

Guide to Marian Apparitions **Taken from “The Ultimate Guide to Marian Apparitions”**

Introduction

[These messages in these apparitions are words from heaven directly. They are not from mystics. Remember why the revelations of mystics are different? (Because they can be tainted by the mystic’s own life or experiences or even a translator’s linguistics.

Why do I repeat myself on these matters? Because a politician while being interviewed by a journalist, and confronted about a lie, said “If I repeat the lie often enough everyone will think it is true”.] aka there is no heat wave! “Old Faithful is not erupting because of some green energy phenomenon – it is because of a deeper snow pack last winter.

[Another OVERALL observation I will make is that Mary is asking us to be lay evangelists. Maybe not in so many words or to the extent that we would consider, but praying for sinners is certainly evangelization and fasting is certainly “prayer vitamins”. She is encouraging us to affect other people’s lives by our actions.]

Before looking at these apparitions we should first consider how they fit into our faith.

The first and probably most prevalent concern might be why now at this time in history and why the Virgin Mary.

Much of the reason comes from man himself. Man can only progress slowly in belief. Otherwise the belief is rejected as preposterous. Space ships at the time of the Romans would have been rejected or regarded as something from the gods, essentially not of this world or of man.

At the time of Jesus’ resurrection and the start of the spread of catholic faith men could only accept a certain amount of change. Hence, when Paul talked to the citizens of Greece they told him to come back another time, It was too much for them all at once.

So first man was taught to accept one God, which meant he had to give up all the lesser gods. Then not too big of a step was that Jesus was the son of God. Again not too big of a step. The concept of a divine trinity was not forced on man yet but would come.

And so on. You see the picture. So in a bigger framework we see that man was exposed to the idea of miracles in the middle ages. Where heaven and God could work in everyday life. Many, many saints walked the earth performing miracles. The faith of man had to develop slowly as it continues to do so today. From the middle ages of the saints we come to the age of the Blessed Virgin. Men could not have grasped the concept in the days of the apostles. Yes there were cults, but not an understanding of how Mary works into God’s plan. Now, in modern times we are shown Mary and how she fits into the plan of salvation.

How familiar are you with the twenty-six Church-approved Marian Apparitions?

We've compiled information on all of the Marian apparitions within the Catholic Church to make this ultimate guide.

Do you want to:

- Understand what a Marian Apparition is?
- Learn the process the Church uses to approve them?
- Grow in your knowledge of the twenty-six Marian apparitions in the Catholic Church?
- Learn the difference between "bishop-approved" and "Vatican-recognized" apparitions?
- Successfully help others understand the importance of Marian Apparitions?

If so, you came to the right place!

Marian apparitions are known as appearances of the Blessed Virgin Mary, coming down from heaven to earth. These appearances are often paired with some type of message Our Lady wants to communicate, and depending on the nature of her visit, can be anywhere from one short appearance to several over the course of years. There is always at least one witness to an apparition, and it is not uncommon for the witness to later become a saint or holy figure within the Church.

As one of our authors points out, "These are moments when the Blessed Virgin Mary appears to us here on earth, letting us know that her prayers for us are being offered to God." For an apparition to be worthy of belief and devotion within the Catholic Church, it must be approved by the bishop of the area where the apparition took place. This approval assures the presence of God and the forces of heaven within the appearance, and protects the community of the faithful from influences that may be contrary to the Faith. Over the course of Church history, there have been many reports and accusations of Marian apparitions. However, the twenty-six that have been approved as authentic and worthy of belief are spread all across the globe from Japan, to Wisconsin, to Egypt.

Guidelines for Approving Apparitions

The Church is very careful when it comes to approving and recognizing Marian apparitions. In fact, for the benefit of the bishops, Church officials, and the faithful, the Vatican released a set of guidelines to the public on approving apparitions and other revelations. Within the document, the Church lays out three steps in discerning the authenticity of an apparition:

1. Firstly, the question of whether the apparition and revelations given during the appearance is positive or negative is addressed.

Positive apparitions follow general criteria such as:

- Holding great probability of factual content after thorough investigation
- Showing honesty of moral values, docility to Church authority, and capacity of returning to a normal regimen of the Faith.

On the contrary, negative apparitions show the following:

- Errors concerning the nature of the apparition
- Errors concerning God, Mary, the saints, and/or Church teaching
- Evidence of the apparition being directly aimed towards gaining some type of profit
- The presence of grave immoral acts that were committed at the time of the apparition
- Psychological complications regarding the witness of the apparition.

2. Secondly, if the apparition proves to be of a positive nature, the Church will go forward in allowing some type of public devotion to be celebrated.

3. Lastly, the authorities at hand decide what level of authenticity and supernatural character the apparition displays, keeping in mind the possible offspring of ideas that could come from it.

The document also notes that overall, the duty of approving apparitions first falls on the bishop of the diocese in which the apparition occurred. If the bishop has a hard time discerning the authenticity of the apparitions or revelations for any reason, the investigation can be passed up through Church authority. The Vatican can call for investigations to be had under its authority, however we usually only see this in cases of either urgency or strong contraried opinion. If the bishop approves an apparition, it is worthy of admiration and devotion and the site of the apparition is worthy of pilgrimage.

Having the Vatican recognize the existence of an apparition is an extra bonus to this, solidifying the presence of heavenly intervention. While the Vatican-acknowledged apparitions do tend to be more widely known and celebrated, their presence does not make bishop-approved apparitions any less significant or important.

Why are they important to our faith

Marian apparitions are another beautiful way Mary connects us to her Son, Jesus Christ. While on earth, the Virgin Mary's ministry was completely dedicated to reflecting the love, joy, and peace that comes from following her son, and that ministry doesn't stop now that she has been assumed into heaven. Many saints have spoken about our Blessed Mother's ability to guide her children to her son, and Marian apparitions are one of the most intimate ways Mary helps us to find the Lord, meeting them both in heaven.

Nicholas LaBanca talks about this in his article, *5 Messages from Marian Apparitions and Their Meaning*, explaining, "Our Lady wants nothing more than to lead us to her son. This is why she is such a powerful intercessor. Let's reflect on these words of Our Lady, and see how we can incorporate the request she makes in our own lives. Most importantly, let's continue to pray for the conversion of souls and the entire world." He goes on to say that "As she is the mother of the whole Church, we see over the course of history how she desires to communicate with her children, always at our Lord's direction. As Christians, we should strongly consider these messages she has given to us." Mary, as the caring mother she is, wants nothing more than to guide her children into the arms of the Father and into the safeguard of salvation, and she does this through her appearances to the Church militant on earth.

As her faithful children, we must look to all Church-approved apparitions and revelations as direct calls from Our Lady to go deeper into the Faith, and use her advice to strengthen our relationship with not only her son, but with our brothers and sisters.

Vatican Recognized Apparitions

When an apparition is recognized by the Vatican and the Holy See, it is only done so after the diocese's bishop has investigated and approved the apparition. As explained above in the section on how bishops decide to approve certain apparitions, the responsibility of approving any apparition or revelation falls firstly on the diocese's bishop, and is investigated using the criteria the Vatican.

See below

[SACRED CONGREGATION FOR THE DOCTRINE OF THE FAITH](#)

[NORMS REGARDING THE MANNER OF PROCEEDING IN THE DISCERNMENT OF PRESUMED APPARITIONS OR REVELATIONS](#)

[PRELIMINARY NOTE](#)

[Origin and character of these norms](#)

[During the annual Plenary Session in November 1974, the Fathers of this Sacred Congregation examined the problems relative to presumed apparitions and to the revelations often connected with them and reached the following conclusions:](#)

1. Today, more than in the past, news of these apparitions is diffused rapidly among the faithful thanks to the means of information (mass media). Moreover, the ease of going from one place to another fosters frequent pilgrimages, so that Ecclesiastical Authority should discern quickly about the merits of such matters.

2. On the other hand, modern mentality and the requirements of critical scientific investigation render it more difficult, if not almost impossible, to achieve with the required speed the judgments that in the past concluded the investigation of such matters (constat de supernaturalitate, non constat de supernaturalitate) and that offered to the Ordinaries the possibility of authorizing or prohibiting public cult or other forms of devotion among the faithful.

For these reasons, in order that the devotion stirred among the faithful as a result of facts of this sort might manifest itself in full communion with the Church, and bear fruits by which the Church herself might later discern the true nature of the facts, the Fathers judged that in this matter the following procedure should be promoted.

When Ecclesiastical Authority is informed of a presumed apparition or revelation, it will be its responsibility:

- a) first, to judge the fact according to positive and negative criteria (cf. infra, no. 1);
- b) then, if this examination results in a favorable conclusion, to permit some public manifestation of cult or of devotion, overseeing this with great prudence (equivalent to the formula, "for now, nothing stands in the way") (pro nunc nihil obstat).
- c) finally, in light of time passed and of experience, with special regard to the fecundity of spiritual fruit generated from this new devotion, to express a judgment regarding the authenticity and supernatural character if the case so merits.

