

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



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## ***About Our Cover***

### **QUEEN OF THE HOLY ROSARY, MEDIATRIX OF PEACE, MEDIATRIX BETWEEN GOD AND MAN SHRINE**

**October 7, 1950**

Today the Blessed Mother was again dressed in blue as before, but this time She had a large Rosary arranged in a circle around Her head. The circle was tilted, so that it was higher than Her head in front and lower in back. The circle was much wider than Her shoulders.

The Cross of the Rosary hung down almost as far as Her left shoulder. The Medal on the Rosary showed Our Lady of Mount Carmel holding the Brown Scapular. The Cross and Medal were golden in color. The Beads seemed to be about as big as baseballs. They seemed to be transparent, so that the color that was behind them showed through them. This color is hard to describe. It was something like all the colors of the rainbow; and they seemed to be churning. Shooting out from the Beads were rays of light.

### **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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*“Christ must be put back into Christmas; without Christ,  
no Christmas, no Peace.”*

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## Vigil Schedule at the Shrine

### January 2021

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

### February 2021

**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. 2021

**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 Procession  
and 8:15 p.m. Vigil

### April 2021

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

### May. 2021

**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.

#### *Message*

**June 16, 1950** (see Pg. 22 "My Work With Necedah" Vol. I)

... "Clean up your lives! Obey the Sixth Commandment. If I told you, (some of you who break this Commandment), that you commit murder, you would be shocked. But, the Sixth Commandment and 'Thou shalt not kill' are combined into one. Clean up your lives!"

#### *Fulfilled --- By Time*

### **The Goals of Planned Parenthood**

Margaret Sanger founded Planned Parenthood. It was not parenthood; but murder, that was cold-heartedly planned.

Here are some comments Margaret has made about its purposes:

To eliminate "*inferior Races like the Orientals, Jews, and Blacks.*" "*The most merciful thing a large family does to one of its Infant Members is kill it.*" (Women and the New Race)

Birth Control was "*to create a Race of Thoroughbreds.*" (Birth Control Review)

Margaret died an alcoholic and drug addict. (Passport Magazine)

How sad a death; but even more sad was what she influenced by her life. Margaret called Planned Parenthood "*family planning*"; and did not call their action "*an abortion*", because it kills the life of the baby when it has begun.

#### **We Pushed Sex Ed. On Kids to Create a Market for Abortion**

by Nancy Flanders *Life Action News*

May 14, 2014

For six years Carol Everett operated four abortion clinics in Texas. Everett earned a commission for every abortion in addition to a share of the fees charged by each clinic.

She says she sold abortion and made big bucks off the “cash cow” of abortion.

Everett said that the counselors at the clinics are more like telemarketers. They are trained to schedule abortions and use wording to eliminate a potential clients’ fears and objections concerning abortion.

Everett also said that the program’s aim was to teach children that talking to their parents about sex is uncomfortable; and then they offer to be the people the children turn to for support. The girls are then provided with low-dose birth control, which is in-effective if it is not taken at the same time each and every day, which is impossible for any teenager. When the girls get pregnant, they then turn to abortion clinics, she says.

After hiring a business counselor, who was a Christian, she was led to Christ and left the abortion industry. She admitted to herself that she was a “baby-killing” and a “woman-killing woman”. She saw how her own abortion had led her down this path of pain. She has now turned away from the abortion industry and has started a foundation to help women and girls facing crisis pregnancies.

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### **When to Bless Your Children**

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

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

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## FEATURE ARTICLE

### The Gift of Grace

During this beautiful Christmas Season, let us reflect on the Love and Gifts given to us through Our Divine Lord. His Love for us is Infinite. Our hearts cannot understand or appreciate the wondrous Love He has for His Creatures. We cannot fathom the depths of this Love, as St. Paul says, ... *“that Christ may dwell by Faith in your hearts; that being rooted and founded in Charity, you may be able to comprehend, with all the Saints, what is the breadth, and length, and height, and depth: to know also the Charity of Christ, which surpasseth all understanding, that you may be filled unto all the Fullness of God.”* (Eph. 3: 17-19).

The following Article is taken from excerpts of Bishop Sheen’s book, “Go to Heaven”. It expands on the Gift of Grace, and its Role in Christian Life.

Grace is Life – the Life of God among Men. It is that Divine Life which Christ, as the Son of God, brought to this Earth. It is not something which cuts an unexpected tangent across the Harmony of the Universe, but rather it is that which Perfects the Universe in its highest Earthly Expression - Man.

