

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



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*For My God and
My Country Shrine*

About Our Cover

George Washington and Abraham Lincoln were men of God. Their sterling character and unwavering faith helped found and preserve us; as One Nation Under God, with Liberty and Justice for all. The message Washington emphasizes is part of his Farewell Address; Lincoln emphasizes his immortal one at Gettysburg; and the Flag is at half-mast for the Murdered Unborn. On the Feast Day of Sts. Peter and St. Paul, June 29, 1974, St. Peter stated: *“Help Thy Mother, so that She can crush the serpent with Her heel and save thy Nation. Turn thy Nation back to God. Fly the Flag with true love; make it a glorious ‘Old Glory’. Thy Statue of Liberty stands with its arm upraised for justice; yet where is the justice when you murder thousands and thousands of innocent little victims that have harmed no one?”*

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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March 15, 1957 Message quote

“Prayer is all that is left—pray and save souls!”

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Vigil Schedule at the Shrine

October 2020

- 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 2020

- 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 2020

- 5th **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 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.

MESSAGES FULFILLED—BY TIME

Message

August 15, 1950 (see Pg. 35 "My Work With Necedah" Vol. 1)

... *"Half of America is involved with the Enemy of God. Some are innocent; they're just stumbling in the darkness. You Christians here, wake those up! They do not know what they are doing. They are listening to Satan, who is wrapping himself around so many of you."*

Fulfilled—By Time

Did Communists Infiltrate the Catholic Church?

Free Republic 7/26/2002 by Chuck Morse

As a traditional Jew, I'm deeply concerned over the plight of the Roman Catholic Church, which I consider to be the largest and most influential repository of conservative Judeo-Christian values in America today.

Much has been written regarding Communist methods of infiltration. The standard method was to "bore from within" which involved Communists disguising themselves as loyalists to an

organization they sought to undermine. Once gaining entry, they would gradually and subtly change the values and principles of the targeted organization. Examples in America include substantial inroads by Communists into organized labor, academia, the legal profession, race relations, cultural institutions, and the government itself

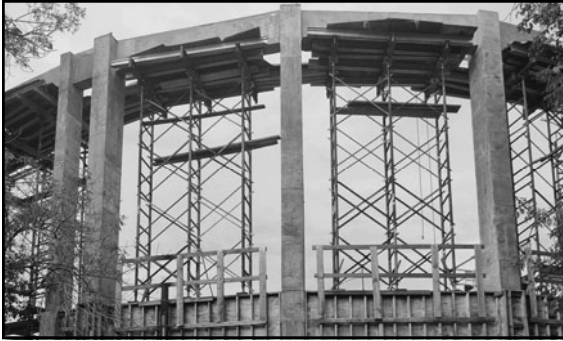
When planning to infiltrate, the Communists probe for an institutional weakness to exploit and, in the case of the Catholic Church, perhaps they perceived the weakness to reside in the all-male celibate priesthood. Did Communists send their followers, particularly homosexuals, sexual deviants, and enablers, into seminaries to become priests in order to foster a homosexual culture within the church? Homosexuals, practicing their predilections in an overwhelmingly conservative Catholic community, while given protection by well-placed minded superiors, could certainly contribute to the undermining of faith in Catholicism.

Two former Communists, Bella Dodd and Manning Johnson, spoke on Communist infiltration of the Catholic Church. Dodd, an important Communist party lawyer, teacher and activist, converted to Catholicism in April 1952 under the tutelage of Bishop Fulton J. Sheen. Stating that the Communist infiltration was so extensive that in the future *"You will not recognize the Catholic Church."* Dodd also asserted that: *"In the 1930's, we put eleven hundred men into the priesthood in order to destroy the Church from within. Right now they are in the highest places, and they are working to bring about change in order that the Catholic Church will no longer be effective against Communism."*

Manning Johnson, a former Communist Party official, testified in 1953 to the House Un-American Activities Committee regarding the infiltration of the Catholic Church: *"Once the tactic of infiltration of religious organizations was set by the Kremlin ... the Communists discovered that the destruction of religion could proceed much faster through infiltration of the (Catholic) Church by Communists operating within the Church itself. The Communist leadership in the United States realized that the infiltration tactic in this country would have to adapt itself to American conditions (Europe also had its cells) and the religious make-up peculiar to this country. In the earliest stages it was determined that with only small forces available to them, it would be necessary to concentrate Communist agents in the seminaries. The practical conclusion drawn by the Red Leaders was that these institutions would make it possible for a small Communist minority to influence the ideology of future clergymen in the paths conducive to Communist purposes. This policy of infiltrating seminaries was successful beyond even our Communist expectations."*



House of Prayer Report



EAST SIDE COLUMNS



WEST SIDE

We are excited to show you the enclosed pictures. One picture shows the four completed concrete Columns on the East Side, with the 30” Connecting Beam on top of them. As mentioned before, these Columns and Beam will support the roof framing.