[I. CRITERIA FOR JUDGING, AT LEAST WITH PROBABILITY, THE CHARACTER](#)

[OF THE PRESUMED APPARITIONS OR REVELATIONS](#)

[A\) Positive Criteria:](#)

- a) Moral certitude, or at least great probability of the existence of the fact, acquired by means of a serious investigation;
 - b) Particular circumstances relative to the existence and to the nature of the fact, that is to say:
 1. Personal qualities of the subject or of the subjects (in particular, psychological equilibrium, honesty and rectitude of moral life, sincerity and habitual docility towards Ecclesiastical Authority, the capacity to return to a normal regimen of a life of faith, etc.);
 2. As regards revelation: true theological and spiritual doctrine and immune from error;
 3. Healthy devotion and abundant and constant spiritual fruit (for example, spirit of prayer, conversion, testimonies of charity, etc.).
 - B) Negative Criteria:
 - a) Manifest error concerning the fact.
 - b) Doctrinal errors attributed to God himself, or to the Blessed Virgin Mary, or to some saint in their manifestations, taking into account however **the possibility that the subject might have added, even unconsciously, purely human elements or some error of the natural order (we have discussed this)** to an authentic supernatural revelation (cf. Saint Ignatius, Exercises, no. 336).
 - c) Evidence of a search for profit or gain strictly connected to the fact.
 - d) Gravely immoral acts committed by the subject or his or her followers when the fact occurred or in connection with it.
 - e) Psychological disorder or psychopathic tendencies in the subject, that with certainty influenced on the presumed supernatural fact, or psychosis, collective hysteria or other things of this kind.
- It is to be noted that these criteria, be they positive or negative, are not peremptory but rather indicative, and they should be applied cumulatively or with some mutual convergence.

II. INTERVENTION

OF THE COMPETENT ECCLESIASTICAL AUTHORITY

1. If, on the occasion of a presumed supernatural fact, there arises in a spontaneous way among the faithful a certain cult or some devotion, the competent Ecclesiastical Authority has the serious duty of looking into it without delay and of diligently watching over it.
2. If the faithful request it legitimately (that is, in communion with the Pastors, and not prompted by a sectarian spirit), the competent Ecclesiastical Authority can intervene to permit or promote some form of cult or devotion, if, after the application of the above criteria, nothing stands in the way. They must be careful that the faithful not interpret this practice as approval of the supernatural nature of the fact on the part of the Church (cf. Preliminary note c).
3. By reason of its doctrinal and pastoral task, the competent Authority can intervene *motu proprio* and indeed must do so in grave circumstances, for example in order to correct or prevent abuses in the exercise of cult and devotion, to condemn erroneous doctrine, to avoid the dangers of a false or unseemly mysticism, etc.
4. In doubtful cases that clearly do not put the good of the Church at risk, the competent Ecclesiastical Authority is to refrain from any judgment and from any direct action (because it can also happen that, after a certain period of time, the presumed supernatural fact falls into oblivion); it must not however cease from being vigilant by intervening if necessary, with promptness and prudence.

III. AUTHORITIES COMPETENT TO INTERVENE

1. Above all, the duty of vigilance and intervention falls to the Ordinary of the place.
2. The regional or national Conference of Bishops can intervene:
 - a) If the Ordinary of the place, having done his part, turns to it to judge the matter with greater certainty;
 - b) If the matter pertains to the national or regional level; always, however, with the prior consent of the Ordinary of the place.
3. The Apostolic See can intervene if asked either by the Ordinary himself, by a qualified group of the faithful, or even directly by reason of the universal jurisdiction of the Supreme Pontiff (cf. *infra*, no. IV).

IV. ON THE INTERVENTION OF THE SACRED CONGREGATION FOR THE DOCTRINE OF THE FAITH

1. a) The intervention of the Sacred Congregation can be requested either by the Ordinary, after he has done his part, or by a qualified group of the faithful. In this second case, care must be taken that recourse to the Sacred Congregation not be motivated by suspect reasons (for example, in order to compel the Ordinary to modify his own legitimate decisions, to support some sectarian group, etc.).
 - b) It is up to the Sacred Congregation to intervene *motu proprio* in graver cases, especially if the matter affects the larger part of the Church, always after having consulted the Ordinary and even, if the situation requires, the Conference of Bishops.
2. It is up to the Sacred Congregation to judge and approve the Ordinary's way of proceeding or, in so far as it be possible and fitting, to initiate a new examination of the matter, distinct from that undertaken by the Ordinary and carried out either by the Sacred Congregation itself or by a special Commission.

The Present Norms, deliberated in the Plenary Session of this Sacred Congregation, were approved by the Supreme Pontiff, Paul VI on 24 February 1978.

In Rome, from the palace of the Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, 25 February 1978.

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When the Vatican recognizes an apparition, it does not mean that the apparition is more important than a simply bishop-approved apparition. Rather, it confirms that there was enough evidence to confirm the apparition's merit, and was easily able to move to the higher Church officials. Regardless, the most well-known apparitions seem to be the ones that are recognized by the Vatican.

1. Our Lady of Guadalupe

Feast Day: December 12

Location: Guadalupe, Mexico

Number of Apparitions: 5

Witness: St. Juan Diego

First Apparition: December 9, 1531

Last Apparition: December 12, 1531

Approved: 1555 by Archbishop Alonso de Montúfar



One of the most well-known apparitions among the faithful and the secular world, Our Lady of Guadalupe, occurred in the sixteenth century to a widower and now saint, St. Juan Diego. She met him on Mount Tepeyacac, instructing him to get the bishop to build a church upon that mountain. To do this, she instructed Juan Diego to go pick a batch of flowers that were nearby, carry them in his tilma (a type of outer garment or cloak typical to that time) and deliver them to the bishop. When Juan Diego got to the bishop and revealed the flowers, the bishop knew a miracle had taken place. Not only had Juan Diego delivered flowers that were out of season, but his cloak was imprinted with a beautiful image of what we know today as Our Lady of Guadalupe. The bishop agreed to build a church in honor of the apparition, and it has become a very popular place of pilgrimage for people across the world.

The Messages of Guadalupe

Excerpted from an English translation of Luis Lasso de la Vega's 1649 copy of the Nican Mopohua written in Nahuatl by the Indian scholar Antonio Valeriano in the mid-16th century.

FIRST APPARITION (SATURDAY)

The Blessed Virgin: "Juanito, the most humble of my sons, where are you going?"

Juan Diego: "My Lady and Child, I have to reach your church in Mexico, Tlatilolco, to pursue things divine, taught and given to us by our priests, delegates of Our Lord."

The Virgin: "Know and understand well, you the most humble of my son, that I am the ever virgin Holy Mary, Mother of the True God for whom we live, of the Creator of all things, Lord of heaven and the earth. I wish that a temple be erected here quickly, so I may therein exhibit and give all my love, compassion, help, and protection, because I am your merciful mother, to you, and to all the inhabitants on this land and all the rest who love me, invoke and confide in me; listen there to their lamentations, and remedy all their miseries, afflictions and sorrows. And to accomplish what my clemency pretends, go to the palace of the bishop of Mexico, and you will say to him that I manifest my great desire, that here on this plain a temple be built to me; you will accurately relate all you have seen and admired, and what you have heard. Be assured that I will be most grateful

and will reward you, because I will make you happy and worthy of recompense for the effort and fatigue in what you will obtain of what I have entrusted. Behold, you have heard my mandate, my humble son; go and put forth all your effort.”

Juan Diego: “My Lady, I am going to comply with your mandate; now I must part from you, I, your humble servant.”

SECOND APPARITION (SATURDAY)

Juan Diego: “Lady, the least of my daughters, my Child, I went where you sent me to comply with your command. With difficulty I entered the prelate’s study. I saw him and exposed your message, just as you instructed me. He received me benevolently and listened attentively, but when he replied, it appeared that he did not believe me. He said: “You will return; I will hear you at my pleasure. I will review from the beginning the wish and desire which you have brought.” I perfectly understood by the manner he replied that he believes it to be an invention of mine that you wish that a temple be built here to you, and that it is not your order; for which I exceedingly beg, Lady and my Child, that you entrust the delivery of your message to someone of importance, well known, respected, and esteemed, so that they may believe in him; because I am a nobody, I am a small rope, a tiny ladder, the tail end, a leaf, and you, my Child, the least of my children, my Lady, you send me to a place where I never visit nor repose. Please excuse the great unpleasantness and let not fretfulness befall, my Lady and my All.”

