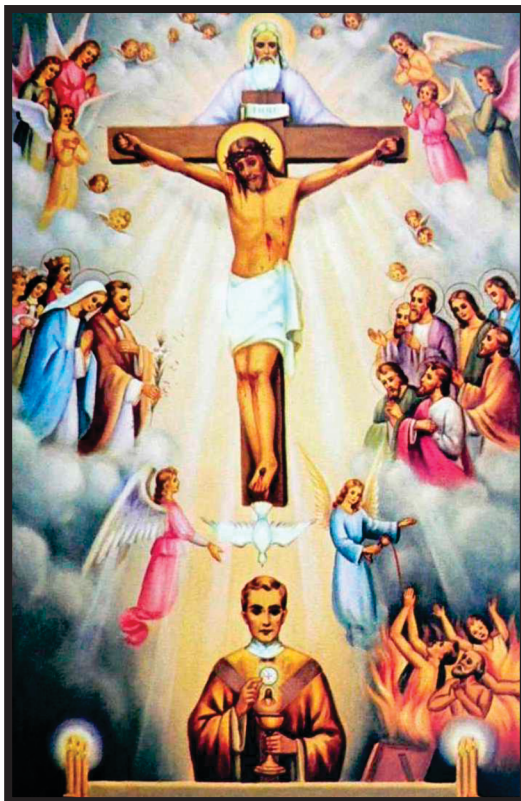


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Mediatrix Between God and Man



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Holy Eucharist and the Trinity

About Our Cover

On May 24, 1970 (Trinity Sunday), Mary Ann Van Hoof was shown in the form of a picture (see cover) what Our Holy Mother explained to her on May 29, 1950. She had explained to her the presence of the Holy Trinity at each and every Mass. She also had explained the significance it does and should play in the Church; Church Triumphant, Church Suffering, and Church Militant. Our Holy Mother told her that at every Mass God the Father is present; God the Son, Our Crucified Lord who died and suffered to save us, is present, God the Holy Ghost, the Holy Spirit in the form of a Dove, is present; plus the Saints, the people in Purgatory, and many of the little Cherubs and Angels in Heaven are present. We are encouraged to keep this in mind when attending Mass.

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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FRIDAY IN ADVENT December 18, 1970
We must put Christ back into Christmas.

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Vigil Schedule at the Shrine

January 2018

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

February 2018

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

March, 2018

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

April 2018

- 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, 2018

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

OUR LADY'S MESSAGES

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

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

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

HEAVEN'S MESSAGES IN REVIEW

Church Crisis

We have heard of many Church scandals, cover-ups, and many erroneous statements from the hierarchy. We were taught to listen and obey those in authority. Yet, now we must use our conscience and sort through the barrage of “watered-down” doctrine and outright scandalous behavior abounding in the Church today. What is our role in all this; and where do we go from here? Reading through the Messages given to Mary Ann Van Hoof, many have identified the problem and our responsibility. We will cite a few examples of the direction given by Our Holy Mother.

Message of March 19, 1971: *“Faith and patience; must have more faith and patience; not enough, not enough.Time, patience; faith and time will prove much.”*

Message of April 2, 1971: *“The World conditions are not improving; world conditions not improving. Do not be deceived; do not be deceived. Members of the Church, do not scandalize your Church; do not scandalize it. You know the right from wrong. YOU KNOW IT. You don't have to be told....Satan laughs with glee at what some of the*

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SHRINE NEWS



House of Prayer Update

Our Shrine Newsletters have kept you up-to-date regarding the progress being made on the House of Prayer. Our Volunteers have been moving things right along; however, we have changed our plans slightly. We were planning to make a concrete pour this Fall, into the three column extensions that are completed; but the high cost of hiring a “pumper-truck” to pour concrete up into only three columns couldn’t be justified.

It is now our plan to complete more columns; plus the 12”x30” beam that will connect them. This will make a more “cost-effective” pour for this up-coming year.

Please continue your prayers and support for this new goal. We again thank YOU and our VOLUNTEERS; and we ask Our Blessed Mother to reward you for all that you are doing for Her Sacred Cause.

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 inter-cede
for me to Thy Divine Son;
that I faltered not with malice or fore-thought,
but in ignor-ance and weakness of flesh?
Will You, Holy Mother, inter-cede for me?"

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

Hierarchy are doing. They are scandalizing their Church; many of the Priests and Nuns. God will not hear them. He will not hear them. He will not be scandalized. He will not be mocked; and they are mocking Him. They must stop. You cannot scandalize your Church and hope to find salvation; there is none, not for the ones that are spreading scandal.You are getting away from the Traditional Church; and this means Chastisement. Remember, you will have a tremendous part to play in History. You can be the ones to save much; you can save souls.”

March 26, 1971: *“Are you priests going to stand and take it; or are you going to fight? Remember, the enemy wants One-World Religion, One-World Government, and One-World Control; and that includes the Catholic Church. Are you going to follow their heretical way? There will be no salvation for those that do. It might be a little bit easier while you walk the earth; but it will be Hell hereafter.”*

“The Vatican is a mess; the Vatican is a mess. The followers of Cardinal Bea, they are pushing the good Cardinals out; either retiring them or pushing them into the Mission fields; disposing of them all, so they cannot involve the decisions of others.”

