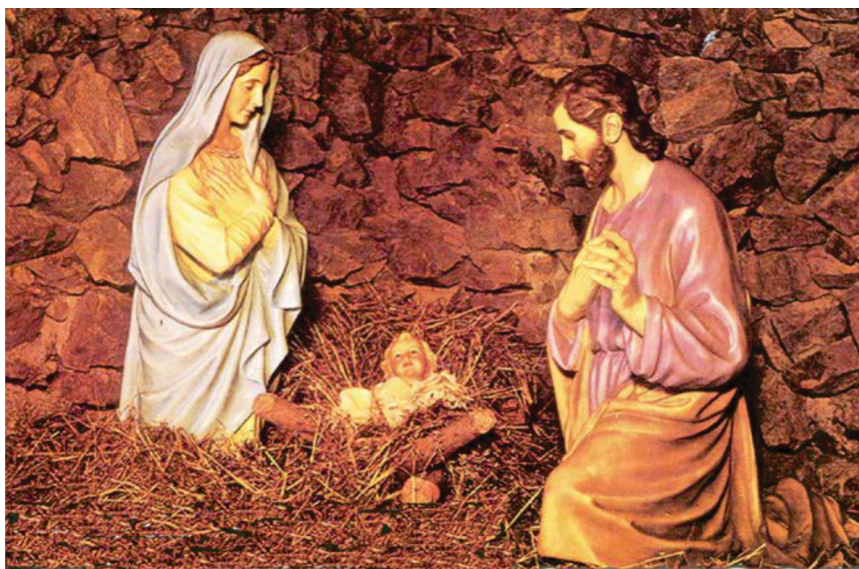


Queen of the Holy Rosary Mediatrix of Peace,
Mediatrix Between God and Man



Shrine Newsletter

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*Christmas is Christ's Birthday,
Come Let Us Adore Him*

About Our Cover

Nativity Grotto

After a four day journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem, Mary and Joseph arrived at the Cave. The Celestials confirmed the actual time and date of Jesus' birth, about midnight on Dec. 24th. "History's Greatest Moment" is now re-enacted each year in a Nativity Pageant held across the road from the Shrine Grounds. A very large cast of performers, along with live animals, special music, sound effects, lighting, costumes, and props make this free-of-charge production very impressive for the many visitors who attend each year on the first Saturday in December. So, here in this little village of Necedah, history is being repeated as it once was made in another small village of Bethlehem, over 2000 years ago.

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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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Vigil Schedule at the Shrine

January 2017

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

February 2017

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

March, 2017

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

April 2017

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

May, 2017

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

Shrine Newsletter

OCTOBER 7, 1965

“Love thy neighbor as you would love thyself, only this way can unity and peace be brought to this troubled world.”

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HEAVEN'S MESSAGES IN REVIEW



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.

HEAVEN'S MESSAGES IN REVIEW

SATAN'S WAR AGAINST CATHOLICS AND ALL CHRISTIANS

The recent election campaigning has been unsettling to many citizens. We are seeing blatant attacks on Christianity and God's Commandments. What once was a God-fearing nation, founded on decency and Christian principles, has been pushed and prodded to persecute Christians and their beliefs. In October, Wikileaks exposed e-mails of campaign managers that specifically targeted Catholics. Related in these e-mails was the fact that organizations have been set up within the Church to specifically tear down traditional Catholic positions on issues. This, added to the break-down within the Catholic Clergy, has disconcerted many believers.

Our Holy Mother spoke often at Necedah about Satan's attempts to take world control in government and religion. Each year we are seeing greater efforts being made to brain-wash the public into accepting Satan's plans. Christians need to stand together against this enemy. The following Messages

reiterate the necessity to stand firm for God's Commandments and Christian Morals.

The Message given to Mary Ann Van Hoof on June 29, 1971 states: *“War between the Christians and Satan; right now Satan is far in the advance, the Christians are lagging behind. They seek not the Kingdom of Heaven; they seek materialistic things, the things of God are shoved aside for a later date; they care not; they heed not. Times are still too good; but the word CHASTISEMENT was written right across these trees, for some it might even be the Armageddon. God is just, He is merciful; seek repentance; hear the pleas of the Heavenly Mother; fulfill Her requests.”*