The Blessed Virgin: “Hark, my son the least, you must understand that I have many servants and messengers, to whom I must entrust the delivery of my message, and carry my wish, but it is of precise detail that you yourself solicit and assist and that through your mediation my wish be complied. I earnestly implore, my son the least, and with sternness I command that you again go tomorrow and see the bishop. You go in my name, and make known my wish in its entirety that he has to start the erection of a temple which I ask of him. And again, tell him that I, in person, the ever-virgin Holy Mary, Mother of God, sent you.”

Juan Diego: “Lady, my Child, let me not cause you affliction. Gladly and willingly, I will go to comply your mandate. Under no condition will I fail to do it, for not even the way is distressing. I will go to do your wish, but perhaps I will not be heard with liking, or if I am heard I might not be believed. Tomorrow afternoon, at sunset, I will come to bring you the result of your message with the prelate’s reply. I now take leave, my Child, the least, my Child and Lady. Rest in the meantime.”

THIRD APPARITION (SUNDAY)

The Blessed Virgin: “Well and good, my little dear, you will return here tomorrow, so you may take to the bishop the sign he has requested. With this he will believe you, and in this regard, he will not doubt you nor will he be suspicious of you; and know, my little dear, that I will reward your solicitude and effort and fatigue spent of my behalf. Lo! go now. I will await you here tomorrow.”

FOURTH APPARITION (TUESDAY)

The Blessed Virgin Mary: “What’s there, my son the least? Where are you going?”

Juan Diego: “My Child, the most tender of my daughters, Lady, God grant you are content. How are you this morning? Is your health good, Lady and my Child? I am going to cause you grief. Know, my Child, that a servant of yours is very sick, my uncle. He has contracted the plague, and is near death. I am hurrying to your house in Mexico to call one of your priests, beloved by our Lord, to hear his confession and absolve him, because, since we were born, we came to guard the work of our death. But if I go, I shall return here soon, so I may go to deliver your message. Lady and my Child, forgive me, be patient with me for the time being. I will not deceive you, the least of my daughters. Tomorrow I will come in all haste.”

The Blessed Virgin Mary: “Hear me and understand well, my son the least, that nothing should frighten or grieve you. Let not your heart be disturbed. Do not fear that sickness, nor any other sickness or anguish. Am I not here, who is your Mother? Are you not under my protection? Am I not your health? Are you not happily within my fold? What else do you wish? Do not grieve nor be disturbed by anything. Do not be afflicted by the illness of your uncle, who will not die now of it. be assured that he is now cured.”

“Climb, my son the least, to the top of the hill; there where you saw me and I gave you orders, you will find different flowers. Cut them, gather them, assemble them, then come and bring them before my presence.”

“My son the least, this diversity of roses is the proof and the sign which you will take to the bishop. You will tell him in my name that he will see in them my wish and that he will have to comply to it. You are my ambassador, most worthy of all confidence. Rigorously I command you that only before the presence of the bishop will you unfold your mantle and disclose what you are carrying. You will relate all and well; you will tell that I ordered you to climb to the hilltop, to go and cut flowers; and all that you saw and admired, so you can induce the prelate to give his support, with the aim that a temple be built and erected as I have asked.” **[Later Mary makes a distinction between churches and chapels.]**

2. Our Lady of La Salette

Feast Day: September 19

Location: La Salette, France

Number of Apparitions: 1

Witnesses: Maximin Giraud and Melanie Mathieu

Date: September 19, 1846

Approved: November 16, 1851 by Msgr. de Bruillard



Our Lady of La Salette appeared only once, unlike many other Marian apparitions. Taking place in nineteenth-century France, it occurred when two children, Maximin and Melanie, were tending to their sheep. They stumbled upon a woman sitting with her face in her hands, crying. She spoke to the children about her desire for the conversion of sinners, and how displeased her son was with the sins that are committed against him. Her message to the children was to keep the Sabbath day holy by refraining from work and calling them to respect the holy name of Jesus. Pope St. John Paul II reflected on Our Lady on her feast day, saying “LaSalette is a message of hope, for our hope is nourished by the intercession of her who is the Mother of mankind.”

Message

[La Salette, France 1846](#)

"Come to me, my children. Do not be afraid. I am here to tell you something of the greatest importance. If my people will not obey, I shall be compelled to loose my Son's arm. It is so heavy, so pressing that I can no longer restrain it."

"How long I have suffered for you! If my Son is not to cast you off, I am obliged to entreat Him without ceasing. But you take no least notice of that. No matter how well you pray in future, no matter how well you act, you will never be able to make up to me what I have endured for your sake."

" 'I have appointed for you six days for working. The seventh I have reserved for myself. And no one will give it to me.' This is what causes the weight of my Son's arm to be so crushing." [John Vianney preached this same message]

"The cart drivers cannot swear without bringing in my Son's name. These are two things that make my Son's arm so burdensome. If the harvest is spoiled it is your fault. I warned you last year (1845) by means of the potatoes. You paid no heed. Quite the reverse, when you discovered that the potatoes had rotted, you swore, you abused my Son's name. They will continue to rot and by Christmas this year there will be none left."

"If you have grain, it will do you no good to sow it, for what you sow the beasts will devour, and any part of it that springs up will crumble into dust when you thresh it. A great famine is coming. But before that happens, the children under seven years of age will be seized with trembling and die in their parents' arms. The grownups will pay for their sins by hunger. The grapes will rot and the walnuts will turn bad...."

"If people are converted, the rocks will become piles of wheat, and it will be found that the potatoes have sown themselves...."

"Only a few rather old women go to Mass in the summer. All the rest work every Sunday throughout the summer. And in winter, when they don't know what to do with themselves, they go to Mass only to poke fun at religion. During Lent they flock to the butcher shops, like dogs....My children, you will make this known to all people."

[The Secret of La Salette](#)

3. Our Lady of the Golden Heart (Beauraing)

Feast Day: August 22

Location: Beauraing, Belgium

Number of Apparitions: 33

Witnesses: Fernande Voisin, Andre Degeimbre,
Berthe Voisin, Albert Voisin and Gilberte
Degeimbre

First Apparition: November 29, 1932

Last Apparition: January 3, 1933

Approved: July 2, 1949 by André Marie Charue,
Bishop of Namur



Our Lady of Beauraing, also known as the Virgin of the Golden Heart, appeared thirty-three times to five children on a playground in the 1930s. She encouraged the children to “pray, pray, pray” for the conversion of sinners, and also desired a chapel to be built at the site, for people to go on pilgrimage. Our Lady spoke of herself as the Immaculate Conception, and on her thirty-third visit to the children, she revealed to them her golden heart. Her feast day is celebrated on the traditional date of the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Messages

December 2, 1932

"Always be good."

December 21, 1932

"I am the Immaculate Virgin"

December 23, 1932

[Why do you come?]

"That people might come here on pilgrimages."

"Pray always."

"Do you love my Son? Do you love me? Then sacrifice yourself for me."

January 3, 1933

"I will convert sinners"

4. Our Lady of Knock

Feast Day: August 21
Location: Knock, Ireland
Number of Apparitions: 1
Witnesses: 15
Date: August 21, 1879
Approved: 1936 by Archbishop of Tuam, Dr. Thomas Patrick Gilmartin



This apparition is particularly interesting for many reasons. Not only was Mary present, but two other saints as well. In 1879, fifteen people saw an altar with a cross hanging above it. Upon the altar was a Paschal Lamb, and next to the altar was St. John the Evangelist, **St. Joseph**, and Mary. **The apparitions occurred for two hours and the saints did not speak a single word.** The fifteen witnesses on sight stayed to pray the Rosary as the apparitions remained. There was even a storm during the apparition, however the area that held Mary, Joseph, St. John, and the altar stayed completely dry.

[We will talk more about the posture of St Joseph in the next meeting]

5. Our Lady of Fatima

Feast Day: May 13
Location: Fatima, Portugal
Number of Apparitions: 6
Witnesses: Lucia dos Santos, Jacinta Marto, and Francisco Marto
First Apparition: May 13, 1917
Last Apparition: October 13, 1917
Approved: October 13, 1930 by Dom José Alves Correia da Silva, Bishop of the Diocese of Leiria-Fatima



Maybe the most well-known of all Marian Apparitions, Our Lady of Fatima appeared to three children, Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta, in early twentieth-century Portugal. Among many other messages, Our Lady identified herself as Our Lady of the Rosary, urging the children to pray the Rosary frequently, for the conversion of sinners, and for the consecration of Russia to her Immaculate Heart. Many have written about Our Lady of Fatima, and over seventy thousand people were witnesses to her at her last appearance, describing what they saw as the “Dancing of the Sun,” leading to many conversions.

