## Queen of the Holy Rosary Mediatrix of Peace,

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# **Shrine Newsletter**



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"JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU"

#### About Our Cover

On February 22, 1931, St Faustina wrote (Diary Notes 47-48) "In the evening, when I was in my cell, I saw the Lord Jesus clothed in a white garment. One hand [was] raised in the gesture of blessing; the other was touching the garment at the breast. From beneath the garment, slightly drawn aside at the breast, there were emanating two large rays, one red, the other pale. In silence I kept my gaze fixed on the Lord; my soul was struck with awe, but also with great joy.

After a while, Jesus said to me, "Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You. I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel, and [then] throughout the world. I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I also promise victory over [its] enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I Myself will defend it as My own glory"

#### 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;

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#### "PRAYER ONLY WILL WIN YOUR PEACE"

(Oct. 7, 1950)

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#### Vigil Schedule at the Shrine

#### October 2021

- 4th Saint Francis of Assisi 8:00 p.m. Vigil
- 7th **Anniversary of 1950 Apparition** 12:00 Noon Procession 1:00 p.m. Vigil
- 11th **Maternity of Blessed Virgin Mary** 8:00 p.m. Procession and 8:15 p.m. Vigil
- 16th **Our Lady of Purity** 8:00 p.m. Procession and 8:15 p.m. Vigil
- 21st Saint Joan of Arc 8:00 p.m. Vigil
- 25th Christ the King 12:45 Procession and 1:00 p.m. Vigil

#### November 2021

- 8th Louis Heitzman Death Anniversary 8:00 p.m. Vigil
- 12th **Anniversary of 1949 Apparition** 8:00 p.m. Candlelight Procession and 8:15 p.m. Vigil
- 21st Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary 8:00 p.m. Vigil
- 24th Harold Sauter Death Anniversary 8:00 p.m. Vigil

#### December 2021

- 4th **Nativity Pageant** 7:00 p.m.
- 8th Immaculate Conception 8:00 p.m. Vigil
- 10th Henry Swan Death Anniversary 8:00 p.m. Vigil
- 12th Our Lady of Guadalupe 8:00 p.m. Vigil
- 26th Clara Hermans Death Anniversary 8:00 p.m. Vigil
- 27th St. John the Apostle 8:00 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 ecstacy, 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.

#### Message

May 30, 1950 (see Pg. 10 "My Work With Necedah" Vol. I)

... "Remember, My Child, that the time is coming, sorrow and slaughter of My children will be worse than ever in history. It grieves Me to see innocent children, the sick and poor, destroyed because of greed and the desire for power by a few Nations' leaders. That is why I say pray; pray. Give this Message to the people; for prayers only will save the destruction of this World."

#### Fulfilled --- By Time

### Christians Are Being Slaughtered By Wahhabi Islamists All Over the World

by Archbishop Cranmer – *Syndicated Times News* August 8, 2013

The *Times* said that in April of 1996 Pope John Paul condemned Islamic persecution of Christians in Sudan, and would travel to Tunisia to plead for Islamic tolerance and Islamic-Christian dialogue.

In **Sudan** the situation for Christians is becoming worse. Aerial bombing of churches is taking place. In South Kordofan a church leader said bombardments are causing great fear.

In **Egypt** the head of the Coptic Orthodox Church, Pope Tawadros II, had to cancel many public events because he feared attacks from the Brotherhood supporters.

In **Syria** the Christians are being executed in their homes or subject to the judgements of Sharia courts established to pass sentences upon those who violate precepts of Wahhabi Islam.

In **Nigeria** the Middle East Forum reported that 70% of all Christians killed around the world in 2012 were killed in this African nation.

In **Indonesia** is where Authorities demolished a church building with a bulldozer in West Java, even as Muslim bystanders cheered and denounced Christians as "infidels".

In **Iraq** it was reported by Fox News that there were more than 300 Christian churches, and now only 57 Christian churches remain.

In **Libya** a Coptic Christian church located in Benghazi was attacked by armed Muslims; and they severely beat Father Paul, the priest of the church, as a sign of humiliation.

In **Pakistan** thousands of Muslims attacked the Christian Joseph Colony of Lahore; and burned two churches, one Catholic and one Seventh Day Adventist.

In **Turkey** the 5th century Studios Monastery, dedicated to St. John the Baptist, which had been taken over by the Muslims, is now going to an active Mosque.

# SHOCKING FACTS ABOUT CHRISTIAN PERSECUTION TODAY By Arthur Weinstein

August 21, 2013

Over 100,000 Christians Worldwide Are Killed For Their Faith Each Year

Christians Are Persecuted in at Least 60 Countries Human Trafficking Rings Are Targeting Christians Christians Are Being Denied Basic Human Rights in Many Countries Deadly Terrorist Attacks During Church Services Not Uncommon United States Not Immune to the Horrors of Persecution

#### St. Andrew Christmas Novena Prayer To Obtain Favors



Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, O my God! to hear my prayer and grant my desires; through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen

It is piously believed that whoever recites the above prayer 15 times a day from the feast of St. Andrew (30th Nov) until Christmas will obtain what is asked for.