Grace is what makes Man more than a “new creature,” and infinitely higher than his former condition; much higher than an animal would be, even if it spoke with the Wisdom of Socrates. There is nothing in all Creation like that Gift by which God calls Man a “Son”; and Man calls God, “Father”. The difference, between mere human life and Human Life rendered by Grace, is not one of Development; but rather one of Generation. The source of life in both cases is as different as Human vs Divine Paternity.

The World, in the Eyes of God, is divided into two Classes the Sons of Men and the Sons of God. All are called to be Sons of God, but not all accept this Gift worthily; believing that if they should take Christ as their Portion, they would have naught else beside. It is to forget that the Whole contains the Parts; and that in Perfect Life, we have the Joys of Finite Life in an Infinite Degree.

Both types of Sons are born; One according to the Flesh, the Other according to the Spirit. *“That which is born of the Flesh, is Flesh; that which is born of the Spirit, is Spirit.”* Being born of the Flesh incorporates us into the life of Adam; while being born of the Spirit – of Water and of the Holy Ghost – incorporates us into the Life of Christ. The Sons of God are Twice Born; the Sons of Men are Once Born.

The Sons of God are, in virtue of their sponsorship, Heirs of Heaven;

for they pass into their heritage at the Time of Death. The Sons of Men are heirs only of riches which rust consumes, moths eat, and thieves break through and steal. The Sons of God have within themselves the seed of Glory and Eternal Happiness; but not so with the Children of Men. There is more difference two Souls on this Earth, the one in the State of Grace and the other not in that State, than there is between two Souls, the one in the State of Grace in this Life and the other enjoying the Eternal Blessedness of Heaven. The reason is that Grace is the Germ of Glory, and someday will blossom into Eternal Glory. But the Soul that is not possessed with Grace has no such potencies in it.

How does Man enter into this higher, Divine Life? The answer is simple: Man must follow what would appear to be a Universal Law. While preserving a complete distinction between Nature and Grace, we must Die to Ourselves. Each thing in Nature, plant or animal, must die to itself, giving its life to a Higher Being. So, for us, we must Immolate Ourselves to have our Life Perfected.

Christ says, "*Unless a Man be born again of Water and the Holy Ghost, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God.*" And that means being "Born Again" in Baptism. Plunged in the regenerating Water of that Sacrament, we die to our Natural Lives and begin to live Spiritual Lives; not as Creatures, but as very Children in the Family of the Trinity. This way, we have the Right to call God "Father".

The Divine Life of Grace is communicated to us principally through the Sacraments. The Sacraments are the Kiss of God; where He not only pours out the Riches of His Love, but satisfies the Hungers of the Senses and Thoughts, as well as the Soul.

The Sacraments are the Communication of the Life of God. As Individuals, first, we must be Born; second, we must Grow; third, we must Nourish ourselves; fourth, we must Heal our Wounds; and fifth, we must Drive out all traces of Infirmary and Disease. As Social Beings, we add another two: first, we must have Order and Government; and second, we must Pass on our Life to Posterity. These Seven Elements are required in the Spiritual Order; and the Seven make up the Seven Sacraments. First, we must be Born: that is through Baptism; second, we must Grow Spiritually and reach the stage of Christian Virility: that is through Confirmation; third, we must Nourish our Souls on the Bread of Life: that is through the Eucharist; fourth, we must Bind up our Spiritual Wounds: that is through Penance; fifth, we must Root Out all traces of Spiritual Infirmities: that is through Extreme Unction. But we need Government and a Source of Unity and the Priesthood: that is through Holy Orders. We also need to Continue the Existence of the Race: that is through Matrimony.

Thus, the Spiritual Life is a perfection of the Physical Life; and the Seven Sacraments, Instituted by Christ, are so many Channels of that



Divine Life from the Reservoir of Calvary.

Looking back from its Revelation to Nature, we can see all Nature crying out the necessity of Baptism; in the sense that it demands a Death as a condition of Rebirth. This process of dying in order to live, which is initiated in us by Baptism, must be continued throughout the whole Christian Life. If we are to live in a Higher Life, we must die to the Lower Life; if we live in the Lower Life of this World, we die to a Higher Life which is Christ. If we wish to Save our Life, we must Lose It; that is, if we wish to Save It for Eternity, we must Lose It for Earthly Time. If we wish to Save It for the Father's Mansions, we must Lose It for this Dull World. If we wish to Save It for Perfect Happiness, we must Lose It for Fleeting Pleasure of Mortality.

