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A beautiful Madonna in solid silver, a gift of Louis XV to the Oka Mission (1749)



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### The Oka Way of the Cross

From 1739 to 1749, Abbé François Picquet, P. S. S., had seven stone chapels erected on the neighboring mountain. Each one contained a painting by Nicolas Lefebvre, imported from France: the Agony, the Ecce Homo (Behold the Man!), the Scourging, Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus, while in the three summit chapels, were the Crucifixion, the Death of Jesus and Jesus laid in the Sepulchre. These paintings are now in the Church. Some time after 1759, woodcarvings by François Guernon *dit* Belleville, replaced the paintings in the Mountain Via Crucis. The annual September Way of the Cross is followed by thousands, among them devout Indians from Caughnawaga and St. Regis, Quebec.