“Pray for His Holiness; the division is near, the division is upon you...”

“The Church must cleanse its way; it must purify. The priests must be priests; they are responsible for the confusion of the laity. Our Holy Mother pleads; the laity must work, the laity must work. Go to your priests; go to them and tell them what is in your heart. Do not be afraid of him; he is only a man representing Thy Lord and God. Yes, but if he does not fulfill the teachings of Jesus Christ, he is not representing Him; he must fulfill that teaching. Pray for Priests. Plead to the layman to pray for the Priests, the Religious; save their souls, save their souls.”

March 2, 1972: *“Follow the path and teachings of Thy Lord and God, only that; no other platitudes or disruptions; tales and woes and stories; only follow the True Church of Christ. Remember the battle right now is between destruction of Catholicism, or having completely a One-World Church. There is your battle between the good and evil; against Christ and for Satan. For Lucifer has his cohorts all over. He has placed them within many a good man and woman. But if you keep yourself with Your Lord and God, and when you go to the Eucharist to receive It, if you receive It that It is Thy Lord and God, that you really believe It is He; it is what is in your heart that counts, the truth. It must only be the truth that will get you to Heaven.”*

FOOD FOR THE SOUL

Spiritual Communion

The graces and strength one receives in Communion, though dependent on the disposition of the soul, truly aid in spiritual perfection. Receiving often the Body and Blood of Our Lord is a most efficacious means toward one's Eternal Goal. When such reception is impossible, for any reason, a Spiritual Communion is encouraged. We look to "The Catechism Explained", 1921 copyright from the original by Rev. Francis Spirago, for the Church's explanation of this wonderful practice.

Spiritual Communion consists in awakening within the heart a lively desire to receive Holy Communion. To make a Spiritual Communion is a matter of no difficulty; it is enough to recollect one's self for a few minutes, to place one's self in spirit before the Tabernacle, and to beg Our Lord to come into your heart.

We recite a Spiritual Communion prayer at each Prayer Vigil held at the Necedah Shrine. It reads: "*My Jesus, I believe that Thou are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love Thee above all things. I desire to receive Thee into my soul. Since I cannot now receive Thee sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace Thee and unite myself entirely to Thee, as if Thou hadst already come. Do not permit me to be ever separated from Thee.*" (St. Alphonsus Liguori)

We ought to make a Spiritual Communion during Mass, more particularly at the Communion of the Priest; and also when we pay a visit to the Blessed Sacrament. We may even communicate spiritually every hour of the day; the oftener the better. For this act there is no need to fast beforehand, nor to obtain permission from our Confessor.

Spiritual Communion is the means of enriching the soul with many and precious Graces. Actual Communion is compared to a golden vessel, where Spiritual Communion to a silver vessel. Our Lord, when on earth, did not heal only those to whom He went to in person; but also those who were absent, and who ardently desired His presence. Remember how He acted in regard to the Centurion's servant? He does the same now as He did then. The Council of Trent says (13, 8): "*Those who eat in desire of that Heavenly Bread are, by a lively faith which worketh by charity, made sensible of the fruit and usefulness thereof.*" Spiritual Communion is the best preparation for Sacramental Communion. Our Lord did not come to earth until His advent was ardently desired; and in like manner, He is reluctant to visit the soul that does not earnestly long to receive Him.

With the ever increasing immorality being encouraged and accepted, as Catholics, we must arm ourselves to fight these evils thrown upon society. God and His Holy Mother will work through us; giving us strength to right the wrongs, to stand for our faith. This can only be accomplished by increasing our love of God. Living daily in His presence and doing all for Him, must be our goal. Frequent Spiritual Communions will greatly benefit our soul and bring us closer to Him. What great gifts He has given us! May we find in them the wondrous peace of soul promised by our Savior.

FEATURE ARTICLE

Holy Eucharist and The Trinity

The Holy Eucharist, the greatest gift we have received from Our Lord, is the means of our salvation. *“He who eats of this bread shall live forever.”* (John vi. 52) Do we truly appreciate and understand the power of the Eucharist and its strength for our souls? We need to learn more, meditate more, and fill our souls with a deep love and yearning for the Holy Eucharist. Let us in this article take time to meditate as we read and absorb these words of M. V. Bernodot, O.P. from his book, *“From Holy Communion to the Blessed Trinity”*.

In our everyday life it is by Holy Communion that we are especially united with Christ. The great means for us to enrich ourselves with the Divine Life is to eat the Bread of Life. A wonderful union is established at that moment. Even the most intimate unions of the world cannot be compared to it. To find an analogy we must ascend with St. John Chrysostom to the union of the two natures in Christ; and say that Communion unites us to Jesus as His Sacred Humanity is united to The Word.

