Biography (pt. guidebook)

1873. Father Werners born in Kettwich, near Engen, in Rhine province of Germany to German + French parents.

1885. He spent his boyhood there and served his apprentices

1904. three years in the army. Afterwards, he began his

1907. He studied for the Catholic priesthood at Liège, Belgium,

1918. and continued with the Jesuit Fathers in Italy.

1918. Father Werners discontinued his studies to come to the

1925. U.S. He resumed his studies at St. Francis Seminary

1930. at Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

1930. He was ordained at St. Francis Seminary.

1925. The Father came to Dickeyville to be pastor of the Holy

1931. Ghost parish, where he remained until his death.

1931. He began constructing forming two wings made of cement

1931. and glass, which would stand at the base of the "Cen-

1931. eption Wing" in the cemetery. Over the next six

1931. years he continued to use such inexpensive locally

1931. available" materials in the building of the Grotto, etc.

1930. The Grotto and surrounding areas were formally dedi-

1931. cated on September 14.

1931. Early in this year the Shrine neared completion. The

1931. major projects were finished and the planting was

1931. begun. Shortly thereafter Father Werners contracted

1931. pneumonia after administering the last rites to a

1931. patient, and died.
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