#### FOOD FOR THE SOUL

#### God's Power Is in Our Hands

"There is nothing more excellent than that numerous voices pray without interruption from all parts of the World, simultaneously lifting up supplications to the Blessed Virgin Mary as they meditate on the Mysteries of the Holy Rosary. May Christian Nations seek the protection of the Mother of God with an ardor that grows greater every day; may they cling more and more to the practice of the Holy Rosary, not only as a remedy for their misfortunes, but as the very badge of Christian piety! The Rosary is the protection of the Mother of God against the enemies of the Catholic Church. To Mary we must fly. We wish to see it offered more widely in all places and at all times. The great Virgin of the Rosary is the most potent help of Christians." Pope Leo XIII.

The Rosary is a key to Heaven, an inexhaustible Fountain of Grace, Comfort, and Blessings. It molds men of character, helps in spiritual and temporal needs, and strengthens them at the hour of death. Further, it is very helpful in relieving the Holy Souls in Purgatory. The Rosary may well be called the Barometer of Christianity. Wherever it is recited, Christianity rises and flourishes; and wherever neglected, Christianity falls and becomes inactive.

In the 13th Century, St. Dominic destroyed the Albigensian Heresy through the Rosary. In the 16th Century, the Turks were defeated by the Christians who were also armed with Rosaries in the famous Battle of Lepanto. The Blessed Virgin appeared 18 times to Bernadette at Lourdes, and each time requested the Rosary. In the 6 Apparitions to the three shepherd children at Fatima, the Blessed Virgin taught them to recite the Rosary; and repeatedly urged for its Daily Devout Recitation. Our Holy Mother gave Herself the title of Queen of the Holy Rosary here at Necedah, and repeatedly begged for more Rosaries to be offered. Her Message to Mary Ann Van Hoof on August 15, 1950 stated "Only prayer, My dear Children will win your way. Bullets will not win your Peace. Bullets will only destroy and keep destroying. Prayer only will win your Peace."

Our Holy Mother also requested of Sr. Agnew Sasagawa of Akita, to each day pray the Rosary and stated "Those who place their confidence in Me will be saved."

The Mother of Our Savior begs of us to say the Rosary daily, to promote its Power. Through this Weapon we will gain Strength and Grace. The Rosary is a storehouse of many Blessings. At Fatima, Blessed Mother promised the Children, that when enough People prayed the Rosary every day, Russia would be converted; and an era of Peace would be granted to the World.

#### FEATURE ARTICLE

#### The Holy Eucharist Our Source of Strength

The power and strength we derive from Eucharistic Reception can be measured by the Appreciation and Love we have for so great a Gift. We must decrease, and He must increase; emptying ourselves of Self, and filling our beings with God's Light and Life. Truly He has given us the way to grow in Love for Him; and to gain the strength of the First Christians, through our Love of this Blessed Sacrament.

This Article is taken from the book, "The Real Presence", by Saint Peter Julian Eymard. We are being tested daily to accept ideas that are contrary to our Catholic Faith. This is now the Battle between God and Satan for the Souls of Men. Arming ourselves for this Spiritual Warfare needs to start with our Love for the Eucharist. It is God within us who will take on this Enemy. We are His instruments; He is our King, our Ruler. Now let us, through this Article, expound on the Greatness of this Gift; and on God's immense Love for us.

Jesus does not Rule over Earthly Territories, but over Souls; and He does so through the Eucharist. The Eucharist is the Law of the Christian; a Law of Charity and of Love, which was promulgated in the Cenacle in the admirable discourse after the Last Supper when Jesus said, "This is My Commandment, that you Love one another as I have Loved you. If you Love Me, keep My Commandments." This Law is revealed in Communion because the eyes of the Christian are opened in Holy Communion, as were those of the Disciples of Emmaus; and he understands the fullness of the Law

The Holy Eucharist is what made the First Christians so Brave in the face of persecution; and so Faithful in practicing the Law of Jesus Christ. Christ's Law is One, Holy, Universal, and Eternal. It will never change or be impaired in any way. Jesus Christ Himself is its Divine Author; and He is defending it. He engraves it on our Hearts through His Love. The Legislator Himself promulgates His Divine Law to each of our Souls. It is a Law of Love. Jesus does not impose His Law by force, but by gentleness itself. His true Subjects are devoted to Him in life and death; they would rather die than be disloyal to Him.

The Eucharist is the Divine Lightning-rod that wards off the Thunderbolts of Divine Justice. Just as a tender and devoted Mother presses her Child to her bosom, puts her arms around it, and shields it with her body to protect it; so to Jesus multiplies His Presence everywhere, covers the World, and envelops it with His Merciful Presence. Then, Divine Justice does not know where to strike; and it dares not.

And what a protection against the devil! The Blood of Jesus makes us a Terror to Satan. We are sprinkled with the Blood of the True Lamb; and the

Exterminating Angel will not enter. Were it not for the Eucharist, the Perpetual Calvary, how often would not the Wrath of God have come down upon us? Truly, for us, it is the Eucharist that delivers us from all evil.

Our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament wants to be the Center of All Hearts; and He tells us: "Abide in Me....Abide in My Love." What does abiding in Our Lord's Love mean? To abide in His Love is to make His Eucharistic Love the center of our life, the only source of our consolation; it is to cast ourselves into the Heart of Jesus in our Afflictions, in our Sorrows, in our Deceptions, in the Circumstances in which the Heart unbosoms itself more spontaneously. He invited us to do so when He said, "Come to Me, all you that labor and are burdened, and I will refresh you."