Messages

1. Our Lady re-affirms the Church’s teaching on the existence of the Last Things; heaven, hell, and purgatory. She is especially concerned “that souls are being lost, because there is no one to make reparation for their sins.” Our Lady desires that which “is good and pleasing to God our Savior, who wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth.” (1 Tim 2:4)
2. Our Lady warns us that the ultimate consequences of sin is war. Sister Lucia, in her book, “Calls From The Message of Fatima,” describes not only physical wars, but the personal war we battle internally. **The war we fight against the world and its pleasures. The remedy of which is prayer to obtain peace, peace in the world and peace in our souls, especially by praying the Rosary as a weapon for these battles.**
3. The salvation of souls and the attainment of world peace require the conversion of sinners. **This is a call to apostolate**, to holiness, to fulfill her wishes and the wishes of our God. We need to turn toward him and pray for the conversion of Russia **and others** who spread their errors throughout the world. **This can avert a critical mass of sin that would alter appeals from God’s Justice to his Mercy.** Pope Pius XII is quoted as saying, “that the salvation of the many is dependent on the faithfulness of the few, the prayers of the few.”

6. Our Lady of Lourdes

Feast Day: February 11

Location: Lourdes, France

Number of Apparitions: 18

Witness: St. Bernadette Soubirous

First Apparition: February 11, 1858

Last Apparition: July 16, 1858

Approved: January 18, 1862 by
Bertrand Severe Laurence, Bishop of
Tarbes



Our Lady of Lourdes appeared eighteen times to St. Bernadette in a small grotto in France. She revealed herself as the Immaculate Conception and encouraged St. Bernadette to dedicate prayer and penance to the conversion of sinners. Over the course of the apparitions, Our Lady taught St. Bernadette a secret prayer that she recited until the day she died, “three wonderful secrets” that have never been revealed, and instructed her to bathe in and drink from the fountain on site. Since there was no fountain present, St. Bernadette dug into the gravel, revealing a pond. The stream has since then become a source of healing for many who visit the grotto.

Messages

1ST APPARITION - Thursday, February 11th 1858

Bernadette saw a Lady dressed all in white in the Grotto of Massabielle.

2ND APPARITION - Sunday, February 14th 1858

ASH WEDNESDAY- Wednesday, February 18th 1858

"She said to me, 'I do not promise to make you happy in this world, but in the next.'"

3RD APPARITION - Thursday, February 18th 1858

Bernadette:

"Would you be kind enough to write down your name?"

Our Lady:

"It is not necessary."

"Would you be kind enough to come here for 15 days?"

"I do not promise to make you happy in this world but in the other."

4TH APPARITION - Friday, February 19th 1858

5TH APPARITION - Saturday, February 20th 1858

6TH APPARITION - Sunday, February 21st 1858

Bernadette:

"What saddens you?"

Our Lady:

"Pray for sinners."

NO APPARITION - Monday, February 22nd 1858

7TH APPARITION - Tuesday, February 23rd 1858

8TH APPARITION - Wednesday, February 24th 1858

Our Lady:

"Penance! Penance! Penance! Pray to God for sinners."

9TH APPARITION - Thursday, February 25th 1858

Our Lady:

"Go, drink of the spring and wash yourself there. You will eat the grass that is there."

NO APPARITION - Friday, February 26th 1858

10TH APPARITION - Saturday, February 27th 1858

Our Lady:

"Penance! Penance! Penance! Pray to God for sinners."

Go, kiss the ground for the conversion of sinners." [**Prayer Vitamin**]

"Go and tell the priests to have a chapel built here."

11TH APPARITION - Sunday, February 28th 1858

Our Lady:

"Penance! Penance! Penance! Pray to God for sinners."

Go, kiss the ground for the conversion of sinners."

12TH APPARITION - Monday, March 1st 1858

13TH APPARITION - Tuesday, March 2nd 1858

Our Lady:

"Go, tell the priests to bring people here in procession and have a Chapel built here."

14TH APPARITION - Wednesday, March 3rd 1858

15TH APPARITION - Thursday, March 4th 1858

16TH APPARITION - Thursday, March 25th 1858

Our Lady:

"QUE SOY ERA IMMACULADA CONCEPÇÃO. (I AM THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION)"

17TH APPARITION - Wednesday, April 7th 1858

18TH APPARITION - Friday, July 16th 1858

7. Virgin of the Poor (Banneux)

Feast Day: May 31

Location: Banneux, Belgium

Number of Apparitions: 8

Witness: Mariette Beco

First Apparition: January 15, 1933

Last Apparition: March 2, 1933

Approved: March 19, 1942 and August 22, 1949 by Bishop Msgr. Louis-Joseph Kerkhofs of Liege



In a garden behind Mariette Beco's family home, Mary appeared eight times to Mariette, who was eleven at the time. She identified herself as the Virgin of the Poor and promised to intercede for the poor and suffering. The apparitions happened just fifty miles away from the apparition of Our Lady of Beauraing, leading many to think that Mariette was simply copying the accounts of Beauraing. However, Our Lady continued to appear to her, encouraging her to "pray very much" and to believe in her. The Little Chapel was built on the site shortly after the apparitions.

Messages

Received by Mariette Beco January 15, 1933

Mariette first observes a smiling woman made of light standing in her yard.

January 18, 1933

The Virgin: "Place your hands in the water."

January 19, 1933

Mariette: "Who are you, lovely Lady?"

The Virgin: "I am the Virgin of the Poor."

[Mariette kneels three times.]

"This spring is reserved for all the nations - to relieve the sick." "I shall pray for you. Au Revoir."

January 20th, 1933

Mariette: "What do you wish, my beautiful Lady?"

The Virgin: "I would like a small chapel."

[The Virgin blessed her with the Sign of the Cross and Mariette collapsed.]

February 11, 1933 (Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes)

The Virgin: "I come to relieve suffering."

February 15, 1933

Mariette: "Blessed Virgin, the chaplain told me to ask you for a sign."

The Virgin: "Believe in me, I will believe in you. Pray much. Au Revoir."

February 20, 1933

The Virgin: "My dear child, pray much. Au Revoir"

March 2, 1933

The Virgin: "I am the Mother of the Saviour, Mother of God, Pray much. Adieu "

Mariette: "Adieu- till we meet in God."

8. Our Lady of Happy Meetings

Feast Day: September 27

Location: Laus, France

Number of Apparitions: Many

(over 54 years)

Witness: Benoite (Benedicta) Rencurel

First Apparition: 1664

Last Apparition: 1718

Approved: May 4, 2008 by Bishop

Jean-Michel di Falco of the Diocese of Gap



Our Lady of Laus, also known as Our Lady of Happy Meetings, first appeared to Benoite when she was seventeen and continued to visit her throughout her life. Over the course of these appearances, Our Lady asked for a house to be built for priests, with the aim of drawing people into greater conversion, especially through the sacrament of penance. The site is heavily populated with tourists each year, attracting 120,000 people on pilgrimage annually. There have also been many healings on the site as well, especially through the instructions Our Lady gave to Benoite, placing oil from a lamp on wounds.

Messages

Laus, France 1664

Vision of St. Maurice

In May of 1664, Benedicta Rencurel was seventeen, praying the Rosary, her favorite devotion, watching her flock, when suddenly an old and venerable man, clothed in the vestments of a bishop of the early Church, came up to her /

St. Maurice: "My daughter, what are you doing here?"

Benedicta: "I'm watching my sheep, praying to God, and looking for water to drink."

"I'll get some for you."

"You're so beautiful! Are you an Angel, or Jesus?"

"I am Maurice, to whom the nearby chapel [then in ruins] is dedicated . . . My daughter, do not come back to this place. It is part of a different territory, and the guards would take your flock if they found it here. Go to the valley above Saint-Étienne. That is where you will see the Mother of God."

"But Sir, She is in Heaven. How can I see Her there?"

"Yes, She is in Heaven, and on earth too when She wants."

Apparitions of Our Lady of Laus

Very early the next morning, Benoite hastily led her flock to the indicated spot, the Vallon des Fours (Valley of Kilns), so called because the hill above this valley contained gypsum, which the village inhabitants extracted and fired to make plaster for their buildings. Benoite had just arrived in front of a little grotto that was on the site when she saw a Lady of incomparable beauty holding a no less beautiful Child by the hand. She was ravished by the sight. Despite Saint Maurice's prediction, however, the naive shepherd girl could not imagine that she was in the presence of the Mother of God.

Benedicta: "Lovely Lady, what are You doing here? Did You come to buy some plaster?" "Would You be so kind as to give us this child? He would delight us all!" "Would You like to eat with me? I've got some good bread; we can dip it in the spring."