Another picture shows our progress on the West Side to do the same thing for four more Columns, with again a Connecting Beam on top of them.

When these West Side Columns and Connecting Beam are completed with their Surrounding Forms in place, another concrete pour can be made. This will then complete the Backdrop for the front Sanctuary

Area.

The speed with which we are able to accomplish this will again depend upon the number of volunteers who come each week to help. We sincerely thank all you for your prayers and support; and, we ask God to bless You and our Volunteers.

Anniversary Days Report

The Anniversary Days of May 28th, 29th, and 30th were again the start of our annual efforts to honor Our Blessed Mother for Her Visits to Mary Ann Van Hoof in 1950. Again our Wisconsin people were joined by people from our surrounding States of Illinois and Minnesota; plus some people who wanted Our Lady to know they represented Poland as well. Then the Anniversary Days of June 4th and June 16th were similarly attended.

Our most recent Anniversary Day Observance on August 15th was again attended with our Wisconsin people and those from our surrounding States; plus additional States were represented by people from Iowa and Nebraska. Shortly before noon the Procession participants again assembled at the Mediatrix of Peace Lecture Hall. There the Procession was led with someone carrying the Crucifix; followed by the men carrying the statue of Our Lady of Necedah; then the men carrying the Jeweled Crown for our Lady's statue; followed by the person carrying the Pro-Life flag; and finally the Visitors carrying their State flags.

Exactly at noon the Procession made its way through the Shrine Grounds on its way to the Sacred Spot of the Apparitions, with everyone singing the Shrine's Song "Ave, Ave Mater Dei" that was written by Fr. Herbert Duren.

When reaching the Sacred Spot of the Apparitions, the large Statue of Our Lady was crowned with the Jeweled Crown while everyone sang the song "Bring Flowers of the Rarest". The Procession and the Crowning truly made a very impressive sight.

The many preliminary prayers and songs sincerely offered in thanksgiving to Our Lady, followed by the official Prayer Vigil that was spent meditating on Her and Her Divine Son while saying the fifteen-decade Rosary, made for another very successful Event.

These efforts on our part are the least we can do to show our appreciation to Our Heavenly Mother who humbled Herself by coming to show how people were offending Her Divine Son; and to warn us of the punishment that would befall our Nation and our Church if we did not mend our ways.

After the Prayer Vigil, several groups of people from various States

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FEATURE ARTICLE

Duties of a Christian

Faith is a gift from God. We have been given this gift for our Salvation, as Our Divine Savior wishes us to join Him someday in Eternal Paradise. But, this gift requires of us daily efforts toward loving our neighbor and growing in our love of Our Lord. The following article is taken from excerpts of the book, "The Catechism Explained" by Rev. Francis Spirago, copyright 1921.

St. Paul tells us, "*By grace you are saved through Faith, and that not of yourselves. It is the gift of God.*" (Eph. ii. 8). And Our Lord says, "*No man can come to Me, unless it be given to him by My Father.*" (John vi. 66). God gives us the gift of Faith in Baptism; hence Baptism is called the Sacrament of Faith.

God bestows the knowledge of the Truth and the gift of Faith chiefly on those who (1) strive after it with earnestness and perseverance; (2) live a God-fearing life; and (3) pray that they may find the Truth. An earnest desire to seek Truth is a sure means of attaining it; for Our Lord has said that "*Those who hunger and thirst after justice shall have their fill*" (Matt. V. 6)

When God bestows upon a man the gift of Faith, He either employs one of the ordinary means of Grace, such as preaching; or in some cases extraordinary means, such as a miracle. Many men fail to attain the Christian Faith because of pride, self-will, or an unwillingness to give up the indulgence of their passions. It is the lack of good will that debars many from the Faith. Our Lord is the true Light that enlightens every man that comes into the World. It is the Will of God that all men should come to the Truth. God loves to make use of simple means to bring men to the knowledge of the Truth; and this the proud person resents.

Faith is like the root of the tree, without which it cannot exist. It is the first step on the road to Heaven. It is the key which opens the treasure-house of all the Virtues. Our Lord says, "*He that believeth not shall be condemned.*" (Mark xvi. 16). Without Faith we can do no good works pleasing to God, or which will merit for us a reward in Heaven. Faith in our Eternal Reward encourages us in our toilsome journey through life. It gave Job his patience, Tobias his generosity to the poor, and the Martyrs their constancy. Faith provides us with the means of resisting temptations; just as it is the lighthouse which enables the mariner to avoid the hidden rocks and quick-sands. It is the shield that enables us to extinguish all the fiery darts of the Wicked One. The amount of our Faith depends on the amount that we possess of the other Virtues, and the amount of Grace that

we receive from God.

