



THE CRACO SOCIETY

RETURN OF THE MADONNA DELLA STELLA

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A major event in the history of the Madonna della Stella in Craco took place on Holy Trinity Sunday, May 30, 2021 in Craco. The restored statue of the Madonna and Child was unveiled at a special Mass in the Church of San Nicola Vescovo in Craco Pieschiera.

The statue, dating back to the first half of the seventeenth century, has endured much, including the thefts of two Infants and the valuable crowns and stars on the figures.

The current restoration team also had to deal with other issues from the past. Although there were old images of the statue, the full history and details about it were difficult to establish because records were lost during relocation caused by the Frana. The team also had to deal with the physical changes made to the statue including numerous costs of paint and effects of aging on the wooden statue. The results of their efforts were magnificent.

**Evviva la
Madonna della Stella**



MADONNA DELLA STELLA – CRACO

Photograph of Barbaro Palmina



Then and Now—Left is shown the earliest image we have of the statue of the Madonna della Stella. Over the years attempts to restore the statue and several vandalisms changed features. Above, the newly restored statue shows the latest efforts to return it to its historic splendor.

A Happy Day—Don Antonio Lopatriello crowns the newly restored statue of the Madonna Della Stella inside the Chiesa San Nicola Vescovo in Craco Pieschiera on May 30, 2021.

Photographs by Alberto Raimondo, Facebook



IMAGES OF THE MADONNA DELLA STELLA PRESENTATION IN CRACO PESCHIERA



Chiesa San Nicola Vescovo —With the inside of the church full, an overflow crowd is shown outside the church (below left). The veiled statue greeted attendees inside the church (above right) with the crowns on display. Photographs by Alberto Raimondo, Facebook



Restoration Revealed —The beautifully restored statue of the Madonna Della Stella and Child was revealed to the crowd inside the church of San Nicola Vescovo in Craco Peschiera (above left). Don Antonio, the “parroco” (parish priest) in Craco has worked tirelessly on the restoration project for the statue and chapel, is shown blessing the crowns (shown above right). The two crowns and stars that adorn the statues are shown in a close-up image to the right. With the statue restored, the next phases of the project will focus on the chapel building.

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113 Baxter Street, NYC
Mass at 11:30 am
Procession at approximately 1:15 pm**

ON THE MOVE



Much like our San Vincenzo Martire di Craco, who traveled many times, Fr. Nick Mormando continues his movement in doing God's work. He is now involved in opening a new friary in Miami.

He extends an invitation to all Craco Society members saying, "if they're in the area please contact me. My cell phone number is 954-815-9647. I am living at St. Pio

Friary 2411 NW 3rd St., Miami, FL 33125. Fr. Nick's email is: nickmcap@gmail.com

Among his many travels the Rev. Fr. Nicholas Mormando, OFM Cap., completed a year long study in Italy in 2019. While there he was in Assisi attending language school and in a friary at Spello, outside of Assisi. After he returned to his friary in Union, NJ, he was given a new assignment to open a ministry of evangelization in Florida.



Saint Pio Friary, Miami, FL

SUPPORT SAVING THE MADONNA DELLA STELLA



Saving the historic Madonna della Stella Chapel and statue, which are important parts of Craco Vecchio's history, culture, and traditions is a significant and worthwhile objective for all members. The Board of Directors encourages members to contribute to the Madonna della Stella Restoration. All funds collected will be sent to Craco for use in preserving the chapel and statue.

Generations of Crachesi will thank you for your donation.

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