The Lady smiled again and continued letting her enjoy Her presence, going in and coming out of the cavity in the rock, approaching Benoite and moving away from her. Then, when evening came She took the Child in Her arms, entered the grotto and disappeared. The following day and for the next four months, Benoite contemplated on that site the Joy of the Angels and the Ornament of Heaven. The shepherd girl's face was transfigured right from the start; she shared her happiness with everyone in cheerful simplicity.

Then, after two months of silence, She made her Her pupil and began to speak in order to teach, test and encourage her. Putting Herself on the level of the mountain girl's uneducated mind, the Queen of Heaven condescended to familiarities that would surprise us if we did not know that Mary's goodness is boundless.

One day our tender Mother invited Benoite to rest by Her side, and the weary child went peacefully to sleep on the hem of the Virgin's mantle.

Another time, doing as mothers do to teach prayers to their children, She had her repeat, word by word, **the Litany of Loreto**, then enjoined her to teach it to the girls of Saint-Étienne and go to church with them every evening to sing it there. With the sweetness and patience of a mother, She formed her gradually in view of her future mission.

The pious young girl was still uncouth, quite stubborn and readily impatient. Before the Virgin Mary personally revealed Her name, She initiated Benoite in the role she was to play all her life: **to work at the conversion of sinners through prayer, sacrifice, and----a special vocation---- exhortation, for God had granted her the charism of reading in hearts. Consequently, she was often given the heavy task of correcting souls and disclosing their sad condition to them.** When needed, she would remind them of their forgotten or hidden sins and urge them to purify themselves of them. A striking conversion, among many others, occurred to give credit not only to the Apparition, but to the seeress' clairvoyance as well.

Benoite's employer, Mrs. Rolland, a woman who had no interest whatsoever in religion, wanted to see for herself what was going on at the site of the apparitions. One day before dawn she went in secret to the grotto, entered before Benoite, and hid behind a rock. Benoite arrived, and a few moments later she saw the Beautiful Lady.

Virgin Mary: "Your mistress is over there, hiding behind the rock," **"Tell her not to curse with the name of Jesus, because if she keeps it up there will be no paradise for her: Her conscience is in a very bad state; she should do penance."**

The employer, who had heard everything, tearfully promised to amend. And she kept her word. News of the apparitions began to spread; people were talking about them all over. Many believed in them, but several others were incredulous and treated the shepherd girl as a false mystic. Among the many people who supported Benoite were the little girls of St. Stephen's who, like her, loved Mary with all their heart.

Virgin Mary: "Tell the girls of St. Stephen's to sing the Litany of the Blessed Virgin in the church every evening, with the permission of the Prior, and you will see that they will do it."

Indeed, once they had learned their "lesson," the Litany was chanted every evening with great devotion. It might be interesting to point out here that Laus is in the diocese of Embrun. Since 1638, the year of the consecration of France to Mary by King Louis XIII, **the Litany of Loreto had been chanted regularly in the cathedral of Embrun.** As reports of the apparitions took on greater expansion, François Grimaud, the magistrate of Avançon Valley, a good Catholic and a man of integrity, decided to conduct an investigation. After serious examination he concluded that Benoite was not deceiving anyone, nor was she an impostor, or mentally ill. He also observed that Benoite had not asked her Lady to reveal Her identity, so to speak. At the magistrate's request, although personally it cost her a great deal, Benoite was obliged to ask:

Benedicta: "My good Lady, I and all the people in this place are hard put to know who You are. Might You not be the Mother of our good God? Please be so kind as to tell me, and we will build a chapel here to honor You."

Virgin Mary: "There is no need to build anything there because She had chosen a more pleasant spot. I am Mary, the Mother of Jesus. You will not see Me here any more, nor for some time."

September 29, 1664

Benedicta: "Oh, good Mother! Why did You deprive me of the joy of seeing You for so long?"

Virgin Mary: "From now on, you will see Me only in the chapel that is in Laus."

And Mary showed her the path that went up and over the hill toward Laus, a village the young girl had heard about but never visited, as she actually lived in the village of St.-Étienne d'Avançon.

In 1640, some pious mountain people had built a little chapel dedicated to Notre-Dame de Bon Rencontre (Our Lady of Good Encounter) deep in the solitude of Laus. They had done so for the purpose of gathering there to pray when high water would prevent them from going to the parish church in Saint-Étienne. Exteriorly, the humble thatch-roofed structure looked like all the other small houses; just over two meters square, it had a plaster altar whose only ornaments were two wooden candlesticks and a pewter ciborium. That is where the Queen of Heaven awaited the young shepherd girl, as in a new stable of Bethlehem. since Benoite had never heard of the chapel, the next day she searched a long time for it in tears, going here and there, sometimes wandering away for a moment. She stopped at the entrance of each poor dwelling, trying to detect the "sweet fragrance." Finally she detected it near a door left ajar. Entering, she found her beautiful Lady standing on a dust-covered altar.

Virgin Mary: "My daughter, you have searched diligently for Me, and you should not have wept. Even so, **you pleased Me by not being impatient.**" Benoite humbly accepted this remark and then noticed with sadness the pitiful condition of the altar.

Benedicta: "Honorable Lady, would You like me to spread my apron under Your feet? It is very white."

"No, . . . soon nothing will be lacking here----neither vestments nor altar linens nor candles. **I want a large church built on this spot,** along with a building for a few resident priests. The church will be built in honor of my dear Son and Myself. Here many sinners will be converted. I will appear to you often here."

"Build a church? There's no money for that here!"

"Do not worry. When the time comes to build, you will find all you need, and it will not be long. The pennies of the poor will provide for everything. Nothing will be lacking."

Throughout the winter of 1664-65, in spite of the four kilometers that separated the village of Saint-Étienne from the Laus chapel, Benoite went up to it every day. And there she often saw the Virgin.

Virgin Mary: "Pray continually for sinners."

Often times, she would name those she wanted her to pray for. In this way the Virgin was forming Benoite for her mission, which was to help priests in the ministry of Confession and the conversion of sinners. As of 1665, the Blessed Virgin asked her to stop tending flocks in order to devote herself to her mission.

Virgin Mary: "I asked My Son for Laus for the conversion of sinners, and He has granted it to Me."

On September 14, 1665, Father Antoine Lambert, the Vicar General of the Diocese of Embrun and most unsympathetic towards the apparitions, came to Laus in the company of several eminent priests, equally unsympathetic to the events at Laus, hoping to put an end to "this sorcery," prove Benoite guilty of a hoax, and shut down the chapel. When the poor shepherd girl heard that they had arrived, she was so afraid that she wanted to leave.

Virgin Mary: "No, My daughter, you must not run away. You must remain, for you must do justice to churchmen. They will question you one by one and try to catch you with your own words. But don't be afraid. Tell the Vicar General that he can very well make God come down from Heaven by the power he received when he became a priest, but he has "NO" commands to give the Mother of God."

One day in the winter of 1665, Benoite was advised by the Virgin Mary to invite those with illnesses to apply oil to their afflicted members.

Virgin Mary: "If they take oil from the lamp in the chapel and apply it to themselves, and if they have recourse to Her intercession and have faith, they will be healed; that "God has given Her this place for the conversion of sinners." [Text from the manuscript of Rev. Can. Pierre Gaillard.]

Virgin Mary: "Take heart, My daughter! Have patience . . . Do your duty cheerfully . . . Bear no hatred towards the enemies of Laus . . . Do not be troubled and sick over it if people do not profit from your advice . . . Do not be disturbed by temptations, visible or invisible spirits, or temporal affairs . . . Strive never to forsake the presence of God, for whoever has any faith will not dare to offend Him."

Canon Gaillard states that from 1664 to 1672, incredulity made only a few small waves. But during the next twenty years unspeakable contradictions arose, especially among the clergy, then infected with Jansenist venom. Father Lambert, Vicar General of the diocese of Embrun, had passed away. A few members of the metropolitan Chapter who were prejudiced against Laus took advantage of the authority they exercised in the interim to issue an interdict against the holy girl; they posted their document on the doors of the cathedral of Embrun, and threatened with excommunication any priest who celebrated Mass in the Laus chapel. They also posted a sign on the church door at Laus forbidding public devotions on the site.

Virgin Mary: "Remove that paper... and let Mass be said here as it was before."

On March 18, 1700, Benoite's Guardian Angel had told her, "The Laus devotion is the work of God which neither man nor the devil can destroy. It will continue until the end of the world, flourishing more and more and bearing great fruit everywhere."

On Christmas Day of 1718, after asking forgiveness of those who were present, for the bad examples she might have given during her lifetime, she requested and received Holy Viaticum. Suddenly her good Mother reappeared before her eyes, leaving behind a fragrance that pervaded the very poor chamber.

Visions of Christ

Benoite She saw Our Lord crucified, bleeding and in agony, with the wounds in His hands, feet and side, and red gashes from the scourging covering His Body.