Faith alone is not sufficient for Salvation. It must be a living Faith; that is, we must add to it good works and must be ready to confess it openly. A living Faith is one which produces works pleasing to God. Our Lord says, "*Not everyone who saith to Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven, but he that doth the Will of My Father Who is in Heaven*" (Matt. Vii. 21). "*As the body without the spirit is dead, so Faith without Works is dead also.*" (Jas. ii. 26). Good Works, such as those necessary for Salvation, can only be performed by one who is in possession of Sanctifying Grace, and loves God in his heart. Hence St. Paul says, "*If I should have all Faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not Charity, I am nothing*" (1 Cor. xiii. 2). We must also be ready to confess our Faith. Man consists of body and soul, and therefore must honor God, not only inwardly, but also outwardly. Christ promises the Kingdom of Heaven only to those who confess Him before men.

Christ says, "*So let your light shine before men, that they may see your Good Works, and glorify your Father Who is in Heaven*" (Matt. V. 16). We are bound in our words and actions to let men know that we are Christians and Catholics. It is by the open profession of our Faith that we help others to know God better and to honor Him more. We, thereby, lead them to imitate our Good Deeds; for men are like sheep which, though lazy in themselves and unwilling to move, will follow where one of them leads the way.

Unhappily men are too often cowards. Cowards for fear of being laughed at by those around them; or for the dread of suffering some injury in their business; or for some disadvantage in their worldly affairs or interests. Thus, they do not have the courage to openly profess their Faith or to defend their Religion when it is attacked. They forget that those who laugh them out of doing what is right only despise them in their hearts, as they would have respected and honored them more if they had stood firm. They forget, too, that at the Day of Judgment the tables will be turned, and that those who have been loyal to their Religion will be the objects of the envy and admiration of their persecutors, who will bitterly lament their folly and wickedness.

Think about some of the splendid instances of those who were faithful to their Religion and fearlessly made confession of their Faith: such as the three young men who refused to adore the golden image set up by Nabuchodonosor; or Holy Tobias who, alone of all his kindred, refused to go to the golden calves at Dan and Bethel, and instead went up every year to the Temple in Jerusalem; or St. Ignatius the Martyr, St. Agnes, St. Lucy, St. Maurice, and countless other Christian Martyrs and Confessors. Remember, it is by way of an open profession of her Faith that Holy Church has instituted Processions like those of Corpus Christi, Processions

of Our Lady, etc.

We are only bound to confess our Faith openly when our omission to do so would bring our Religion into contempt, would do some injury to our neighbor, or would in some way be a challenge for us to declare and make profession of our Religion. We are not bound always and on all occasions to confess our Faith, but only when the honor due to God or the edification due to our neighbor requires it. Our Faith is so holy a thing that it must be spoken of with great discretion and prudence.

Our Lord has promised Eternal Life to him who fearlessly makes profession of his Faith. A great reward in Heaven will be given to those who suffer persecution or death for the sake of their Religion.

“Blessed are they,” says Our Lord, *“that suffer persecution for justice’ sake; for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you untruly, for My sake. Be glad and rejoice, for your reward is very great in Heaven”* (Matt. V. 11-13). Those who suffer persecutions for the sake of their Faith are called Confessors; while those who are put to death for their Faith are called Martyrs. A Martyr goes straight to Heaven at his death, without passing through Purgatory.

No one is bound purposely to seek after persecution or a Martyr’s death. Anyone who does so without an express inspiration from Almighty God is almost sure to yield to the persecutors. Nor is it forbidden to flee from persecution. *“When they shall persecute you in one city,”* says Our Lord, *“flee into another.”* (Matt. X. 23). Yet, the Pastors of Souls must not fly when the good of the Faithful requires their presence; but, they may fly if their presence is not required.

He who denies the Faith denies Christ Himself. In the times of persecution there were many who denied their Faith. Even now there are some who, through fear of worldly loss or of being dismissed from their employment, deny their Religion.

Thus we must *“let our light shine”* in our daily lives. If we are Catholic, we have been given this gift from God, and thus will be judged as to how we lived out our Faith. Our Salvation is at stake, but, also we have the obligation to help our neighbor reach his Eternal Reward.

Now let us turn to “My Catholic Faith” book for further insight into the duties of Christian Citizens. All Citizens must love their Country, be sincerely interested in its welfare, and respect and obey its lawful Authority. God gave us our Country, and we show Him our gratitude by rendering it our love and service. Love is shown not by words, but by actions. But true love of Country is always subject to the law of Him who gave us our Country.

A Citizen shows a sincere interest in his Country’s welfare by voting

honestly and without selfish motives, by paying just taxes, and by defending his Country's Rights as in the case of a just War. We are responsible to God for the men we elect to Office, for He has permitted us to have the Right and Duty to select the men we want. Everyone who has the Right to vote has likewise a serious obligation to use that Right properly. Electors must choose men of experience and Christian Principles. If we elect men with no Religious Principles, we should not be surprised if later in Office they turn out unsatisfactory.

