# San Calocero

**Category:** Catholic Church

**business description:** The ancient church is mentioned in 1162 when it was confirmed by Pope Adrian IV to Bishop Oberto of Tortona. It was located just south of the village, outside the lower gate called Porta San Calocero in the 16th century. The new church was built in the village between the 15th and the 16th centuries, while Monsignor Ragazzoni had the remains of the ancient church demolished in 1576. The bell tower without steeple and crowned by a hanging decoration in terracotta dates to the fifteenth century. In 1563, the church had already been consecrated while the vaults date to the early seventeenth century.The facade was renewed in an eclectic style in 1926-1927 by the archpriest Giuseppe Rognoli following a drawing by the architect Giovanni Muzio from Milan. The works in reinforced concrete of the facade were entrusted to the firm of Alessandro Angeleri of Tortona. The anonymous work on panel located in the presbytery of the church is an interesting feature.
Enriched by a precious eighteenth century stucco frame, it portrays the Virgin with Child, young St. John, St. Joseph, St. Sebastian, St. Roch and it is traditionally attributed to Bernardino Lanino (painter from Vercelli born and active in the sixteenth century). The organ is a Lingiardi of 1817.
The vaults of the central nave were decorated with the stories of the Virgin by Achille Fontana in 1934. The presbytery was decorated by L. Laiolo in the early twentieth century.

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