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Sr. Marie Pierre Semler was a native of upstate New York. She was born Bertha Josephine Semler in Chili, New York in 1901. She entered the religious community of the Maryknoll Sisters of St. Dominic in 1925. During her sixty-eight years as a Maryknoll Sister she created 1,997 pieces of art work. Sr. Marie Pierre also wrote poetry, meditations, and descriptions for many of her art pieces. She worked in several mediums and made many reproductions of her work during her lifetime. She died at the Maryknoll Sisters Center on October 18, 1993, at the age of 92.

When Sister Marie Pierre Semler looked at a piece of wood, stone or canvas, she saw stories, messages of inspiration and the achievements and short-comings of humankind.

Her work is preserved and exhibited by her grand-nephew David Hoysic, and his wife Mary. Together they have sponsored more than fifty exhibitions in the Northeastern United States.

Sister Marie Pierre's collection numbers close to two thousand pieces, and has been viewed by more than fifteen thousand people in New York State and New England. Each of her works carries her characteristically meditative quality.

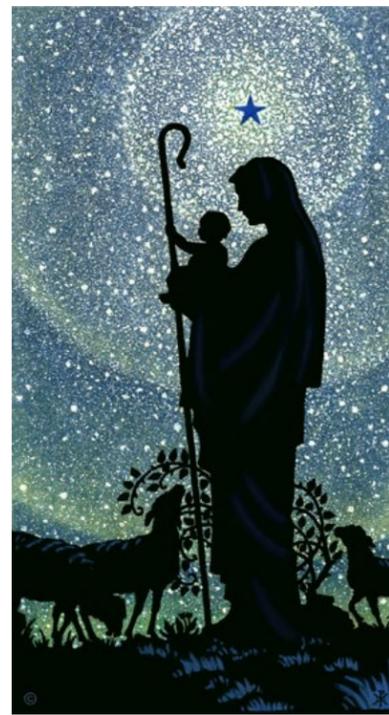
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Our Lady of Snows



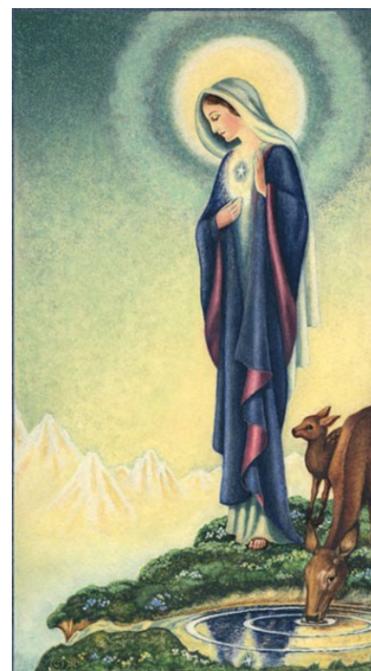
Our Lady of the Night



The Divine Shepherdess



Mystical Rose
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Our Lady of the Mountains



I Am the True Vine



I Am the Bread of Life



A Light to the Gentiles



The Way of Life

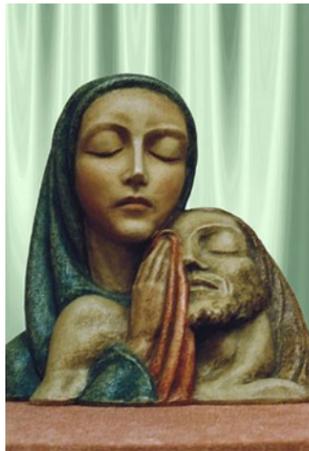


**Our Lady of Lourdes
1933**

This representation received inspiration from the sixth apparition of Bernadette in which the Lady, diverting her eyes from the child, had turned them afar with an expression of sadness, then returning again to Bernadette, she exclaimed, "Pray for sinners." We also see her counting her beads with Bernadette as given in another part of the narrative. Details of Bernadette's garments are taken from the clothing of a doll made by the Sisters of Nevers for our "Father Bernadette."



Awesome Love



Compassion



Family Unity



Father Holy Joseph



God with Us

At the dawn of Christmas day the newly born Light of the World rests in the warmth of Mary's arms. A new light has dawned upon us. Mankind's prayer, "O that you would rend the heavens and come down" has been fulfilled. Christ, the Light of Life is with us.

In the book of Daniel there is a foretelling of His coming. In Daniel's account of his experience in a dream he says in part: "Next I saw the arrival of a Man - or, so he seemed to be - brought there on clouds from heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was presented to him. He was given the ruling power and glory over all the nations of the world, so that all people of every language must obey him. His power is eternal - it will never end; his government shall never fall." Daniel 7: 13

This we know is true, for at the time of His Ascension into Heaven, He told His disciples, "I have been given all authority in Heaven and earth, therefore go and make disciples in all nations....and be sure of this - that I am with you always, even to the end of the world."

Matt. 28: 18

Modeled in clay and cast in stone - 1961

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The Trinity



Go with Mary



Joseph and the Word of God