To abide in His Love is, when in time of joy, to credit our happiness to Him. To abide in His Love is to make the Eucharist the center of our desires. Also, it is to surprise Him with some gift, or some little sacrifice. Abiding in His Love is to live by the Eucharist; to guide ourselves in our actions by His Thoughts, and to make an unswerving effort toward preferring the Good Service of the Eucharist to everything else.

Is Jesus in the Eucharistic really our Center? Perhaps in time of extraordinary difficulties, or of very fervent prayer, or of urgent need; but in everyday life, do we think, do we reflect, do we act in Jesus as being our Center?

Why is Our Lord not our Center? Well, it's because He is not yet the Ego of our ego; because we are not completely under His Control, under the inspiration of His Will; because we have desires that are vying with the Desires of Jesus within us; because He does not mean everything to us.

What are we to do? We must enter into this Center, abide in "It", and act in "It"; not by the sentiment of His Sweetness, which does not depend on us, but by our repeated attempts and by the homage of our every action. Leave the World's Ways; come out of ourselves; renounce ourselves; and go to the God of the Eucharist. He has an abode in which to receive us; He longs for us; He wants to live with us, to live in us. Abide, therefore, in Jesus present in our heart; to live in our heart; to live in the goodness of Jesus in the Eucharistic. Study Our Lord in us; and do nothing, but by Him.

He who believes, knows where he is going when he goes to church; he is going to Our Lord Jesus Christ. Upon entering the church, we must forget everything else. We came to pray; and if distracted, we should make Acts of Reparation and Respect, while persevering in prayer. Remain quiet for a moment, for Silence is the greatest Mark of Respect; and the first disposition for prayer is Respect. Most of our dryness and lack of devotion in prayer is due to our lack of Respect for our Lord.

Our Lord is in the Blessed Sacrament to receive from men the same Homage He received from those who had the happiness of coming close to Him during His Mortal Life. He is there to give everybody the opportunity of offering a Personal Homage to His Sacred Humanity. Through the Eucharist we can draw nearer to the living Savior in person; and see Him; and converse with Him.

It was from the Height of His Cross that our Lord first drew all the Souls to Himself by redeeming them. But when our Lord uttered these words, "And I, if I be lifted up from the Earth, will draw all things to Myself", He not only had in mind His Eucharistic Throne; but also the Foot of the Cross, of which He means to draw all Souls, so as to bind them there with the Chains of His Love. Our Lord wants to instill in us a Passionate Love for Him.

Love cannot triumph unless it becomes the One Passion of our Life. Without such a Passion we may produce isolated acts of Love; but our life is not really won over or consecrated to an ideal. Value highly the Love and the Presence of Our Lord; contemplate them in an Ecstasy of Delight. You will thus add to your Love, a fuel that will feed its flame and insure its constancy. Foster within yourself the Spirit of Faith. Convince yourself invincibly of the Truth of the Eucharist; and of the reality of the Love which our Lord shows you therein.

A Soul that Loves in that manner has only One Power, One Life; which is, Our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament. He is there! The Soul lives under the influence of that thought. And there results an exchange of Love; a Fellowship of Life.

Our sins are not so much what we should fear being reproached with at the Last Judgment, as they were pardoned forever; but Our Lord will reproach us over our little Love for Him. Did we seek the happiness of our Life in Him? Did we Love Him enough not to offend Him? Did we depend on Him for strength and guidance?

We must Love Him for His sake alone; forgetting ourselves and giving ourselves to this Good Savior. We need to sacrifice ourselves a bit. Look at the Candles and the Sanctuary Lamp, which burn without leaving any trace, without reserving anything for themselves. Why should we not be for Our Lord's sake a Holocaust of which nothing would be left? Let us live our own life no longer; but let Jesus alone live in us! He Loves us so much!

Jesus teaches us by His Eucharistic Presence to abase ourselves in order to resemble Him. To live of the Eucharist, we must abase ourselves with Jesus. We belong to Him. Does He not give Himself to us in order to absorb us in Himself? We must live of His Spirit, and listen to His Teachings; for Jesus is Our Teacher in the Eucharist. He Himself wants to show us how to serve Him according to His Taste and His Will; as He once stated, "Learn of Me, for I am Meek and humble of Heart."

The Spirit of Jesus, therefore, is Humility and Meekness; that is to say, a humility and meekness of Heart that is loved and accepted out of Love in order to resemble Jesus Christ. Our Lord wants to form these Virtues in us;

that is why He remains in the Sacrament and comes into us. He wants to be our Master in the acquisition of these Virtues; because we can learn them, and receive the Grace of them from Him alone.

Humility of Heart consists in receiving humiliations from God with a Submissive Love, as if they were something that is good or that glorifies Him exceedingly; in accepting one's State of Life and one's duties whatever they are, and in not being ashamed of one's condition; in acting simply and naturally when favored with extraordinary Graces from God. If we Love Jesus, we ought to resemble Him, we ought to Love what He Loves, what He Does, what He Prefers to all else; that's Humility.

Humility of the Heart is easier than Humility of the Mind, because it is concerned about a much higher and nobler ideal. How do we obtain this Humility of the Heart? We must simply enter into the Mind of Our Lord; we must observe and consult Him, and act under His Divine Influence in partnership with Him out of Love for Him. We must concentrate our thoughts on His Divine Humility of Heart, and offer our actions to Him which are humiliated out of Love in His Sacrament; and prefer this condition to any personal glory. We must examine our actions to see that we have not sought our own interest in them. Let us repeat often: "Jesus, so Humble of Heart, make our hearts like unto Thine."

