



The Veiled Virgin
by Giovanni Strazza

The *Veiled Virgin* is a rare and beautiful statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary, exquisitely sculpted from Carrera marble by the internationally acclaimed Milanese sculptor Giovanni Strazza (1818-1875). Other examples of Strazza's work can be found in the Vatican Museum and the Cathedral at Milan.

The Veiled Virgin's facial expression has a holy, ethereal quality that blesses many viewers with a deeply spiritual experience, unique and lasting.

The Veiled Virgin was imported from Rome in 1856 by John Thomas Mullock, OSF, Bishop of St. John's. Its arrival in the city was noteworthy: a local newspaper article of the day called it "a perfect wonder of the sculptor's art".



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In 1862 Bishop Mullock donated this masterpiece to the Presentation Convent, where his blood sister, Mary de Pazzi Mullock, was a vowed member of the ***Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.***

Mother Superior M. Magdalen O'Shaughnessey, one of the pioneering Sisters who came to Newfoundland from Galway in 1833, accepted the statue on behalf of the Congregation.



Presentation Motherhouse, built 1853

The **Veiled Virgin**, gifted to Presentation in 1862, is proudly displayed in the Oratory of Presentation Motherhouse

Cathedral Square

St. John's, NL

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