

# Queen of the Holy Rosary Mediatrix of Peace, Mediatix Between God and Man



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**Saint Joan of Arc**  
Deliverer of France

## **About Our Cover**

St. Joan of Arc appeared to Mary Ann Van Hoof for the first time on October 14, 1955. St. Joan is referred to as the “Deliverer of France”, because she followed the “voices” from Heaven and saved her Country and the Church. Our Holy Mother assigned St. Joan of Arc as Mary Ann’s companion saint because it was going to be Mary Ann’s task to spread Our Holy Mother’s Messages and save the United States, and the Souls of its Citizens. St. Joan was the be the source of strength for Mary Ann. Our Blesses Mother promised to be with us if we would battle for truth, freedom and the Star Spangled Banner.  
(Message of April 5, 1957)

### **A PROMISE**

**Mary Ann Van Hoof (seer, stigmatist, and mystic) was given the following promise before she was taken to her heavenly reward on March 18, 1984:**

***“When we take your sister home, I will be with you on all the Anniversary Days to bless these Grounds. You will not see Me or the Celestials with Me. I will not abandon you, unless you abandon Me. Is that understood?”***

### **OUR PLEDGE**

To stand firmly for God and for Country;  
To bring the truth to all people;  
To bring peace and unity between home, school and church;  
Thus bringing everlasting peace to the nation.

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*“Christ must be put back into Christmas; without Christ, no Christmas, no Peace.”*

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## Vigil Schedule at the Shrine

### January 2021

- 8th Our Lady of Prompt Succor** — 8:00 p.m. Vigil  
**23rd Espousal of Our Lady**— 8:00 p.m. Vigil

### February 2021

- 2nd Presentation of Jesus & Purification of Blessed Virgin Mary** —  
8:00 p.m. Vigil  
**9th Anna Katerina Emmerick** — 8:00 p.m. Vigil  
**13th Robert Van Hoof Death Anniversary** — 8:00 p.m. Vigil  
**25th Tom Huber, Henry Binkowski** — 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Memorial

### March. 2021

- 17th Saint Patrick** — 8:00 p.m. Vigil  
**18th Mary Ann Van Hoof Death Anniversary** —8:00 p.m. Vigil  
**19th Saint Joseph** — 8:00 p.m. Vigil  
**21st Saint Benedict** — 8:00 p.m. Vigil  
**25th Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary -**  
Procession and 8:15 p.m. Vigil

### April 2021

- 6th Father Martins Death Anniversary** — 8:00 p.m. Vigil  
**7th Anniversary of 1950 Apparition** — 8:00 p.m. Candlelight  
Procession and 8:15 p.m. Vigil

### May. 2021

- 1st Saint Joseph the Worker** — 8:00 p.m. Vigil  
**24th Mary Help of Christians** —8:00 p.m. Procession and  
8:15 p.m. Vigil  
**28th Anniversary of 1950 Apparition**—12 noon Procession and  
1:00 p.m. Vigil  
**29th Anniversary of 1950 Apparition** — 12 noon Procession and  
1:00 p.m. Vigil  
**30th Anniversary of 1950 Apparition** — 12 noon Procession and  
1:00 p.m. Vigil  
**31st Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary** —  
12:45p.m. Procession/Crowning and 1:00 p.m. Vigil

## OUR LADY'S MESSAGES

The Revelations and Messages shared at the Queen of the Holy Rosary, Mediatrix of Peace Shrine came from the Blessed Mother, or one of the Saints who assisted Her; such as St. Therese *The Little Flower*, St. Francis, St. Joan of Arc, and others.

Pilgrims who have visited the Shrine on Anniversary Days when the Revelations were given have seen Mary Ann in a state of ecstasy, noticing that she was not conscious of anything or anyone around her as she spoke. These Messages were taken down on a tape recorder; and in long hand by at least two people. Some Messages were repeated word for word as given by the Blessed Mother; however, in most cases Mary Ann was inspired to speak using her own language, grammar, and expressions. Many Messages were also given during suffering periods in her home, especially during Advent and Lent.

In a more general sense, the Revelations and Messages came from the Triumphant Church in Heaven, who used the voice of Mary Ann Van Hoof as a human transmitting device or instrument.

### *Fulfilled--- By Time ???*

#### Message

**October 7, 1973** *"Many, many Priests that are now liberals will come here on bended knees... They will see the errors of their ways... Wars in the Middle East... Two Nations will be responsible for bringing bombings to thy Nation.... The abortions must halt and the Constant Vigil must take its place...."*

#### **Bishop Freking's Letter to all Priests of the Diocese**

(A transcribed copy of that March 1975 "Statement")

#### "The Constant Vigil of Prayer"

It has come to my attention that certain individuals from Necedah, Wisconsin, have been promoting in our parishes, and in non-Catholic churches as well, the so-called "Constant Vigil of Prayer". While the concept of continual prayer is praiseworthy in itself, it should be known that the people promoting this particular movement are the same persons who promote "For My God and My Country, Inc." and the so-called "Shrine of Queen of the Holy Rosary Mediatrix of Peace" and also "The Seven Sorrows of the Sorrowful Mother Infants' Home".

