



Detail of the Square of the Law Courts



Times of Masses Sacro Monte di Varallo

SOLAR TIME: h. 9,30-11,30-16 SS. Mass weekdays 16

SUMMER TIME: h. 9,30-11,30-17 SS. Mass weekdays 1

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SACRO MONTE DI VARALLO

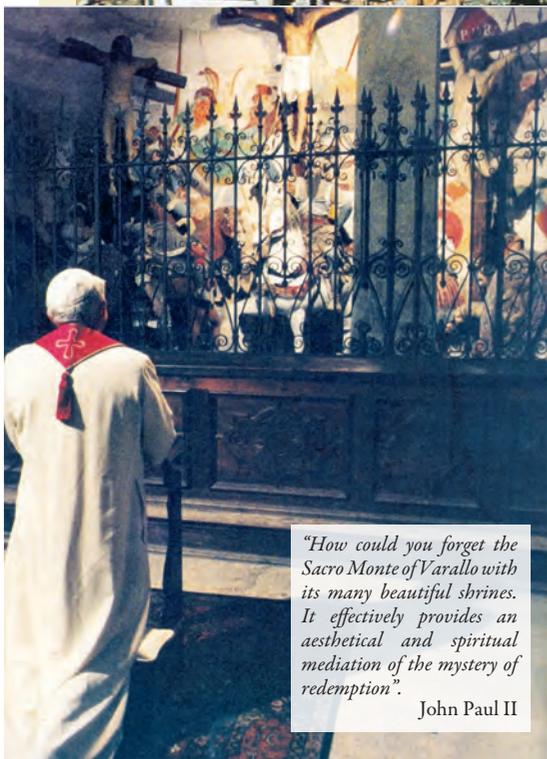


The Basilica

Chapel 1

SACRO MONTE - VARALLO
DIOCESI DI NOVARA
PROVINCIA DI VERCELLI





"How could you forget the Sacro Monte of Varallo with its many beautiful shrines. It effectively provides an aesthetical and spiritual mediation of the mystery of redemption".

John Paul II

The "Sacro Monte" (Sacred Mountain) of Varallo is the most ancient and most evocative of all the sacred mountains in the area of Piedmont and Lombardy. Its origin is due to an ingenious idea of a Milanese monk, Bernardino Caimi, who after many years in Palestine, decided to rebuild in these rocks the same Holy Places. Due to the war with Turkey, it was difficult to make the journey to the Holy Land. We are at the end of 1400. So the New Jerusalem is born. From 1500 the first shrines (Nazareth, Bethlehem, Calvary and the Holy Sepulchre) were annexed to a much larger project, wished for by S. Carlo Borromeo, who, through images and sculptures (45 shrines, 800 statues) developed beautifully the story of our salvation. In this place, immersed in natural and enchanting surroundings, the pilgrim of 2000 can still find a space to "recreate" his mind and body, retracing the stages of God's love for man.

*Pope John Paul II in prayer
in the Chapel 38 - Jesus dies on the Cross*



Chapel 38 - Jesus dies on the Cross

The Scurolo - The sleeping Virgin (detail)



The Holy Mount, humanity heritage UNESCO



Chapel 35 - Jesus sentenced to death on the cross.

Chapel 33 - "Ecce Homo".

The Golden Gate.

