

Cathedral Basilica
of the Assumption

Cathedral Update

In the Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament

The tabernacle on the ornate marble altar in the cathedral's Blessed Sacrament Chapel is adorned with a gold-plated baldachin (left). After three days of disassembly, artisans with Wiebold Art Conservation, Terrace Park, Ohio, have spent the last month removing the discolored lacquer coating, hand-polishing each piece and re-applying a special acrylic coating. "The unique thing we've found is that (the canopy) is made up of several hundred pieces," said Bill Wiebold, owner of the conservation studio. "Each piece is numbered and marked for re-assembly," a process that will begin soon, he said. The people of Ghent, Belgium gave the altar and the tabernacle in 1913 as a gift to their native son, Bishop Camillus Maes, Covington's third bishop. During his time as bishop (1885-1915) the cathedral was designed and built.