When a Soul begins to encounter the Grace of God, the Soul feels itself in a Crisis. There is a profound sense of one's own helplessness, and an equally certain conviction that God alone can supply what the Individual lacks; because a Tug of War now begins, with the Soul on one end of the rope and God on the other. There is a struggle between the Soul and God, with the All-powerful God never destroying Human Freedom. One has the impression that he is being sought by someone who will not leave him alone. The Voice of God causes discontent within the Soul, in order that the Soul may search further and be Saved. It embarrasses the Soul, for it shows us the Truth, tears off all the Masks and Masquerades of Hypocrisy. But it consoles the Soul, too, by affecting a Harmony with Self, with Fellow-man, and with God. It is for Man to decide – to accept or reject the Voice he hears.

The Soul now wants to get out of its Sins. The Cross is now seen in a New Light. At one moment, it bespeaks the Depth of Human Iniquity which, in essence, would slay God; at another moment it reveals the Defeat of Evil in its strongest moment, vanquished not only by the Prayer for Forgiveness from the Cross but by the Triumph of the Resurrection. Once the Will of Sin is abandoned, then the Soul sees that it has become Acceptable to the Savior – not because it was good, but because the Savior is Good. *“Come to me, all you that labor and are burdened, and I will refresh you.”* (Matt. 11:28).

There is now a definite Change in Behavior and Conduct of Life. Not only does Conversion change one's Values; it also reverses the Tendencies and Energies of Life, directing them to another End. There is no longer a tendency to find Scapegoats to blame for the Faults of Self, but rather a Consciousness that the Reformation of the World must begin with the Reformation of Self. There is still a Fear of God, but it is not the Servile Fear a subject has for a Dictator, but a Filial Fear, such as a Loving Son has for a Good Father whom he would never wish to hurt.

Once the Soul has turned to God, the Transition is as unmistakable as the Passage from Death to Life; there has been, not a mere Giving up of Sin, but such a Surrender to Divine Love as makes him Shrink from Sin because he would not Wound the Divine Beloved. Both Reason and Faith are now seen as Deriving from God Himself. The Soul's certitude in his Faith becomes unshakable.

Another Effect is Peace of Soul. There is a world of difference between Peace of Mind, and Peace of Soul. Peace of Mind is the result of bringing some Ordering Principle to bear on Discordant Human Experiences; this may be Achieved through Tolerance, by the Gritting of one's Teeth in the face of pain; or by Killing Conscience, through Denying Guilt, or finding New Loves to calm Old Grievances.

The Peaceful Soul does not see, now, to Live Morally, but to Live for God; as Morality is only a By-product of the Union with Him. This Peace Unites the Soul with his Neighbor, prompting him to Visit the Sick, to Feed the Hungry, and to Bury the Dead.

All the energy that was previously wasted in Conflict – either in trying to find the Purpose of Life or in trying alone and futilely to Conquer his Vices – can now be released to Serve a Single Purpose. The Convert no longer regrets what he might have been; for the Holy Spirit fills his Soul with a Constant Presentiment of what he can become through Grace. This Spiritual Recuperation is accompanied by Hope, no matter at what age the change occurs.

And there are many other ways in which Peace of Soul will manifest Itself after Conversion. It enables the Soul to live in a constant consciousness of God's Presence. The Soul now sees that in Business, in the Home, in Household Duties, in the Factory, all actions are done in the Sight of God; as all thoughts revolve about His Truths. Also, it sees that when Trials and Difficulties do arise, it gives him the Aid of Divine Power. Dependence on God becomes strength; as one no longer fears to Undertake Good Works, knowing He will supply the Means. But above all else, with this deep Sense of Peace, there is the Gift of Perseverance which inspires us never to Let Down our Guard, or to Shrink from Difficulties, or to Be Depressed; as the Soul presses on to its Supernal Vocation in Christ Jesus, Our Lord.

The only way one can Prove Love is by making an Act of Choice; mere words are not enough. *"Blessed is he who endures under Trials. When he has proved his Worth, he will win that Crown of Life; which God has promised to those who love Him"* (James 1:12). The Defenses of the Soul are seen at their Strongest, when the Evil which has been resisted is also Strong. The Presence of Temptation does not necessarily imply Moral Imperfection on the part of the Tempted One. Because we have Tendencies to Evil there must be Self-denial; or the pulling out of the weeds, in order

that the Divine Life of Grace may grow.

Love, then, is the Giving of Self. And, as long as we have a Body and are working out our Salvation, it will always be synonymous with Sacrifice in the Christian Sense of the Word. Love Sacrifices naturally, just as the Eye Sees and the Ear Hears. That is why we speak of “arrows” and “darts” of Love – something that wounds. Our Lord’s Love was so Great, His Condescension and Sacrifice so Great, that an attempt to make them reasonable according to the Dictates of Human Reason must always fall Short of the Truth.