Meekness is the fruit of Humility of Heart, which is why Jesus is Meek. This Virtue forms, as it were, the true Characteristic of His life; it is the Soul of it. Jesus said, "Learn of Me, that I am Meek!" Fallen man is naturally irascible, full of hatred, irritable, revengeful, malicious in his speech, and violent in his members. He is often proud, ambitious, and sensual because he is unhappy and humiliated in his Fallen State.

Our Lord is Meek in His Heart. He Loves His neighbor, seeks his welfare, and thinks only of the good He can do him. He judges His neighbor according to His Mercy only, and not His Justice; the Hour of Justice has not yet come. Jesus is a Tender Mother; the Good Samaritan. The weak child, the sinner, the just man, everyone shares in the Tender Affection of His Heart.

Jesus is Meek by Nature; He is the Lamb of God. He is Meek out of Virtue, in order to Glorify His Father by this state of being. He is Meek out of obedience to His Father. Meekness was to be His Characteristic; so that He might attract sinners, encourage them to come to Him, attach them to Him, and establish them in the Law of God.

We are greatly in need of this Meekness of Heart. Very often we are quite irritable in our thoughts and judgments. We judge persons and things too much from our own standpoint, or from that of success; and we crush those who oppose us. We ought to judge them like Our Lord, either with His Holiness or with His mercy; then we would always be Charitable, and

we would not lose our Peace of Heart. Lasting Peace is the lot of the Humble.

We must next learn to have more zeal for what is to be done according to the Order of Divine Providence, rather than for what we are actually doing. For if we are upset, we are so because we are taken away from an occupation which we prefer, to the one God would have us do. If we were much like Jesus, we would leave everything to Obey God's Will. Whatever we are asked to do would be, in our estimation, the best and most pleasant thing for us. Such a transformation could be brought about in us only if, out of Love, we give our preference to what the Will of God has decreed for every moment of our life; for God constantly varies our Graces and our Duties for His Glory and our Greater Good. We are like a Servant who gives up the Service of an Ordinary Master for that of the Sovereign Master. How encouraging is this thought; and how well able to keep us in a State of Meekness and Peace in the midst of the Vicissitudes of Life.

To work for the Preservation of the Faith, we must speak the Language of a Christian; the Language of Faith. Transform the Speech of the World. Through our sinful tolerance, we have allowed Our Lord to be banished from Customs, Laws, and God-Manners. So now, even among Practical Christians, we should seem different by our speaking of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. It is a disgrace that we Catholics have kept Our Lord under a bushel basket the way we have done. We must Manifest Him everywhere. The one who professes His Faith boldly, and dares speak out the Name of Jesus Christ, places himself in the Power of His Grace. So whenever we are in Public, everybody must know what we believe.

The atheists freely broadcast their godless Principles; and they boast of their not believing in anything. So, should we be afraid to declare our Faith; and pronounce the Name of our Divine Master? We must speak of Him in Public; for these poor impious men are possessed by the devil, or at least are obsessed. Against these devils we must use the Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ. If all the Faithful took the resolution to Speak Fearlessly of Our Lord, we would soon transform the World; we would get the people to think of Him naturally. The Great Day is dawning, when the two Armies will face each other. We must be good or bad; we must be for Jesus Christ or for Satan. Proclaim Jesus Christ, and speak His Name. His Name is our Standard; we must bear it nobly aloft.

May the Kingdom of Our Lord come within us; in our Soul. We must remember that Our Lord is in us, but He has much to do before He can Reign completely therein. Our Lord's Kingdom of Peace and Love is not yet completely established in us; the Boundary Lines are not yet all His; and what Sovereign can Rule Supreme, if He does not control all the Frontiers of His State?

We must get to know Our Lord better. Study His life, His Sacrifices, and

#### 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.

#### Fr. Herbert E. Duren

Fr. Duren was born in Cazenovia, Wisconsin. He was educated at St. Lawrence College in Mount Calvary, Wisconsin; and at St. Francis Seminary in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.



From 1921-1923 Father was assistant pastor at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Davenport, Iowa; and at St. Ambrose Cathedral in Des Moines, Iowa. He also was professor at Dowling College before rectoralin 1926.

Father's pastoral assignment was at St. Boniface Parish in Westphalia, Shelby County, Iowa . Over time Fr. Duren built a school, convent, workshop, gymnasium, ballpark, grandstand, bandstand, and tithe barn.

This pastoral assignment in Westphalia brought Father a lot of national recognition, because of the ideal rural parish that he had set up; plus the cooperatives he created. One example of how well he was respected and admired came in September of 1944 when two nuns came to view what Father had set up, so it could be used as a model for a new school in Oklahoma.

When Father learned about the Apparitions of Our Lady at Necedah, he came to meet with Mrs. Van Hoof. After learning about the Messages of Concern being given by Our Holy Mother, Father was greatly inspired. Because of his love for his Heavenly Mother, and the fact that he was a very gifted artist and musician, Father was so inspired that he desired to compose a song exclusively for Her new Shrine. He entitled the song "Ave! Ave! Mater Dei (Mother Dearest)". Ever since then this song has been used as the "Shrine Song", to honor Mater Dei (Mother Dearest).