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## FEATURE ARTICLE



### Armor of God

*“Brethren, be strengthened in the Lord, and in the might of His Power. Put you on the Armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the Deceits of the Devil. For our of God, that you*



*may be able to resist in the evil day, and to stand wrestling is not against flesh and blood, but against Principalities and Powers, against the Rulers of the World of this Darkness, against the Spirits of Wickedness in the High Place. Therefore, take unto you the Armor in all things perfect. Stand therefore having your loins girt about with Truth, and having on the Breast Plate of Justice, and your feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of Peace; in all things taking the Shield of Faith, wherewith you may be able to extinguish all the fiery darts of the most Wicked One. And take unto you the Helmet of Salvation and the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.”* (Eph. 6, 10-17)

What consists of the Armor of God? God in His Infinite Wisdom and Love has bestowed on Man all that is necessary for his Salvation, and the Salvation of all Souls. What a love this Good Savior has for us! The evils of the World are perpetuated by the Devil, fighting against God for Souls. Thus we see the battle between good and evil playing out in our days. We must take up our armor, we must stand strong for God: *“From whence cometh my help? My help is from the Lord.”*

The battle before us is a Spiritual Battle. In our Baltimore Catechism, we are told that the reason for our existence is to know, love, and serve God in this World; so that one day we may behold Him in Paradise. As Christians we need to resist the Devil and temptations of this World, as well as our own sinful desires, and to serve God’s Will alone.

God’s Armor has six individual pieces. The first is the BELT OF TRUTH. In Ephesians 6:14, we read, *“Stand firm then, with the Belt of Truth buckled around your waist.”* God’s Word is Truth. We have often heard the phrase, *“The Truth will set you free.”* God demands of us to stand for Truth as Soldiers of Christ. His seventh Commandment reiterates the importance of Truth. The Apostle John stated, *“Every other piece of the full Armor of God is attached to the Belt of Truth. If you don’t begin with Truth, you’ll never defeat the enemy. And Jesus said God’s Word is true.* (John 17:17).

The second piece of armor is the BREASTPLATE OF JUSTICE. God has a righteous character. Psalm 11:7 states, *“for the Lord is righteous; He loves righteous deeds; the upright shall behold His face.”* Again in Psalm

145:17, we read that God *“is righteous in all His Ways, and kind in all His Works.”* We cannot do anything good without God’s help. We are lost without Him. No one is righteous by himself. We need the Grace of God.

The third piece of armor are the SHOES OF THE GOSPEL. *“and your feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of Peace”* (Ephesians 6:15). Jesus told His Disciples to *“go and make Disciples of all Nations; baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.”* As His followers, we need to reach out to others and share God’s Word. We cannot be lukewarm in our Faith. Our example in word and deed will help save other Souls. This is our Mission on Earth. We are to help each other to reach the Promise of Salvation. It is love for our fellow-man which directs us in this manner.

The SHIELD OF FAITH is the fourth piece of armor. *“In all things, taking the Shield of Faith, wherewith you may be able to extinguish all the fiery darts of the most Wicked One.”* (Ephesians 6:16). Faith is *“the substance of things to be hoped for.”* (Hebrews 11:1). Faith is the evidence of things that appear not. Faith is a shield of protection against the Enemies of our Salvation. St. John says, *“This is the victory which overcometh the World, our Faith.”* (John 5:4) God has created us simply to labor for our Souls’ Salvation, and to become Holy. To this end all our efforts must be directed, and Faith puts us in a position to overcome all the obstacles which the World opposes; obstacles such as human respect, inordinate desires of the flesh, and all the temptations of Hell. The man of Faith triumphs over these obstacles.

The HELMET OF SALVATION is the fifth piece of Our Lord’s armor. Ephesians 6:17 states, *“Take the Helmet of Salvation”*. Salvation is a gift from God, freely given through His Son’s Death on the Cross. We never have deserved so great a gift. *“Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the Throne; and to the Lamb!”* (Revelations 7:10”). This Helmet of Salvation is our hope for Eternal Life. We must hope for pardon of our sins and the victory over temptation. God permits us at times to experience our own weakness in order that we may acknowledge our misery; and *“trust not ourselves, but in God who raiseth the dead.”* ( Cor. 1:9). We also must hope for the Grace of a Happy Death. The nearer we approach our Goal, the more will Hell strive to prevent our reaching it. We read in Holy Scripture that God promises Eternal Salvation, and the means to attain it, to those who believe and pray: *“All things, whatsoever you ask when ye pray, believe that you shall receive; and they shall come unto you.”* (Mark 11:24). *“Because he trusteth in Me, I will deliver him; and I will glorify him.”* (Ps. 90: 14-15).

The sixth piece of armor is the SWORD OF THE SPIRIT. *“and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.”* (Ephesians 6:17). The Sword of the Spirit is the key weapon in our Spiritual Arsenal. God has

taught us His Word to fight the battle against the Devil, the World, and our own Sinful Nature. Hebrews 4:12-13 says, *“For the Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword; piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And no Creature is hidden from His Sight, but all are naked and exposed to the Eyes of Him to whom we must give account.”* The Word of God is our roadmap. We must strive each day to increase our Love for Almighty God.

St. Paul goes on to say to the Ephesians, *“By all prayer and supplication, praying at all times in the spirit; and in the same watching, with all instances and supplication for all the Saints.”* (Ephesians 6:18).

St. Paul instructs these people that prayer must be constant. To fight the battle against Satan, we must prepare our hearts, souls, and minds; and place them in God’s Hands. In other words, prepare for battle.

In order to use these pieces of armor effectively, we must spend time in prayer daily. Every prayer is a humble acknowledgment of the Greatness, or Goodness, or Fidelity, or Mercy of God. It is easy to understand why the Devil is so intent upon turning our thoughts towards worldly affairs during prayer. He desires to rob us of the benefit we derive from fervent prayer; and on the other hand, he wishes to make us guilty of Disrespect towards God. Thus we ought to strive earnestly for great attention and devotion.

