

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



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Prayer The Family Rosary

About Our Cover

The Rosary is a devotion to the Incarnation of Our Lord and to His Blessed Mother. It is composed of fifteen decades; each decade consisting of the Our Father, ten Hail Marys, and the Glory Be to the Father. Each decade is recited in honor of some mystery in the life of Our Lord and of His Blessed Mother. During each decade, we should call to mind the mystery which it is intended to honor; and pray that we may learn to practice the virtue specially taught us by that mystery.

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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**JUNE 16, 1970 - FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART
(ANNIVERSARY)**

“My Child, there's a great need for true devotion to My Divine Son and
My Immaculate Heart”

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Vigil Schedule at the Shrine

March 2022

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

April 2022

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

May 2022

- 1st Saint Joseph the Worker** 8:00 p.m. Vigil
23rd Pentecost Sunday 12:45 p.m. Procession/Crowning
1:00 p.m. Vigil
24th Mary Help of Christians 8:00 p.m. Procession and 8:15 p.m. Vigil
28th Anniversary of 1950 Apparition 12 noon Procession
1:00 p.m. Vigil
29th Anniversary of 1950 Apparition 12 noon Procession
1:00 p.m. Vigil
30th Anniversary of 1950 Apparition 12 noon Procession
1:00 p.m. Vigil
31st Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary 12:45 p.m. Procession/
Crowning and 1:00 p.m. Vigil

June 2022

- 4th Anniversary of 1950** 12 noon Procession and 1:00 p.m. Vigil
11th Feast of the Sacred Heart 12:45 Procession and 1:00 p.m. Vigil
13th St. Anthony of Padua 8:00 p.m. Vigil
16th Anniversary of 1950 12 noon Procession and 1:00 p.m. Vigil
19th St. Romauld 8:00 p.m. Vigil
29th SS. Peter and Paul, Apostles 8:00 p.m. Vigil

THESE ARE SACRED GROUNDS

The Mother of God graced these grounds with Her presence for a period of thirty—four years. She promised to Continue to visit and bless these premises on the following days each year: April 7, May 28, May 29, May 30 June 4, June 16, August 15, October 7, and November 12.

Are you dressed properly? Our Blessed Mother has said that many fashions are displeasing to Our Lord. She is the model of modesty.

Clothing should conceal, not reveal. Both men and women should observe the virtue of modesty. We are given the choice to follow Christian standards of morality or follow the pagan standards of immorality. History reveals that when the morals of a nation collapse, the nation collapses! For women visitors wearing shorts or slacks, wrap around skirts are available. As the women go, so goes the nation!

MODESTY IS THE GEM OF ALL VIRTUES

Please Dress Modestly

The Blessed Mother, as well as many Saints, have visited these Grounds since November 1949 giving Messages to Mary Ann Van Hoof. This is Holy Ground, as many Saints walk these grounds every day as promised.

Pilgrims are asked to dress modestly when visiting the Shrine. Thus, reverence in manner of dress and behavior is appreciated. Please give the respect due to God at Our Lady's Shrine.

Wrap-around skirts are available at the Information Building.

FEATURE ARTICLE

Prayer

The Wisdom and Teachings of Bishop Fulton Sheen have long been a source for Understanding Our Faith better. He has written several books to share his insights with us. This Article is taken from a Chapter in his Book, “Go To Heaven” which expounds on the Need and Power of Prayer.

God gives two kinds of Gifts: First, there are those which He sends us whether we pray for them or not; and the Second kind are those which are given on condition that we do pray for them. The First gifts resemble those things which a Child receives in a Family – food, clothing, shelter, care, and watchfulness. These gifts come to every Child, whether the Child asks for them or not. But there are other gifts, which are conditioned upon the Desire of the Child. A Father may be eager to have a Son go to College, but if the boy refuses to study or becomes a delinquent, the gift which the Father intended for him can never be bestowed. It is not because the Father has retracted his gift, but rather because the Son has made the gift impossible. Of the First kind of gifts Our Blessed Lord spoke when He said: “*His rain falls on the Just and equally on the Unjust*” (Matthew 5:45). He spoke of the Second kind of gifts when He said: “*Ask, and the gift will come.*”

Prayer, then, is not just the Informing of God of our Needs, for He already knows them. “*You have a Father in Heaven who knows that you need them all*” (Matthew 6:32). Rather, the Purpose of Prayer is to give Him the opportunity to bestow the gifts He will give us when we are ready to accept them. It is not the Eye which makes the Light of the Sun surround us; it is not the Lung which makes the Air envelop us. The Light of the Sun is there if we do not close our Eyes to it, and the Air is there for our Lungs if we do not hold our Breath. God’s Blessings are there if we do not rebel against His Will to give them.

