## Wiadomości

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## The renovated chapel in Czarnochowice

The Holy Mother pillar chapel in Czarnochowice has been erected in the second half of the Nineteenth century. The figure made of a two-storey pedestal set on a two-storey plinth and a finial was entirely made of the Carpathian sandstone.

On the front, figures of the Saints have been placed in the niches while on the side walls there are the bas-reliefs representing - among others: Saint Florian, Saint Rosalie, "The Prayer in the Biblical Garden", "The third Fall of Christ" and "The Eye of the Divine Providence".

It is worth to pay attention to the rich sculpture form of the particular figures and the bas-reliefs having distinct folk provenance, characteristic for the chapels of this region.

The figure is crowned with a stone cross of the Lord's Passion with the sculpture of the Crucified.

At the moment of the start of the renovation works the figure's state was critical, both because of the condition of the particular elements and because of the static disturbances which were of danger to the object as a whole.

The works began with the construction of foundation for the chapel together with the isolation.

It was necessary to reconstruct the upper element of the pedestal in the new stone because of extensive perforation of the original one.

As a part of the conservation works the figure has been cleaned of mould and salt. Subsequently impregnation with the hydrophyte effect has been performed as well

Gluing together the deeper cracks using the stainless rods as well as supplement of the losses with the tinted mineral mass proved to be successful.

All the supplements have been integrated from the colour and texture point of view.

The lower part of the Czarnochowice chapel was surrounded with a metal fence, which has been preserved in quite a good condition and that's why the fence has been installed once again during the

object's restoration, after cleaning and the anti-corrosion protection of the metal elements.

Simultaneously with the chapel's renovation the area around it was tidied up. Today it is exposed much better and is more accessible to the residents, who often decorate it with flowers and in summer gather during the May services.