True spiritual formation consists in knowing the Infinite Greatness and Goodness of God; together Savior in the Gospel. This it is that renders His yoke so sweet, and His burden so light. In short, the perfect obedience that our Divine Master has enjoined by words and example truly consists in this.

To truly fight the battle ahead, you must wage continual warfare against yourself and employ your entire strength in demolishing each vicious inclination, however trivial. In preparation for the combat, you must summon up all your resolution and courage. No one shall be rewarded with a Crown who has not fought courageously.

Whoever has the courage to conquer his passions, to subdue his appetites, and to repulse even the least motions of his own will performs an action more meritorious in the sight of God; than if, without this, he should tear his flesh with the sharpest disciplines, fast with greater austerity than the ancient Fathers of the Desert, or convert multitudes of sinners.

Now what God expects of us, above all else, is a serious application to conquering our passions; and this is more properly the accomplishment of our duty than if, with uncontrolled appetite, we should do Him a greater service. So we must resolve on a perpetual War with Ourselves. This will obtain for us true humility and knowledge of our own weakness.

Whoever seeks to approach the Eternal Truth and Fountain of All Light, must know himself thoroughly. He must place his complete confidence in



God, and then will receive the assistance of Heaven. Scripture tells us that no one who puts his trust in God will be defeated.

Balancing what we fear from ourselves with what we hope from God, we shall courageously undergo the greatest difficulties and severest trials. By joining these weapons to prayer, we shall be able to execute the greatest plans and gain decisive victories.

In order to acquire complete Confidence in God, we must firmly believe that God is as perfectly capable of conquering a great number of enemies as a few; and equally capable of conquering the strong and experienced as the weak and inexperienced. Although a Soul has labored in vain to tear away from vice and follow virtue, and should find its inclination to evil increasing daily instead of diminishing in favor of virtue, that Soul must not fail to place its confidence in God. It must not be discouraged or abandon its Spiritual Works. On the contrary, that Soul must arouse itself to new fervor and redouble its efforts against the enemy.

In this kind of battle, the victory will be won by him who has the courage not to throw down his arms or put aside his Confidence in God. God's assistance is always present for those that fight His battles, though He may sometimes permit them to be wounded. Persevere to the end. Victory depends on this. There is a swift and effective remedy for the wounds of anyone who fights for God's Cause; and who places his entire trust in Him. When he least expects it, he will see his enemy at his feet.

The primary means to gain Complete Trust in God and conquer our imperfections is through prayer. But to receive full benefit from our prayers, we must desire sincerely to serve God with ardent fervor in the manner most agreeable to Him. We must have a vibrant, living faith; and a firm confidence that God will not refuse the assistance necessary to serve Him faithfully and work out our Salvation. A Soul rekindled with this Holy Confidence is like a Sacred Vessel, into which Divine Mercy pours the treasures of His Grace. The larger the vessel, the greater the abundance of Heavenly Blessings it receives through prayer.

But our motive for prayer must be the Will of God, rather than the will of self. Thus, our intention will not be to make the Divine Will subservient to our own, but rather to transform the human will so that it is in complete harmony with the Divine. The Will of God should be the Will of Men.

If we wish our prayers to be efficacious, our actions must suit the petitions; and we must exert much energy in making ourselves worthy of the favors we ask. For prayer and interior mortification are inseparable; and he that seeks a particular virtue, without making a serious effort to practice it, only tempts God. We must thank God most humbly for the innumerable benefits He has graciously bestowed upon us, before we ask anything of Him.

As the entire force and efficacy of prayer is attributed solely to the Goodness of God, at the conclusion of our petitions we should constantly remember the merits of our Savior's Life and Passion; and His promise to graciously hear our requests. Also, we should have recourse to the intercession of Our Blessed Mother and the other Saints; for they prevail much with God, Who is pleased to honor them in proportion to the honor they accorded Him while they were on Earth.

We must persist in prayer, since God certainly cannot overlook our humble perseverance. For if the pleadings of the Widow in the Gospel prevailed with the Wicked Judge, how can our pleadings be ignored by God, Who is Infinitely Good? Thus, although our favors may not be immediately granted, and may even appear to be ignored by God, we must not lose our confidence in His Infinite Goodness; nor desist from prayer. For God possesses both immense Power and Will to grant us those things conducive to our ultimate welfare. Therefore, if we are not wanting in ourselves, we shall inevitably obtain what we ask for; or something better; or perhaps both.

Let us never cease thanking God and blessing equally His Wisdom, His Goodness, and His Charity; whether He grants or refuses our petition. Whatever happens let us be undisturbed, contented, and resigned to Divine Providence in all things.

Let us also remember that the Rosary is Our Holy Mother's favorite prayer, as it recalls the Life and Death of Her Divine Son. The Power of the Rosary has been proven through the ages. As a weapon against the Enemy of God, this prayer implores Our Holy Mother to come to our assistance. The Rosary has been used to fight heresies and battles. Its power against Satan has been proven again and again. So, let us add this powerful weapon to our Battle Array. Let us put on the Armor of God.

(Sections of this article taken from excerpts of "The Spiritual Combat and a Treatise on Peace of Soul" by Dom Lorenzo Scupoli)

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It should also be known that these groups have been directed by the Bishop to discontinue these activities, but they continue to promote and carry on these practices based on the supposed instructions of the alleged "apparitions" and "revelations" to Mrs. Mary Ann Van Hoof.