In today's World, a man who supports Pro-life efforts shares God's view of humanity. This issue alone can give us an indication into the man's standards. Without value of human life, there can be no value of any consequence. God gives life and takes life. We were granted life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness in our Bill of Rights. No other Nation has a Constitution which gives Rights to individual Citizens and restricts the Rights of Government. To preserve these Rights, we need to elect God-fearing men to Office.

Every Catholic who has the Right to vote should exercise that Right. Matters closely connected with the life of the people are the constant subject of legislation or debate. Even if your vote does not enable the good candidate to win, at least it will lessen the margin of his defeat. A Catholic elector who gives his vote to a candidate hostile to Christian Principles, or by abstaining from voting, contributes towards the success of such a candidate and will have much to answer for when meeting God.

It is the Catholic voter's Duty to vote for candidates who will act justly on questions of morals because they have Christian Principles at heart. A Catholic must not vote for any candidate who despises the teachings of Christianity. Before voting, everyone should find out the candidate's views on education, marriage, etc.

Keeping abreast of the laws being enacted is also the Duty of all Citizens. With modern technology, contacting one's Representatives in the Congress is quite easily accomplished. Christians must voice their objection to any Bills before the Congress which violate Christian Principles; and must lend their support for good legislation. It is sad and displeasing to God when a State where the Citizens have no concern that evil men get into the Public Office; so we should all pray for our Civil Leaders.

God has entrusted the maintenance of peace and order in human Society to secular Authorities. This includes our police force, sheriff, national, state, and local Authorities. It is God's Will that among so many some should Rule and others be subject to that Rule; but it must be for His Law and Order. We should be loyal to our civil Officials and obey their just laws. We are bound to obey just laws, because all lawful authority

comes from God. We are not bound to obey unjust and wicked laws. Laws contrary to Divine Law, opposed to the Law of God, cannot be just. We must obey God rather than man in such a case.

Social Justice is the exercise of God-given individual Rights in relation to the common welfare. In order to carry out its primary objective of sanctifying and saving men, the Church defines certain Principles – of what we term “social justice” – applying the Law of God to conditions of present-day life.

The most important documents summarizing the attitude of the Church on social justice are the Papal Encyclicals *Rerum Novarum* of Leo XIII and *Quadragesimo Anno* of Pius XI. These Encyclicals have formed the basis of many a present political doctrine on social justice. If we would follow their teachings, we should not be continually violating the Seventh and Tenth Commandments, causing jealousies and enmities among Social Classes, and among Nations. If we would only obey the teachings of the Church there would be none of the “isms” that today infest the World. The Church was established to lead men to Eternal Salvation; and it cannot fulfill its Mission unless it warns men against everything that endangers their Salvation.

Social justice defines not only Rights, but Duties as well. It enunciates Principles regarding labor and capital. It defines Rights of living wage and of private ownership. Many of the present ills of the World, including international jealousies and wars, arise from economic causes.

The State must not violate individual and family Rights. It is merely empowered to supervise and regulate the acquisition and disposal of property for the common good, with justice to everyone. The State is for the people, not the people for the State. It must aim at the welfare of each and all.

It is the Duty of every Citizen to be loyal to his Country, to support its institutions, and to respect its Laws and its Flag. A good Catholic is a good Citizen. We are obliged to take an active part in works of Good Citizenship, because right reason requires Citizens to work together for the public welfare of the Country.

Today we see Laws being enacted which violate God’s Commandments. Our Duty is to stand and fight against such legislation. We need God-fearing men in our Government Offices. Being the Representatives of God, Public Officials should imitate His Justice. The common good, not the benefit of a single person or group, should be the goal. Civil Officials should be ready to sacrifice themselves for the Citizens. Christ the Good Shepherd laid down His life for His Sheep. Officials have a serious obligation to promote the Christian Foundations of our Constitution. They should work to make Christian Principles prevail in

a Christian Country by safeguarding education, respect for the Lord's Day, marriage, the unborn, the elderly, etc. In all things, we must obey God.

Communism, Socialism, Fascism, etc. are errors, because they establish the godhood of the State. Communism confiscates all private property for the State, and aims to provide for the wants of everybody out of public funds; which includes Social Medicine. Besides being impracticable, the idea of Communism violates individual and family Rights. We must ward against such ideas and plans for Our Government. We must investigate the platforms of candidates running for office and support only those who offer Christian, God-fearing solutions to our Nation's problems.

Our goal must be to have all Citizens acknowledge Christ the King as the Supreme Ruler of Our Country. In such a society, there is love of neighbor, love of God, peace, and harmony. We must pray and work towards this goal. We must educate ourselves and others on the strengths of our Constitution as laid out by our Founding Fathers. Those who left their home Countries to found a new society built on Christian "God-given Rights" had a vision. Their efforts built up a strong Country blessed by God. We now see these "Rights" being taken from us; and we see the Country crumbling under the pressure of a mere few. "WAKE UP! AMERICA!" Stand and fight as Christian soldiers for our God and our Country.

