Apparitions of the Virgin Mary in ARDESIO

The apparition of the Shrine takes its origin from an apparition of the Virgin Mary, which occurred on the 23rd of June 1607, in a house in which there was a chamber full of frescoes depicting the Christ, the Virgin, and many Saints, so much so that it was dubbed the "Room of the Saints."

On the 23rd of June 1607, a menacing storm was gathering over the village. The two daughters of Marco Salera and his wife Maddalena, named Maria and Caterina – 11 and 7 years old, were sent by their mother into the room of the sacred images to pray, in order to ward off the imminent and imminent tempest. While the two kneeling girls were praying, they saw the image of the crucified Christ and His Mother, painted on the wall of the room, illuminated itself with an intense glow, which shone forth from the wound around the nail that pierced the foot of Christ.

Soon after appeared Mary, seated on a throne of gold, with Jesus in her arms. Suddenly the storm calmed and a serene sky returned. Upon seeing this spectacle, the two young girls ran screaming to their family members. Accompanied by several neighbors, they went into the room and saw, some entirely and some only in part, the miraculous apparition. For many days they noticed inexplicable phenomena on the frescoes: luminous points and rays that radiated within the room. Maddalena had a second vision three days later, while a wreath of stars made radiant the forehead of Christ.

The church's request concluded in 1608 with the authorization to construct a Shrine on the place of the apparition.