Benoite: "Oh, my Jesus, if You remain like this another instant, I will die!"

Guardian Angel: "Do not be troubled, my Sister. Although our Divine Master has appeared to you in this condition, He is not suffering anything; it is solely to show you what He suffered out of love for the human race."

Friday, July 7, 1673

Christ: "My daughter, I am showing Myself to you in this condition so that you may participate in the sorrows of My Passion."

Every week from that day on, she suffered a mystical crucifixion between Thursday evening and Saturday morning. This weekly crucifixion lasted fifteen years, with a two-year interruption from 1677 to 1679, when Benoite served food to the workers who were building the priests' residence; in November 1679, the mystical crucifixion was renewed at the Cross of Avançon.

9. Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

Feast Day: November 27

Location: Rue du Bac, Paris, France

Number of Apparitions: 2

Witness: St. Catherine Laboure

First Apparition: July 18, 1830

Last Apparition: November 27,
1830

Approved: July 13, 1836 by
Archbishop Hyacinthe-Louis de
Quélen of Paris



Our Lady appeared to St. Catherine twice in the year 1830. The first time, Catherine was woken up by a “shining child” at her bed and told that Our Lady was waiting for her in the chapel. Catherine went to the chapel and observed at first that it was empty, but then, after hearing what she thought to be the rustling of silk, Mary appeared, and Catherine rushed to her side. The two talked for hours, Mary revealing to her that troubling times were ahead for France and that the Lord wants to bestow a great task unto her. Mary appeared several months later, urging Catherine to keep the apparitions a secret to all except her confessor, and commissioned her to have a medal made, now known as the Miraculous Medal. The medal has since then been made and distributed over a billion times all across the world.

Messages

FIRST APPARITION - July 18, 1830

"My child, the good God wishes to charge you with a mission. You will have much to suffer, but you will rise above these sufferings by reflecting that what you do is for the glory of God. You will know what the good God wants. You will be tormented until you have told him who is in charge with directing you. You will be contradicted, but do not fear, you will have grace. Tell with confidence all that passes within you. Tell it with simplicity. Have confidence. Do not be afraid. "

"There will be bad times to come. Misfortunes will come crashing down on France. The throne will be toppled. The whole world will be turned upside-down by misfortunes of all kinds [...] But come to the foot of this altar. There, graces will be poured out on all those, small, or great, who ask for them with confidence and fervor. Graces will be poured out especially [on those who ask for them. Grave troubles are coming. There will be great danger, for this, the novitiate and other communities. At one moment when the danger is acute, everyone will believe all to be lost; you will recall my visit and [the novitiate] will have the protection of God. But it will not be the same for other communities."

"There will be victims [...] There will be victims among the clergy of Paris; Monsignor the Archbishop will die [...] My child, the Cross will be held in contempt. It will be thrown to the ground and trampled. Blood will flow. Our Savior's side will be opened anew. The streets will run with blood. Monsignor the Archbishop will be stripped of his vestments ...My child, the whole world will be plunged into gloom."

"My eyes will ever be upon you. I shall grant you graces. Special graces will be given to all who ask them, **but people must pray.**"

"The ball which you see represents the whole world, especially France, and each person in particular. These rays symbolize the graces I shed upon those who ask for them. **The gems from which rays do not fall are the graces for which souls forget to ask.**"

SECOND APPARITION- November 27, 1830

"Have a Medal struck after this model. All who wear it will receive great graces; they should wear it around the neck. Graces will abound for persons who wear it with confidence."

"This globe which you see is the world, France in particular and for every person living in it. I am praying for it and for everyone in the world. The rays which shed on the globe from my hands are the graces which I bestow for all those who ask for them. But there are no rays that come from some of the gems (from my fingers) because those are the graces which God wishes to bestow on them but they forget to ask..."

10. Our Lady of Hope

Feast Day: January 17

Location: Pontmain, France

Number of Apparitions: 1

Witnesses: Eugene Barbadette, Francoise Richer, Jeanne-Marie Lebosse, and Eugene Friteau

Date: January 17, 1871

Approved: February 2, 1872 by Casimir-Alexis-Joseph Wicart, Bishop of Laval



During the Franco-Prussian War, Mary appeared to four children on the playground of a convent school in Pontmain, France. The first child to see her was Eugene, and when he tried to point the attention of the adults around him in the direction of Our Lady, none reported seeing her. However, the other three children around him all reported seeing her, leading a nun nearby to guide everyone in prayer. Our Lady spoke no words to the children, but at her feet there was a banner that read, "But pray my children. God will hear you in a short time. My Son allows Himself to be moved by compassion." On the same day, it is said that the Prussians halted their advance into France when the Prussian Commander reported that "invisible Madonna barring the way." Just a few months later, a peace treaty was signed between France and Prussia, and the bishop declared that Mary had truly appeared to the four children.

Messages

Received by Eugene Barbedette, Joseph Barbedette, Francoise Richter, Jeanne-Marie Lebosse on January 17, 1871

"Pray my children."

"God will soon grant your request".

"My Son allows himself to be moved."

11. Our Lady, Help of Christians

Feast Day: January 13

Location: Filippsdorf, Czech Republic

Number of Apparitions: 1

Witness: Magdalene Kade

Date: January 13, 1866

Approved: 1885 by Pope Leo XIII



Our Lady, Help of Christians, proves true to her name, appearing to heal Magdalene Kade in 1866, along with healing close to a dozen others shortly after. Magdalene was bedridden due to many illnesses, and had a friend who would stay and watch over her. One night, around 4 AM, the Virgin Mary appeared to her, and Magdalene, hardly able to speak before seeing Our Lady, cried out in joy, “Look at that shine! Look at that beauty.” Her friends staying with her could not see anything, but Mary, clothed in white and wearing a golden crown, looked at Magdalene and said, “My daughter, now you are healed!” and disappeared. Magdalene was able to immediately jump up and was completely healed.

12. Our Lady of Gietrzwald

Feast Day: June 27

Location: Gietrzwald, Poland

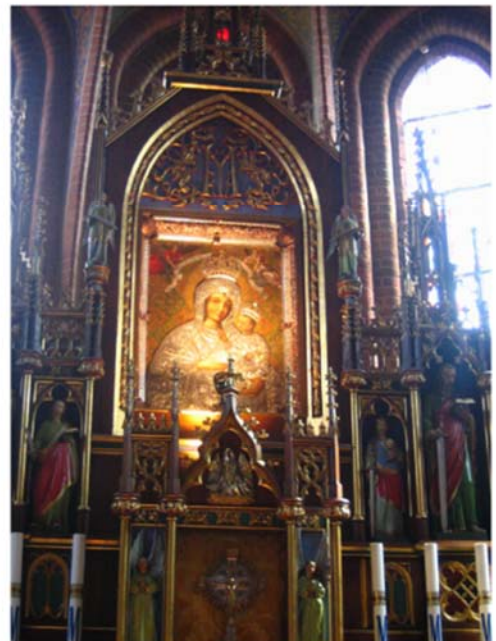
Number of Apparitions: 9

Witnesses: Justyna Szafrynska and
Barbara Samulowska

First Apparition: June 27, 1877

Last Apparition: September 16, 1877

Approved: 1878 by Bishop Filip Krementz



Our Lady's message in Gietrzwałd, Poland was very similar to that given at Fatima forty years after. Mary appeared to two girls, Justyna and Barbara, as they were preparing for their First Communion. The girls found her sitting on a throne holding the infant Jesus under a maple tree in front of the church. When the girls asked Our Lady who she was, she responded, "I am the Blessed Virgin Mary of the Immaculate Conception!" and told the girls to recite the Rosary daily. The girls spoke to their parish priest, and as word spread, a movement of praying a daily Rosary spread as well, and the area remains a popular place of pilgrimage.

Message

"I am the Blessed Virgin Mary of the Immaculate Conception!" and told the girls to recite the Rosary daily.

13. Our Lady of Lezajsk

Location: Lezajsk, Poland

Number of Apparitions: 2

Witness: Thomas Michalek

First Apparition: 1578

Last Apparition: 1578

Approved: July 2, 1724 by Henryk Firlej,
Bishop of Przemyśl and crowned by Pope
Benedict XIV in Sept 8, 1752



A humble and faithful woodcutter named Thomas Michalek received two visits from the Virgin Mary in sixteenth-century Poland. The first came when he was in the forest, Mary first being seen as a bright light. Mary asked Thomas to go to the area's priest and ask for a church to be built. However, Thomas was scared of what had happened and did nothing. Our Lady appeared to him again, asking him to take action. When Thomas went to the area's priest he was not believed, and it wasn't until after the death of the parish priest that a chapel was finally built on site.