On May 30, 1972 another Message states: *“This is the battle between Catholicism and Satan. The confusion is scattering and confusing many Priests and Religious, which Satan had so greatly planned; and it seems he is laughing in glee, for he has succeeded. But if all Clergy and all Religious would turn back to their vows, to Their Lord and God, to the true Sacraments; and through that, with purity of thought and purity of heart, they can bring back the great part they as Priests, Bishops, Cardinals and the Nuns, Sisters and Brothers are to play. But they must do that in unison to turn back; remove the shambles they have made; bring back the good, the fundamentals, the true fundamentals of the Faith and follow it devoutly as they promised at their ordinations as well as the Spouses of Jesus Christ....”*

A third Message, that of June 16, 1972, again reiterates the battle we see at present, *“...the word ‘Communism’ is only one of the tentacles, one of the sprouts of the main head of the controls, the Supreme Grand Master, which nurtures all these other branches. Think about it; and it's to destroy the Christian world, it to destroy Catholicism. The battle between the Catholic Church and the enemy of Jesus Christ Himself brings down the Chastisement. Yes, it can be severe.”*

Our Holy Mother's visitations to Mary Ann Van Hoof were for the sole purpose to awaken Christians; for all to turn to God, live His Commandments, and to pray and do penance. **On May 29, 1950 Our Holy Mother had told Mary Ann:** *“WAKE UP, AMERICA! The enemy of God is creeping all over America. Yes, you believe it can't happen here. I am warning you people again as I warned you at Fatima, Lipa, and LaSalette of what did already and will happen. Still you believe Me not and you have no faith in Me. You turn your back on Me.”*

So, time is short. Could you say an extra hour of prayer each week? Could you offer extra penances? This is our only way for personal salvation and to save our Country. May Our Holy Mother give you renewed strength to fight this battle.

CONSTANT VIGIL OF PRAYER

Could You Not Watch One Hour With Me? Our Lord asked this of His sleeping Apostles in the Garden of Gethsemane. Many people throughout the United States have answered the call to take an hour of prayer by starting Perpetual Adoration programs in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Many areas, however, do not have Perpetual Adoration or do not have enough people to fill the hours.

Our Blessed Mother at Necedah has asked for an hour of prayer each week, in addition to our Sunday Church obligation, through a Constant Vigil of Prayer Program. This hour could be taken at home, at church, or anywhere, and could be filled by any type of prayer or spiritual reading. The general intention of this Constant Vigil of Prayer is to save America from destruction by the evil forces.

Please join us by sending your participation information.

The Constant Vigil of Prayer — Our Only Hope for Peace

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.

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 UPDATE

It was a beautiful Fall morning on October 22nd, about 40° at 6:30 A.M.; and then it quickly warmed up to be a nice day with no rain or wind. Heaven surely blessed us!

This was the day for our fourth concrete pour of the Mezzanine area in the House of Prayer. The women prepared a wonderful breakfast for the volunteers at 7:00 A.M., as the pour was to start at 8:00 A.M. We had prepared for this day for quite some time because the forming was so intricate and a lot of support shoring was needed.

The concrete is suspended and held together with large reinforcement rods, even some rods over 1" thick with bends and curves. Each rod was placed by hand, one at a time. Some of the smaller reinforcement rods used were tied together in a grid pattern. Literally tons of steel was used.

We were able to again have back with us some of the volunteers that previously helped with the last pour; as well as the cement layers who traveled hundreds of miles to come and do this work for us. God bless our volunteers!

We were organized and ready, so the work just flowed as the 82 ¾ yards of cement poured out from over 8 full truck loads and was pumped up to the upper level. With professional concrete workers from in-state and out-of-state, including one engineer, it made our job enjoyable. We completed the pour and cleaned the tools by 12:30 P.M., just in time to enjoy the lunch that the women had prepared for us; but it was more like a multi-course dinner. A big "Thank You" to the ladies!

Our hope for next Summer will be to pour the fifth and final Mezzanine area section. From there we will go on to build the forms for the columns and beams needed to support the roof. Please feel free to come and join our volunteers if you can. There is a variety of work for everyone.



**HOUSE OF PRAYER MEZZANINE (CHOIR LOFT) REINFORCING
IN PLACE FOR THE FOURTH POUR OF CONCRETE**



FOURTH CONCRETE POUR OF THE MEZZANINE AREA



FINISHING THE SURFACE OF CONCRETE AREA



FOURTH CONCRETE POUR IS COMPLETED

THE HEART OF MARY

Feature Article

As the vine, I have brought forth a pleasant odor, and my flowers are the fruit of honor and riches. I am the mother of fair love, and of fear, and of knowledge, and of holy hope. In me is all grace of the way of the truth; in me is all hope of life and of virtue. Come over to me, all ye that desire me, and be filled with my fruits; for my spirit is sweet above honey; and my inheritance above honey and the honey comb. My memory is unto everlasting generations. They that eat me shall yet hunger; and they that drink me, shall yet thirst. He that harkeneth to me shall not be confounded, and they that work by me shall not sin. They that explain me shall have life everlasting. (Ecclus. 24, 23-31)