The Man who thinks only of himself says only Prayers of Petition; and he who thinks of his neighbor says Prayers of Intercession; and he who thinks only of loving and serving God says Prayers of Self-Abandonment to God’s Will, which is the Prayer of the Saints.

The Price of this Prayer of the Saints is too high for most people, for it demands the Displacement of Our Ego. Many Souls want God to do “*Their Will*” as they bring their completed plans and ask Him to rubber-stamp them without a change. The petition of the “Our Father” is changed by them to read: “*My Will* be done on Earth.” It is very difficult for the Eternal to give Himself to those people who are interested only in

the Temporal. The Soul who lives on the Ego-level (the “I-level”) and refuses to be brought to the Divine-level is like an egg which is in a place too cool for incubation, so that it is never called upon to live a life outside of the shell of its own incomplete development. Every “I-person” is still an embryo of what a man is meant to be.

Where there is Love, there is “thought” about the one we Love. *“Where your Treasure-House is, there your Heart is too”* (Matthew 6:21). The degree of our Devotion and Love depends upon the Value that we put upon something. St. Augustine says, Love is the Law of Gravitation. All things have a Center. The Schoolboy finds it hard to study, because he does not Love knowledge as much as athletics. The Businessman finds it hard to think of Heavenly Pleasures because he is dedicated to the filling of his “barn”. The Carnal-minded find it difficult to Love the Spirit because their Treasure lies in the Flesh.

Everyone becomes like that which he loves. If he loves the Material, he becomes like the Material; however, if he loves the Spiritual, he is converted into the Spiritual in his Outlook, his Ideals, and his Aspirations. Given this Relationship between Love and Prayer, it is easy to understand why some Souls say: “I have no time to pray.” They really have not, because to them other Duties are more pressing; other Treasures more precious; other Interests more exhilarating. As Wrist-Watches that are brought too close to a dynamo cease to “keep time”, so, too, Hearts that become too much absorbed in external things soon lose their Capacity to Pray. But just as a Jeweler with a magnet can draw the magnetism out of the Watch and reset it by the sky, so, too, it is possible to become De-egotized by Prayer; and be focused on the Eternal, and to love the Divine.

A higher form of Prayer than Petition and a potent remedy against the externalization of life is Meditation. Meditation is a little like a daydream or a reverie, but with two important differences: in Meditation we do not think about the World or Ourselves, but about God. And instead of using the imagination to build Idle Castles in Spain, we use Our Will to make resolutions that will draw us nearer to one of our Heavenly Father’s Mansions. Meditation is a more advanced Spiritual Act than “Saying Prayers”; it may be likened to the attitude of a Child who breaks into the presence of a Mother and saying: *“I’ll not say a word, if you will just let me stay here and watch you.”* Or, as a Soldier who once told the Cure’ of Ars: *“I just stand here before the Tabernacle; He looks at me, and I look at Him.”*

Meditation allows one to suspend the conscious Fight against External Diversions by an internal Realization of the Presence of God. It shuts out the World to let in the Spirit. It surrenders Our Own Will to the impetus

of the Divine Will. It turns the Searchlight of Divine Truth on the way we think, act, and speak; which penetrates beneath the layers of our Self-deceit and Egotism. It summons us before the Bar of Divine Justice, so that we may see ourselves as we really are; and not as we like to think we are. It silences the Ego with its clamorous demands, in order that we may hear the Wishes of the Divine Heart. It uses our Faculties, to not speculate on matters remote from God, but to stir up Our Will to conform more perfectly with God's Will. It cultivates a truly Scientific Attitude toward God as Truth; thus freeing us from our pre-possessions and our biases, so that we may eliminate all wishful thinking from our minds.

Meditation eliminates from our lives the things that would hinder Union with God, and strengthens our desire that all the Good Things we do should be done for His Honor and Glory. It takes our eyes off the flux in our lives and changes our life by reminding us of our Dependence on God for all things; allowing us to compare moment-to-moment Existence with Eternal Salvation. Meditation is not a Petition, which is merely a way of using God or asking things from Him, but rather a surrender; a Plea to God that He use us to do "good" for Him.

For proper Meditation the "Ear" of the Soul must be more important than the "Tongue". St. Paul tells us that Faith comes from Listening. He says that most people commit the same mistake with God that they do with their friends; they do all the talking. God has things to tell us which will enlighten us – we must wait for Him to speak. The Lord hears us more readily than we suspect. When people complain that their Prayers are not heard by God, what often has happened is that they did not wait to hear His Answer.

Our thoughts make our Desires; and our Desires are the sculptors of our days. The Dominant Desire is the Predominant Destiny. Desires are formed in our thoughts and meditations; and since Action follows the lead of Desires, the Soul, as it becomes flooded with Divine Promptings, becomes less and less a prey to the Suggestions of the World. This increases our Happiness now; as Earthly "Wants" are never completely satisfied, so their elimination will make for less anxiety.