14. Our Lady of Siluva

Feast Day: September 8

Location: Siluva, Lithuania

Number of Apparitions: Many over 4 years

Witnesses: 4 children

First Apparition: 1608

Last Apparition: 1612

Approved: August 17, 1775 by Pope Pius VI



The apparition of Our Lady of Siluva led to the conversion of an entire town from Calvinism to the Catholic Faith. On a summer day in 1608, Mary appeared to four young children who were tending a flock of sheep on the outskirts of their village, Siluva. She was standing on a rock, holding a baby, and crying heavily. The town of Siluva had been turned over to the Calvinists in 1532, and gradually the whole village was conformed to Calvinist beliefs. However, the visits of Mary to the children were enough to turn the entire town back to the Catholic Faith, and abolish Calvinist rule in Siluva.

15. Our Lady of Zion

Feast Day: November 17

Location: Rome, Italy

Number of Apparitions: 1

Witness: Marie Alphonse Ratisbonne

Date: January 20, 1842

Approved: June 3, 1842 by the Vicar General of Pope Gregory XVI, Cardinal Patrizi



The apparition of Our Lady of Zion has a strong connection to Our Lady of The Miraculous Medal, which took place just twelve years prior. Marie Alphonse, an anti-Catholic Jewish man, started wearing a Miraculous Medal to please his new friend, a baron of the Church. While waiting for the baron one day, he received a vision of the Blessed Virgin. He then converted to the Catholic Faith, joined the priesthood, and started a ministry for the conversion of Jews.

16. Mother of the Word

Feast Day: November 28

Location: Kibeho, Rwanda

Number of Apparitions: Many over 8 years

Witnesses: Alphonsine Mumureke, Nathalie Mukamazimpaka, and Marie Claire Mukangango

First Apparition: November 28, 1981

Last Apparition: November 28, 1989

Approved: June 29, 2001 by Bishop Augustin Misago of Gikongoro



One of the most recent Marian apparitions, Our Lady of Kibeho or "Mother of the Word" appeared to three children in the early 1980s. She continued to visit the children throughout the decade, and the name she identified herself with, Mother of the Word, is said to be synonymous with that of the title, "Mother of God." One of the things Our Lady expressed to the children was that whenever she appears to a certain place or to a certain person, she is speaking not only to them, but to the whole world, and that the revelations of apparitions are to be applied to the entire community of the faithful.

Messages

APPARITIONS TO ALPHONSINE

Alphonsine:

"Who are you?"

Our Lady:

"I am the Mother of the Word."

"Of the religions, what do you like?"

Alphonsine:

"I love God and His Mother who has given us Their Son who has saved us."

Our Lady:

"It is true. I have come to assure you of this. I have heard your prayers. I would like it if your companions had more faith because some of them do not believe enough."

APPARITIONS TO MARIE-CLAIRE

Our Lady:

"When I show myself to someone and talk to them, I want to turn to the whole world. If am turning to parish of Kibeho, it does not mean that I am concerned only for Kibeho or for the Diocese of Butare or for Rwanda, or for the whole of Africa. I am concerned with and turning to the whole world. The world is evil and rushes towards its ruin. It is about to fall in its abyss. The world is in rebellion against GOD. Many sins are being committed. There is no love and no peace. If you do not repent and convert your hearts, you will all fall into an abyss."

March 27, 1982

APPARITIONS TO STEPHANIE

Our Lady:

"We must be converted, we must pray and mortify ourselves. Satan tries to ruin us. God wants our prayers from the heart."

"We must remain humble and available. Let us learn to pray from the heart."

APPARITIONS TO AGNES

Our Lady:

"They [young girls] should not use their bodies as an instrument of pleasure. They are using all means to love and be loved and they forget that true love comes from God. Instead of being at the service of God, they are at the service of money. They must make of their body an instrument destined to the glory of God and not an object of pleasure at the service of men. They should pray to Mary to show them the right way to God."

"I have come to prepare the way for my Son for your good and you do not want to understand. The time remaining is short and you are absent-minded. You are distracted by the goods of this world which are passing.....Do not forget that God is more powerful than all the evil in the world. Tell the youth not to spoil their future by the wrong way of living, which can weigh heavily on their future. Don't lose Heaven for the world. The intellectuals have received learning to help others arrive at the truth, which is God. To profess atheism is to insult and mock God...."

"[Seek] detachment from the good of this world and search for the good prepared by God."

"The walk to heaven is through a narrow road. It is not easy to get through. The road to Satan is wide. You will go fast, you will run because there are no obstacles."

"There isn't much time left for preparing for the Last Judgment. We must change our lives, renounce sin. Pray and prepare for our death and for the end of the world. We must prepare while there is still time. Those who do well will go to Heaven. If they do evil, they will condemn themselves with no hope of appeal. Do not lose time in doing good and praying. There is not much time and Jesus will come."

APPARITIONS OF JESUS CHRIST TO EMMANUEL

Our Lord:

"Child, if you receive a mission, will you be able to accomplish it?"

"Often we say that we are weak, but God has given us the sacraments of reconciliation."

"I am neither black nor white. I am simply the Lord."

"To many people treat their neighbors dishonestly. The world is full of hatred. You know my Second Coming is at hand when you see the outbreak of religious wars. Then, know that I am on the way."

"There's not much time to prepare for the Last Judgment"

The Following are Bishop Only Approved Apparitions

Below are the remaining ten Marian apparitions that have yet to be recognized by the Vatican, but have been approved for devotion by the Catholic Church. Remember, just because these apparitions haven't been recognized by the Holy See, doesn't mean they're any less important! Check them out; chances are you haven't heard of at least half of these amazing appearances.

1. Our Lady of Good Help

Feast Day: October 9

Location: Champion, Wisconsin, USA

Number of Apparitions: 3

Witness: Adele Brise

First Apparition: October 9, 1859

Last Apparition: October 17, 1859

Approved: December 8, 2010 by Bishop David L. Ricken of Green Bay, Wisconsin



Our Lady of Good Help's appearances to Adele Brise in 1859 is the only officially approved Marian apparition in the United States. Mary appeared to Adele three times over the course of a year, in the farmlands of what is now Champion, Wisconsin. Our Lady identified herself as the "Queen of Heaven," completing the Marian Mysteries that began one year prior by Our Lady of Lourdes, as Mary revealed herself then to be the "Immaculate Conception." Additionally, Our Lady of Good Help encouraged Adele to dedicate her life to evangelization using the *Catechism*. The shrine of Our Lady of Good Help was just recently approved by Bishop Ricken in 2010, and is already a popular pilgrimage site for many Americans.

Messages

"I am the Queen of Heaven who prays for the conversion of sinners, and I wish you to do the same. You received Holy Communion this morning and that is good. But you must do more. **Make a general confession and offer Communion for the conversion of sinners.** If they do not convert and do penance, my Son will be obliged to punish them."

At the second vision, Our Lady told Adele:

"Gather the children in this wild country and teach them what they should know for salvation."

When she appeared for the third and final time, young Adele asked, "What more can I do, dear Lady?" Mary's direction was simple: **"Gather the children in this wild country and teach them what they should know for salvation."**

"But how shall I teach them who know so little myself?" Adele asked.

Mary replied, **"Teach them their catechism, how to sign themselves with the sign of the Cross, and how to approach the sacraments; that is what I wish you to do. Go and fear nothing. I will help you."**

2. Our Lady of Good Success (Quito)

Feast Day: February 2

Location: Quito, Ecuador

Number of Apparitions: 4

Witness: Venerable Mother Mariana de Jesus Torres

First Apparition: February 2, 1594

Last Apparition: December 8, 1634

Approved: February 2, 1611 by Bishop Salvador de Riber



Our Lady of Good Success appeared to the now Venerable Mother Mariana de Jesus Torres in the late sixteenth century. Her words were very prophetic, and she warned Mother Mariana about a decline of faith in the twentieth century, especially among priests and other vocations. Other predictions that have proved true were the local events of Ecuador, as well as the Blessed Pope Pius IX's declaration of the Marian dogma, the Immaculate Conception.

Message

Excerpts taken from the 18th Century manuscript entitled *The Admirable Life of Mother Mariana of Jesus Torres*, written a century after her death by Prior Manuel de Souza Pereira, Franciscan Provincial in Quito, Ecuador and director of the Convent Mother Mariana founded.

February 2, 1594

"I am Mary of Good Success, whom you have invoked with such tender affection. Your prayer has pleased me very much. Your faith has brought me here. Your love has invited me to visit you....."

January 16, 1599

"...now I ask and command you to have a statue to be made for the consolation and preservation of my convent and for those faithful souls of that epoch during which there will be a great devotion to me, for I am the Queen of Heaven under many invocations...With the making of this statue I will favor not only my convent, but also the people of Quito—and all the people throughout the centuries."