Assuredly the life of Jesus and our life remain distinct, just as His Nature and Soul do from ours. He establishes, however, an incomparable union of love. To give an idea of this unification of Christ and man (Council of Florence), the Fathers of the Church make use of some wonderful comparisons: *“Throw melted wax into melted wax,”* said St. Cyril of Jerusalem, *“and the one interpenetrates the other perfectly. In like manner when the body and blood of Christ are received, the union is such that Christ is in the recipient and he in Christ We have the same body and the same blood.”* St. Cyprian writes, *“Our union with Christ unifies affections and wills.”*

Practically at the moment of Communion, Jesus is so completely in our hearts and in our souls, that our thoughts and affections may be said to be His also. At first they are in Him, then He communicates them to us according to the measure of our love. If a soul has only a little love, Jesus is forced to accommodate Himself to the narrow limits of that soul and to restrain His gifts. To the Communicant, however, who is detached both from himself and creatures, who gives himself unreservedly with a pure heart, Jesus in exchange gives Himself as only God is able to do. An interchange of life is established; a communication of gifts, a unity of love which defies human description. The soul permeated by Jesus becomes, as it were, fruitful soil germinating both flowers and fruits. It conceives wondrous thoughts; makes burning acts of love. Can these be said to be

ours? Yes, for they spring from our intelligence and affections; common to us and Him. Together we adore, love, give thanks; together we give ourselves to our Father in Heaven. His love and ours, His thoughts and ours intermingle: like two grains of incense burnt together in the same thurible. They exhale one perfume towards Heaven.

At the moment of Communion we are really in possession of Life Itself. We have within us the Incarnate Word; with all He is, with all He does. Jesus, God, and man; all the treasures of His Divinity, all the graces of His Humanity that St. Paul terms "*the unsearchable riches of Christ*" (Eph. iii. 8).

Communion pours into us the heavenly and glorified life of His Humanity; His Heart, His Soul. In the heavens this sight fills the Angels with joy. Some Saints on earth have also seen the glorified Humanity of Jesus in vision. "*It was a beauty human language could not express,*" said Blessed Angela of Foligno. The remembrance caused "*an immense joy, a sublime light, an unspeakable and continual delight; a delight to which all others are but dross.*"

Yet this glorified body, animated by a heart, an abyss of love, by a soul ineffably beautiful, radiating light, life, grace, peace and joy, the very sanctuary and paradise of God, now becomes our banquet.

Jesus comes to us as God. This is the very crown, the culminating point of the Divine generosity. "*Having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them unto the end*" (John xiii. 1); even to the extreme limit, the ultimate capacity of love. We communicate then in the Divine life of Jesus; in His life as The Word, as the only Son of the Father.

But He Himself said, "*I live by the Father*" (John vi. 88). From all eternity, the Father gives to the Son that life which is His own. He gives it entirely without measure with such generosity of love that, though remaining distinct, they form but one Divinity; with the same life, the same plenitude of love, joy, and peace. Yet it is this Life that we receive.

The Word comes to us. But He does not come alone. "*I am the Father, and the Father in Me*" (John xiv. 10). What a consoling truth; that where Jesus is, His Father is also: "*He that sent Me, is with Me; and He hath not left Me aloneThe Father abideth in Me*" (John viii. 29, xiv. 10). But where the Father and the Son are present, there also is the Holy Ghost. Consequently the adorable Trinity dwells in the heart of each communicant. Jesus Himself has said so. "*If anyone love MeMy Father will love him; and We will come to him, and will make Our abode with him*" (John xiv. 23).

Our soul becomes a sanctuary filled with ineffable wonders; for the Three Persons do not remain inactive in the communicant. The Father generates there, the Son; and the Father and Son together breathe forth the

Holy Ghost.

The Father eternally expresses a Word, similar to and equal to Himself. By this essential and living Word He completely manifests Himself. On seeing this Word, (His image, Light, Thought, Glory, the counterpart of Himself, equivalent splendor of all His perfections, living mirror of His Being, fruit of His affection), the Father loves Him with a love that is illimitable. The Word also returns an infinite love, in all respects equal to that of His Father. This living, subsistent, unique, and mutual love; this embrace; this ineffable kiss, consummates them in the unity of the Holy Spirit. This is the great mystery whose contemplation inundates the Angels with glory, happiness, and beauty. These marvelous intelligences who understand at one glance all the mysteries of created things, fix their gaze eternally on the Three Divine Persons; without exhausting, without satiating their desire for this mystery. Their untiring glance always discovers within the abyss of the Divine Life, new perfections which they contemplate with ravishment; and hymn with delight.

This mystery is brought to us at Communion. Whilst at all times “*we are the temples of the living God*” (II. Cor. vi. 16); for as St Thomas says, “*By Sanctifying Grace, the entire Trinity is the guest of our souls*”. Yet this is, if possible, more true at the moment of Communion because then Jesus comes to us as the Bread of Life; to bestow expressly upon us that life which He derives from His Father: “*He who eats of this Bread shall live*”. But how will he live? “*As the living Father hath sent Me, and I live by the Father; so he that eateth Me, the same also shall live by Me*” (John vi.58).

The soul of the communicant becomes, as it were, the heaven of the Blessed Trinity. In my soul as in Heaven, the Father utters His Word and generates His Son; and in so doing, gives Him to me. “*Thou art My beloved Son...in Thee I am well pleased.*” (Ps. Ii. 7; Luke iii. 22). In my soul the Father and Son now exchange Their mutual love, are held in equal embrace; and Their love, breathing forth like a flame, is the Holy Spirit.

