

## THE TRAPPIST MISSIONS

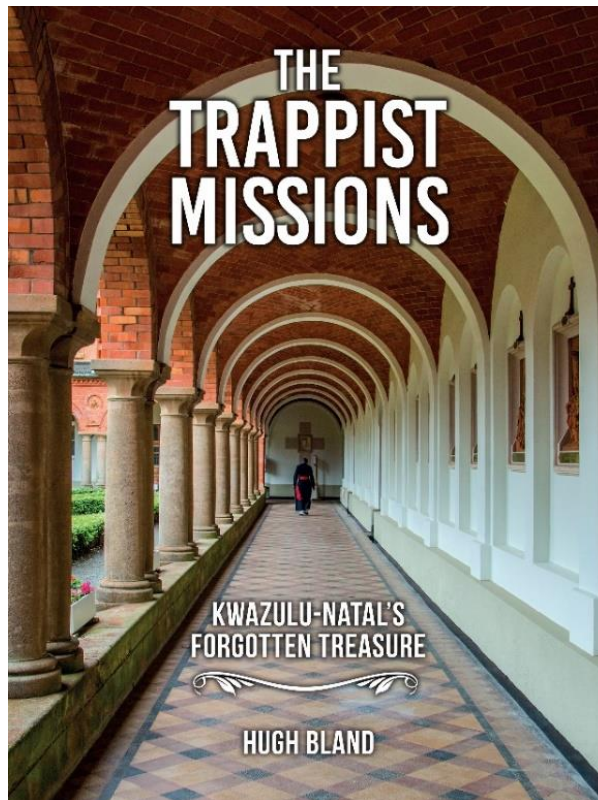
### KWAZULU-NATAL'S FORGOTTEN TREASURE

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#### Foreword by Robert Brusse

I have been involved in photographing aspects of KwaZulu-Natal heritage for many years and, after stumbling across the first Trappist Mission, I was fascinated by these underrated treasures. The Missions were founded by Austrian Trappist, Francis Pfanner, in the late 1800's. My intention is that this book, using images, will draw attention to the beauty of these Missions and create renewed interest in their preservation. My full colour publication of some 184 pages (280\*210), comprises a short biography of its founder, Abbot Francis Pfanner, the story of Mariannahill Monastery and its twenty-one missions. The text is accompanied by images focusing on the beauty of their architecture, murals, stained glass windows and objets d'art.

As much has been written over the years about these Missions, my intention is not to rewrite the history, but to rather draw attention to the Trappist achievement. The extent of this is well illustrated when one considers that in 1906, there were 320 Monks and 275 Sisters at Mariannahill alone and that 400 children were being educated. In all, a total of 22 missions, all of which are featured in this publication, were founded by members of the Trappist Order.



The book is published by Otterley Press, edited by Moira Lovell, authored by Hugh Bland and with photographs by Hugh Bland.

The Foreword is by heritage architect, Robert Brusse, who has restored many of these missions and has assisted in providing information for the text, and images. Layouts and design by Jon Ivins of the Brand Brewery.

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