If a man meditates consistently on God, a complete Revolution takes place in his Behavior. Once our helplessness is rendered up to the Power of God, life changes; and we become less and less the Victims of our Moods. Instead of letting the World determine the State of our Mind, we determine the State of our Soul with which we decide how the World is to be faced. There is a moment in every good Meditation when the God-life enters Our-life; and another moment when Our-life enters the God-life. These events transform lives because sick, nervous, fearful men are made

well by this Communion of Creature with their Creator; this letting of God into the Soul.

It is never wise to say that we have no Time to Meditate; because the less one thinks of God, the less Time there will always be for Him. The amount of Time one has for anything depends on how much one values it. Thinking determines the uses of Time. Time should not rule over Thinking. The problem of Spirituality is never, then, a question of Time; it is a problem of Thought. For, it does not require much Time to make us Saints; as it only requires much Love.

The Remedy for the ills that come to us from thinking about Time is what might be called the Sanctification of the Moment – or the “now”. Our Lord laid down the Rule for us in these words: *“Do not fret, then, over Tomorrow; leave Tomorrow to fret over its own needs; for Today, Today’s troubles are enough.”* (Matthew 6:34). This means that each day has its own Trials. We are not to borrow Troubles from Tomorrow, because that day, too, will have its Crosses. The “Now-moment” is the Moment of Salvation. Each complaint against it is a Defeat; while each act of resignation to it is a Victory.

The Present Moment includes some things over which we have control, but it also carries with it difficulties we cannot avoid – such things as business failure, a bad cold, rain on picnic days, etc. We do not always know why such things as sickness and setbacks happen to us, for our minds are far too puny to grasp God’s Plan.

God’s Ways are not Our Ways – the Salvation of a Soul is more important than all Material Values – because Divine Wisdom can draw Good out of Evil – the Human Mind must develop acceptance of the “Now”, no matter how hard it may be for us to understand its pain. The things that happen to us are not always susceptible to our Minds’ Comprehension or our Wills’ Conquering; but they are always within the capacity of our Faith to Accept and of our Wills’ Submission.

Every Moment brings us more treasures than we can gather. The great value of the “Now”, spiritually viewed, is that it carries a Message that God has directed personally to us. Nothing is more individually tailored to our Spiritual Needs than the “Now-Moments”; for that reason it is an Occasion of Knowledge which can come to no one else.

God’s Love is Infinite! What we know about His Love is just a tiny drop in the Ocean. God’s Love existed before the World began; and it will exist after we go. Our Hearts can hold only its merest particles. The end of all Human Love is doing the Will of God. The Heart has a need of being filled. The Power of “Emptying” is Human, emptying in the Love of Others, but the Power of “Filling” belongs only to God. Hence, all

Perfect Love must end on this note: *“Not my Will, but Thine be done, O Lord!”*

Sanctity, then, is not Giving Up the World; rather it is Exchanging the World. It is a continuation of that sublime transaction of the Incarnation in which Christ said to man: *“You give Me your humanity; I will give you My Divinity. You give Me your Time; I will give you Eternity. You give Me your Slavery; I will give you My Freedom. You give Me your Death; I will give you My Life. You give Me your Nothingness; I will give you My All.”*

“Further insights into the Power of Prayer are found in the Book, “Prayer, The Key to Salvation” by Fr. Michael Mueller. He explains it in the following way.

The Prayer of the Just is very, very Powerful! It can exercise its Power over all kinds of Creatures, rational and irrational; over those in Heaven, on Earth, and Under the Earth. It can disarm the Wrath of God against entire Nations; those who are lost to the fear and love of their Creator. It can exercise even a mightier sway by giving Free Access to the Spiritual Treasures of God. And, it can let these Perpetual Streams to flow upon Sinners, as well as upon the Just; to cause Wonderful Changes in their Souls. As we have seen, Prayer changes Sinners from Enemies of God into His Friends; from Reprobates into Chosen Vessels of Election; from Children of the Devil into Children of God; from Heirs of Hell into Heirs of Heaven.

The “Just People” of the Old and of the New Testaments employed this Key of Prayer very freely, to unlock God’s inexhaustible Treasures; and to obtain for themselves and for others whatever Blessing they needed, whether Temporal or Spiritual. With this Key of Prayer the Prophet Elias closed the Heavens, and no rain fell for three and a half years; and then with this same Key he opened the Heavens again, and rain fell in abundance. Also with the Key of Prayer, St. Gregory Taumaturgus moved a Mountain to obtain a Site for a Church. Similarly St. Stanislaus the Martyr used the Key of Prayer to restore a man to Life who had died three years before, and presented him before the Court to testify that he had bought from him a certain Piece of Land for his Church which he had paid him for in full.

