

Pilgrimage Sites

SCAN FOR CAMPUS MAP WITH PILGRIMAGE SITES HIGHLIGHTED >>>





ROSARY CIRCLE

A field of flowers in the shape of a rosary near the University's main entrance, the Rosary Circle reminds students and visitors of the centrality of prayer in campus life.



THE CRÈCHE

Sculpted in Italy, the outdoor nativity recalls St. Francis as the originator of the modern crèche and his impassioned love for God incarnate.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The stations line a path in front of the Portiuncula Chapel. Resurgence of this timeless devotion to Our Lord's passion reveals a new appreciation for his humility and sacrificial love. Made of cast bronze, these stations replicate those in Medjugorje, Bosnia-Herzegovina.



THE MARIAN GROTTO

Inspired by student devotion to the Blessed Mother and the Rosary, the graceful stone alcove encompasses a statue of Mary, inviting all her children to receive graces from her maternal hands.



THE PORTIUNCULA CHAPEL

Also known as St. Mary of the Angels, this tiny chapel greets visitors to our devotional grove behind Christ the King Chapel. A replica of a chapel dear to St. Francis of Assisi, the Portiuncula, or "little portion," is available for contemplative prayer, silent reflection, and eucharistic adoration.



OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS MOSAIC

Commissioned for the 75th Anniversary of Franciscan University, this mosaic welcomes visitors at the main campus entrance above Rosary Circle. This title of our Blessed Mother has deep significance to the university because the Portiuncula Chapel, rebuilt by St. Francis, was dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary under this name.



TOMB OF THE UNBORN CHILD

Erected on January 22, 1987, as a memorial to the innocent victims of abortion, the tomb's eternal flame is a constant solicitation to vigilant prayer for our youngest and most defenseless brothers and sisters and their parents. eucharistic adoration.



THE STEEL CROSS

Inspired by a similar cross in Medjugorje, Bosnia-Herzegovina, the cross rises 60 feet above the campus. It is a powerful reminder of the University's Christian commitment to "live under the cross." Its steel composition conveys our link to the steel industry of the Ohio Valley.