I ask the attention and cooperation of our priests and people in disassociating these activities from any connection with the Catholic Church in our Diocese or elsewhere.

Sincerely in Christ,  
+ F. W. Freking  
Bishop of LaCrosse

# FOOD FOR THE SOUL

## Peace for the Soul

The conditions in the World are very disturbing. We are unsure what the future may bring for us. We know we must stand and fight for God, but are we strong enough? Do we have the courage? Are we doing His Will? These and many other questions cloud our minds as we see such unrest in our Church and Country. We must look to God for Peace in our minds and souls, and not let anxiety take over our being. The following article is taken from the book, "Peace, Not as the World Gives", by Fr. Lasance.

The business to which we must apply ourselves in this World is to do the Holy Will of God in all things. The Son of God Himself had no other business during His mortal life than to do the Will of His Father. He says expressly: *"I came down from Heaven not to do My own Will, but the Will of Him that sent Me."* (Jon 6:38).

In this same book it is written also of all the Children of God, that they likewise should do the Will of their Heavenly Father. This is the test by which we are all to be examined: all they that, with Jesus Christ, desire in the midst of their hearts, and like Him, embrace and love the Holy Will of God and always conform themselves to it, shall be acknowledged for being the true Children of God and the Brethren of Jesus Christ.

A perfect conformity with the Will of God is accompanied by perfect peace and tranquility of mind in all events and circumstances, as being all ordered and directed by Him who is infinitely wise and infinitely good; and who appoints and ordains all things for the good of those who cast their whole care upon Him, and who seek to please Him at all times.

*"When we will what God wills,"* says St. Alphonsus, *"it is our own greatest good that we will; for God desires what is for our greatest advantage. Let your constant practice be to offer yourself to God, that He may do with you what He pleases."*

From all eternity God has been thinking of each one of us. Every flower we have ever looked upon, every inanimate or living thing, every sight and sound and taste that has ever given us innocent pleasure was designed from the beginning of Creation for our sakes; and meant to contribute to our happiness.

We have been placed on this Earth to live out our lives in this Family, this Country, and this Time in History. It is God's plan for our

Salvation. Each one of us is unique; and God designed our path to earn our Eternal Reward, if we only choose to follow His Will for us. He gives us whatever help we need on our Road to Heaven.

The inward Peace we find in conforming to God's Will, when it is perfect, is a certain foretaste of Heaven. It is a kind of Heaven upon Earth. In such souls God is pleased to dwell. To come at this happy Peace, we must have our passions mortified, our affections well ordered and regulated, and our desires restrained; we must banish all hurry and over-eagerness; all sadness and melancholy; all scrupulous fears, anxious cares, and uneasiness about the things of this World; and above all things, and in all things, we must conform ourselves to the Holy Will of God.

Let us remember Job; and strive for the Peace of Soul that he possessed. Let us remember: *"Take all that shall be brought upon thee, and in thy sorrow endure, and in thy humiliation keep patience."* (Ecclus. 2:4).

Today's mainstream media and social networking are not giving us the truth. They are controlled, as the Messages of Our Holy Mother at Necedah have stated many years ago. If we wish to keep abreast of what is transpiring in our Country and our Church, we may want to seek other sources. Here are some suggested youtube videos and websites that may help: Fr. Altman, a priest from our La Crosse Diocese, has some helpful videos on youtube; plus Life Site News presents up-to-date news which brings out the truth of current events in both the Church and the Country; and Holy League.com which is another excellent source for Christian guidance.

These, and many other sites that are giving the truth, can help us please God in our approach to the World around us.

## **REQUESTS OF THE QUEEN OF THE HOLY ROSARY, MEDIATRIX OF PEACE**

Wear the Crucifix (with wood) for guidance and help; especially during times of danger, or temptation. Place your hand on it and say the "Our Father" in honor of God the Father, the "Hail Mary" in honor of the Blessed Mother, and the "Glory Be" in honor of the Blessed Trinity.



# SHRINE NEWS

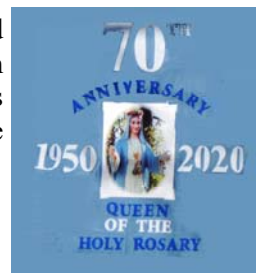


## October 7th Anniversary Day Report

We want to offer a big “Thank You” to Our Blessed Mother for inspiring us, and then fulfilling through us, the largest and most successful Anniversary Day Observance this year.

It all began with Heaven providing us with a mild beautiful Fall day. Then it started off with our Procession at noon as usual; but this Procession turned out to be very, very impressive. Today it was led by children from our Queen of the Holy Rosary School, all dressed up in their School Uniforms.

Following after the Crucifix Bearer, three children then led us carrying the American Flag, the Papal Flag, and the God and Country Flag. They were followed by two more children with the carrier of the mounted Blessed Mother Statue. Behind them followed two more children with the carrier of the large Jeweled Crown for the Crowning Ceremony at the Sacred Spot of the Apparitions. Following them were three more children carrying a large rose-bead Rosary. Then two more children followed carrying a Banner honoring this day as the 70th Anniversary Day Observance. And finally there was one more child carrying the Pro-Life Flag with the rest of the students following behind.