Through the years, Father maintained an active interest in the work of the Sacred Cause of Our Lady, Queen of the Holy Rosary Mediatrix of Peace.

After serving his Heavenly Mother faithfully for over 40 years, Father passed on to his eternal reward on November 9, 1962 at the age of 70.

# Come Join Us For Our Annual Nativity Pageant

#### Large Cast-Live animals-Colorful Costumes "History's Greatest Moment" Re-Lived for Children and Adults

Saturday, December 4, 2021 Time: 7:00 PM

## FREE ADMISSION EVERYONE WELCOME!

Presented at:

#### Queen of the Holy Rosary Mediatrix of Peace Shrine

Highway 21, One half mile east of Necedah, WI

Pageant is outdoors, please dress warmly



Christmas is Christ's Birthday. Come Let Us Adore Him!



#### SHRINE NEWS



#### **House of Prayer Report**

Many Prayers of Thanksgiving were offered at our Shrine on Friday, September 17th. The reason was because it was the day that we met our goal to pour concrete into the four West-Side Column Forms and their Connecting Beam!

First, we wanted to thank St. Joseph for changing the Rainy Day forecast to a Dry Sunny Day. Second, we wanted to thank our Volunteers for arranging time off from their work schedule to meet the schedule for concrete delivery. And, third, we wanted to thank all who helped us with their Prayers and Support. These enclosed pictures will give you a view of our efforts on this Special Day.

Now we hope to quickly start removing the Forms off the concrete, so our next Newsletter can show pictures of the eight completed Columns and their Connecting Beam. This will then show the semi-circle loop across the Sacred Spot Area from an outside view; and show the front Altar Area from an inside view.

Please continue your Prayers and Support for our success. May God bless all of You; and all of our Volunteers!





#### SAINTS IN REVIEW

Throughout the years Mary Ann Van Hoof was visited by many saints. They were sent by Our Holy Mother to help her fulfill the Sacred Cause by providing encouragement and information. Very often we find that their lives while on earth paralleled the information or purpose for their appearance to her.

#### Saint Dymphna

Dymphna was born in the 7th Century (the 600's) when Ireland was almost all Catholic. Her father was king of the minor Kingdom of Oriel in Ireland, and surprisingly was still a pagan. Her mother was a descendant of a noble family and was a devout Christian. She was well-known for her piety and beauty. Dymphna was very much like her mother, beautiful and sweet, which caused people to give her special attention and affection.

As a young child, Dymphna was placed under the care of a pious Christian woman. She prepared her for baptism by the saintly priest, Father Gerebran, who lived in the family household.

Father Gerebran later taught her how to read and instructed her in the truths of the Catholic Faith. Dymphna became filled with the love of Jesus and chose Him for her Divine Spouse. She made a vow of chastity and consecrated her virginity to Him and to His Blessed Mother.

This happy childhood was suddenly interrupted when Dymphna lost her good mother by death. She shed many secret tears, but was able to find comfort in the Divine Faith that had already become a great part of her young life.

For a long time Dymphna's father mourned the death of his wife. Finally his counselors persuaded him to marry again; but, he agreed only if they could find him a beautiful and charming lady like his first wife. After a long search throughout many countries, they could find no one like her or his daughter, Dymphna. This triggered in his mind the evil thought of marrying his daughter, Dymphna.

Dymphna was shocked at his proposal and asked for forty days to consider it. She immediately told Father Gerebran, who advised her to quickly leave Ireland. So without delay, she left for the main land with Father Gerebran, the court jester and his wife. After a safe passage they arrived on the coast near the present city of Antwerp, Belgium and shortly moved to a little village called Gheel.

When her father learned of Dymphna's departure, he became furious and set out to find her. He eventually found her and tried to persuade her to return with him, but Father Gerebran sternly condemned his evil intentions. Immediately the command was issued that Father Gerebran was to die, so the wicked attendants seized him and with one blow of the sword cut off his

head. Thus another glorious martyr went to join the heroes in God's Heavenly Kingdom.

Dymphna was again requested to return with her father which she courageously refused. Insanely angered by her refusal, Dymphna's father drew his dagger and cut off the head of his own daughter. Thus the glorious crown of martyrdom was afforded to Dymphna at the age of fifteen, on the fifteenth day of May, between the years 620 and 640. The day of her death has been assigned as St. Dymphna's feast day.

Records show that the bodies of the two martyred saints lay on the ground for quite some time after their death. Finally some inhabitants of Gheel placed them in a cave, which was customary in that part of the world at that time. But after several years, some of the villagers, who recalled their holy deaths, decided to give the bodies a more suitable burial. After removing the mound of dirt at the cave's entrance, they were astonished to find two most beautiful tombs, whiter than snow, which were carved from stone, as if by angel hands.

When the coffin of St. Dymphna was opened there was found lying on her breast a red tile with the inscription: "Here lies the holy virgin and martyr, Dymphna." The remains of the saint were placed in a small church. Later necessity required the erection of the Magnificent "Church of St. Dymphna," which now stands on the site where the bodies were first buried. St. Dymphna's relics are there in a beautiful reliquary

Miracles and cures began to occur in increasing numbers. Gradually St. Dymphna's fame as patroness of nervous diseases and mental disorders was spread from country to country. Novenas were made to St. Dymphna and her relics were applied to the patients. The remarkable cures reported caused confidence in the saint to grow daily. At first the patients were placed in homes of the families living in Gheel, and soon Gheel became world famous for its care of the insane and mentally afflicted. An institution called the "Infirmary of St. Elizabeth," which was conducted by the Sisters of St. Augustine, was later built for the hospital care of patients. Most of these patients, after some time spent in the hospital, are placed in private homes in Gheel where they learn to lead a comparatively normal life.