By this life which is given me, I am a participant of the marvelous interchange of love of the Three Divine Persons. Jesus makes me realize His love for His Father; makes me penetrate into His Heart; shows me His Soul burning with love for God. With Him and by Him, I love His Father; Who is mine, also. He teaches me to adore, praise, love, surrender myself; to repeat with Him, “*Behold, I come to do Thy Will, O My God...Into Thy hands, I commend My Spirit.*” (Ps. Xxxix. 8, 9; xxx. 6). Jesus Himself asks His Father, that I may be admitted into the mystery of the love of ‘The Three.’ “*Father, I pray for them also ...that they may be one in Us.*” (John xvii. 20, 21).

Led to the Father by Jesus; to Jesus by the Father; I am immersed, as it

were, in the Holy Spirit, the eternal and mutual love of both Father and Son. The Holy Ghost is Your Gift; because He is Your union, Your consummation, the seal of Your unity. He is also my union, my consummation, the seal of my unity with You; "*He teaches me all things*" (John xiv. 26).

The Blessed in Heaven and the Church Militant on Earth, receiving the same God, partake of the same life. It is true that the Blessed have the vision of God, whilst we only possess Him by faith. But Communion, like vision, gives Him to us immediately and completely; without other obstacles, than that of our frailties and tepidity. If our faith were sufficiently strong to eliminate this indifference; sufficiently ardent to remove every obstacle, and thus to prepare for receiving the Host; like the same reception that the purifying process of purgatory effects our readiness for eternal life, the results would be almost the same. Filled with the Eucharistic life by Communion, even those here on Earth would be transformed in God as are the elect in Heaven.

It is above all, that at the moment of Communion, this life overflows into me. But after the Sacred Species are consumed, He dwells in my soul. Because the Sacred Humanity continues to make me share in His life by means of His grace. I rest in communication with Him, as the branch with the sap of the vine. Is not the union of the sap with the branch a lasting one? Is not the union between the head and the members a real and permanent union? The union of the communicant with the Humanity of Jesus is just as real, permanent, and efficacious. Between the soul of the Communicant and the Soul of Christ there is an incessant communication, a flowing and reflowing of life. What matters is external distance, if the life is the same life; for it is the same Grace which is in the Host and in my soul.

Nothing that is human and terrestrial can be compared to the closeness of this union, because the Sacred Humanity acts directly upon the soul. The Angels themselves, though they have received marvelous gifts, are unable to act immediately upon my intelligence and move it spontaneously to think and believe; still less have they the power to act from within upon my will. It is God alone who can control and move the center of energy of the soul.

We must note that in speaking of the Eucharistic Union with regard to the Blessed Trinity, we simply wish to say that Communion is the most efficacious means of effecting that sublime work of super-naturalizing the soul. Each time we approach the Holy Table, it augments the Presence of the Three Divine Persons. Yet the indwelling of the Holy Trinity ordinarily commences when the soul is established in a State of Grace.

The presence of the Three Divine Persons is not limited, like the

physical presence of the Sacred Humanity to the integrity of the Eucharistic Species. They dwell in our soul before Communion; and They remain after the Host has disappeared. But Their presence is more intimate; for Communion has increased their influence and efficacy. After Communion the capacity of the soul to receive God is augmented. 'We will come to Him Who loves us', said Our Lord, 'I, My Father, and the Holy Spirit;' "*and will make our abode with him.*" (John xiv. 23).

The Three do more than visit us; they establish their abode with us. Our soul becomes a heaven; our life a commencement and prelude of the Eternal Happiness. This is why St. Paul could write, "*The temple of God is holy, which you are.*" "*Your members are the temple of the Holy Ghost.*" (I. Cor. iii 17; vi. 19).

In this temple, the Three Divine Persons do not remain inactive. They act unceasingly, each according to His own proper character. The mystery of the Trinity is realized in the activity and love that the Three Persons bear to the soul; the soul being loved differently by each of them, yet with a single love. This love is single; because each time that the Three Persons act exteriorly to themselves, they act as one. At the same time it is a triple effusion of love revealing something of the characteristics proper to each of the Three Persons.

The Father comes as the source of life and peace; the Creator who, after producing the creature, establishes it in its appropriate surroundings; the Father surrounding His child with goodness and inexpressible tenderness.

The Word comes as the source of light; the Thought of the Father, His living Word, His image. He unites Himself to my intelligence, giving me a supernatural knowledge of the Divinity.

The Holy Ghost comes as the source of love; the Love of the Father and the Son; Their mutual embrace; the external expression of Their love; the consummation of Their life. He unites Himself to my will to introduce me into the supernatural love of the Father and Son.

On the Earth we have but the commencement of this wonderful joy. Yet, we have a true participation. For the life of Grace here below and the life of Glory in Heaven, are one and the same; Grace commencing what Glory achieves. There is then already in us something of the wonderful mystery of the Three Persons. Jesus Himself helps us to realize this, "*No one cometh to the Father, but by Me.*" "*No man can come to Me, except the Father draw him*" (John xiv. 6; vi 44). In other words, you will never go to My Father if you do not enter into the movement of love which unites Me to Him; and you will never come to Me if the Father does not draw you into the love with which He turns to Me, and which is consummated in the unity of the Holy Ghost. The soul then, which loves the Three Divine Persons, is drawn by the Holy Spirit into that

intercommunicating movement of vision and love which constitutes the happiness of God; a happiness which is communicated to the Angels and the Blessed.