Now it was our turn to be part of the Procession by having the visiting Pilgrims with flags from Poland, Porto Rico, and five States all following them while singing “Ave, Ave, Mater Dei”, which is the Shrine Song by Fr. Herbert Duren that he composed to honor Our Lady of Necedah. This was done as they walked through the Shrine Grounds on their way to the Sacred Spot of the Apparitions.

The Prayer Vigil at the Sacred Spot began with the Crowning of the large statue of Our Lady while singing “Bring Flowers of the Rarest” in Her honor, only to be followed by other prayers and songs. Then at 1:00 P.M. the Angelus was recited, along with the fifteen decades of the Rosary.



After the Prayer Vigil refreshments were available in the Mediatrix of Peace Hall, where another special event took place. In addition to the refreshments, Pilgrims were also treated to viewing a DVD of “The Shrine Story – Early Years”; plus several 16mm films of the 1950 Apparitions. These viewings were very appreciatively received by those in attendance.

Again we need to be thankful to Our Lady for this special day. But we also need to show our appreciation for Her coming to warn us; and to plead for Her help in our “troubling times”.



Pilgrims Praying at the Sacred Spot

## House of Prayer Report

Due to Winter weather conditions, another outdoor Construction Season on the final Column Extension Project is coming to a close for this year. As you can see by the picture of the four completed concrete Columns and their Connecting Beam on the East Side, they are now joined by a fifth Column of Rods that will be part of a future set.

Then as you look at the picture of the West Side, you will see that four more Columns are now standing: three have forms covering the Rods; and one with just the Rods in place.

The good progress that we made this year is an inspiration for our volunteers as they look forward to preparing the West Side for a concrete pour next year. This will make the West Side Columns and their Connecting Beam look just like the East Side.

If you which we are able to accomplish this Column Extension Project will depend upon the number of volunteers who come each remember our situation: the speed with week to help.

Also, we again offer a sincere “Thank You” to all of you for your prayers and support; and, we pray that God will continue to Bless You and our Volunteers!!



**East Side**



**West Side**

# **SPIRITUAL RESOURCES**

## **Church Unity**

### **Heaven's Request:**

On February 28, 1958 Mary Ann Van Hoof received the following Message from Our Blessed Mother, "Without the Unification of the Eastern Rites with the Roman Rites, we shall not have peace. The conversion of Russia is the answer to peace; and thus meaning the Unification of the Two Branches of the Church into One. Then we shall have peace." This was the first of several similar pleas that Our Holy Mother made.

These prayers are explicit petitions for the conversion of all (baptized and non) into the Catholic Faith; and for Unity under the Supreme Pontiff, the Bishop of Rome and Successor of Saint Peter.

Fr. Paul of Graymoor, while still an Anglican, promoted a worldwide devotion for the Unity of all Christian Churches under the See of Rome. This unity effort he named "The Church Unity Octave." Spreading the ideas that were written in the book "England and the Holy See" by Reverend Spencer Jones, he stated that the Catholic Church alone was the living expression of the full Christian Tradition. The first observance of the Octave was to begin in January, 1908.

It is to his credit that Father Paul, while still an Anglican, gathered the support of both Anglican clergymen and Catholic priests and prelates. These prayers were approved and encouraged by Pope St. Pius X and later extended to the Universal Church by Pope Benedict XV. This octave of prayers eventually led to Fr. Paul's Conversion to the Catholic Faith.

### **Our Response:**

Let us heed the requests of Our Heavenly Mother, and the Popes that She inspired, by praying daily for this Unification of the Eastern Rites with the Roman Rites; so that ALL MAY BE ONE, and we can have the peace that Our Blessed Lady promised.

The CHAIR OF UNITY OCTAVE and the following prayers can be used to help us fulfill this task.

May God bless us and answer our pleas!

## **CHAIR OF UNITY OCTAVE JANUARY 18 to 25 PRAY THAT ALL MAY BE ONE**

(The Octave is a period of eight days of prayer (Jan. 18-25) for the reunion of Christendom, the return of lapsed Catholics, and the conversion of unbelievers. It was founded by Fr. Paul Jatnes Francis, S.A. in 1908, and



was blessed by St. Pius X in 1909. Since then it has spread to all parts of the Catholic World. The intentions of the Octave are given below.)

### **DAILY INTENTIONS**

- Jan. 18 The union of all Christians to the One True Faith of the Catholic Church.
- Jan. 19 The return of all separated Eastern Catholics to Communion with the Holy See.
- Jan. 20 The reconciliation of Anglicans with the Holy See.
- Jan. 21 The reconciliation of European Protestants with the Holy See.
- Jan. 22 That American Christians become one in union with the Chair of Peter.
- Jan. 23 The restoration of lapsed Catholics to the Sacramental Life of the Church.
- Jan. 24 That the Jewish People come into their inheritance in Jesus Christ.
- Jan. 25 The missionary extension of Christ's Kingdom throughout the World
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### **THE OFFICIAL OCTAVE PRAYER**

Antiphon: That they all may be One, as Thou, Father, in Me and I in Thee; that they also may be one in Us; that the World may believe that Thou has sent Me. (John 17:21)

Versicle: I say unto thee thou art Peter;

Response: And upon this Rock I will build My Church.

#### **Prayer**

O Lord Jesus Christ, who said unto Thine Apostles: Peace I leave with you Who livest and reignest God forever and ever. Amen.