We also need to remember that after Abraham learned that God intended to destroy the City of Sodom with its Inhabitants, he commenced to use the Key of Prayer to intercede for it by saying to the Lord, *“Wilt Thou destroy the just with the wicked? If there be fifty just men in the city, shall they perish withall? And wilt Thou not spare that place the sake of the fifty just, if they be therein? Far be it from Thee to do this thing, and*

to slay the just as the wicked, and for the just to be in like case as the wicked, this is not beseeming Thee: Thou who judgest all the earth, wilt not make this judgment.”

“And the Lord said to him: If I find in Sodom fifty within the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake. And Abraham answered and said: Seeing I have once begun, I will speak to my Lord, whereas I am but dust and ashes. What if there be five less than fifty just persons? Wilt thou for five and forty destroy the whole city? And He said: I will not destroy it if I find five and forty. And again he said to Him: But if forty be found there, what wilt Thou do? He said: I will not destroy it for the sake of forty. Lord, saith he, be not angry, I beseech Thee, if I speak: What if thirty shall be found there? He answered: I will not do it if I find thirty there. Seeing, saith he, I have once begun, I will speak to my Lord: What if twenty be found there? He said: I will not destroy it for the sake of twenty. I beseech Thee saith he, be not angry, Lord, if I speak once more: What if ten should be found there? And He said, I will not destroy it for the sake of ten.” (Gen. 18:23-32).

It appears that God seeks Men to whom may be applied what is said of St. John the Baptist: *“He was Great before the Lord”*; that is, Great with God by Holiness of Life, and by the Power of Prayer.

Prayer inspires the Soul with courage to combat all her enemies, and patiently to endure every Cross and Trial. From being Weak, the Soul becomes Strong; from being Indolent and Slothful, the Soul becomes Fervent and Enterprising; from being Perplexed, the Soul becomes Enlightened; from being Melancholy and Cast Down, the Soul becomes Joyful.

Hence we read that the First Christians and many Martyrs suffered with Joy the loss of all their temporal goods, even life itself. Prayer unites the Soul to God in a most wonderful manner. We read in Holy Scripture, *“In all these things we overcome, because of Him that hath loved us. For I am sure that neither Death, nor Life, nor Angels, nor Principalities, nor Powers, nor Things Present, nor Things to Come, nor Might, nor Height, nor Depth, nor any Other Creature, shall be able to separate us from the Love of God; which is in Christ Jesus Our Lord.”* (Rom. 8:37-39)

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

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

CONSTANT VIGIL OF PRAYER

There is a growing number of people who desire to answer Our Blessed Mother's Request that we join in a Constant Vigil of Prayer Effort. We are at a crucial time in History where increasing our Prayer Life is vital to the Preservation of our Freedoms and Saving the Souls of our Fellow Men.

We are asking people to offer an Hour of Prayer Each Week, in addition to their Sunday Church Obligation, through participating in this Constant Vigil of Prayer Effort. This Hour can be offered at Home, at Church, or Anywhere; and can be filled by any type of Prayer or Spiritual Reading. We will all agree that our General Intention will be to Save America from destruction by the Evil Forces; and to Save Souls. We will also agree to always keep the same Hour Each Week, so someone will be in Prayer 24 Hours a Day – Seven Days a Week.

It is very important that we not forget Our Lady of Necedah's Messages of Concern that were given on our behalf through Mary Ann Van Hoof, starting back in 1950. However, at this moment let us focus especially on Her Request for this Constant Vigil of Prayer. The following Messages will remind us of some of those Concerns, and the importance of fulfilling this Request.

Message of July 26, 1971 (Feast of St. Anne) *“One of my Daughter's greatest requests, ‘The Constant Vigil of Prayer’ is all that will save thy Nation. It is all that will save thy Church. It is all that will save thy Priests. It is all that will save thy Nuns. Is this plainly understood, Sons and Daughters? It takes efforts of all of you. Try to get others to help; but you here must be the Main Trunk. The Branches will spread, and they will fan out; but the Trunk here, must be solid.”*

Message of May 24, 1972 (Feast of Mary Help of Christians) *“Yes, My Child, twenty-two years have passed, and there are not enough prayers; nor are My Pleas heeded for the Constant Vigil of Prayer. Without that, My Child, there is no hope; for this confused World is rolling in Blackest Sin. The Youth are ignored. My Pleas for them are not heeded, My Child. Not enough prayers. The only hope for the World is a Constant Vigil of Prayer.”*

Message of December 22, 1972 (Advent Friday Suffering) *“People must turn to God. The Constant Vigil of Prayer is so important. God will not spare them if they do not turn to Him. They must help Him to save the people of this Earth, those that are so gullible; those that are like a bunch of sheep on the way to slaughter. Oh, God, be merciful unto them.”*