From the book, "The Spiritual Combat" by Dom Lorenzo Scupoli it states, *"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. His 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*

When to Bless Your Children

When should parents bless their children? At night or after evening prayers is a very good time to give a daily blessing. But, also consider blessing them before they go on a trip, undertake an important or dangerous task, and during sickness. Plus, consider blessing them at important turning points in their lives as when entering school, receiving First Communion, entering marriage; or upon entering a convent, monastery, or seminary.

Blessings can even be sent to your absent children. Before you go to bed at night, think of your absent sons or daughters. They may be in real need of your help. Your blessing is the most powerful help you can give them. Protect them with the Sacred Sign of the Cross that you make over them. You can also include a **"God bless you, my child"** in the letters you send. Finally, if possible, your last blessing should be given to all your children when you are at the point of death.

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FOOD FOR THE SOUL

Praying the Rosary

We receive the greatest benefit from our prayers if we offer them with pure intentions and great fervor. We must examine ourselves on how we pray. Are we truly giving God and Our Holy Mother our best? The following is taken from a book “The Secret of the Rosary” by St. Louis De Montfort.

In it he says it is not so much the length of a prayer, but the fervor with which it is said that pleases Almighty God and touches His heart. One single Hail Mary that is said properly is worth more than one hundred- fifty that are badly said. It is a good thing for us to think over just how we are praying, if we really want to please God and become more holy.

In order to pray well, it is not enough to give emphasis to our petitions by means of that most excellent of all prayers, the Rosary; but rather, we must also pray with real concentration because God listens more to the voice of the heart than that of the mouth. To be guilty of willful distractions during prayer would show a great lack of respect and reverence; for it would make our Rosaries fruitless and would make us guilty of sin.

Of course, you cannot possibly say your Rosary without having a few involuntary distractions, as it is hard to say even one Hail Mary without your imagination troubling you a little (for our imagination is never still). The one thing you can do, however, is to say your Rosary without giving in to distractions deliberately; because you can take all sorts of precautions to lessen involuntary distractions and to control your imagination.

With this in mind put yourself in the presence of God and imagine that Almighty God and His Blessed Mother are watching you; and that your Guardian Angel is standing at your right hand, taking your Hail Mary’s, if they are well said, and using them like roses to make crowns for Jesus and Mary. But also remember, at your left hand lurks the devil ready to pounce upon every Hail Mary that comes his way and then writes it down in his deadly note-book. And be sure that he will snatch every single one of your Hail Mary’s that you have not said attentively, devoutly, and with reverence. Above all, do not forget to offer up each Decade in honor of one of the Mysteries; and to form a picture in your mind of Jesus and Mary in connection with the Mystery.

Being human, we easily become tired and slipshod – but the devil makes these difficulties worse when we are saying the Rosary. Do not listen to the devil, but be of good heart even if your imagination has been bothering you throughout your Rosary by his filling your mind with all kinds of

distracting thoughts – as long as you really tried hard to get rid of them as soon as they came. Always remember that the best Rosary is the one with the most merit, and there is more merit in praying when it is hard than when it is easy. Prayer is all the harder when it is filled with those annoying little ants and flies running about in your imagination, which is against your will, and scarcely allows you the time to enjoy a little peace and appreciate the beauty of what you are saying.

Even if you have to fight distractions all through your whole Rosary be sure to fight well, arms in hand; that is to say, do not stop saying your Rosary even if it is hard to say and you have absolutely no sensible devotion. It is a terrible battle, but one that is profitable to the faithful Soul. *“He that is faithful in that which is least, is faithful also in that which is greater.”* (Luke 16:10).

When the Rosary is well said, it gives Jesus and Mary more glory and it is more meritorious for the Soul than any other prayer. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you pray well. Contemplate the Mysteries and ask of Almighty God that, by this Mystery and through the intercession of the Blessed Mother, one of the Virtues that shines forth most in the Mystery will be granted to you.

Predestinate Souls, you who are of God, cut yourselves away from those Souls who are damning themselves by their impious lives, laziness, and

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asked permission to tour the House of Prayer construction site. An unplanned tour was then given, because Our Blessed Mother had explained in 1950 that Her request for the House of Prayer was to provide an opportunity for people to come and tour it. She had said, *“When walking beneath the tower into the heart of the Shrine, the sinner should find refuge, the afflicted comfort, with help for all Christians; hope for those lost and confused, and peace for all men of good will. She also said, “Oh, how beautiful to enter the Shrine, walk all around and know more about your religion when you walk out.”*

Because Our Lady also said, *“The Shrine must only be built with onated labor and materials. Where possible every effort must be made...” “The building of the Shrine will be entirely up to the people; if My requests of Obedience, Penance, Sacraments, Sacrifices, the Rosary and above all charity, faith, love thy neighbor is followed through, and then will the Shrine be built. It must be earned with true devotion and effort.”*

The last major Anniversary Day Prayer Vigil will be on October 7th. Please consider joining us if you can, so we can merit Our Heavenly Mother’s help and protection. We thank you for all your prayers and support to fulfill this major request of Our Holy Mother. God bless our present Volunteers; and those who will join us in our work.