In order that our soul shall remain united with the Sacred Humanity and the Adorable Trinity, it suffices to remain in a State of Grace. Only mortal sin destroys this permanent union. Whether we think of it or not, we are incorporated with Christ and live in Him. The fruits, however, that we derive differ very considerably. For they are in proportion to the consciousness or unconsciousness of this union; that is to say whether we realize or not, this true Presence of God within us. We may be united to God as the child to his mother whilst he sleeps in her arms; or we may be united with God as was the beloved Apostle who, at the Last Supper, reclined his head on the breast of the Master and listened to the secrets of His Heart.

Without doubt that first unconscious union is very precious. But how much more perfect is the second. This only can lead to perfection; to sanctity. We can only draw fully from the infinite resources of Communion, and the union it establishes, by the constant exercise of our free will; or to use the language of theologians, by making this union more and more actual. We must not content ourselves with a State of Grace only; our love must be awake, and actuated by the desire to live without ceasing with the Blessed Trinity through Jesus.

This would be relatively easy if our lives could be passed before the Tabernacle; and we were not constantly interrupted by external work and occupations. But this is far from the case with the majority of us. After Communion we have to return to our brethren; often to very absorbing duties. Providence has assigned a definite work for each; and it is not for us to turn from it. Christ comes to aid us in its performance; and He wishes we should do our best.

But now difficulty arises. Ought we to cease contemplating the wonderful mysteries Communion has established in our souls? Are we to leave God for the services of our neighbor? Yes, we must do so; but we must still try and dwell with God, uniting external work with interior contemplation. In a word, we must lead an active exterior life without diminishing the interior.

Here as in all things, Jesus is our model. God the Father was constantly in His thoughts; no work or suffering could for an instant turn Him away from God. His soul never ceased contemplating the splendors of the Beatific Vision. All that He saw on Earth, He saw in the Divine Light. Christ's Will was always so intimately united to His Father's, that He neither loved nor did anything save what the Father loved or desired. He was united by His love. For His Sacred Heart burnt with a love for His

Father which was absolutely pure, entirely disinterested, and of the greatest intensity. All His thoughts, acts, His whole being resolved itself into a permanent act of ineffable love. Such is the model for every Christian soul.

To live constantly with God, and in God, is the ideal set before the communicant. To attain this, the practice of recollection is a primary necessity. The soul is recollected when it gathers together all its faculties and enters into itself to find God there. The avoidance of useless conversations, of worldly amusements, and the practice of silence are the elementary duties of everyone seeking to live a truly Christian life. To imagine that a pious and a worldly life can co-exist is a dangerous illusion. It is necessary to choose between God and the World.

An external silence will not suffice. It is necessary to establish silence within; that is to say to banish preoccupations, useless thoughts, day-dreams, all the vain work of the imagination which often troubles the soul more than prolonged external conversations. To give free rein to one's imagination is an obstacle to perfect union. The sincere Christian ought to maintain a ceaseless watch over himself, so that he may constantly and continuously govern his interior faculties.

Jesus came upon Earth to work. His whole life was filled with the definite accomplishment of an appointed task. Christ's work was an act of adoration of His heavenly Father; a recognition of His sovereign rights. His work was accomplished religiously in a spirit of love and inexpressible humility; with the intention of glorifying God. "*My work is to do the Will of Him that sent Me; that I may perfect His work*" (John iv. 34).

The Christian ought to "*Have the same mind as Christ*" (cfr. Phil. ii. 5); to unite his intentions with those of the Divine Workman. Before all, let us love work; because it is the service of God. It should be a duty for us, a work of religion, a sign of humility, of dependence, an acknowledgment of the Divine Rights of the Creator over His creatures.

Let us then, dwell with God in our work; suppressing, as far as possible, the difference between the times of prayer and the times of work. We can and should always converse with our interior Guests.

Ultimately it is for Himself, for His glory, that God has made us His adopted children. Our divine purpose then must be completed in the love and praise of God. To glorify God is the essential and primordial work of the creature, as long as it exists. That fact should dominate everything. Such is the end of Communion; a fusion of heart and soul. Communion, then, should produce in us a transformation. The aim is to lose our own proper life, and substitute it for the life of Christ.

PRAYERS FOR THE PREPARATION OF CHRISTMAS

The following prayers were requested on the Feast of St. Nicholas, December 6, 1968. The prayers are to be said on the dates indicated, as a preparation for Christmas.

December 18th

Prayer of the Immaculate Conception: O God, by the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin, Thou prepared a worthy habitation of Thy Son. We beseech Thee, that, as by the foreseen death of Thy same Son Thou preserved Her from all stain of sin, so Thou would grant us also, through Her intercession, to come to Thee with pure hearts. Through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen.

Prayer of the First Sunday of Advent: O Lord, we beseech Thee, stir up Thy power, and come; that by Thy protection we may deserve to be rescued from the threatening dangers of our sins, and to be saved by Thy deliverance. Who live and reign with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen.

December 19th

Prayer of the Holy Name of Mary: Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that Thy faithful people, who delight in the name and protection of the most Holy Virgin Mary, may by Her loving intercession, be delivered from all evils on earth and deserve to enter into everlasting joys in Heaven. Through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen.

Prayer of the First Sunday of Advent: (as on the 18th)

December 20th

Prayer of the Nativity of Our Blessed Mother: Bestow upon Thy servants, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the gift of Thy Heavenly Grace, that as the childbearing of the Blessed Virgin was the beginning of our salvation, so the votive feast of Her Nativity may bring us an increase of Peace. Through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen.