Message of October 7, 1974 (Anniversary Day of 1950) *“Over the years, My Child, I have pleaded for a Constant Vigil of Prayer. I love you, Children, especially the small; yet, you hear not My Pleas. You ignore Me completely. You go about your selfish ways. The worldly goods, the Almighty Dollar, that is still your god. My Child, cast away that Almighty Dollar and turn to Thy Lord Crucified. Kneel before His Cross, love Him; love Him. When the Chastisement that God the Father will rain down upon thy Nation comes, it will be too late, dear Children. It will be far too late. AWAKE, Oh America; AWAKE!”*

Message of July 19, 1975 (Feast of St. Romauld) *“Brothers and Sisters, wake up! Do not slumber on and on. You have wasted twenty-five years since Our Holy Mother pleaded with you here. Twenty-five years you have wasted! The Constant Vigil of Prayer is moving very slowly. How many Souls will you be able to save? People, you are letting thy Nation be destroyed. (Are we now in the year 2022 ?)”*

If you would like us to include your weekly Day and Hour, or the Days and Hours of those people you have gotten to join in this Effort, please choose to contact us by Mail or by E-Mail; then we will add your hours to the total hours

“Thank You!” May God bless all the Participants in this “Constant Vigil of Prayer Program”!

**Prayer taken from the Message
of Advent Friday, December 5, 1975**

"Mother of Our Lord and Savior
guide me, protect me, help
on my way, so I do not falter.
And if I falter, will You intercede
for me to Thy Divine Son;
that I faltered not with malice or forethought,
but in ignor-ance and weakness of flesh?
Will You, Holy Mother, intercede for me?"

“Dear Lord, my God,
I do not want to offend You.
Forgive me, a sinner,
if I have offended You.”



***COULD YOU NOT WATCH
ONE HOUR WITH ME?***

MAT. 26-40

CONSTANT VIGIL OF PRAYER

“Could you not then, watch and pray one hour with Me?”

Choose one hour a week besides your Sunday Service as a family or individually

Time Zone _____ (Atlantic?) (Central?) (Mountain?) (Pacific?)

Day _____ Hour _____ M Number Participating _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

“Let’s Save America by a Constant Vigil of Prayer”



SHRINE NEWS



House of Prayer Report

As we reported in our Winter Newsletter, the eight concrete Columns and their Connecting Beam create a semi-circle loop across the Sacred Spot Area which is the Altar Area in the front of the House of Prayer. Now as planned, we are ready to go back to the East Side where we left off last time.

Our first effort will be to continue setting up the Support Shoring with the string of long Aluminum Beams to attach the Decking Plywood needed as a Floor for us to work from.

This Deck Floor will then allow us to be up high enough to help guide several 19' Columns of Rods that will be lowered into place above each Column coming up from below.

After the Columns of Rods are anchored in place, four Wooden Forms will be lowered into place around each of them. This will then lead to the wrapping of Metal Straps around and around to support the huge pressure that will be coming from the future Concrete Pour.

Then after the Columns are in place, long Iron Rods will be strung between and over the Columns to create the 12" x 30" Connecting Beam. This will then lead to installation of Wooden Forms around the Sides of the Beam; plus the need for Tie Rods holding the two Side Walls together when the pressure from the Concrete Pour comes.

As soon as the Weather allows, we will start as planned. We are excited about the Project! Again its Progress will depend on the number of Volunteers available to work.

One of the Volunteers working on the House of Prayer occasionally has reminded us of why he is a Volunteer. He says that the Catechism tells us that we were created to spend this short Earthly-Life in order to *"show that we Know, Love, and Serve God."* He also believes that his way of showing this is by making sure *"he tips the balance-scale for his free-time in Life toward God instead of toward himself."* Because Eternal-Life will last forever, *"he hopes to someday be able to happily say, I'm glad I did; rather than having to sadly say, I wish I would have."*

Again we sincerely thank you for your continued Prayers and Support for our Success. May God bless all of "You"; and, all of "Our Volunteers"!

FOOD FOR THE SOUL

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Many Saints promoted Adoration of the Holy Eucharist. Even Our Lord, Himself, when speaking to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, requested that we spend time before Him.

One day as she was in Prayer before the Most Holy Sacrament, Jesus showed her His Heart on a Throne of Flames, Crowned with Thorns, and Surmounted by a Cross; and thus addressed her, *“Behold that Heart which has Loved Men so much; and which has spared Itself nothing; and has even gone so far as to Consume Itself, thereby to show them Its Love; but in return the greater part of Men only show Me Ingratitude, and this by the Irreverences, Tepidity, Sacrileges, and Contempt which they offer Me in this Sacrament of Love; and that which I feel the most acutely is, that they are hearts Consecrated to Me.”*

We read in St. Alphonsus de Liguori’s Book, “The Holy Eucharist” that we can thus understand what Our Lord said of Old by His Prophet, that His delight is to be with the Children of Men; since He is unable to tear Himself from them, even when they abandon and despise Him. This also shows us how agreeable all those Souls are to the Heart of Jesus who frequently visit Him; and remain in His Company in the Churches in which He is under the Sacramental Species.