Generations of experience have given to the people of Gheel an intimate and tender skill in dealing with these afflicted members of society. Their remarkable spirit of charity and Christlike love gives to our modern-day world, so prone to put its whole reliance on science, a lesson on how true Christian charity would do much to restore certain types of mentally afflicted individuals to an almost normal outlook on life.

Renowned psychiatrists are in full agreement and testify that a surprisingly large number of patients could leave mental institutions if they could be assured of a sympathetic reception in the world, such as the people of Gheel take pride in showing.

From Vol. III of the four Volumes that Henry Swan compiled and released in 1959 entitled "My Work With Necedah." Henry was chosen by Our Blessed Mother in 1950 to help Mary Ann Van Hoof. He proved to be a very valuable help to both Mary Ann and to Our Blessed Mother: First, he was a Protector to Mary Ann at times when her life was threatened, and during her Suffering Periods for obtaining Graces for Youth in need. Second, he was a Promoter of Our Blessed Mother's Sacred Cause by compiling these Four Volumes of Information.

The following Article will reflect on one of those informative topics.

#### **Destruction of the Morals of our People**

One of the most effective means of bringing about the destruction of a Country is by destroying the Morals of its People. You need only to pick up a Newspaper to-day and read of the Crimes committed, to realize what a terrible state the Morals in our Country have degenerated to. Some of course will say that we have always had Crime, and of course that is true; but the increase is all out of proportion in relationship to the increase in population. However, that will be another thing that will be thrown at you when you mention that fact. Also, there has been a tremendous increase in Crime by Juveniles. There are many who will try to 'explain that away', but the figures and the per-centages are not easily pushed aside. The situation is much more serious than even the Newspapers and Magazines indicate. The reason for that is obvious: those who promote the Moral Depravity do not want a realization of the Problem; and people would rather blind themselves to the Problem for fear they would have to do something about it; and also because, in many cases, they are well satisfied with their own Moral Laxity.

This applies particularly to those who are Parents, and are responsible for the teaching of Morals to their own Offspring. They, you will find, are playing the old American game of "Passing the Buck"; of blaming the School, the Church, the Times, the City Officials, the Police Departments – 'Excuses', all to excuse themselves for not doing the job which is their responsibility. It is true, all of them do have a responsibility, but it is secondary to that of the Parents. Also, the Parents are the ones who are in a position to control all of the others that are mentioned.

This Moral Leprosy, which is spreading in epidemic proportions, is infecting those in all walks of life and social position. It has had its effects on the Clergy, the Teaching Profession, the Police, and the Law Enforcement Agencies; those who are supposed to be Custodians of Morals. If people in those positions are not morally unimpeachable, how can they do their work? In the small scope of my own personal contacts, I can name several Police Officers who dare not press Moral Charges because the same finger would have to point at themselves. Crime, Sex Abuses of all kinds, Dope, Bad Literature, and Movies continue to

exist and prosper because of apathy on the part of those who should be instrumental in stamping it out; or who even deny its very existence.

Why does this condition exist in what was once a God-fearing, Christian Nation? It exists because it was planned that way. Our Morals are being disrupted by those whose Plan it is to destroy us. Those whom we have elected to high positions have closed their eyes to the situation, have denied its existence, have opened the doors of our Country to it, and in many cases have been instrumental in promoting it.

The Dope Industry has profited tremendously by the Diplomatic Immunity which our Government has granted to all of the Members of the United Nations, and all of their helpers. They, in absolute safety without taking any chance whatever, can bring into this Country enough Dope to destroy our whole Society; and they do just that. One Russian recently brought with him, when he came over, ninety-seven pieces of baggage. That alone could contain enough Dope to supply all the addicts in this Country for a long time; and also take care of many new customers. This Dope serves them a double purpose -- it aids in our Moral Destruction; and gets them many millions of American Dollars, which can be used for the same purpose.

Subversion and the teaching of False Ideologies in our Schools has also been a great contributing factor. Pupils are not taught to have proper Respect for Authority. It seems that Educators who are too dumb to do their own thinking are ready to grasp at and promote any new idea that anyone throws at them; and particularly if it comes from one of these so-called Eminent Authorities, whose fame and name have been built up by Advertising Propaganda for just that purpose.

A glaring example of that was this idea of placing no Restrictions on the Pupils; because some Screwball Psychologist wrote up some articles about ruining Johnnie's life, by building up in him frustration that would leave a permanent mark on his character and personality. That bait was thrown out and eagerly swallowed up by the Educators in your Teachers Colleges. They then passed it on to those whom they were teaching.

Don't punish Johnny; let him do as he pleases. Even some Mothers fell for the same line when it was written up in books on Child Psychology. What an Asinine Idea for anyone with any degree of intellect to believe, let alone pass on to others. What a swell easy-out for the weak Teacher who couldn't maintain any discipline; or maintain the respect of her Pupils. What a swell excuse for the Mother who couldn't, or wouldn't, or possibly was too lazy to discipline her Kids.

