

SAINT ROCCO'S CHURCH

The church, which is topped by a small cupola, has a hexagonal shape. It was built in the second half of the seventeenth century, because people of Fiumefreddo had made a vow to Saint Rocco, during the spreading of the Black Death over Europe, in the 14th century. The Saint, during that grievous calamity, performed many miraculous recoveries.

Nowadays, during the year, this church is closed; it opens in August, just to celebrate the festivity of the Saint that falls on the sixteenth of August.

The dome, in baroque style, was frescoed by Salvatore Fiume in 1980.

The scenes painted by the famous artist, depict suffering people infected with plague, known as "Black Death", (spread over Italy in the year 1348 and, in a symbolic way, over our town, too)), weeping the death of their loved ones, and imploring the help of Saint Rocco, who

faced the Death and, boldly, confronted danger without fear, performing many miracles and alleviating the pains of beseeching people.



*The interior of Saint Rocco's
frescoed by Salvatore Fiume.
People
ravaged by pain and grief, pray the
Saint that he may save them from the
scything Death.*