St. Wenceslaus, Duke of Bohemia, had a Great Devotion to the Holy Sacrament. He used to go, even in the Winter, to visit the Church in which the Blessed Sacrament was kept. These Visits enkindled in his Beautiful Soul such Flames of Divine Love, that their ardor imparted itself even to his body; for he did not suffer from the cold of the snow when making these Visits.

It is impossible to find on Earth a more Precious Gem, or a Treasure more Worthy of all our Love, than Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament. Amongst all Devotions, after that of Receiving the Sacraments, Adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament holds the First Place; plus is the Most Pleasing to God, and is the Most Useful to Ourselves. *“Taste and see how sweet the Lord is”*.

Be assured that the time you will thus spend with Devotion before this Most Divine Sacrament will be the Most Profitable to you in Life; plus it will be the source of your Greatest Consolation in Death, and in Eternity. You must also be aware, that in a Quarter of an Hour’s Prayer spent in the Presence of the Blessed Sacrament, you will perhaps gain more than in all

the other Spiritual Exercises of the Day. It is true, that in every place where God graciously hears the Petitions of those who Pray to Him, He has promised to do so: “*Ask and you shall receive;*” however, the Disciple tells us that Jesus dispenses His Graces in Greater Abundance to those who Visit Him in the Most Holy Sacrament.

Where shall we ever find a heart More Compassionate or Tender, than the Heart of Jesus; or one that has a greater feeling for our Miseries. He instituted the Holy Eucharist so we could possess Him in our very Souls. This is the Sacrament of Love. Our Lord remains in the Tabernacle night and day, so all may come to find the Comfort they desire in His Sacred Heart. Our Lord can speak to us if we open our Minds and Hearts to Him. But above all, it is like “Heaven” to be there making Acts of Love toward the Lord who is on that very Altar praying to the Eternal Father for us; and is there Burning with Love for us.

As St. Chryostom said, Our Lord, by giving us the Most Blessed Sacrament, gives us all that He has; and nothing more remains for Him to give us. The Council of Trent says that Jesus, in giving Himself to us in the Holy Communion, pours forth all the Riches of His Infinite Love through this Gift.

Let us then set aside time each week to Visit Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. He desires our Love; our Oneness with Him. Through this time together, we will be made Anew; Transformed by Him to be His Instruments, and to Spread His Love to the World around us.

Holy Father Spiritual Bouquet

We would like to again thank all of you who participated in the Spiritual Bouquet that has been sent to Our Holy Father. Our Blessed Mother asked us to offer our first prayer each day for him, so we can be assured that our efforts will be of benefit to him.

A Novena of 27 Holy Masses has been said for him starting January 15th.

Holy Masses	<u>23,578</u>	Angelus	<u>19,305</u>
Holy Communions	<u>44,257</u>	Rosaries	<u>110,171</u>
Holy Hours	<u>9675</u>	Ejaculations	<u>33,390</u>
Stations Of The Cross	<u>37,309</u>	Days of Fasting	<u>20,315</u>
Spiritual Holy Communions	<u>40,863</u>	Other Prayers	<u>28,375</u>
Acts of Penance & Sacrifice	<u>12,147</u>		

SPIRITUAL RESOURCES

This prayer to Saint Joseph was composed by Pope Leo XIII in his 1889 Encyclical, *Quamquam pluries*. He asked that it be added to the end of the Rosary; especially during the month of October, which is dedicated to the Rosary.

The prayer is ordinarily enriched with a Partial Indulgence. During the Year of Saint Joseph, however - which will last from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021 - the use of this prayer has been included among those enriched with a Plenary Indulgence (see Decree of the Apostolic Penitentiary issued Dec. 8, 2020, section E). It may be said on any day of this Year of Saint Joseph; but especially on his various Feast Days, or other Devotional Days dedicated to him.

Prayer to Saint Joseph

To you, O **Blessed** Joseph,
do we come in our tribulation;
and having implored the help of your Most Holy Spouse,
we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that Charity which bound you
to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God
and through the Paternal Love
with which you embraced the Child Jesus,
we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance
which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood;
and with your power and strength, to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family,
defend the Chosen Children of Jesus Christ;
O most loving father, ward off from us
every contagion of error and corrupting influence;
O our most mighty protector, be kind to us
and from Heaven assist us in our struggle
with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril,
so now protect God's Holy Church
from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity;
shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection,
so that, supported by your example and your aid,
we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness,
and to obtain eternal happiness in Heaven.

Amen.

PRO-LIFE NEWS

The announced retirement of Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyers has opened the door to an Appointment by President Biden to the Supreme Court. Since Justice Breyers is considered a “liberal” Justice, that Appointment will not change the balance of the Court. But what it is doing is bringing the Abortion Issue to the forefront once again. Justice Breyers is retiring at the end of this Court Session. The end of this Session will see the Rulings on the two very important Cases from Mississippi and Texas, as they are challenging Roe V. Wade.

