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Reverend L.H. Greving  
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Dear Reverend Greving:

SPACES is a nonprofit arts organization that collects information on folk art environments like the Grotto of the Redemption and shares it with the many people who are interested. The Grotto is an impressive site, and we'd like to make sure we have as much information about it as possible.

We have a copy of a booklet called An Explanation of the Grotto of the Redemption; who wrote it and when? Is there any other published information--newspaper or magazine articles or books--about the Grotto? Is construction still proceeding? Was it Father Dobberstein's idea to build the Grotto? Did he base his design upon European grottos, or did he design it himself? The booklet we have mentions eight other grottoes and memorials built by Father Dobberstein; do you have any information (including addresses) on those sites?

Any information you share with us will become part of our archives, and will not be used for any purpose other than educating the public about the Grotto. Thank you very much. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Seymour Rosen  
Director



Terri Hartman  
Researcher