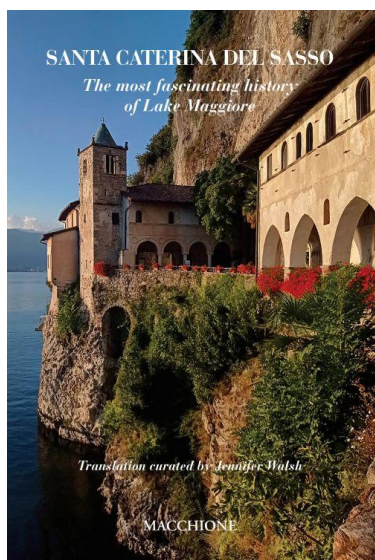


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Santa Caterina del Sasso is one of the most fascinating locations on Lago Maggiore, a destination for countless pilgrimages of tourists and the faithful, rich in art and spirituality. The Hermitage rises on a short terrace that opens along a steep rock face that plunges sheer into the lake. From here, visitors can enjoy one of the brightest and widest views of the lake. To the left, on the Lombard shore, one can observe the promontory of Ranco that hides Angera, and on the opposite Piedmontese shore, the lakeside villages that follow one another. Starting from the left, Lesa, Belgirate, and Baveno come into view, recognizable by the famous pink granite quarry. Looking to the right, more isolated, one observes Montorfano with another important quarry, with its grey granite that takes its name from the mountain. Between these two points the Borromean Gulf opens with its gems: Isola Bella, Isola Madre, and Isola dei Pescatori, with an array of mountains framing this view. The horizon sketches as far as the snow-capped Alps. A visit to the Hermitage, among its churches and convents, is a source of precious architectural, artistic discoveries and testimonies of faith and miracles. At this time spiritual care is entrusted to the Franciscan Fraternity of Bethany.

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