The Mississippi Case could have one of three Rulings. The Court could rule to throw out the “Precedent” established in Roe, and find that the U.S. Constitution doesn’t guarantee the Right to Abortion; or it could affirm Roe’s “Precedent”; or as a third option, permit Restrictions on Abortion Earlier in Pregnancies.

If the Roe “Precedent” remains intact, then the Texas Case will decide if Enforcement through Private Citizens’ Lawsuits is permissible. However if Roe is overturned, then the Question of Abortion will be returned to the Individual States.

As many as 20 States already have Anti-Abortion Laws on their Books; and at least 6 more Laws are pending. For example, here in Wisconsin, there is a 172 year old Law on the Books that could go back into effect which would make Abortion a Felony. So far the Republican Legislature in Wisconsin has introduced 5 Anti-Abortion Bills which the Democratic Governor Evers has vetoed. This Battle will continue in States across the Nation who are in a Split- Party Governance.

Abortion is no longer a Cause being fought only by an Older Generation. There has risen up a New Pro-Life Generation. These Young Adults have begun to realize that they are Survivors of a Holocaust that destroyed so many of their own Generation. This is so evident in the number of Youth who took part in the “March for Life” again this year. So we must do everything in our Power to work with our State Legislatures to Enact Laws that will protect “all Babies” in the Womb, not just after 15 or 20 weeks, and not only healthy babies; but “All Babies”. Every Life is a Gift from God - from the Moment of Conception until Natural Death.

The only way this Evil can be defeated in this Country, and the World, is through Prayer and Sacrifice. So we need to be Praying the Rosary, especially for the Supreme Court Justices to do the right thing; to strike down Roe V. Wade. And we also have to pray for our State Legislatures and Governors to bring that Protection to the State Level. This Coming Election is going to be crucial for the Protection of the Unborn. Everyone must make sure their Candidates for Office are Pro-Life; or do not support them!

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 Bernard

Bernard was born at Fontaines, France to parents of nobility in the year 1090. As a boy he had a great interest in literature with a desire to some day study Sacred Scripture.

He was admired by his teachers for his piety and love of the Blessed Virgin.

At the age of nineteen his mother died. Bernard joined the Cistercian Order and on June 25, 1115 he founded a monastery naming it Claire Vallee, which evolved into Clairvaux. There he began to preach the faith through the intercession of the Virgin Mary. Though not yet thirty years old, Bernard was listened to with great respect as he revived the fervour for all the monastic orders. Bernard's zeal for warning of the dangers of worldly pursuits did not stop with the monks, but extended to bishops, the clergy, and the faithful as well.

In the year 1128, Bernard assisted at the Council of Troyes where he traced the outlines of the Rule of the Knights Templar, a group who soon became the ideal of Christian nobility.

Upon the death of Pope Honorius II a schism broke out in the Church over the election of two popes. King Louis VI of France convened a national council of the French bishops at Etampes in 1130, and Bernard was chosen to judge between the two rivals for pope: Innocent II or Anacletus II.

After siding with Innocent II at the Council of Etampes, Bernard went to speak with the King of England, Henry Beauclerc, about the king's reservations of Pope Innocent II. The King was skeptical because most of the bishops of England supported Anacletus II, but Bernard succeeded in convincing him to switch his support to Innocent II. Germany had already decided to support Innocent II through the efforts of St. Norbert, who was a friend of Bernard's. However, Pope Innocent II insisted on Bernard's company when he met with King Lothair III of Germany. Through this effort King Lothar became Pope Innocent II's strongest ally among the nobility.

Despite the councils of Etampes, Wurzburg, Clermont, and Rheims all supporting Pope Innocent II, there were still large portions of the

Christian world supporting Anacletus II. Bernard set out to convince these other regions to rally behind Innocent II. During his efforts to gain support for Innocent II, Bernard devoted himself to writing his sermons on the “Canticle of Canticles” which would later win for him the title of “Doctor of the Church”. The whole conflict ended when Anacletus II died on January 25, 1138.

Returning to Clairvaux, Bernard occupied himself in sending bands of monks from his too-crowded monastery into Germany, Sweden, England, Ireland, Portugal, Switzerland, and Italy. Some of these monks, at the command of Innocent II, took possession of Three Fountains Abbey in Rome from which Pope Eugenius III would later be chosen.

After the death of Pope Innocent II in 1143 and the brief reigns of his two successors, one of Bernard’s disciples would become Pope Eugenius III and take the Chair of Peter. Bernard sent him various instructions which compose the “Book of Consideration”, the predominating idea of which is that the reformation of the Church ought to start with the sanctity of the head of the Church. Temporal matters are merely accessories; the principal matters should be piety, meditation, or consideration, which ought to precede action. The book contains a most beautiful page on the papacy, and has always been greatly admired by the sovereign pontiffs, many of whom used it for their ordinary reading.