Love is the reason of all Immolation. The Man who loves his Perfected Life in Christ will die to himself; and this Dying to Himself, this Taming of His Members, this Being Imprinted with the Cross, is called Mortification. Christ then has given no New Law when He said that we must Fall to the Ground and, like a seed, Die. He merely was restating a Law which our experience has already verified a thousand times; and still the World has not yet learned to apply it to every Corner of the Universe, and particularly those Corners of our Souls which need it so badly.

Love, simply because it does Inspire Mortification, is Foolishness from the World’s Point of View. Love implies Sacrifice; and Sacrifice seems Foolish to the World. The World calls everyone a Fool if he leaves his riches and his friends, his wine and his song, to join the Cloister or the Convent; and exchanges his silks and satins for the hair shirt and the discipline. But, it is Love that makes a Man die for the Sake of the Living. So too then, it is this Love of Jesus Christ and Him Crucified, which produces the Wisdom of Heaven at the cost of the Foolishness of Earth; which makes Men throw down their lives to take them up again; and which makes Men sell fields for the Pearl of Great Price.

Consider the words of Cardinal Newman: *“It is but a superficial view of things to say that this Life is made for pleasure and happiness. To those who look under the surface it tells a very different tale. The Doctrine of the Cross does but teach, though infinitely more forcibly, the very same Lesson which this World teaches to those who live long in it, who have much experience in it, who know it. The World is sweet to the lips, but bitter to the taste. It pleases us at first, but not at last. It looks gay on the outside, but evil and misery lie concealed within....The Gospel hinders us from taking a superficial view, and finding a vain transitory joy in what we see; but it forbids our immediate enjoyment, only to grant enjoyment in truth and fullness afterwards. It only forbids us to begin with enjoyment. It only says, if you begin with pleasure you will end in pain. It bids us begin with the Cross of Christ; and in that Cross we shall at first find sorrow, but in a while peace and comfort will rise out of that sorrow. That Cross will lead us to mourning, repentance, humiliation, prayer, fasting; we shall sorrow*

*for our sins, we shall sorrow with Christ's suffering; but all this sorrow will be undergone a happiness far greater than the enjoyment which the World gives.....They alone inherit it, who take it as a shadow of the World to Come; and who for that World to Come relinquish it."*

One wonders why a World so much given to the Philosophy of Evolution does not see the Grace of Jesus Christ as the answer to its aspirations. One of the reasons why Evolution is held so highly is because of the promise it gives for the Future; and yet, all that it can give, even in its wildest form, is the unfolding of something beneath Man. But here in Supernatural Biology, there is the Promise and the Potency of a Glory for Man which exceeds even his imagination – the Potency not of becoming a superman, but a Son of God. There is no emergent in the whole Field of Evolution comparable to the "New Creatures" which emerge from the Sacrament of Baptism. True Greatness of Life is not a Push from Below, but a Gift from Above: *"I am come that you may have life; and that in abundance."*

God is the Great Lover on the Quest of His Spouse, which is the Human Soul. He showers it with Gifts, admits it into His Royal Family in the Sacrament of Baptism, into His Royal Army in the Sacrament of Confirmation, and invites it to His Royal Table in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. And then at countless other times during Human Life, He whispers it in health and sickness, in sorrow and joy; and begs us to respond to His plaintive pleadings that we abandon a Life of Sin, and return Love for Love. So then, the God of Love in obedience to the Law of Love, cries out: *"Love has done all that it can; I can forgive everything except the Refusal to Love."*

Let us remember: *"Greater Love than this no Man hath, that a Man lay down his Life for his Friends."*

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### **How to Give the Parental Blessing**

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

## **FOOD FOR THE SOUL**

### **Promises of the Blessed Virgin to Christians Who Faithfully Pray the Rosary**

1. To all those who shall pray My Rosary devoutly, I promise My Special Protection and Great Graces.
2. Those who shall persevere in the recitation of My Rosary will receive some Special Grace.
3. The Rosary will be a very Powerful Armor against Hell; it will Destroy Vice, Deliver from Sin, and Dispel Heresy.
4. The Rosary will make Virtue and Good Works flourish; and will obtain for Souls the most abundant Divine Mercies. It will withdraw the Hearts of Men from the Love of the World and its Vanities; and will lift them to the Desire of Eternal Things. Oh, that Souls would Sanctify themselves by this means!
5. Those who trust themselves to Me through the Rosary will Not Perish.
6. Whoever recites My Rosary devoutly by reflecting on the Mysteries, shall never be overwhelmed by Misfortune. He will not experience the Anger of God; nor will he perish by an Unprovided Death. But if a Sinner, he will be Converted, if just he will Persevere in Grace and Merit Eternal Life.
7. Those truly devoted to My Rosary shall not die without the Sacraments of the Church.
8. Those who are Faithful to recite My Rosary shall have, during their life and at their death, the Light of God and the plenitude of His Graces; and will share in the Merits of the Blessed.
9. I will deliver promptly from Purgatory all Souls devoted to My Rosary
10. True Children of My Rosary will enjoy Great Glory in Heaven.
11. What you shall ask through My Rosary, you shall obtain.
12. To those who propagate My Rosary, I promise Aid in all their Necessities.
13. I have obtained from My Son that all the Members of the Rosary Confraternity shall have, as their intercessors in life as well as in death, the entire Celestial Court.
14. Those who recite My Rosary faithfully are My Children; and are Brothers and Sisters of Jesus, My only Son.
15. Devotion to My Rosary is a Special Sign of Predestination.

