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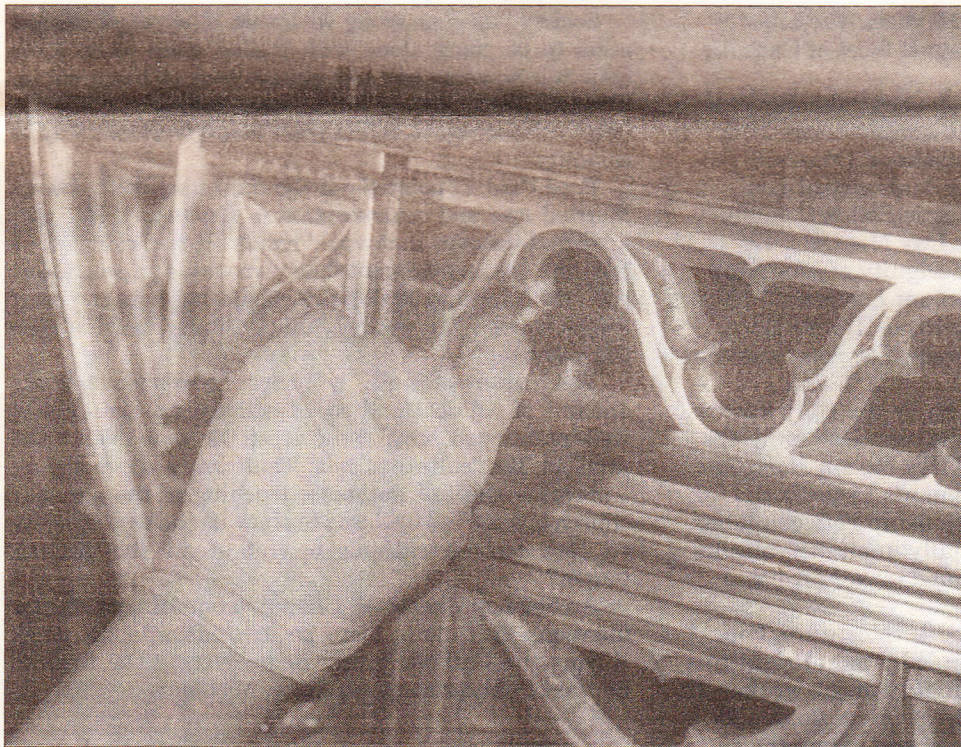
Cathedral Update

Details, details ...

Bill Wiebold, of Wiebold Art Conservation, Terrace Park, Ohio (right), describes the stages in the process of cleaning and repairing the famed Duveneck murals located high on the eastern wall of the cathedral's Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Mr. Wiebold, who spoke Aug. 30, estimated the restoration should maintain the appearance and condition of the murals for "another 100 years." A colleague, Margo Myers (below), uses a cotton swab to clean the chapel's bronze communion rail. Her other tools, she said, are a toothbrush, environmentally sound cleaning agents, and "elbow grease." A century of metal oxidation had darkened the original soft lustre.



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