Because Bernard had previously helped end the schism within the Church, he was now called upon to combat heresy. In 1145 he traveled throughout southern France and his preaching soon helped strengthen support against the heresies being spread.

At this time alarming news came from the East. Edessa had fallen into the hands of the Turks, with Jerusalem and Antioch being threatened with similar disaster. The pope commissioned Bernard to preach the Second Crusade. God blest his efforts and soon kings, queens, princes, and lords zealously joined the Crusade. Sadly the Crusade failed in its mission because the crusaders, as with the Hebrew people, lost favor with God due to their sins, lack of discipline, and over-confidence.

The last years of Bernard’s life were saddened by the failure of the crusaders. Also, the death of Pope Eugenius II would prove to be a fatal blow, as Bernard considered him to be his greatest friend and consoler.

Bernard died on August 20, 1153 at the age of sixty-three. He had founded one hundred sixty-three monasteries, which were among the three hundred forty-three operating at the time of his death. He was the first Cistercian monk placed on the calendar of saints and was canonized by Pope Alexander III on January 18, 1174. It was Pope Pius VIII who bestowed upon him the title “Doctor of the Church”.

SUPPORTIVE CLERGY/RELIGIOUS

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. Alfred Kunz

Father was born in Dodgeville, WI on April 15, 1930 and grew up in Fennimore, WI where his family owned a cheese factory nearby. His father was a Swiss immigrant and his mother, a German, was born in America. He had three brothers and four sisters.

After finishing all eight grades at St. Mary's in Fennimore, he left the State for twelve years of schooling at Pontifical College Josephinum in Worthington, Ohio.

At the age of 26, Father said his First Solemn Mass on June 3, 1956 at St. Mary's in Fennimore. He then served as an associate pastor at Wisconsin parishes in Waunakee, Cassville, and Monroe; before becoming the Pastor at St. Michael's Parish at Dane, WI in 1967.

Father was an expert on Church Canon Law, and was consulted by

religious leaders across the Country. He also performed exorcisms, and was venerated as a Confessor by his many penitents; one of which made this remark, *“When you went to Confession to Father Kunz, you knew you were in the presence of Our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

When Father heard about Our Lady appearing to Mrs. Van Hoof at Necedah, and learned about Our Holy Mother's Messages of Concern, which included Her pleas to help fight abortion, Father became very supportive of the Shrine's “Seven Sorrows of Our Sorrowful Mother Infants' Home”.

Father did not hide his hatred for abortion, often preaching against it from the pulpit. On one rainy Saturday, he conducted a funeral for a little baby who had been taken dead from a trash can at a Milwaukee abortion clinic. He then placed the baby in a small casket and buried it in front of the church, next to a shrine of Our Lady of Fatima.

Due to Father being a Canon lawyer, he was one of the two Canon lawyers that were approached for advice in 1975 when Mrs. Van Hoof and six followers of the Apparitions received Personal Interdicts. Both lawyers admitted that the Bishop had the Power to issue them, but did not have the Cause to do so; because there was no public sin against Faith or Morals. Then after going to Confession to Fr. Kunz and making a Profession of Faith, he absolved them of the Stain of Interdict. Father also advised them to feel free to receive Holy Communion when-ever or where-ever, but to refrain from doing so if it was in a situation that would cause scandal.

Father was well aware that both Pope Paul VI and Pope Benedict XVI spoke of the sinful behavior of some clergy in the Vatican, and the Church worldwide; and he was in contact with other supportive clergy such as Fr. Malachi Martin and Fr. Charles Fiore.

Then on March 4, 1998 everyone was shocked to hear that Father was brutally murdered, with his throat slit. Father was an open defender of the Faith, and died a martyr for it. The evil forces that Our Blessed Mother at Necedah warned about in 1950 just could not stand to hear him preach the Catholic truth; and expose the truth about their evil.

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. I)
... "America must pray right now; now, not tomorrow. Beginning is now in Korea. It will not end there unless we pray. It's only the beginning."

Fulfilled---By Time

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- 1961** **Cuba**-advice to overthrow Fidel Castro unsuccessful
- 1961-1973** **Vietnam**-helped South; then withdrew, and North won
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- 1982-1984** **Lebanon**-joined others to help keep freedom, but gave up
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- 1989** **Panama**-helped overthrow/imprison dictator, Manuel Noriega
- 1990-1991** **Persian Gulf**-helped Kuwait expel dictator, Saddam Hussein
- 1993** **Somalia**-helped restore peace, so food could stop their famine
- 1994** **Haiti**-helped return President Aristide back to leadership
- 1994-1995** **Bosnia**-helped keep Independence for the new Country
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