At Fatima, Our Lord requested devotion to the Immaculate Heart of His Mother. To understand more fully the Heart of this Mother, we shall take the following article from the book written by St. John Eudes, “The Admirable Heart of Mary”. There is so much to contemplate in the Heart of Mary, that this following article will barely touch the surface, but will start us on the road to meditating and imploring Mary’s Immaculate Heart.

Jesus Christ, the Only-Begotten Son of God, chose the incomparable Virgin Mary from among all creatures to be His Mother; and deigned to be nourished and governed by Her. In His infinite goodness He also gave Her to us to be our Queen, our Mother, and our sure Refuge in all our needs. He therefore wishes us to honor Her as He honors Her; and to love Her as He loves Her.

According to the Apostle St. Paul, Christ is the Head of His Mystical Body, the Church; and we are the members. We must therefore be animated by His Spirit; we must follow His inspirations; walk the path He has traced; and continue, as it were, His life on earth by practicing the virtues which were His own. It follows that our devotion to His Holy Mother must be a continuation of His devotion to Her. We must be filled with the sentiments of respect, submission, and affection which He entertained for Her on earth and still entertains in Heaven. Mary always held, and will hold forever, the first place in the Sacred Heart of Her Divine Son; She always was, and will never cease to be, the first object of His love after the Eternal Father; and so He wishes that, next to God, She should be the principal object of our devotion. For this reason, after the veneration we owe to the Divine Majesty of God, we cannot render a greater service to Jesus Christ or do anything more pleasing to Him than to serve and honor His most worthy Mother.

The human will is not, however, moved to love a fellow creature unless the intellect first knows what renders it worthy of respect and esteem. The infinite zeal with which the Son of God is inflamed for all that concerns His dear Mother, has urged Him to reveal to us through the inspired words of Sacred

Scripture and through the writings of the Fathers some small measure of the perfections with which He has enriched Her. The reality, far surpassing our knowledge of Her in this vale of darkness, will be revealed only in Heaven, the land of unclouded light.

Among the divinely inspired passages of Sacred Scripture I select one from the twelfth chapter of the Apocalypse, which is a compendium of all the great things that can be said or thought of our marvelous Queen. *“A great sign appeared in Heaven: A woman clothed with the sun; and the moon under Her feet; and on Her head a crown of twelve stars.”* (Apoc. 12, 1) What is this great sign? Who is this miraculous woman? St. Epiphanius, St. Augustine, St. Bernard, and many other holy Doctors agree that the woman is Mary; the Queen among women, the Sovereign of angels and men, the Virgin of virgins. She is the woman who bore in Her chaste womb the perfect man, the God-Man.

Mary appears in Heaven because She comes from Heaven; because She is Heaven’s masterpiece, the Empress of Heaven, its joy and its glory, in whom everything is heavenly. Even when Her body dwelt on earth, Her thoughts and affections were all rapt in Heaven.

She is clothed with the eternal Sun of the Godhead and with all perfections of the Divine Essence; which surround, fill, and penetrate Her to such an extent that She has become transformed, as it were, into the power, goodness, and holiness of God.

She has the moon under Her feet to show that the entire world is beneath Her. None is above Her, save only God; and She holds absolute sway over all created things.

She is crowned with twelve stars that represent the virtues which shine so brightly in Her soul. The mysteries of Her life are as many stars, more luminous by far than the brightest lights of the sky. The privileges and prerogatives God has granted to Her, the least of which is greater than anything shining in the firmament of Heaven as well as the glory of the Saints of Paradise and of earth, are Her crown; and Her glory in a much fuller sense than the Philippians could be said to be the crown and joy of St. Paul.

But why does the Holy Ghost call Mary ‘a great sign’? It is simply to tell us that everything in Her is wonderful, and that the marvels that fill Her being should be proclaimed to the entire world; so that She may become an object of the admiration for the inhabitants of Heaven as well as for mankind on earth; and so that She may be the sweet delight of angels and men.

This is likewise the reason why the Holy Ghost inspires the faithful throughout the world to sing in Her praise: ‘O Mother Most Admirable’. Moreover, according to the testimony of several trustworthy authors, a holy Jesuit who once asked the Mother of God to reveal to him which of the many titles in Her Litany was most pleasing to Her received this same answer: ‘O Mother Most Admirable’.

