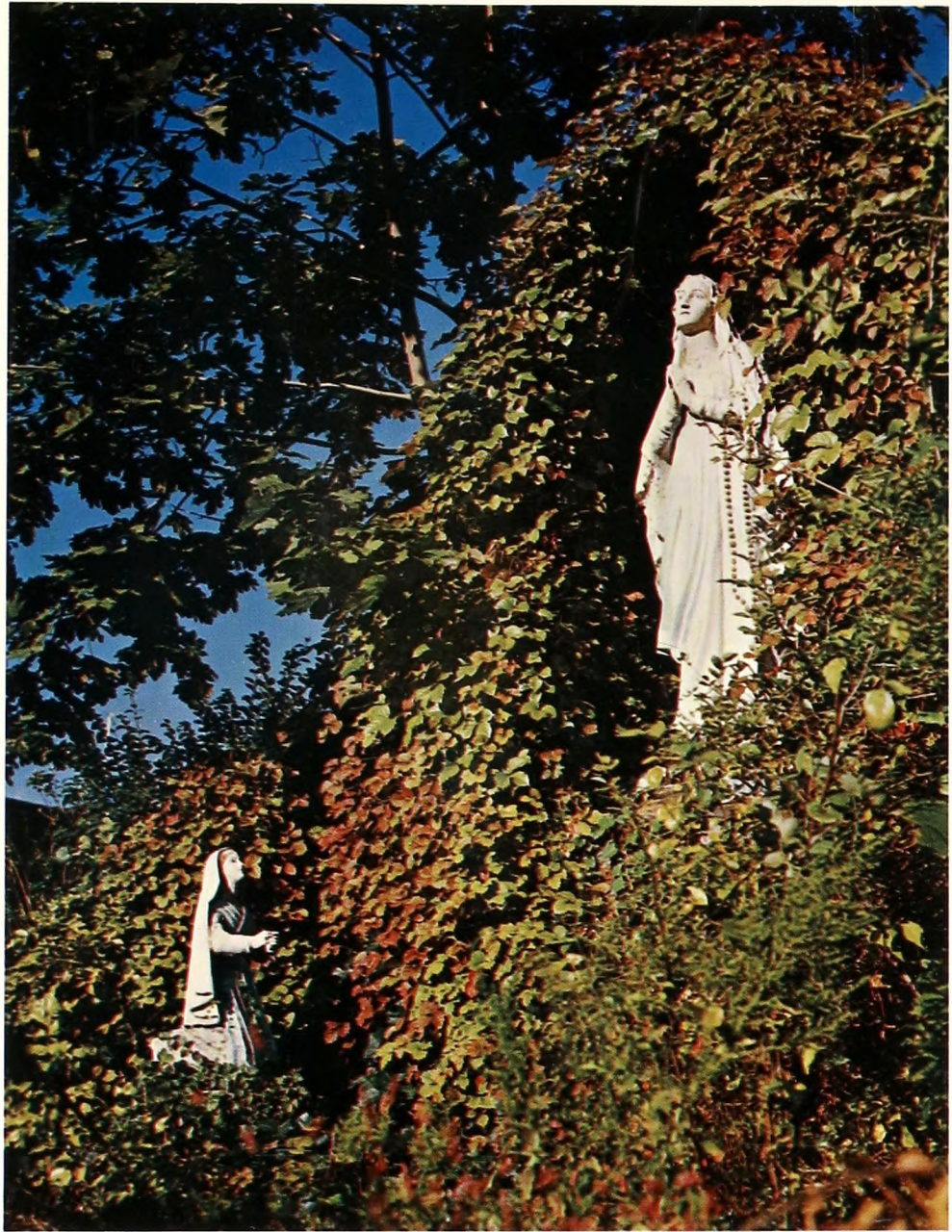


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tradition and transition

The Grotto of the Immaculate Conception has stood watch in the center of the Butler Street Campus since Brother Thaddeus built it in 1931. In the course of its thirty year vigil, the Grotto has seen St. Francis grow from a small school with an enrollment of less than a hundred to a thriving metropolitan college taking an active part in the cataclysmic educational explosion of our decade.

Through all the progress that has taken place and is yet to come, the Grotto has remained unchanged. We have chosen it to open the 1962 *Franciscan* as an example of the enduring nature of the Franciscan Ideal in the midst of the tumultuous growth and development of which we, the Class of 1962, have been so much a part.

As with the Grotto so with the *Franciscan*. It continues to present an accurate and comprehensive view of the school year. To be sure, this book does differ from the *Franciscan* of the past: the format, the style, the size, and the insight have changed. But in an atmosphere of expansion and development these accidentals are both inevitable and desirable.

What is more important is that the aim of the *Franciscan* has been, is now, and will always be to depict and exalt the Franciscan Ideal. And this, like our Grotto, will never change.