Prayer of the Second Sunday of Advent: Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the ways of Your Only-begotten Son, that we may attain to serve Thee with purified minds, through His Advent. Who with Thee lives and reigns in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen.

December 21st

Prayer of the Immaculate Heart of Mary: Almighty and eternal God, Thou prepared in the Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a worthy dwelling place for the Holy Ghost; mercifully grant, that we, who devoutly celebrate the feast of that Immaculate Heart, may be able to live according to Thy Heart. Through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen.

Prayer of the Second Sunday of Advent: (as on the 20th)

December 22nd

Prayer of the Maternity of the Blessed Mother: O God, Thou willed that, at the message of an angel, Thy Word should take flesh in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary; grant to Thy suppliant people, that we, who believe Her to be truly the Mother of God, may be helped by Her intercession with Thee. Through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen.

Prayer of the Third Sunday of Advent: Incline Thy ear to our prayers, we beseech Thee, O Lord, and brighten the darkness of our minds by the Grace of Thy Visitation. Who lives and reigns with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen.

December 23rd

Prayer of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Bestow upon us Thy Servants, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the gift of Thy Heavenly grace, that as the childbearing of the Blessed Virgin was the beginning of our salvation, so the votive feast of Her Visitation may bring us an increase of Peace. Through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen.

Prayer of the Third Sunday of Advent: (as on the 22nd)

December 24th

Prayer of the Nativity of Our Lord: O God, Who gladdens us by the annual expectation of our redemption, grant that we who now joyfully, welcome Thy Only-begotten Son as our Redeemer, may also, without fear, behold Him coming as our Judge, even the same Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son. Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen.

Prayer of the Fourth Sunday of Advent: Stir up Thy power, we beseech Thee, O Lord. Come, and succor us with great might: that by the help of Thy Grace, what is hindered by our our sins, may be hastened by the bounty of Thy mercy. Who live and reign with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost: God, world without end. Amen

Green Scapular



On September 8, 1840 in Paris, France Our Blessed Mother gave to the World another marvel of Her wonderful Graces, again proving Her deep love for all of us; however, this time it was through Her chosen child, Sister Justine Bisqueyburu, a French nun in the Order of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul. This marvel took the form of a single piece of felt with a picture of the Blessed Mother on one side; and on the other side a heart with flames of love above it, pierced with a sword and dripping with blood. A Cross was superimposed above it with the words, "Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us now and at the hour of our death." Since that time it has become a practice with many people to add the following words, "WE HAVE RECOURSE TO THEE." This should be said at least once each day for oneself; or for those whom we are asking special favors through it from Our Lady.

It is available with a long cord for wearing, as it is now considered special protection dur-ing this time of great evil; or it is also available with a short loop for those who wish to carry it in their purse or pocket. More and more people are now wear-ing it with their Brown Scapular, as it is so pow-erful for the above and other reasons such as: conversions, reversions, physical cures, help for students in their studies, assistance to find employment, and protection for these difficult times.

An easy way to wear it with the Brown would be to roll the Brown Scapular and slide it through the loop located on the top of the Green, so that the strings of the Brown could serve both; and yes, provide full protection of each. For full benefits, see instructions as given by God's own Holy Mother. The Green may be placed in one's clothing, on the bed, or simply in the room. The Brown must be worn. Enrollment in it is not necessary; as it is not the Badge of Confra-ternity, but simply a double Scapular attached to a single cord. It is sufficient that it be blest by a Priest. Our Lady promised that the Graces given through it would be in direct proportion to the trust and confidence of the one giving or wear-ing it. Therefore, one can give the Scapulars freely to the sick, or those who wish or need spiritual or other help. The results in many cases are tremendous.

When using it to help others it can be placed in their home, in their room, on their clothing, or on other personal effects. Should someone be too ill to say the ejaculation, or for some other rea-son would not be disposed to saying it, then the one giving it must say it for them.

Approval for the use of it was given twice by Pope Pius IX; first in 1863 and again in 1870 when he said, "*Write these good Sis-ters that I authorize them to make and dis-tribute it.*" There have been so many favors granted through it that volumes of books could be written on the Graces received.

An Interesting Story

A young couple who was very wealthy suffered the loss of all they had, and were reduced to a state of great poverty. The wife was Catholic but the husband

not; however their three little boys were being brought up Catholics. After they met with reverses, the mother became careless about her religion and neglected sending the children to Church or Catechism because she had no fit clothing for them; and in time, all religion became a thing of the past in the family. Again, the wheels of fortune turned and they not only retrieved what they had lost but became millionaires. The mother gradually returned to the practice of her Faith, as also two of the boys; but the older one did not. This was a source of continual worry to the mother who realized she was responsible before God; for the son was now 55. He ignored all her efforts to win him back. A neighbor, learning the facts, gave the mother two Green Scapulars; and told her to have him wear one. He laughed and re-fused to do so. She then placed one on his bed; and sewed another into his suit. A few weeks later he said to his mother, "*Guess where I have been. I have been to the Jesuits to have them instruct me in my Faith; and pre-pare me to approach the Sacraments.*" Shortly after, he made his First Confession and re-ceived his First Holy Communion. The family is extremely grateful to Our Lady of the Green Scapular.