Mary is truly admirable in all Her perfections and in all Her virtues. But what is most admirable in Her is Her virginal Heart. The Heart of the Mother of God is a world of marvels; an abyss of wonders; the source and principle of all the virtues which we admire in our glorious Queen: ‘All the glory of the King’s Daughter is within.’ It was through the humility, purity, and love of Her most holy Heart that She merited to become the Mother of God; and to receive the graces and privileges with which God enriched Her on earth. These same sublime virtues of Her Immaculate Heart have rendered Her worthy of the glory and happiness that surround Her in Heaven; and of the great marvels that God has wrought in and through Her.

Do not be surprised if I say that virginal Heart of this Mother of Fair Love is an admirable Heart indeed. Mary is admirable in Her divine Maternity because as St. Bernardine of Siena says, “*to be Mother of God is the miracle of miracles.*” But the august Heart of Mary is also truly admirable, for it is the principle of Her divine Maternity and of the wonderful mysteries this privilege implies.

Of Mary’s admirable Heart I shall attempt to speak in this book; although to speak and write worthily of the holy Heart of God’s own Mother, one would need a heart of fire. To know and proclaim the perfections of the noble Heart of the Queen of Angels, one should have the intellect of a Cherub and the flaming love of a Seraph. Nay more, it would be necessary to possess the mind, the heart, the tongue, and the hand of Jesus Christ, the King of all hearts; to understand, honor, proclaim, or commit to writing the treasures of sanctity contained in the holy Heart of Mary; the worthiest, most royal, and most marvelous of all hearts after the most adorable Heart of our Savior Himself.

When the angels beheld their Queen and ours at the moment of Her Immaculate Conception, they were filled with admiration at such fullness of grace; and in their wonderment exclaimed: “*Who is She that cometh forth then must their rejoicing be, now that they behold in Heaven as the morning rising; fair as the moon, bright as the sun, terrible as any army set in array?*” (Cant. 6, 9). What then must their rejoicing be, now that they behold in Heaven all the marvelous perfections of Her Heart from the first moment of Her life on earth until the last?

1. The word “heart”, first of all, signifies the material and corporeal heart which beats within our breast, the noblest part of the human body. It is the principle of life, the first organ to begin to live and the last to be stilled in death; it is the seat of love, hatred, joy, sadness, fear, and every passion of the soul. Of this heart does the Holy Ghost speak when He says: “*With all watchfulness keep thy heart, because life issueth out from it.*” (Prov. 4, 23)
2. “Heart” is also employed in Scripture to signify the memory. This is no doubt its meaning in these words of Our Lord: “*Lay it up therefore in*

your hearts, not to meditate before how you shall answer. For I will give you a mouth and wisdom which all your adversaries shall not be able to resist and gainsay." (Luke 21, 14) That is, remember when you are brought before kings and judges for My name's sake, not to prepare an answer for your enemies because I will give you wisdom which your enemies will not be able to gainsay.

3. It likewise denotes the intellect, with which we meditate. Meditation is, in fact, discursive reasoning on the things of God, tending to persuade and to convince us of the truth of Christian doctrine. This is the heart alluded to in the words: "*The meditation of my heart (is) always in thy sight.*" (Ps. 18, 15). In other words, my heart, that is my intellect, is always occupied in meditating and contemplating Thy glory, mysteries, and works.
4. The word "heart" expresses the free will of the superior and rational part of the soul, the queen of the other faculties, the root of good and evil, and the mother of virtue and of vice. Our Lord refers to this heart when He says: "*A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth that which is evil.*" (Luke 6, 45) Here a good heart means the righteous will of the just man, from which all kinds of good can come; and an evil heart means the bad will of the wicked, which is a source of all kinds of evil.
5. We must also understand by the word "heart" that highest part of the soul which theologians call the point of the spirit. It is the seat of contemplation, which consists in turning the mind directly toward God and viewing Him in all simplicity, without discursive reasoning or multiplicity of thoughts. The Fathers of the Church apply to this power of the soul those words which the Holy Ghost puts in the mouth of the Blessed Virgin Mary: "*I sleep, and My heart watcheth.*" (Cant. 8, 6) According to St. Bernardine of Siena and several other writers, sleep and rest of the body did not prevent Mary's holy Heart, that is, the highest part of Her mind, from being always united to God in sublime contemplation.
6. At times "heart" stands for the whole interior life of man; I mean, of course, the spiritual life, as indicated by these words spoken by the Son of God to the faithful soul: "*Put Me as a seal upon thy heart, as a seal upon thy arm,*" (Cant. 8,6) that is, stamp the image of My interior and exterior life in your interior and exterior life, in your soul and in your body, by a perfect imitation of Me.
7. The word "heart" can also signify the Holy Spirit, the veritable Heart of the Father and the Son, Whom They desire to give us for our own mind and heart. "*And I will give you a new heart, and put a new spirit*

within you." (Ezech. 36, 26).