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## SHRINE NEWS

### October 7th Anniversary Day Report

We again want to offer a “Thank You” to Our Blessed Mother for helping us with another successful Anniversary Day Observance.

It started off with our Procession at noon as usual. It was led by the Crucifix Bearer and the three men carrying the American Flag, the Papal Flag, and the God and Country Flag. They were then followed by two children from the Queen of the Holy Rosary School with the carrier of the mounted Blessed Mother Statue. Behind them followed two men with the carrier of the large Jeweled Crown for the Crowning Ceremony at the Sacred Spot of the Apparitions. Following them were two more children carrying a large rose-bead Rosary. Finally they were then followed by all the Visitors attending the Prayer



Vigil.

It was very impressive to see them process to the Sacred Spot of the Apparitions while singing “Ave, Ave, Mater Dei”, which is the Shrine Song by Fr. Herbert Duren that he composed to honor Our Lady of Necedah.

The Prayer Vigil at the Sacred Spot began with the Crowning of the large statue of Our Lady while singing “Bring Flowers of the Rarest” in Her honor, only to be followed by other prayers and songs.

Then at 1:00 P.M. the Angelus was recited, along with the fifteen decades of the Rosary.

After the Prayer Vigil refreshments were available in the Mediatrix of Peace Hall to end this Special Event.

Again we need to be thankful to Our Lady for this special day. But we also need to show our appreciation for Her coming to warn us; and to plead for Her help in our “troubling times”.

## House of Prayer Report



Now that the eight concrete Columns and their Connecting Beam are in place which completes the semi-circle loop across the Sacred Spot Area as you look from an outside view, and also shows the front Altar Area as you look from an inside view, we are ready to go back to the East Side where we left off last time.

However, this is now giving us another little challenge. Why? Because there is a Large Opening in the Mezzanine Floor where the Stairway will be created. This means we have nothing to stand our Support Shoring on. But, we solved that problem by placing 3 large iron “I-Beams” over the Opening; and then attached the Support Shoring to the I-Beams.

This, however, caused another concern. What is going to prevent rain and snow from falling down on the people entering the Lower-Level Stairway? Well, we solved that temporarily by placing sloping plywood covered with sheets of plastic between the Iron Beams to allow the water to drain off. But then we had to place Aluminum Beams across the Iron Beams with plywood over them, so heavy snow wouldn’t damage the plastic.

As the Close-up Picture shows, our Challenges were solved; and the Far-away Picture shows how the Support Shoring will now continue along the Mezzanine Area as conditions allow next Spring.

We thank St. Joseph for his inspirations; and thank you for your continued Prayers and Support for our success. May God bless all of You; and, all of Our Volunteers!

## SPIRITUAL RESOURCES

### Prayer to Saint Benedict for a Happy Death

V. Intercede for us, O holy Father Benedict.

R. And obtain for us the grace of a happy death.

O holy Father Benedict, whose very name signifies your blessedness, you most joyfully offered your angelic soul to God while you stood in prayer with your arms raised to heaven.

You have promised to defend us from the devil's attacks at the hour of death if we daily recall to you your own glorious death and heavenly joys.

Protect me, therefore, O glorious Father, today and every day by your holy blessing, so that I may never be separated from our blessed Jesus, nor from the company of you and all the saints. Amen.

O God, who adorned the precious death of our most holy Father, Saint Benedict, with so many and so great privileges, grant, we beseech You, that our departure hence, we may be defended from the snares of the enemy by the blessed presence of him whose memory we celebrate.

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### Rosary Indulgences

**A Plenary Indulgence** may be gained (under the usual Conditions) Rosary is prayed in Church, in a Family Group, or in a Religious Group. Five Decades of the Rosary must be prayed continuously. The prayers of the Rosary must be Prayed Vocally; and one must Meditate upon the Mysteries of the Rosary.

If the Recitation of the Rosary is Public, the Mysteries of the Rosary must be announced.

