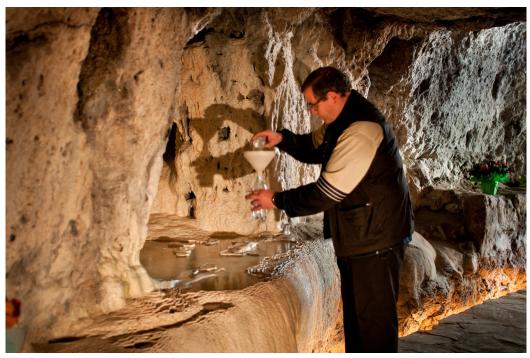


The giant holm-oak Leccio delle Ripe in Piancastagnaio, Tuscany, is associated with St Francis of Assisi and remains a popular destination of vows and pilgrimages



The water that percolates in the grotto of St. Michael in Liscia, Abruzzi, is still collected by the believers who consider it therapeutic