8. The Son of God is called the Heart of the Eternal Father in Sacred Scripture, and it is of this heart that the Father speaks to His Spouse, the Blessed Virgin, when He says to Her: "*Thou has ravished My heart.*" (Cant. 4, 9) And the Son of God Himself is called in Scripture "*The breath of our mouth,*" (Lam. 4, 20) that is, the soul of our soul and our heart's very heart.

All these hearts are to be found in Mary, the Mother of Fair Love; and they form in Her one single heart, because all the faculties of the superior and the inferior part of Her soul were always harmoniously united. Moreover, Jesus, who is the heart of His Father, and the Holy Ghost, who is the heart of the Father and the Son, were given to Mary to be the soul of Her soul and the heart of Her Heart.

The first heart of Mary, the Mother of God, is the heart of flesh enclosed in Her virginal breast. Although this heart is corporeal, it is nevertheless completely spiritualized by the spirit of grace and the spirit of God which fill it.

The second heart is Her spiritual heart, made God-like, not indeed by the hypostatic union as in the Incarnate Word, but by a superlative participation in the Divine Perfections. This heart is referred to by the words of the Holy Ghost: "*All the glory of the King's Daughter is within,*" (Ps. 44, 14) that is, has its origin in Her heart and Her inmost soul.

The third heart of Mary is divine and is truly God Himself, for it is none other than the love of God. This is the heart of which She says: "*I sleep, and My heart watcheth,*" (Cant. 5, 2) which means according to the interpretation of several holy Doctors: "*While I grant necessary rest to My body, My Son Jesus, who is My Heart and whom I love like My own heart, is always watching over Me and for Me.*"

These three hearts of the Mother of God constitute a single Heart, through the holiest and most intimate union that ever was and will be; next to the hypostatic union. Of these three hearts, or rather, of this single Heart, the Holy Ghost has said twice: "*Mary kept all these words, pondering them in Her Heart.*" (Luke 2, 19 and 51)

Let us listen again to Our Holy Mother: "*Come over to Me, all ye that desire Me.*" (Ecclus. 24,26) (The Holy Ghost caused Her to speak thus.) Not only some, but all – men and women, great and lowly, rich and poor, young and old, children and adolescents, the healthy and the sick, just men and sinners, faithful and unfaithful, learned and ignorant; for I desire to help all of you in your necessities and obtain the salvation of each and every one. Come to Me, for I am the Mother of your Creator and Redeemer; to Me, your Queen and Sovereign; to Me, your Mother, your all-loving Mother: "*The Mother of Fair Love.*" (Ecclus. 24, 24)

Come to Me with great confidence, for God has given Me all power in Heaven and on earth, and My love and tenderness for you are greater than all mothers have ever had, now have, or ever will have in their hearts. Come to Me, for even as I have given life to your adorable head, who is My Son Jesus, I can also give it to His members: *“He that shall find Me shall find life.”* (Prov. 8, 35) Come to Me, for I have given you your Savior, I can cooperate with Him in your eternal salvation, and I long to do so: *“He that shall find Me ...shall have salvation from the Lord.”* (Prov. 8, 35) Come to Me, for I will help you in all your needs, I will remain always with you to guide you everywhere and in all things. I will comfort your heart in afflictions. I will protect you amid the dangers of this life and defend you from the host of your enemies, visible and invisible. I will light your way in the dark and strengthen you in your hour of death. I will receive your souls when they leave your bodies and present them to My Beloved Son. Finally, I will lodge you in My bosom and My motherly Heart. I will keep you always before My eyes and prove the fullness of My truly maternal love.

But listen to Me, My children: *“Now therefore, ye children, hear Me.”* (Prov. 8, 32) *“And blessed is the man that heareth Me.”* (Prov. 8, 32) What have I to say to you? Cast your eyes upon My life on earth, and consider the virtues that God granted Me the graces to practice there. They are as so many voices saying to you: *“Blessed are they that keep My ways,”* (Prov. 8, 32) that is, who travel the road of faith, hope, charity, humility, obedience, purity, patience, and the other virtues that I practiced on earth. Then embrace all these virtues in your hearts; and above all, cultivate a great love for My Son, Jesus Christ. And if you love Him, keep all His Commandments faithfully: *“Whatsoever He shall say to you, do ye.”* (John 2, 5).