And last, but not least, what a swell preparation for Johnny to meet those frustrations which he is bound to come up against in later life. Teach him there is no punishment for Sin or Wrong Doing and give him a good start toward a Criminal Career, while he is still in First Grade; rather than teach him to be a Good Citizen and member of the group he associates with.

Again how foolish can people be? I have talked to Teachers of High School Students who were profound exponents of this Idiotic Theory in order to cover up their own inability to handle their Pupils. However, I will say for them that if the Teachers in the Grades have followed that fallacy, by the time they get to High School you have a Bunch of Outlaws on your hands; and maintaining any degree of control is a major problem, and requires a strong disciplinarian. By this time they will have no respect for any Authority whatsoever.

As a result of this created Discipline Problem, many good Teachers have become disgusted and left the Profession. That also was according to Plan. It made room for the Crackpots and Communists to enter the Teaching Field. Now weak, Indoctrinated Teachers were teaching our Kids; Teachers who, except for the created shortage, would never be hired by any Intelligent School Board.

If you have an Education yourself, have your Child bring his textbooks home and examine them. See if you can find anything in them that would teach him Patriotism or Love of Country. See how many False Ideas are being taught in Social Studies, in Economics. If you know any of the Facts of History, study the books for the Propaganda and Falsifications that are there. You will find plenty if you are able to recognize them. If you are too young, you will not recognize them because they were there when you went to School, and you accepted them as facts. However, the things given here as Revelations from the Mother of God through Mary Ann Van Hoof will surely show you what a False Picture our History books have given us, particularly since World War I.

The word "progressive" has had a particular appeal to the People, and its use has become trite as a result of its over-application to so many things. However, Progressive Education has been the name given to cover up all Crackpot Theories and Fallacies that have crept into our Educational System in recent years. Most of it has represented Progress in Reverse. Many Crimes have been perpetrated against the proper teaching of our Children in the name of Progressive Education.

Fallacies cannot be taught by Means of Reason, so our Kids have been taught to accept as gospel anything that the Teacher or Professor says; because he is supposed to be an Authority. Don't question him just because he can't support many of his statements with logic or reason. In many Schools they will not permit the asking of questions; but when test time comes, give them the answers they want and you will get by.

I talked to a young man who is attending Loyola University; and he said everything was given them in Lectures, and they couldn't ask questions. There was no Class Discussion on the subject, just take notes and be able to give answers to the questions that the Professor wanted. The primary Purpose of Education is to teach a child to think and develop initiative, not to just listen and absorb Indoctrination.

<u>Texas:</u> We used to live in Wisconsin where a friend of mine introduced me to the Shrine Newsletter. Since then we both moved to Texas. My friend isn't receiving the Newsletter at her Texas address. Would you please put her back on the mailing list at this new address? Thank you so much, as we really enjoy reading your Newsletter.



**Minnesota:** Enclosed is my small donation.

Sorry it is so late his month. Please pray for my family and me. Also, pray for our Country so we don't lose our freedom. Use the donation wherever it is needed. You are always in my prayers!

<u>Illinois:</u> The Shrine Newsletter for Summer 2020 was the first time I saw one of your Newsletters. <u>Never</u> before have I read a more informative Newsletter. I am so impressed! I would be grateful if you could mail this Newsletter to me each time.

<u>North Dakota:</u> Thank you for sending me the Shrine Newsletter. Please keep sending them to me. They are very nice. Enclosed is a contribution to help in sending them out to me. Thank you so much!

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Our Colleges and Universities have become a haven for Communists, Marxian Socialists, and other Subversive Philosophies. They are taught openly; and any effort to dislodge the Professors is met with great resistance by the Schools themselves, their Faculties, and our own Federal Government. Most of these Large Schools depend on Grants from the various Large Foundations for finances; and they in turn, have a great deal to do with School Policies and even Personnel. Many College and University Presidents are Political Hacks in storage for the time they are needed; and their influences, are of course, felt in the Policies of the School.

Felix Frankfurter, who now sits on the Bench of the Supreme Court of the United States, was formerly the Dean of Harvard Law School where he openly taught Marxism and Communism. Some of his very apt Pupils were, and are still, in places of Great Power in our Government. Some of them were Adlai Stevenson, Dean Acheson, Alger Hiss, John Stewart Service, and many others whose Left-Wing Influence and Subversiveness have certainly been felt in our Government. Felix Frankfurter is only one of like convictions, who would

#### SPIRITUAL RESOURCES

#### The Divine Mercy Chaplet

#### Why we pray the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy

Jesus, himself, revealed the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy to Sr. Faustina in a Message about one of the most powerful prayers we could possibly say. Jesus told her, "Say unceasingly the Chaplet that I have taught you. Whoever will recite it will receive great Mercy at the Hour of Death. Priests will recommend it to Sinners as their Last Hope of Salvation. Even if there were a Sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this Chaplet only once, he would receive Grace from My Infinite Mercy. I desire that the Whole World know My Infinite Mercy. I desire to grant Unimaginable Graces to those Souls who trust in My Mercy."

(Diary of Sister Faustina, Note number 687)

Jesus also said, "Speak to the World about My Mercy; let all Mankind recognize My Unfathomable Mercy. It is a Sign for the End Times; after it will come the Day of Justice. While there is still time, let them have recourse to the Fount of My Mercy; let them profit from the Blood and Water which gushed forth for them."