For a very impressive list of some of the many graced and physical favors obtained from the Blessed Mother through Her powerful Green Scapular, you may be interested to read the best book written on it. The title of the book is 'The Green Scapular and Its Favors' by Marie Edouard Mott, C.M.

In conformity with the Decree of Pope Urban VIII, all statements herewith are unreservedly submitted to the judgments of the Holy See; and the decisions of the Sacred Congregation of Rites.

May Our Lord use this information to glorify even more, the Immaculate Heart of His Holy Mother as represented by this powerful badge, Her Green Scapular. May He inspire those who read it with an ever-increasing confidence in the goodness and power of This Holy Heart, Refuge of Sinners. Likewise to inspire them to appreciate even more, the special Graces of protection, physical cures, conversion, and reversion; and to better understand and realize the goodness and power of Her Divine Son's Sacred Heart, especially during these evil and Satanic times. May your work be one too, of Thanks for the return to His one true fold of many; who one day in Heaven, shall, like yourself, praise His Divine Mercies forever and ever.

MESSAGE GIVEN AUGUST 5th, 1968

"I am asking all of you to wear the green cloth of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and daily say, '**Oh Immaculate Heart of Mary, Pray for us now and at the hour of our death: we have recourse to Thee.**' Many have the thoughts that because its the Green Scapular as known by many, that it is only for conversions, they are wrong. Anyone wearing this under the True Faith and Love for the Immaculate Heart of Mary, will be protected from much; from the evil, pestilence, injuries as well as for a happy death. Some say they are merely for conversions, this is wrong; they will help to, for many conversions but you yourself keep it over your heart at all times, saying the little prayers daily."

PRO-LIFE NEWS

“*Humanae Vitae*” by Pope Paul VI is 50 years old this year. He bravely defied the members of the panel he appointed when they “suggested” the Church change its stance on artificial contraception. He rightly foresaw the dangers such a change would bring. Since then, through the widespread dissent to that encyclical, many of those dangers have now become a reality.

How often have we heard or used the expression “slippery slope”? Contraception leads to abortion. Abortion leads to euthanasia and infanticide. How many times did people say “*that is extreme*”, and “*it won’t happen?*” “*Just give us access to contraception and it will help reduce abortion.*”

And then abortion was the next “privilege” fought for. “*Just give us the right to control our own bodies, and decide when we will bear a child*”. Then it became an issue that they didn’t want to bear a child who was “defective”, and/or “unable to live a full and productive life.”

So Iceland is now close to becoming known as the first country where no one gives birth to a child with Down’s Syndrome. How did they accomplish this? Not because the cause has been eradicated. It is because pre-natal testing was introduced in the early 2000’s; and the vast majority of women who tested positive terminated their pregnancy, rather than give birth to a baby who would be “imperfect” in their eyes. What can be sadder than having women march in the streets for the right to kill their unborn children? Since that very Catholic country of Ireland has now declared that abortion is legal, they also want to make the Catholic doctors, nurses, and hospitals active participants in the killing of these innocents.

But even that is not the end of the “slippery slope”. Women activists advocate for the right to decide what “sex” children will be called. And more and more college students are willing to say they support “4th trimester” abortions; in other words, infanticide, killing babies after birth. Mairead Mcardle, a Thomas Aquinas student citing the testimony of Mark Harrington the director of Created Equal, noted that today not only do college students support post-birth abortion, but some even suggest children up to 4 or 5 years old can also be killed, because they are not yet “self-aware”.

Recently, in Canada, it has been decided that children can be euthanized (KILLED) without the consent of their parents. (It would not be right even with their consent.) Also, elderly people are at risk of being euthanized; or encouraged to “die with dignity” by asking for assisted-suicide

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SAINTS IN REVIEW

St. Teresa of Avila

Teresa was born in Avila, Spain on March 28, 1515. She was the daughter of a Toledo merchant and his second wife who died when Teresa was fifteen. Shortly after her mother died, Teresa was placed in the care of the Augustinian nuns. After reading the letters of St. Jerome, Teresa wanted to enter a religious life. In 1535 she joined the Carmelite Order.



After a number of years in the convent, she suffered a severe illness that left her legs paralyzed for three years, during which she experienced a vision of "the sorely wounded Christ" that changed her life forever.

From this point forward, Teresa moved into a period of increasingly ecstatic experiences in which she came to focus more and more sharply on Christ's passion. With these visions as her motivation, she worked for the reformation of her Order, beginning with her attempt to master herself and her adherence to the rule. Gathering a group of supporters, Teresa tried to create a more primitive type of Carmelite.

From 1560 until her death, Teresa struggled to establish and broaden the movement of Discalced, or shoeless, Carmelites. During the mid 1560's, she wrote "The Way of Perfection" and "Meditations on the Canticle". In 1567 she met St. John of the Cross, who she enlisted to extend her reform into the male side of the Carmelite Order.

Teresa died on October 4, 1582 at the age of 67. She was canonized a Saint by Pope Gregory XV in 1622. Her feast day was set as October 15th.

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(MURDER). If they back out at the last moment, they can always be "helped" to complete the task. A farewell party is given so everyone can celebrate the life of the person who is about to have his/her life snuffed out. It started with "relief" for the terminally ill; and quickly advanced to anyone who feels they don't want to go on living, no matter what the reason.