Finally, we must realize that My Divine Son and I love all those who love Us. (Prov. 8, 17) Love Us, therefore, as your Father and your Mother, and We will love you tenderly and ardently as Our dearest children. And if you truly love Us, strive to implant a love for Us in the hearts of other men and these words will be fulfilled in your regard: *“They that explain Me shall have life everlasting.”* (Ecclus. 24, 31)

These are the words and promises of our most bountiful Mother, and She will infallibly fulfill them on behalf of Her true children; for She frequently accomplishes even more than She has promised.

O Jesus, Only-begotten Son of God, who has willed to become the only Son of Mary and to accept us as Her children and Thy brethren, make us partakers, we humbly beseech Thee, of Thy wondrous filial love for Her, as well as of Her admirable love for Thee; that we may love Jesus with the Heart of Mary, and Mary with the Heart of Jesus; and that we may have but one heart and love with Jesus and Mary.

LITANY OF OUR LADY, MEDIATRIX OF PEACE

Given through Mrs. Mary Ann Van Hoof
on January 11, 1958

Oh Lady, Mediatrix of Peace,
Mediatrix between Thy Divine
Son and man;

Oh Lady, Mediatrix of Peace,
Pray for our country.

Oh Lady, Mediatrix of Peace,
Pray for Our Holy Father.

Oh Lady, Mediatrix of Peace,
Pray for our clergy and religious.

Oh Lady, Mediatrix of Peace,
Pray for the sick and dying.

Oh Lady, Mediatrix of Peace,
Pray for all Christians.

Oh Lady, Mediatrix of Peace,
Help those trampled underfoot by
the enemy.

Oh Lady, Mediatrix of Peace,
Help those near and dear to
me.

Oh Lady, Mediatrix of Peace
Help those that govern us.

Oh Lady, Mediatrix of Peace,
Help bring peace to the world.

Oh Lady, Mediatrix of Peace,
Help those lost at the wayside
to see the light of God.

Oh Lady, Mediatrix of Peace,
Help those sick in heart, cure
them of their affliction.

(For private use)

MEDIATRIX OF PEACE PRAYER

Revealed—December 12, 1952

Hail, Holy Mother, Mediatrix of Peace;
Mediatrix between Thy Divine Son and man.

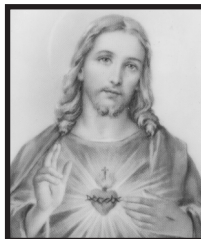
Peace for this afflicted world;

Peace for the home and family, the sick, the dying,
The forgotten, and those trampled underfoot by the enemy.

Oh Merciful Mother, the Mediatrix of all Grace,

Bestow Thy Grace upon us;

So that we may persevere to the end,
To live the life God wants us to. Amen.



FOOD FOR THE SOUL



THE VIRTUE OF HUMILITY

(Excerpts taken from the book, “Humility of Heart” by Fr. Cajetan Mary da Bergamo – translated by Herbert Cardinal Vaughan)

“Learn of Me, because I am meek and humble of heart.” Jesus calls us all into His school to learn; not to work miracles, but to be humble of heart. So, to all He has given the power to learn this humility from Him. Humility contains all things, because in this virtue is truth; therefore God must also dwell therein, since He is the truth.

No greater example of humility can be given, than that of the Son of God when “the Word was made Flesh”. By this union of the Creator with the creature, the Highest was united with the lowest. Jesus Christ summed up all His heavenly doctrine in humility; and before teaching it, it was His will to practice it perfectly Himself.

Humility is essential to all those who wish to be saved. “No one reaches the Kingdom of Heaven except by humility,” says St. Augustine. God banished angels from Heaven for their pride. In Paradise there is no Saint who was not humble. Even the Holy Mother herself, with Her incomparable virtues, displayed profound humility.

Humility is in reality a confession of the greatness of God, who after His voluntary self-annihilation was exalted and glorified. Humility is a virtue that belongs essentially to Christ, not only as man, but more especially as God; because with God to be good, holy, and merciful is not virtue but nature, and humility is only a virtue. “He humbled Himself; He emptied Himself” revealing Himself to us through His humility; as the Lord of all virtues, the conqueror of the world, of death, hell, and sin.