Lord Jesus, most gracious Saviour of the World, we humbly beg of Thee by Thy Most Sacred Heart, that all the sheep now wandering astray may be converted to Thee, the Shepherd and Bishop of their Souls: Who livest and reignest, World without end. Amen.

u, My Peace I give unto you: regard not our sins, but the Faith of Thy Church, and grant unto her that peace and unity which are agreeable to Thy Will:

### **PRAYER TO OUR LADY**

Priest and people: O Virgin Immaculate, who was preserved by a singular privilege of grace from Original Sin, look down with pity upon our separated brethren who are still Your Children and call them back to the Center of Unity. Many have, even from afar, preserved a most tender devotion towards You, O Mother. Reward them for their devotion by obtaining for them the Grace of Conversion. Victorious over the powers of

hell from the very first moment of Your existence. Renew, now that the necessity is more urgent, Your triumphant progress as in ages past. Glorify Your Son, O Mother, by bringing back to the One Fold His straying sheep, making them obedient to the guidance of the Universal Shepherd who is His Vicar on Earth. And may it be Your Glory, O Virgin Mary, to banish error from the Earth, to put an end to disunity, and to restore Peace to the World. Amen.

Our Lady of the Atonement, intercede for us that there may be fulfilled the prayer of Your Divine Son: *“That All may be One.”*

### **PRAYER TO ST. PETER**

Priest: Glorious Saint Peter, as a reward for your lively and generous faith, profound and sincere humility, and ardent love, you were singled out by Our Lord and endowed with most special privileges. You were made Prince of the Apostles, with primacy over the Whole Church, of which you were made the rock and foundation. Obtain for us, we pray, a lively faith and an ardent zeal, so that all of us will labor for the return of our Separated Brethren. May the desire of Our Divine Redeemer, that there might be but "One Fold and One Shepherd," be for us as it was for you, the inspiration to work and pray for the return of all those who are still Outside the Fold. Strengthened by Divine Grace, may they be led back speedily to the bosom of Our Mother, the Catholic Church. Amen.

Versicle: Pray for us, Saint Peter the Apostle,

Response: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

### **Let Us Pray**

O God, who hast given unto Thy blessed Apostle Peter the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven, and the power to bind and loose: grant that we may be delivered through the help of his intercession, from the bonds of all our sins: Who livest and reignest, World without end. Amen.

### **HYMN**

THAT ALL BE ONE, O DEAREST LORD, WE PRAY,  
THAT ALL BE DRAWN WITHIN THY ONE, TRUE FOLD,  
BACK TO THY CHURCH FROM WHICH THE WAND’RERS STRAY,  
AND THY TRUE FAITH SHE KEEPS LIKE SAINTS OF OLD,  
O BRING THEM BACK GOOD SHEPHERD OF THE SHEEP,  
AND ROUSE THE HEATHEN NATIONS FROM THEIR SLEEP.  
THEN PRAISE WE GOD THE FATHER, GOD THE SON,  
AND GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT, THREE IN ONE,  
THAT ONE IN FALL BEFORE HIS THRONE,  
AND GIVE ALL GLORHIM AND ONE TOGETHER,  
WE IN UNITY MAY PRAISE THE TRINITY,  
TILL ALL THE RANSOMED Y TO OUR GOD ALONE.  
AMEN.

## WHAT WE PRAY FOR

The unity which all men professes to be Christian admits this. But the Unity which Christ offers is that of One Fold and One Shepherd. The Octave aims to secure for all desire in these dark days cannot be had apart from Jesus Christ; as everyone who men this Unity of Christ.

Fr. Paul explained that there is no other Unity possible in the Divine Economy save that which is built upon the same foundation as the one on which Christ Jesus, the Lord and Master, founded His Church; and you know that foundation is: ... *"And I say to thee that thou art Peter, and upon this Rock, I will build My Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give to thee the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven (bv which He meant His Church); and whatever thou shall bind upon Earth shall be bound also in Heaven, and whatever thou shall loose upon Earth shall be loosed also in Heaven."*

Therefore, when you unit with us in the Observance of the Unity Octave it should be to pray specifically that all those who, down through the centuries, have been separated from the Chair of Peter at Rome may return to Catholic Communion; that is to say, Communion with the Apostolic See.

## HOW TO OBSERVE THE OCTAVE

1. Recite the Official Prayer daily.
  2. Assist at Mass and receive Communion daily.
  3. Pray the Rosary daily for Unity, especially for the Church here.
  4. Attend Octave exercises in Church.
  5. Visit the Blessed Sacrament; make the Way of the Cross; perform Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy.
  6. Offer daily actions for Unity; read good Catholic Literature.
  7. Give good example to Catholics and non-Catholics.
- Join the League of Prayer for Unity; and continue this Crusade every day of the year.

(Indulgences attached to the Official Prayer)

1. Partial Indulgence of 300 days on each day of the Octave in any Church or public oratory where the exercise is performed.
2. Plenary Indulgence under usual conditions, at the completion of the Octave.

(Granted by rescript of December 10, 1946

by His Holiness, Pope Pius XII, through Nicola Cardinal Canali.)

## SAINTS IN REVIEW

### Saint Clare

Clare was born in 1193 in Assisi, Italy to wealthy parents. She was educated in reading and writing, as well as in the domestic arts of spinning and needlework. Though she was raised among the nobility, she cared little for the social life which surrounded her. She was greatly influenced by the piety of her mother, so decided to dedicate her life to God.

Clare began praying and caring for the poor, even saving food from her family table to distribute to the needy outside the doors of her home. She often heard St. Francis preaching in the streets of Assisi about his new religious community of men called Friars, who relied solely on alms or begging for their needs. Clare was very inspired by his words.