SAINTS IN REVIEW

Through 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 the purpose of their appearance.

Blessed Anne Catherine Emmerich

Anne was born on September 8, 1774 at Flamsche, a farming community near Coesfeld, in the Diocese of Munster, Westphalia, Germany. Her parents, both peasants, were very poor and pious.

At age twelve she was bound out to a farmer, and later was a seamstress for several years. Being very delicate, she was sent to study music; however, finding the organist's family very poor, she gave them the little she had saved to enter a convent and actually waited on them as a servant for several years. There were times that she was so pressed for something to eat that her mother brought her bread which she shared with her master's family.

In 1802 at the age of twenty-eight, Anne entered the Augustinian convent at Agnetenberg, Dulmen. Here she was content to be regarded as the lowest in the house. Her zeal, however, disturbed the less dedicated sisters. They were puzzled and annoyed at her strange powers, weak health, and her ecstasies while in church, in her cell, or while at work, which led them to treat her with disgust. Despite her excessive frailty and mistreatment, she performed her duties cheerfully and faithfully.

When Jerome Bonaparte, King of Westphalia, closed the convent in 1812, Anne found refuge in a poor widow's house. While there the sick and poor came to the "bright little sister" seeking aid because she surprisingly knew their diseases and prescribed remedies that did not fail.

By nature Anne was easily moved to great sympathy by the sight of the sufferings of others. This feeling passed into her spiritual being causing her to pray and suffer much for the souls in Purgatory, whom she often saw, and for the salvation of sinners whose miseries were known to her even when far away.

In 1813 Anne became bedridden and soon after the stigmata came externally, with all of the wounds of Jesus even to the marks of the thorns. All this she unsuccessfully tried to conceal. Then followed what she dreaded on account of its publicity, an episcopal commission to inquire into her life, and the reality of these wonderful signs. The examination was very strict, as the utmost care was necessary to furnish no pretext for ridicule and insult on the part of the enemies of the Church. The vicar-general, the famous Overberg, and three physicians conducted the investigation with scrupulous care, and became convinced of her sanctity and the genuineness of the stigmata. At the end of 1818 God granted her earnest prayer to be relieved of the stigmata. The wounds on her hands and feet closed, but the others remained; however, on Good Friday all were found to reopen.

In 1819 the government sent a committee of investigation, which discharged its commission most brutally. Sick unto death as she was, she was forcibly removed to a large room in another house and kept under strictest surveillance day and night for three weeks, away from all her friends except her confessor. She was insulted, threatened, and even flattered, but in vain. The commission departed without finding anything suspicious, and remained silent until after much taunting the president was made to declare it was fraud, to which the obvious reply was: In what respect? and Why delay in publishing it?

About this time Klemens Brentano, the famous poet, was encourage to visit her. To his great amazement she recognized him and told him he had been pointed out to her as the man who was to enable her to fulfill God's command, namely, to write down the revelations made to her for the good of innumerable souls. Like so many others, he was won by her evident purity, and her exceeding humility and patience under sufferings that were indescribable.

In 1833 the first-fruits of Brentano's work appeared as "The Dolorous Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to the Meditations of Anne Catherine Emmerich" (Sulzbach) and later he prepared for publication "The Life of the Blessed Virgin Mary". Her visions go into details, often slight, which give them a vividness that strongly holds the reader's interest as one graphic scene follows another in rapid succession as if visible to the physical eye. Other mystics are more concerned with ideas, she with events; others stop to meditate aloud and to guide the reader's thoughts, she lets the facts speak for themselves with simplicity, brevity, and the security of a Gospel narrative. Her treatment of that difficult subject, the twofold nature of Christ, is admirable. His humanity stands out clearly and distinctly, but through it shines always a gleam of the Divine. The rapid and silent spread of her works through Germany, France, Italy, and elsewhere speaks well for their merit; and, strangely they produced no controversy. Her visions were most recently used as the basis for the script of Mel Gibson's movie "The Passion of the Christ".

Sister Emmerich lived during one of the saddest and least glorious periods of the Church's history, when revolution triumphed, impiety flourished, and several of the fairest provinces of the Church were overrun by infidels and cast into such ruinous condition that the Faith seemed about to be completely extinguished. Her mission in part seems to have been, by her prayers and sufferings, to aid in restoring Church discipline, especially in Westphalia, and at the same time to strengthen the flock in their belief. Besides all this she saved many souls and recalled to the Christian world that the supernatural is clearly around us to a degree sometimes forgotten.

