



The statue of St. Rocco on the convent grounds was donated to St. Mary's parish by Nick Verna in 1959. Nick's devotion to this Saint came from his mother who had great faith in the healing power of St. Rocco.

As a child Nick was taken ill and when, after some time, he showed no improvement, his mother took him to a shrine of St. Rocco that was not too far from their home. After the visit Nick began to improve and was soon well. His mother often told him that he owed his life to St. Rocco.

As a young man Nick made a promise to St. Rocco that he would put a statue of the Saint in St. Mary's church. For years he tried to fulfill his promise but met with many obstacles.

He refused to abandon his promise to St. Rocco and in 1959 Monsignor Dowd gave him permission to erect the statue on the convent grounds.