Clare's parents decided that she would marry a wealthy young man. In desperation at the age of 18, Clare secretly left her father's house and sought out Francis. She begged to be allowed to embrace the new manner of life he had founded. On the night following Palm Sunday, she accepted the Minorite Habit and was received into a life of poverty, penance, and seclusion.

For a short time Clare stayed at a Benedictine Monastery of Nuns near Assisi; and, then moved again for a brief period to a house of female penitents. It was here that she was joined by her sister, Agnes.

Clare and Agnes next moved to the Church of San Damiano, which Francis himself had rebuilt on property given him by the Benedictines. Soon other women joined them. San Damiano became the focal point for Clare's new Religious Order, the "Order of San Damiano". Unlike the Franciscan Friars who moved freely around the Country to preach, a traveling life was hardly conceivable at that time for women; therefore, Clare's sisters lived in enclosure and dedicated their lives to manual labor and prayer.

For a time, Francis himself directed the Order. Then in 1216, Clare accepted the role of abbess at San Damiano. As abbess Clare defended her Order against attempts by prelates to impose on them a Rule that closely resembled the Rule of St. Benedict rather than Francis's stricter Rule that relied on alms only. Clare sought to imitate Francis's virtues and way of life. She saw Francis as a Spiritual Father, and played a significant role in encouraging him and aiding him. She cared for him during his illnesses at the end of his life, and was with him when he died in 1226.



After Francis's death, Clare continued to promote the growth of her Order. She wrote letters to abbesses in other parts of Europe. She fought off attempts by each successive Pope to impose any Rule on her Order which would diminish their radical commitment to corporate poverty. She worked hard despite the poor health which plagued her until her death.

On August 9, 1253, Pope Innocent IV issued the Papal Bull "Solet Annure" which confirmed that Clare's Rule would be the governing Rule for the "Order of Poor Ladies". Two days later, on August 11th, Clare died at the age of 59. Her remains were temporarily placed at the Chapel of San Giorgio until a church to hold her remains could be built.

On August 15, 1255, Pope Alexander IV canonized Clare. Construction of the Basilica of Saint Clare was completed in 1260; and, Clare's remains were transferred to the new Basilica and buried beneath the high altar. In further recognition of St. Clare, Pope Urban IV officially changed the name from the "Order of Poor Ladies" to the "Order of St. Clare", thus leading to the common reference the "Poor Clares".

St. Clare is often depicted in art carrying a monstrance or pyx, the small vessel in which the Communion Host is carried. This commemorates the time when she warded off the soldiers of Frederick II at the gates of her Monastery by displaying the Blessed Sacrament and kneeling in prayer.

Today the Poor Clares number over 20,000 sisters throughout the World, with 16 Federations in over 70 Countries.



**House of Prayer  
South End Looking North**

## PRO-LIFE NEWS

This article is being written while the election process continues to play out in our Country. As we await final word on the fate of our Nation, we need to be praying fervently to God; that whosoever is finally declared President will protect and defend the lives of the most innocent: the babies in the womb.

By the time this article has been printed, even if it is still ongoing, our prayers must also be ongoing. It is possible that the next President will be one who has promised to make Roe v Wade the law of the land, and make every taxpayer pay for abortions. If that happens (God forbid), we must storm Heaven to grant him the Grace to see the errors of his ways; and to grant him a change of heart to save his own soul and the lives of millions of unborn.

Apparently, there will also be two runoff elections in Georgia for two Senate seats. The outcome of those races, to be held January 5, 2021, will determine who controls the Senate for the next two years. It is crucial that all Americans, who value life and liberty, also pray for the success of the candidates who will support the Right to Life of the unborn. That should be the primary outlook. Without the Right to Life there are no other Rights for anyone.

Until these questions are resolved, we cannot know which way our Country will be heading. But, we cannot just sit around and wait for the results to come in. We must actively pray that God's Will be done; and continue to fight for the Rights of the unborn, the elderly, the sick, and the infirm. We must actively fight abortion and euthanasia, no matter who is declared President.

The greatest weapon we have to defend the unborn and our Country is the Rosary. Sister Lucia, the eldest of the Seers of Fatima, stated before she died, *"The Most Holy Virgin in these last times in which we live has given an efficacy to the recitation of the Rosary to such an extent that there is no problem, no matter how difficult it is, whether temporal or above all spiritual, in the personal life of each one of us, of our families... that cannot be solved by the Rosary. There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot resolve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary."*

Sister Lucia then went on to say, *"Since we all need to pray, God asks of us, as a kind of daily installment, a prayer which is within our reach: the Rosary, which can be recited either in common or in private, either in church in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament or at home, either with the rest of the family or alone, either when traveling or while walking quietly in the fields. A mother of a family can say the Rosary while she rocks her baby's cradle or does housework. Our day has 24 hours in it. It is not asking a great deal to set aside a quarter of an hour for the spiritual life, for our intimate and familiar converse with God."*

These Quotes are taken from Sister Lucia's book, [Calls from the Message of Fatima](#).

## SUPPORTIVE CLERGY/RELIGIOUS

**WELCOME** to another new Section of our Shrine Newsletter. Through the years many Clergy and Religious from near and far became supportive of the Apparitions at Necedah. By a Reflective Study over the history of some of these supportive members of the Catholic Clergy and Religious, one is led to be very impressed. With the recent passing of Sr. Genevieve, it seemed appropriate to have us ponder over what they must have witnessed to make them so supportive. This first Profile will lead us in that reflective venture.