Self-knowledge is a great help for acquiring humility; but in the midst of the many passions, faults, and vices of which we are aware, to recognize our own pride is the most useful of all. Let us therefore examine ourselves and acknowledge our pride in the Confessional. What good qualities have we of our own for which we can praise ourselves? All the good that is in us comes from God; and to Him alone we must give praise and honor.

God has Himself given us the means of obtaining this humility of heart, in the remembrance of death and by meditation upon it. Death is the best teacher of truth; and pride is nothing but an illusion of our heart. Our self-love is wounded at the thought that we must soon die; and when we least expect it; and that with death everything comes to an end for us in this world. This reflection weakens and humbles our self-love.

We must resign our will to the Will of God in times of adversity, which is especially the time when we ought to humble ourselves. As all the troubles of this world are ordained by God, and ours are sent by Him especially to humble our pride and keep us in due humility. Do we really receive them with such intention as to correspond with the intention of God? God sends adversity to us to humble us, that we may learn humility. We are all sinners, unworthy of the graces and blessings we have received from Our Lord. Nothing is more natural to us than humility because we are drawn towards it by our own misery. We can always find it within ourselves, but we must labor to acquire it to a greater degree.

Let us then look to Our Holy Mother and Her Divine Son to learn of Him. In the words of Bishop Sheen, *“There is a close relation between physical littleness, which is childhood, and mental littleness, which is humility. We cannot always be children, which is another way of saying we can be humble. And so in the spiritual order the law remains ever the same: if human beings are ever to discover anything big, they must always be making themselves little; if they magnify their ego to the infinite, they will discover nothing, for there is nothing bigger than the infinite; but if they reduce their ego to zero, then they will discover everything big - for there is nothing smaller than the self. How, then, shall we find the reason behind the joy? Just as it is only by being little that we discover anything big, so it is only by being humble that we will find an Infinite God in the form of a little child.”*



**Our Lord and God
and His Holy Mother
walked the earth in all
humility. Our Lord
was born in a manger.**

LITANY OF HUMILITY

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

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

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

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

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

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

From the desire of being preferred
to others,

Deliver me, O Jesus.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

From the fear of being suspected,
Deliver me, O 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 go
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.

PRO -LIFE

It's very common for people to believe that the issue of abortion is one to avoid discussing at all costs, since people's minds are completely made up on it. This seems even more true if the pro-choicer in question is a decades-long writer for *Cosmopolitan*, a women's magazine with a very positive attitude to casual sex and abortion.

Sue Ellen Browder was a writer for *Cosmopolitan*, and proves this logic wrong. "*I told a lot of lies in that magazine,*" she says now. "*We were making up fantasies of women that were jumping into bed, but they weren't doing it as much as they are today. Fiction has become reality.*"

In fact, not only was she fabricating stories, she herself was leading a different life than the one she was encouraging: "*I had a beautiful marriage. I was home baking chocolate chip cookies ... and raising children and selling this abhorrent lifestyle to young women.*"

That said, writing for *Cosmopolitan* was her dream job, and one where she had the eyes of millions of young women. But despite her many years selling the lifestyle, even she was shocked by how far attitudes have changed.

"*I began to look at all the things I had done and I thought, 'This has wrecked the culture. You were participating in this horrible culture of death,'*" she explained.

Her conversion to Catholicism and the pro-life movement came after she was exposed to the research behind abortion's existence in the women's rights movement, and the research into the legalization of abortion. Browder points out that in *Roe v. Wade*, the justices cited a book by Larry Lader titled "Abortion," which she says contains many lies and propaganda.

She explained: Of the eight political "rights" the National Organization for Women originally called for in the 1960s, right number eight (abortion on demand) is the only one American women are still fiercely divided over today. Far from being a legitimate and universal path to women's freedom, the call for abortion was inserted into NOW's "Bill of Rights" on November 18, 1967, by a handful of radicals (through a vote of only 57 to 14). One-third of the ardent feminists in that meeting angrily walked out and later resigned from NOW over the abortion vote.

She also explained: Love unites people. Evil divides us. Abortion split the feminist movement that very night into two opposing factions: "power feminists" who supported the sexual revolution and were willing to encourage women to do anything to get ahead (even abort their own children); and the "pro-life family feminists" who wanted economic and educational equity for women, but also had the vision to see abortion for the betrayal of women that it truly is. **Continued on page 23.**

SAINTS IN REVIEW

St. Henry II

Saint Henry II was born on May 6, 972 at Albach, Hildesheim, Bavaria. He was of royalty as his mother was Gisella of Burgundy and his father was Henry II the Quarrelsome, Duke of Bavaria. Due to disagreements with some of the emperors, his father often lived in exile. Henry was educated at the cathedral school in Hildesheim by Bishop Wolfgang of Regensburg and had plans on becoming a priest.

