

A Cave of Candles tells the history of Our Lady's influence on the Notre Dame campus from Father Sorin's arrival in the new world to the building of the Grotto and the evolution of the "Spirit of Notre Dame" as we know it today. Along the way we are treated to fascinating legend and lore like the mystery of the missing Empress Eugenie crown, the legend of the sycamore and to many rare, historical images and colorful, contemporary photographs of the campus. The book also describes the filming of *The Song of Bernadette* movie, written by screenwriter George Seaton, "a South Bend boy," whose brother was a Notre Dame alumnus.



I am sure you are inspiring many people to take a deeper and more devotional look at the Grotto and their lives. I appreciate all the efforts you have put into making the Grotto better known and better understood.

– Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., President Emeritus, University of Notre Dame

Notre Dame is indeed a very special place, one that has become in so many ways my spiritual home. The Grotto has been a place of retreat, prayer, and inspiration for me since my arrival some fourteen years ago. I was touched by the warm spirit of the materials in your book. May God's grace and Our Lady's presence be with you abundantly as your important ministry continues...

– Rev. Hugh R. Page, Jr., PhD, Dean, First Year of Studies, University of Notre Dame

Your book is a lovely jewel, a beautiful treasure people will buy and cherish. I felt that I had stumbled upon a precious cache of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's history that included many stories of people and places – stories I did not know previously – collected and retold in a compelling manner and accompanied by exquisite photographs.

– Jeane Knight, SMC

Congratulations on a beautiful piece of writing and research. You have done a service to the history of the University and those who love her. Just as the Grotto will be there for future generations, so will your story.

– Vince Gratzner

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What a great gift you have given Notre Dame and South Bend. Thanks for a great book, and your time. I just can't put it down.

– Tom Bodden

Thank goodness for your dogged research in finding all that incredible information.

What a treasure trove. It blows my mind.

– Jim Kennedy

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The Spirit, History, Legends and Lore of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's



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