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Way of the Cross in New Ulm added to National Register of Historic Places

NEW ULM - After almost seven years of persistent effort by the Way of the Cross Committee, the Way of the Cross shrine in New Ulm has been officially listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the official list of the nation's historic places worthy of preservation.

The Way of the Cross was completed in 1904, with renovation projects taking place in 2004 and again in 2018. Its 14 stations, with statues imported from Bavaria, provide a quiet, reflective walk up a 700-foot brick path to a chapel dedicated to the Mother of Sorrows. Entrusted to the Catholic Diocese of New Ulm, the historic shrine is located on the 5th North Hill, behind the New Ulm Medical Center. It rests nearby a memorial to Fr. Alexander Berghold, an instrumental priest in the 1800s who initiated the Way of the Cross project along with Sr. Flavia of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ.

Although dedicated to meditation on the Passion and the Death of Jesus Christ, people of all faiths are welcome to stop at each station and read the German and English inscriptions. A stone grotto marks the path's halfway point.

Donations and grants cover funding to maintain the Way of the Cross shrine. Contributions can be sent to Diocese of New Ulm, Way of the Cross, 1421 6th Street North, New Ulm, MN 56073.

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