In 995, upon his father's death, Henry became the Duke of Bavaria himself, which ended his thoughts of becoming a priest.

Seven years later in 1002, he ascended to the throne of Germany. Then on May 15, 1004 he was crowned King of Pavia.

Henry married and never had children, for it is reported that he and his wife agreed to remain chaste. His wife is known in the Church as Saint Cunegunda. Both Henry and Cunegunda were prayerful people and were very generous to the poor.

Henry's brother rebelled against his power; and Henry was forced to defeat him on the battlefield. Henry later forgave his brother and the two reconciled. Henry was crowned Holy Roman Emperor in 1014 by Pope Benedict VIII; and became the last of the Saxon dynasty of emperors.

Much was accomplished by Henry during his reign. He founded schools, quelled rebellions, protected the frontiers, helped establish a stable peace in Europe, and helped reform the Church while respecting its independence. He fostered missions and established Bamberg as a center for missions in the Slavic countries. He even started the construction of the cathedral at Basel, Switzerland, which took nearly 400 years to complete.

At one point in his life, Henry was cured of an unnamed illness by the touch of Saint Benedict at Monte Cassino. In later life, Henry became somewhat lame. Following Cunegunda's death, Henry considered becoming a monk, but the abbot of Saint-Vanne at Verdun refused his application and told him to keep his place in the world where he could do much good for people and the advancement of God's Kingdom.



Henry died of natural causes on July 13, 1024 at Pfalz Grona, near Gottingen, Saxony. He was canonized by Pope Eugene III in the year 1146.

St. Henry has become known as the patron of the diocese of Bamberg, Germany and of Basel, Switzerland; the Benedictine Oblates; as well as disabled people, dukes, handicapped people, kings, and people rejected by religious orders.

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The abortion industry and its supporters have betrayed millions of women – especially those in the womb. Women are told that abortion is an easy, quick solution to their problems. Many are not told that their unborn baby already has a heartbeat, that there are alternatives to abortion, and there is support to help them parent their child. Few are told about the possible physical and psychological risks of abortion, or the regret they could feel for decades after their child’s irreversible abortion death.

Thank you, Sue Ellen Browder!

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Minnesota: I recently visited the Shrine with a new friend. She wasn't impressed with it at all, which surprised me completely being she is so religious. We traveled so far to get to you, too. I was not at all disappointed though. I have been there twice before with my husband. I love the Crucifix the most. My parents went on a pilgrimage to Necedah in the 50's; and I have motion pictures of Mrs. Van Hoof seeing the vision of Blessed Mary and speaking to her.



You can see the change in the wind. My father's rosary, that I still have, changed then from shiny silver to dull silver and is still the same today. I treasure it, as he was a convert to Catholicism shortly before my parents were married in 1943. I am writing this message to you because I told the gentleman the evening that I was there on November 1st that I would send a donation. His name is James. It was quite a blessing and a wonderful thing, too; because by that time the sun was setting and we didn't know that the shrine was open even though I researched it on the website, emailed you, and called you. I hadn't heard from anyone when we left the Twin Cities that morning at 10:30 am. Please assist me now by giving me your address so that I can send a personal check in honor of my parents, grandmother, and aunt who made that pilgrimage so long ago; and developed a faith in me that grows everyday with the grace from God.

South Dakota: I am finally sending you a donation for your building fund. I am very sorry I have not sent you a donation long ago. You surely have deserved one. We visited your shrine in 1968 on our way home back to North Dakota from Washington D.C. after my husband spent three years there in the U. S. Army. The last visit to your Shrine was about 30 years ago. Thank you for keeping me on your mailing list. I truly enjoy your booklets with all the interesting information. Some have been mind-blowing and at times scary. You have been so kind to keep sending your booklet. Please do not stop sending me your booklet. Keep up the good work.

Ohio: My husband and I enjoy reading the Shrine Newsletter. We do say the Prayers that are included. Also, enclosed is a donation for your most needed work.

Texas: Thank you for your Shrine Newsletter. I received it today and have read it "cover-to-cover". I truly enjoyed reading: 'October 7, 1950'; 'Necessity of Prayer'; and 'The Means Necessary for Salvation'. I will keep this Newsletter to re-read again and again. Thank you so much!

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