**A Partial Indulgence** may be gained for the Rosary's Recitation, in whole or in part, under other circumstances.

**A Plenary Indulgence** can be gained only once a day (except by those who are in danger of death.)

To gain a Plenary Indulgence one must also perform the Indulged Act. These three other Conditions must be fulfilled:

1. A Sacramental Confession
2. Eucharistic Communion
3. Prayers for the Pope's Intention

In addition to these three, one must be free of all Attachment to Sin, even Venial Sin. If this Complete Integrity is not present, or if the above Conditions are not fulfilled, the Indulgence is only Partial. Both a Plenary and Partial Indulgence may be applied to the Dead.



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

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

### **George Washington and the Beautiful Lady**

Our Holy Mother, or as Alexander III calls Her the Madonna Maria, has from the very beginning favored this Country in the New World. It is only through this Aid from Heaven that this Country, the United States of America, has become the Great Nation that it is today. We have become the greatest, most powerful, most prosperous Nation on Earth. But most people are not willing to give credit where credit is due; and man is taking the credit unto himself. Had it not been for the Intercession of the Madonna Maria on several occasions, when we faced superior odds and seemingly insurmountable obstacles, we would have been destroyed. Why God and His Holy Mother lavished Their love, Their bounty, Their prosperity, and Their power on so ungrateful and thankless a Nation only They can answer. Still the Madonna Maria appeals to us, and warns us to save ourselves; and, tells us how.

A Beautiful Lady appeared to George Washington, the Father of Our Country, and gave him Aid, Comfort, and Help in the Dark Days of the Revolutionary War when it appeared to him with his half-frozen and half-starved Continental Army that all was lost. We of course know that all was not lost. We learned that with the Aid of the Madonna Maria all was Saved; the War was Won; and through the Help of God and the Madonna Maria, a New Nation was Born.

What is not generally known is that when this Beautiful Lady appeared to George Washington in Vision, She also gave him some Revelations of the Future of this Nation at whose birth She had officiated.

The Madonna Maria told and showed George Washington that his beloved Country would have to go through Great Sieges of War; and that She would help to protect his Country through each one of them. She told him, that in the Second Great Siege of the Civil War, She

would help that Great Leader of our Country. She also told George Washington of the Great Siege of War in which much of the World would be involved. Madonna Maria told the Father of our Country there would be World War because of the many that were turning to Sin, and continuing to offend God. She told him that there would be a long period of corruption and bloodshed, due to man's continuation to offend God through the Blackest of Sin; Sin that had spread all over the Globe. The Madonna Maria told him that this would lead into the most terrible period of all; that during the Siege much blood would be shed all over the Globe; that there would be man-powered flying machines, and that they would drop great destruction; that there was going to be complete destruction of Cities and Villages; that all the Nations on Earth would be involved, and in his own Beloved Country there would be much bloodshed. The Madonna Maria also told him that there would be a Battle between the White Christians and the Black and Yellow People; that the Evil Forces would arouse the Black People against the Whites, causing much severe bloodshed. There would be strange happenings from the Sky and under the Water; and that two of the largest rivers in his Country would run red. The Sky would become red; and in some parts of his Country the Sun would darken completely. She told George Washington that the Evil Forces would belittle him, saying that he was only the Hero for Children's Stories, he would be a Forgotten Man. The Madonna Maria then told him that after much bloodshed and darkness in many parts of the World, there would be Brightness, and Peace, and Love, and Harmony. God's Love would then Reign over All Men.

Mary Ann Van Hoof during one of her Suffering Periods was told about these Revelations which need no Interpretation. Everyone cannot help but recognize the fact that all of those Revelations given to George Washington have and are taking place. No Thinking-Person can help but recognize that this Siege is now. The Stage is Set; the Forces of Evil are running rampant.

Power-mad Agents of Satan are at the Wheels of Control in all Countries of the World; and most of us, who are now alive, will live to see or will die in the fulfillment of the Final Revelation given by the Madonna Maria to the Father of Our Country.

Only if we follow the Requests of God and His Holy Mother can

we expect to Be Saved. God will Save only those who are His Friends; those who are His Own Children. For, He would only be contributing to the defeat of His own purpose, if this were not so. We must ask ourselves if we are one of God's Own; or if we are one of those who have accepted the Lures of Satan, which are solely Lures of this World. We must remember that all we get from Satan, while on Earth and enjoy entirely on Earth, will remain on Earth when we leave it. When we leave Earth we will take nothing but what we came with; in fact, most of us will leave with much less. Remember that we came with a New Clean Body and Soul when we received the Sacrament of Baptism, and the Contamination of Original Sin was removed; and we became true Children of God.