Sister Anne Catherine Emmerich died at Dulmen on February 9, 1824. A rumor that the body was stolen caused her grave to be opened six weeks after her death. The body was found fresh, without any sign of corruption. In 1892 the process of her beatification was introduced by the Bishop of Munster; and, she was beatified on October 3, 2004 by Pope John Paul II.

PRO-LIFE NEWS

Bishop Athanasius Schneider, the Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of St. Mary in Astana, Kazakhstan has written several books. In his latest book “Christus Vincit”, meaning Christ Triumph Over the Darkness of the Age, Bishop Schneider talks about Secularism, and how we have now reached its peak where everyone decides for himself what is true, what is good, and what is evil. He speaks of how this leads to a horrible and cruel Society, resulting in egoism; which means only I, and no one else.

On page 53, Bishop Schneider speaks of this as Hell. [“Only I.” Ultimately this means, “When someone else is impeding or hindering what I want to do, I will kill him; I will destroy him.” And so they began to kill the innocents in their mother’s womb because these babies are hindering them from achieving what they believe is their self-realization through pleasures, a false freedom, and worldly success. Then they eliminate the sick people; then the handicapped, such as those with Down Syndrome; and, so on.This is a process which leads ultimately to an exasperated egoism; to a cruel and inhuman Society.]

Isn’t this what we see today in our own Society? From the innocent baby in the womb, to the sick, the handicapped, and finally the elderly? There is no respect for human life anymore. We see this with the rioting going on in close proximity to the peaceful protesting across our Nation right now; attempting to burn down buildings after sealing the doors so the people inside can’t get out; beating up people just because they don’t agree with their political outlook; or maybe because they are or aren’t wearing a mask, (depending on the view of the person doing the assault). When we feel free to kill innocent babies, what is to stop us from injuring or even killing others with whom we disagree? Certainly not our conscience, which has been deadened by the “legality” of abortion, and even (in some States) infanticide if the baby survives the abortion.

Man has decided to take the place of God and decide which child shall live and which shall die; and then “create” their own babies with in vitro fertilization. Not satisfied with that, they then pushed for the legalization of “same-sex marriage”, and now want the elimination of the two genders created by God. When asked by an interviewer how many genders there are, one college student answered “hundreds”.

When you are your own god, you can be just about anything you want to be and do just about anything you want to do. So “men” can have babies and “women” can be “Daddies”. And you can choose any pronoun (or even create your own) for people to use when they refer to you. And you can create great havoc for the person who refuses to do as you wish.

Thus, they have placed man at the center of our Universe, instead of God.

On November 3rd, the United States of America has the most important election in our History. The choice is clear. One party supports abortion up to the moment of birth, and possibly infanticide if the child survives. The other party is Pro-life. Please be very careful when choosing whom you select on the ballot, from top to bottom. Every position is very important, now more than ever. In God's eyes we must vote Pro-life first and foremost. We must turn around the direction our Country is heading. We must vote for candidates who respect the Right-to-Life for all people from the moment of conception until natural death. No other issues matter, if that one is missing. We must turn our Country back to God; and ask His forgiveness for the evil we have allowed to take over in our Country. We need to pray the Rosary every day, begging Our Holy Mother to help our Country return to Her Divine Son. She stands ready to help us, if we but ask.

In 1863, Our Lady appeared to a Bernardine Sister and told her Hell had been let loose upon the Earth; and that the time had come to pray to Her as Queen of Angels, and to ask of Her the assistance of the Heavenly Legions to fight against these deadly foes of God and men. She said "Prayer is one of the conditions required by God Himself for obtaining favors". The prayer She communicated has the approval of the Church and is as follows:

"August Queen of Heaven, sovereign Mistress of the Angels, who didst receive from the beginning the mission, and the power, to crush the Serpent's head; we beseech Thee to send Thy Holy Angels, that under Thy command, and by Thy power, they may pursue the evil spirits, encounter them on every side, resist their bold attacks, and drive them hence into the abyss of woe.

Most Holy Mother, send Thy Angels to defend us and to drive the cruel enemy from us. Amen.

All ye Holy Angels and Archangels help and defend us."

Since the beginning of America, over 2,852,901+ people have been killed in all our wars. Since the 1973 Roe v Wade decision on abortion, an average of 1,342,936 babies have died from surgical abortion each year. In just two years of surgical abortions, the war on the unborn has killed the same amount of all our war dead since 1776.

Spiritual Resources

Litany of Humility

O Jesus! meek and humble of heart,
Hear me.

