

During 1954 (Marian Year), I made pilgrimages to various shrines, including one to St. Anne's de Be Preu. Rocks and shells were gathered from the Jesuit Shrine at Auersville, New York, the Adirondack Mountains Fort Ticonderoga, Mt. Royal, Montreal, the St. Lawrence River, Military Academy of Canada, Cap de Madeline and Our Lady Loures Grotto at Rigaud, Canada. Our trip was highlighted by visiting historical and religious places of interest. We also gathered rocks at St. Anne's, some at the Holy Stairs, and one at the 14th. Outdoor Station. I purchased a 18 inch Statue at St. Anne's, of the Blessed Virgin, and decided to make a Grotto to house the Statue, of all the rocks we had gathered on our trip. This being Marian Year, I wanted to thank Blessed Mother for various graces our family had received.

There are several rocks included in this shrine that I received from boys in service, one with a replica of a cross is from Goose Bay Canada, while another one is from Christ the King Campus, Cambridge, England that my son picked up when he was stationed there.

The shrine is made of cement and rocks, and ## a decade of the rosary outlines each point of the star. The tiny flowers made to represent beads, are from broken dishes.