The World is like a house in which everything is freshly painted. We cannot live in it without it sooner or later becoming stained; and while God has given us the solvents for the removal of those stains in the Sacrament of Confession and Penance, Blessed will be the Souls who stand before the Judge with no trace of Contamination.

The Forces of Satan, it seems, are now on the winning side; and what they have to offer appears very attractive. But the Revelation about the End of this Siege promises Brightness, Peace, Love, and Harmony. God's Love will Reign over All Men.

The Men who follow Satan cannot foresee this, for Satan has purposely blinded their eyes in order to destroy their Souls. Remember, therein lies Satan's only victory. For in spite of the fact that Satan promotes and furthers the teaching and acceptance of Atheism, he himself is no Atheist; for no-one knows better than he the Existence, the Omnipotence, and the Power of Almighty God.

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### **Nativity Pageant Report**

The Nativity Pageant has been performed each year since 1971. It all began as a way to fulfill Our Blessed Mother's Request to "Put Christ Back into Christmas."

On Saturday December 4, 2021, we reached our 50th Annual Performance of the Nativity Story. The large Cast in colorful costumes, the Animals, the Lighting, and the Sound helped the large Audience go back in Time over 2000 Years.

Again the re-enacted Story began in Nazareth where it was announced that all were to travel to Bethlehem for a Census. It then portrayed the cold four-day/three-night journey to Bethlehem, and the difficulties Mary and Joseph encountered in that crowded City. Finally it re-lived the Birth of Jesus in a Cave outside of the City.

## SAINTS IN REVIEW

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

### Saint Dymphna

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

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

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

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

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

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

When her father learned of Dymphna's departure, he became furious and set out to find her. He eventually found her and tried to persuade her to

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## **PRO-LIFE NEWS**

On September 1, 2021 the Supreme Court of the U.S. (SCOTUS) voted to not block the Texas "Heartbeat Bill" that OUTLAWS THE ABORTION OF AN INFANT ONCE A HEARTBEAT CAN BE DETECTED (USUALLY AROUND 6 WEEKS, and before many women even know they are pregnant). However, the Law does allow it for a Documented Medical Emergency that is not involving cases of rape or incest. The Law also allows any Private Citizen to sue the perpetrator, and anyone who aids or abets such an act, for up to \$10,000.

Abortion Providers and the Department of Justice have teamed up to challenge the Law in two separate Cases which were both heard back-to-back, claiming it was unconstitutional; and that its unusual enforcement mechanism of Private Lawsuits should be blocked. The Court will consider whether the Law's unusual Private-enforcement Structure prevents Federal Courts from intervening to strike it down; and whether the Federal Government is even allowed to sue the State to try to block it.

Arguments were heard November 1, 2021; and a ruling is expected in June of 2022, if not earlier. The fact that SCOTUS refused to block the implementation of the Law has potentially saved the lives of many Unborn Babies. "Abortion Providers" were hoping for a Court win, so they could continue with their Baby Killing without risking a Monetary Penalty; but this was not granted.

Mississippi's Law banning Abortions after 15 weeks was blocked by the Lower Courts, and will be taken up by SCOTUS in December 2021. Both of these States have indicated they would like to see their Laws help to overturn Roe v Wade.

It is a scandal that the Federal Government, through the Department of Justice, is suing a State to allow the killing of innocent Unborn Babies. And it is even more of a scandal that it is being done at the behest of a supposedly "good, practicing Catholic President".

We must pray for the Judges deciding these two Cases, so they have the Moral Fortitude to reject Roe v Wade; and protect the Innocent Unborn who are the Future of our Nation.

We also need to be praying for our President, so he stops supporting the Killing of Babies in the Womb. Why? Because his Eternal Salvation depends on it; and so does the Future of our Nation.

We must pray also for the Leaders of the Catholic Church, that they see the Scandal of Allowing Pro-Abortion Legislators to continue receiving Holy Communion. How can we expect God to have Mercy on our Country, when we do not have Mercy on or appreciate His Gift of Life?

Please pray the Rosary every day for our Political and Religious Leaders to End Abortion.

## **SUPPORTIVE CLERGY/RELIGIOUS**

**WELCOME** to another new Section of our Shrine Newsletter. Through the years many Clergy and Religious from near and far became supportive of the Apparitions at Necedah. By a Reflective Study over the history of some of these supportive members of the Catholic Clergy and Religious, one is led to be very impressed. With the recent passing of Sr. Genevieve, it seemed appropriate to have us ponder over what they must have witnessed to make them so supportive. This first Profile will lead us in that reflective venture.