From the desire of being esteemed,
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the desire of being loved,
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the desire of being extolled,
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the desire of being honored,
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the desire of being praised,
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the desire of being preferred to
others,
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the desire of being consulted,
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the desire of being approved,
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear of being humiliated,
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear of being despised,
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear of suffering rebukes,
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear of being calumniated,
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear of being forgotten,
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear of being ridiculed,
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear of being wronged,
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear of being suspected,
Deliver me, Jesus.

That others may be loved more than
I,
*Jesus, grant me the grace to desire
it.*

That others may be esteemed more
than I,
*Jesus, grant me the grace to desire
it.*

That, in the opinion of the
world, others may increase and I
may decrease,
*Jesus, grant me the grace to desire
it.*

That others may be chosen and I set
aside,
*Jesus, grant me the grace to desire
it.*

That others may be praised and I
unnoticed,
*Jesus, grant me the grace to desire
it.*

That others may be preferred to me
in everything,
*Jesus, grant me the grace to desire
it.*

That others may become holier than
I, provided that I may become as
holy as I should,
*Jesus, grant me the grace to desire
it.*

Amen.

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. Dominic Szymanski



Father Dominic was born on February 21, 1899 in Poland. Following his emigration to the United States, he completed his education. When prompted by the grace of a religious vocation, he joined the Conventual Franciscans in Syracuse, NY and professed his simple vows on August 22, 1917. His philosophical and theological studies were done in New York, and finished at the Seraphic College of St. Bonaventure in Rome, Italy. Father was ordained on March 17, 1923 and then went on to receive his Doctorate in both Civil

and Canon Law.

From 1927 to 1932 Fr. Dominic was assigned to the staff of St. Hyacinth Seminary in Granby, MA where he also taught Moral Theology, Canon Law, and Polish; plus assisted in the Tribunal of the Diocese.

In 1932 Father was assigned as Assistant to the Master of Novices at St. Joseph Cupertino Novitiate in Ellicott City, MD. Then in December of 1933 he was appointed pastor of St.

Anthony of Padua in Rockford, IL. Through the years that followed, Father also became a renowned exorcist. He even wrote a book, “The Truth About The Devil”, that explained the reality of Satan claiming human beings for his own.

When in Poland Father had been a companion of St. Maximilian Kolbe and was motivated by his devotion to Our Lady and the Blessed Sacrament, thus he set out to build a home for the Knights of the Immaculate here in the United States. He would name his project “Marytown”.

Permission was granted by his superiors, so he started in an old building in Crystal Lake, IL. Later Father moved Marytown to the former Allen Estate in Kenosha, WI where he soon was imbuing men with the Franciscan

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Spiritual Bouquet For The Holy Father

The brash apostasy permeating Christ's Church is a weighty burden upon the Pope. He urgently needs our continued prayers to lighten that overwhelming burden. This is the 61st year that the Necedah Shrine devotees have gathered a Spiritual Bouquet for the Holy Father. It has never been more crucial for us to do it than at this present time. The time is NOW! Join us by filling out the spiritual bouquet form and mailing the totals to us. Please encourage others to do like wise, so we can mail the bouquet during the Christmas Season.

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How to Give the Parental Blessing

The Parental Blessing should be done in a simple but reverent manner. Place your right hand on the head of the kneeling child and say, **“I bless you, my child, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”** While saying this, make the Sign of the Cross upon their forehead with the thumb of the right hand. If you bless all your children at once, simply extend your right hand over them all, and trace the Cross over them while pronouncing the words.

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.



Texas: 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 this 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!

Illinois: The Shrine Newsletter for Summer 2020 was the first time I saw one of your Newsletters. Never 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.

North Dakota: 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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and Marian spirit; and with devotion to the Blessed Sacrament.

When Mrs. Van Hoof became aware of Fr. Dominic's hospital stay due to his cancer, she promised to pray for him. She had visioned him in his hospital room, looking very thin and ill. She also visioned a coffin covering the bed, before everything vanished from her sight. By this she expected that Father would be leaving us, but did not know when.

Father firmly believed in the Apparitions of Our Lady at Necedah and knew that Mrs. Van Hoof had been praying for him. So on January 10, 1951 he went to meet Mrs. Van Hoof. During Father's visit he told Mary Ann how he was cured on December 8, 1950 between 12 noon and 1 o'clock. He explained it, and it was beautiful! Mary Ann said she was very happy for him as it must have been a wonderful experience that he and God alone knew. However because of her Vision, Mrs. Van Hoof thought to herself that he had been cured only temporarily, so that he could accomplish some of the work he still had to do. This led her to pray all the more for him.

On March 9, 1951 Father returned to visit Mary Ann and witnessed her Lenten Friday Suffering of the Passion of Our Lord. This would be his last visit, because Father passed on to his eternal reward on May 14, 1951 at the age of 52. Upon learning of Father's death, Mrs. Van Hoof arranged to attend his funeral Mass at the Basilica in Milwaukee on May 17th.

CHRISTMAS ITEMS



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