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### **Fr. J. M. Laplante**

Father was a Mission Priest from The Oblates of Mary Immaculate Order in New Brunswick, Canada. In June of 1950 Father wrote to Mrs. Van Hoof acknowledging his awareness of the news regarding the Visits she was having from the Blessed Mother. He was asking for her to speak to Our Lady for him, as his sister was dying from cancer; and a Priest friend of his was losing the Faith.

Because Father was soon going to be on Mission Work in Pittsburg, PA, he planned to seek permission to stay long enough to go to Necedah for the next predicted Visit on August 15th. However, his permission to stay was delayed and he did not receive it in time to attend.

In September of 1950 Father was offered an opportunity to attend the next predicted Visit on October 7th. He flew to Chicago, IL on October 5th; and upon his arrival learned from Fr. McNamare that Fr. Dominic Szymanski was in St. Anthony's Hospital, so quickly went to visit him. Father Dominic told him that he knew Mary Ann Van Hoof when she was living in Kenosha, WI; and then told him lots about the Apparitions and how he also believed in their authenticity.

Father was surprised to learn from Brother Marion Chudy, O.F.M., Assistant Editor of the Immaculata Magazine and promoter of Fr. Dominic's "Rosary Crusade for Peace", that Fr. Dominic was being publicly reprimanded by his superior, Archbishop Kiley of Milwaukee, for undertaking the Peace offensive without permission. However, Father Laplante could not overlook the possibility that Fr. Dominic was being targeted because his Immaculata Magazine was the first Catholic review to take a positive position in favor of the Necedah Apparitions.

After leaving Kenosha and arriving in Necedah on the morning of October 7th, Father met with Mrs. Van Hoof and told her about his visit with Fr. Dominic in the hospital. They both agreed that his

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## Richard J. Van Hoof,



Richard J. Van Hoof, age 80, of Necedah, WI passed away on Thursday, September 10, 2020 at his home; and was surrounded by his loving family. He was born January 25, 1940 to Godfred and Mary Ann (Bieber) Van Hoof.

Richard proudly served as an EMT, and volunteered with the Necedah Fire & Rescue Department for over 19 years. He married Christine O'Loughlin on June 19, 1971 at St. Francis Catholic Church in Necedah.

He is now survived by his loving wife, Christine; his children, Michael (Celine) Van Hoof, Robert Van Hoof, Alexia Zeller, Richard (Nicole) Van Hoof, Raymond (Nicole) Van Hoof, Marianne Van Hoof, Cristin Van Hoof, Jennifer (fiance' Dylan Thill) Van Hoof, and Christopher Van Hoof; 19 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He is further survived by his brother, Kenneth (Jane) Van Hoof; and two sisters, Joanne Higgins and Donna McKee

He was preceded in death by his parents; his oldest daughter, Rebecca Jean Van Hoof; three brothers, Robert Van Hoof, Bernard "Bernie" Van Hoof, Fred Van Hoof, and an infant brother, Carl; a son-in-law, Trever Zeller; two brothers-in-law, Joe Hirt and Jim Higgins; and a sister-in-law, Lou Ellen Van Hoof.

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saintliness was very impressive. Because Fr. Val Rykowski was with Mary Ann at the time, whom he had been introduced to, Father explained that he had lots to ask but couldn't take their time now. Before he left, Father did excitedly tell them that he had just seen in the sky the Blue Mantle of Our Lady; Our Lady's outline.

While waiting for the Blessed Mother's Visit to Mrs. Van Hoof, Father had a special experience which he later explained, *"I could face the sun easily without being dazzled, as before. I saw the sun whirling and spinning on with different colors in the sky."*

When speaking with others after attending the Visit of Our Lady, Father also made this remark, *"I could write a book about that trip, for I had so many proofs that the Blessed Virgin was leading me by the hand; more so than in my whole life."*



## MAIL CORNER

**E-mail:** My mom, dad, and grandpa stopped by a few weeks ago and spoke with your guide. What an amazing story! I was very moved. I want to know more and bring my family and friends to visit during a Prayer Vigil. We might be limited depending on the mask situation in Wisconsin. We really aren't wanting to wear masks for no reason. With that, I included the order forms I have filled out. Can you let me know how much the shipping would be? And would you prefer just a cash donation for Holy Water? Thank you so much for your help! I can't wait to learn more!



**Illinois:** When I first heard of Mary Ann and the Holy Rosary Shrine, I could hardly believe there was a Marian Apparition so close to home! Just like Fr. Scheetz. I've been there five times, with a different person taking me each time. I have many of your books. Also, I am still trying to make it to your Nativity Pageant.

Thank you for the Newsletters!

**Wisconsin:** A few months back I wrote and asked if I could get the article on all the Angels that was in one of the Shrine's Newsletters. I received the Shrine Newsletter about the Angels, and also some papers on the Angels. You also sent a Sacramental Packet and a few other pamphlets. Thank you for your kindness. Enclosed is a small donation.

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### Prayer for Priests

by St. Therese of Lisieux

O Jesus, eternal Priest, keep your priests within the shelter of Your Sacred Heart, where none may touch them. Keep unstained their anointed hands, which daily touch Your Sacred Body. Keep unsullied their lips, daily purpled with your Precious Blood. Keep pure and unearthly their hearts, sealed with the sublime mark of the priesthood. Let Your holy love surround them and shield them from the World's contagion. Bless their labors with abundant fruit. And may the souls to whom they minister be their joy and consolation here; and in Heaven their beautiful and everlasting crown.

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