### **Fr. Francis Dickman**

Father was a priest from the Diocese of Peoria, Illinois in 1950 when he heard and read about the events taking place at the Van Hoof farm home in Necedah, WI. In September of 1950 he traveled to Necedah and met with Mary Ann Van Hoof. After a lengthy visit, he became thoroughly convinced that she was not a mental case.

Father was aware of the fact that rosaries were miraculously changing. Sometimes it was the beads that turned color, or the chain, or the crucifix, (sometimes while the rosary was actually being recited, and sometimes even off the Shrine grounds.) One of the convincing experiences for Father happened at the Anniversary Day Observance Prayer Vigil on October 7, 1952. His own rosary changed! What surprised him even more was later seeing several persons recover from illnesses after he touched them with his rosary.

Through the years Father came to Necedah dozens of times. After learning that Mrs. Van Hoof was suffering the Passion of Our Lord on the Fridays of Lent and Advent, Father welcomed the opportunity to witness the Sufferings on several occasions.

On some of his many visits, Fr. Dickman brought along a priest friend from the Peoria Diocese, Fr. Donald Schladen. During one of those visits, which happened to be on an Anniversary Day Observance Prayer Vigil, the local pastor from St. Francis Church in Necedah, Fr. Stanley Chilicki, came onto the Shrine grounds to interrupt the prayers being said. When Fr. Dickman and Fr. Schladen saw him coming, they immediately went out to meet him.

After a warm and friendly greeting, coupled with introductions and priestly conversation, they each took him by the arm and led him back out to his car where they continued visiting until the Prayer Vigil was over. Needless to say, all ended well.

When realizing that throughout the many years never was there anything spoken against the Faith of the Church; and when considering the truth of Our Lady's Messages of Concern and the Warnings of what was coming if we didn't heed Her Requests; Father could never understand why so many people would believe the false rumors and lies without even investigating.

In May of 1970 at the age of 89 with a mind as sharp as ever, but with old age and blindness a reality while living at St. Joseph's Health Resort in Wedron, IL, Father's continuous prayer was that everyone begin traveling on their knees to the Shrine at Necedah, to beg Our Blessed Mother for what seemed to be our last chance.

Father finally passed on to his eternal reward on January 20, 1976 at the age of 95.

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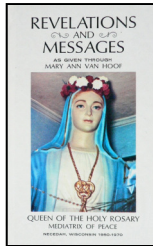
return with him, but Father Gerebran sternly condemned his evil intentions. Immediately the command was issued that Father Gerebran was to die, so the wicked attendants seized him and with one blow of the sword cut off his head. Thus another glorious martyr went to join the heroes in God's Heavenly Kingdom.

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

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

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

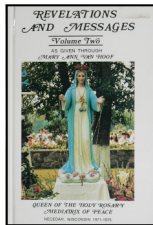
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### In Memorium Richard Irwin



Richard and his wife, Sharon, were living in Minnesota when they learned about the Apparitions of Our Blessed Mother at Necedah. They were very good Catholics, so took the Messages of Concern that Our Holy Mother was sharing in a very serious way.

Richard dedicated his life to his Roman Catholic Faith; and was a true warrior for Our Lord and His Holy Mother. One of the ways he showed this was dedicating many years as a true "Pro-Lifer". He loved and prayed for the unborn slaughtered Children of the World. Upon retiring, Richard and Sharon moved to Necedah and spent many years volunteering at the Shrine in various ways. Some of those ways included spending many hours doing work on the Shrine Grounds; as members of the Shrine's "For My God and My Country Organization"; and as the managers of the Shrine's "JMJ Religious Store".

Richard passed on to his Eternal Reward on October 30, 2021 at the age of 77.

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

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

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

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**In Memorium**  
**Elizabeth (Betty) Zangel**



Betty and her husband, Clarence, lived in New Ulm, MN and learned about the Apparitions of Our Blessed Mother at Necedah. They were so devoted to Our Lady and Her Sacred Cause that they came to spend their retirement years in Necedah.

Betty and Clarence attended daily Mass; and then spent their time volunteering at the Shrine in many ways. They worked at the Shrine's 'Unwanted Infant's Home' and freely took in Mothers until their babies were born, spent many hours planting and tending flowers around the Mediatrix of Peace Grounds, gave Shrine Tours, worked in the School Thrift Shop, made Rosaries and Scapulars, and participated in many Pro-Life Marches.

After the death of Clarence in 2001, Betty continued to help at the Shrine until 2013. Then after 38 years volunteering at the Shrine, Betty went to Oak Hill, Virginia to live with family.

In 2017 Betty traveled back to Necedah to celebrate her 100th Birthday. After celebrating her 104th Birthday with family and friends, Betty passed on to Eternal Reward on October 25, 2021 in Virginia.

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