Indeed, the "slippery slope" has gotten to be a regular "landslide" that seems unstoppable. God is no longer in the picture; and the worth of suffering is no longer advocated. We look for relief from all discomfort; and never consider that we could offer our sufferings up to Our Lord, to be joined with His suffering for the salvation of souls.

MAIL CORNER

Wisconsin: Thank you for faithfully sending out the Shrine Newsletter issue after issue. May God bless all who donate hours and hours to prepare it.

My reflections on the Apparitions at Necedah have continued to prove to me that Our Blessed Mother truly did appear to Mary Ann Van Hoof as she claimed.

My studying the history of a dozen or more members of the Catholic clergy and several medical doctors, who were all supportive of the Apparitions, made a great impression on me. This was brought about upon my learning of their backgrounds and their personal experiences. Some of these backgrounds included such things as: a Canon Law Degree, well known Exorcist, and even a former companion of St. Maximillian Kolbe.

Similarly, my studying the lives of so many volunteer workers that dedicated time and energy to help fulfill Our Heavenly Mother's Requests made another great impression on me. These volunteered projects included such things as: the Anti-Pornography Store Visits, the Constant Vigil of Prayer Program, the Annual Spiritual Bouquet for the Holy Father, the Annual Nativity Pageant, and the Unwanted Infants' Home; plus Construction of the many Grottos and the two Halls requested for the Shrine Grounds, the three-floor Unfortunate Men's Home, the Shrine Cemetery, and the large three-floor House of Prayer which volunteers are presently working on. When reflecting on these many projects, one cannot over-look the miracle of Our Holy Mother leading and guiding the right people, with the right skills, at the right time, to come and do Her work.

Finally, my studying the Heavenly Messages and Revelations given at Necedah made the greatest impression of all. Firstly, no one has ever found anything against Faith or Morals of the Catholic Church in any of them. Secondly, my documented research of thirty or more of these Messages has brought about proof that these Messages came true over time. Here are some examples:

The YOUTH – Were they neglected by their self-indulgent parents? Were drugs pushed upon them to cloud their minds from knowing “right” from “wrong”? Was pornography increasingly bringing focus to emotions not mature enough to cope with temptations? Did sexual relations outside of marriage become accepted behavior?

The FAMILY – Did more and more mothers leave their full-time vocation as “Homemaker”? Did society preach “me first”, so divorce became a common and easy escape for dealing with the trials of life?



The SCHOOLS – Did we clean out the schools; or did we allow sex education and misleading textbooks to creep into them? Were we diligent in safe-guarding the truths of history, and not allow misleading bias destroy our patriotism?

The CHURCH – Did nuns remove their habits? Did seminaries go empty with lack of vocations? Did many priest leave the priesthood to marry? Was great scandal found in the Church as foretold? Did Catholic traditions, practices, and values get watered down or lost all together?

The NATION – Did our Country’s mothers and fathers suffer heartache in 1951 by the Korean War, as warned ahead of time? Did those breaking the 6th Commandment on Adultery, also break the 5th Commandment on Murder by their sins of Abortion? Did some assassinations take place as foretold?

These reflections make me sad when I see that the Warnings given by Our Blessed Mother were not allowed to be shared; because if they had been heeded, we might not be living in such a sinful World. Today we see that some people think it is ok to believe that a person is guilty until proven innocent. It was also that way in 1950 when Mary Ann Van Hoof was told she was lying about the Apparitions; unless she could prove she was telling the truth. There were some people who did believe her and tried to fulfill the Heavenly Messages, but they were persecuted for their efforts; even such activities as the Constant Vigil of Prayer Program and the Unwanted Infants’ Home, all because the activities came about due to the Apparitions at Necedah.

Oh! If those Messages of Our Blessed Mother would only have been heeded more fully by the Church and the Faithful. How many more souls could have been saved?

These reflections of mine now cause one to ponder several things. Firstly, that we are living in this world for only one purpose; that is to prove our desire to spend eternity in Heaven. How can this be proven? By loving the Triune God: the Heavenly Father who created us, His Son who redeemed us, the Holy Ghost who’s spirit enlightens us; by following the Ten Commandments; and by proving that our love for God is greater than the love for ourselves.

Secondly, realizing that some of our time on Earth must be spent caring for the necessities of life; but that there will be extra time that can be spent as our “free-will” chooses. What does the imaginary scale for this extra time show? Is it balanced between “time given for God” vs “time for ourselves”? Do daily, weekly, monthly, or yearly hours tip too much in our direction?

In closing, all I can say is that Eternity is very long time; and our days on Earth are numbered. So, my plan is to work hard for My Heavenly Mother; with the hope it tips the scale in God’s direction. My prayer is to someday happily be able to say, “*I’m glad I did;*” rather than sadly have to say, “*I wish I would have.*” In the meantime, “Queen of the Holy Rosary Mediatrix of Peace pray for us, help us, guide us, and protect us.”

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.

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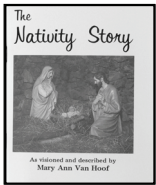
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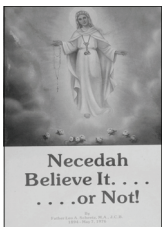
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