This Powerful Gift that Jesus gave to Sr. Faustina, He also gave to us. So, let us become a part of that great multitude in the World today; who are Praising God for His Great and Abundant Mercy! God is longing for us; for our Trust and our Faith. Like a loved one in our lives, who just wants to be close, God wants us to be close to Him. Even if you do not know God, God knows You; and He Loves You. Do not hesitate to respond to His Love; for He simply wants to pour out His Mercy on You.

#### Who do we pray for?

First, we pray for Ourselves, to be transformed into a Merciful Person; but we especially pray for the Sick and Dying, for the Souls in Purgatory, and for the Whole World.

Let us remember that Jesus also said, "... My daughter, encourage Souls to say the Chaplet which I have given to you. It pleases Me to grant everything they ask of Me by saying the Chaplet. When Hardened Sinners say it, I will Fill their Souls with Peace; and the Hour of their Death will be a happy one. .... Write that, when they say this Chaplet in the Presence of the Dying, I will stand between My Father and the Dying Person; not as the Just Judge, but as the Merciful Savior."

(Diary of Sister Faustina, Note umber 1541).

#### When to pray the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy

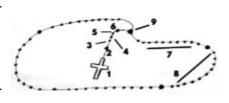
The Passion of Jesus teaches us what True Mercy is; and that is why the 3 P.M. Holy Hour is so important. For, it is only through Meditation on the Passion of Jesus that we, in our own way, will begin to understand how incomprehensible and infinite His Mercy is; and also to believe that He has forgiven us.

#### How to pray the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy

#### **#1 Sign of the Cross**

#### **#2 Opening Prayers**

You expired Jesus, but the Source of Life gushed forth for Souls, and the Ocean of Mercy opened up for the Whole World. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the Whole World and empty Yourself out upon us.



O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a Fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You!

#### #3 The Our Father

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name; Thy Kingdom come; Thy Will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day, our Daily Bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

#### #4 The Hail Mary

Hail Mary, Full of Grace; The Lord is with Thee. Blessed art thou amongst women; and Blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us Sinners; now and at the Hour of our Death. Amen.

#### **#5 The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth; and in Jesus Christ, His Only Son Our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into Hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there

He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the Communion of Saints, the Forgiveness of Sins, the Resurrection of the Body, and Life Everlasting. Amen.

#### #6 Eternal Father

Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ; in atonement for our sins and those of the Whole World

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#### #7 Pray on each of the Ten Hail Mary Beads

For the sake of His Sorrowful Passion, have Mercy on us and on the Whole World

#### **#8** Repeat for each of the Decades

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the Whole World.

#### **#9 Holy God** (3x)

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One have Mercy on us and on the Whole World.

#### **#10. Optional Closing Prayers**

Eternal God, in whom Mercy is endless and the Treasury of inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your Mercy in us; that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your Holy Will, which is Love and Mercy itself.

O greatly Merciful God, Infinite Goodness, today all Mankind calls out from the abyss of its misery to Your Mercy — to Your Compassion, O God; and it is with its mighty voice of misery that it cries out. Gracious God, do not reject the prayer of this Earth's Exiles! O Lord, Goodness beyond our understanding, Who are acquainted with our misery through and through, and know that by our own power we cannot ascend to You, we implore You: anticipate us with Your Grace and keep on increasing Your Mercy in us, that we may faithfully do Your Holy Will all through our life and at death's hour. Let the omnipotence of Your Mercy shield us from the darts of our Salvation's Enemies, that we may with confidence, as Your Children, await Your [Son's] final coming — that day known to You alone. And we expect to obtain everything promised us by Jesus, in spite of all our wretchedness. For Jesus is our Hope: through His Merciful Heart.

#### Food For The Soul Continued From Page 8

We must start now to promote the Rosary as never before. The Battle with the devil is at hand! "I will put enmities between thee and the Woman, and thy seed and Her seed. She shall crush thy head, and thou shalt lie in wait

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His Virtues in the Most Blessed Sacrament. Study His Love. Penetrate into Him. We will find the Food of our Life in Him; for He is Great and Infinite. That is the Road to Holiness; and the way to the Ennobling of our Lives.

#### Spiritual Bouquet for the Holy Father

We urgently need to pray for Our Holy Father. The apostasy and heretical teachings from the Vatican have split the Church. Our Holy Father and many misguided clergy need to return to the traditional doctrine and teachings of Holy Mother Church. There is a great need to increase our prayers and sacrifices in this time of turmoil and confusion. We are seeing the unfolding of the prophesized planning for a "One World Religion". Let us take this opportunity now to offer extra prayers for His Holiness. It has never been more crucial for us to do it than at this present time. Please join the Necedah Shrine devotees in the annual Spiritual Bouquet for the Holy Father. Please encourage others to do likewise, so we can mail the bouquet during the Christmas Season.

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destroy our Constitution, and are in a position to do so by their interpretation of it. About the only teaching of Morals that a Teacher can now do in American Schools is by Example, because any other teaching is tied up with Religion and that has of course been outlawed. Any mention of God, or the fact that He exists, would create an uproar from some sources. And, this is in what was once a Great Christian Nation!

Education without the teaching of Morals is just one more of the Great Fallacies in this Progressive Education Deal - called thus, because an educated criminal is much more dangerous than an illiterate one. The illiterate one may steal a loaf of bread for Food, while the educated one is stealing a Railroad; or is trying to destroy a whole Nation for his own gain.

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