Shrine to rest and pray when possible.

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