"First so that men in the future might realize how powerful I am in placating Divine Justice and obtaining mercy and pardon for every sinner who comes to me with a contrite heart. **For I am the Mother of Mercy** and in me there is only goodness and love."

"And second ...when tribulations of spirit and sufferings of the body oppress them and they seem to be drowning in this bottomless sea let them gaze at my holy image and I will always be there ready to listen to their cries and soothe their pain. Tell them that they should always run to their Mother with confidence and love..."

January 16, 1611

St Michael said: Hail to Thee, Mary Most Holy Daughter of God the Father"

St Gabriel said: Hail to Thee, Mary Most Holy Mother of God the Son"

St Raphael said:" Hail to Thee, Mary Most Holy, Most Pure Spouse of the Holy Ghost"

All together they chanted:

"Hail to Thee, Mary Most Holy Temple and Sacrament of the Most Holy Trinity"

Our Lady:

"Against them the impious will rage a cruel war, overwhelming them with vituperations, calumnies and vexations in order to stop them from fulfilling their ministry. But they, like firm columns, will remain unswerving and will confront everything with a spirit of humility and sacrifice with which they will be vested, by virtue of the infinite merits of my most Holy Son, Who will love them in the innermost fibers of His Most Holy and Tender Heart."

"The small number of souls, who hidden, will preserve the treasures of the Faith and practice virtue will suffer a cruel, unspeakable and prolonged martyrdom. Many will succumb to death from the violence of their sufferings and those who sacrifice themselves for the Church and their country will be counted as martyrs. In order to free men from the bondage to these heresies, those whom the merciful love of my most Holy Son has designated to effect the restoration, will need great strength of will, constancy, valor and confidence of the just. There will be occasions when all will seem lost and paralyzed. This then will be the happy beginning of the complete restoration."

" Under the appearance of virtue and bad-spirited zeal, would turn upon Religion, who nourished them at her breast." "During this time inasmuch as this poor country will lack the Christian spirit, the **Sacrament of Extreme Unction will be little esteemed**. Many people will die without receiving it either because of the negligence of their families or their false sentimentality that tries to protect the sick from seeing the gravity of their situations, or because they will rebel against the spirit of the Catholic Church, impelled by the malice of the devil. Thus many souls will be deprived of innumerable graces, consolations and the strength they need to make that great leap from time to eternity..."

"As for the Sacrament of Matrimony, which symbolizes the union of Christ with His Church, it will be attacked and profaned in the fullest sense of the word. **Masonry, which will then be in power, will enact iniquitous laws with the objective of doing away with this Sacrament, making it easy for everyone to live in sin, encouraging the procreation of illegitimate children** born without the blessing of the Church. The Christian spirit will rapidly decay, extinguishing the precious light of Faith until it reaches the point that there will be an almost total and general corruption of customs. **The effects of secular education will increase**, which will be one reason for the lack of priestly and religious vocations..."

"The Sacred Sacrament of Holy Orders will be ridiculed, oppressed and despised. ...The demon will try to persecute the Ministers of the Lord in every possible way and he will labor with cruel and subtle astuteness to deviate them from the spirit of their vocation, corrupting many of them. These corrupted priests, who will scandalize the Christian people, will incite the hatred of the bad Christians and the enemies of the Roman, Catholic and Apostolic Church to fall upon all priests. This apparent triumph of Satan will bring enormous sufferings to the good Pastors of the Church...."

"Moreover, in these unhappy times, there will be unbridled luxury which, acting thus to snare the rest into sin, will conquer innumerable frivolous souls who will be lost. Innocence will almost no longer be found in children, nor modesty in women, and in this supreme moment of need of the Church, those who should speak will fall silent."

"But know, beloved daughter, that when your name is made known in the 20th century, there will be many who will not believe, claiming that this devotion is not pleasing to God...A simple humble faith in the truth of My apparitions to you, My predilect child, will be reserved for humble and fervent souls docile to the inspirations of grace, for Our Heavenly Father communicates His secrets to the simple of heart, and not to those whose hearts are inflated with pride, pretending to know what they do not, or self-satisfied with empty knowledge."

"The secular Clergy will leave much to be desired because priests will become careless in their sacred duties. Lacking the divine compass, they will stray from the road traced by God for the priestly ministry, and they will become attached to wealth and riches, which they will unduly strive to obtain. How the Church will suffer during this dark night! Lacking a Prelate and Father to guide them with paternal love, gentleness, strength, wisdom and prudence, many priests will lose their spirit, placing their souls in great danger. This will mark the arrival of My hour."

"Therefore, clamor insistently without tiring and weep with bitter tears in the privacy of your heart, imploring our Celestial Father that, for love of the Eucharistic Heart of my Most Holy Son and His Precious Blood shed with such generosity and the profound bitterness and sufferings of His cruel Passion and Death, He might take pity on His ministers and bring to an end those Ominous times, sending to this Church the Prelate who will restore the spirit of its priests."

December 8, 1634

"This signifies the Most August Sacrament of the Eucharist, which will be distributed by my Catholic priests to faithful Christians belonging to the Holy Roman, Catholic and Apostolic Church, whose visible head is the Pope, the King of Christianity. His pontifical infallibility will be declared a dogma of the Faith by the same Pope chosen to proclaim the dogma of the Mystery of My Immaculate Conception. He will be persecuted and imprisoned in the Vatican by the unjust usurpation of the Pontifical States through the iniquity, envy and avarice of an earthly monarch."

"In the 19th Century there will be a truly Catholic president, a man of character whom God Our Lord will give the palm of martyrdom on the square adjoining this Convent. He will consecrate the Republic to the Sacred Heart of My Most Holy Son, and this consecration will sustain the Catholic Religion in the years that will follow, which will be ill-fated ones for the Church. These years, during which the evil sect of Masonry will take control of the civil government will see a cruel persecution of all religious communities, and they will also strike out violently against this one of mine."

3. Our Lady of Eternal Aid

Location: Querrien, Bretania, France

Number of Apparitions: 15

Witness: Jeanne Courtel

First Apparition: August 15, 1652

Last Apparition: August 20, 1652

Approved: September 1652 by
Archbishop Denis de La Barde of
Saint-Brieuc



Jeanne Courtel, who was born deaf and without the ability to properly speak, was tending to her family's sheep when she received her first apparition of the Virgin Mary. Upon appearing to her, Mary healed Jeanne of her infirmities and continued to visit her fourteen times after that. In addition to Jeanne's miraculous healing, further evidence of the apparitions was created when Mary showed Jeanne a hidden spot where an image of Our Lady of Eternal Aid was buried. The statue was left on the site, and immediately the bishop built a chapel there. The statue can now be seen at the chapel, and several other miracles have been reported due to the intercession of Our Lady of Eternal Aid.

Messages

"Beautiful shepherdess, give me one of your white sheep".

Jeanne responded prudently: "These are not my sheep. they are my father's. If he wants to give one to you, I am happy to agree".

"Return to your parents and ask if I may be given a lamb"

"But who will tend to my flock?" questioned the seer.

"I myself", responded the apparition.

On August 20th, the apparition said: "To prove that the message that comes from heaven's command, I tell you that you will discover a few steps from the fountain of Saint-Gal ... an image that was honored in ancient times."

4. Madonna of Montagnaga

Feast Day: May 26

Location: Montagnaga, Italy

Number of Apparitions: 5

Witness: Domenica Targa

First Apparition: May 14, 1729

Last Apparition: May 26, 1730

Approved: August 11, 1894 by the Bishop of Trento



The Madonna of Montagnaga appeared to a simple shepherdess, Domenica Targa, in Italy during the eighteenth century. Upon being frightened while saying the Rosary with her cattle in a basin, Domenica cried out to Christ and Mary for help, and Mary appeared to her. She was wearing all white and held a rosary in her hand. Our Lady asked Domenica what she was doing, and when she responded that she was praying the Rosary, Our Lady praised her and asked her to travel to the Church of St. Anne on the solemnity of the Ascension, so that she may see her again. Domenica followed Mary's instructions and was visited by Our Lady four other times in front of countless witnesses, urging them to pray for the conversion of sinners.

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5. Our Lady of Sorrows

Feast Day: March 22

Location: Castelpetroso, Italy

Number of Apparitions: Many

Witnesses: Fabiana Cecchino and Serafina
Giovanna Valentino

First Apparition: March 22, 1888

Last Apparition: June 1890

Approved: 1889 by Msgr. Macarone-
Palmieri, Bishop of the diocese of Bojano



The most well-recorded apparition of Our Lady of Sorrows came from two women in 1888 as they were going after a group of lost sheep. Fabiana and Serafina were traveling up a neighboring hill when they saw a bright light coming from within a cluster of rocks. After looking closer, they were astounded to find an image of Our Lady of Sorrows. They returned to their village crying, saying that she was a very beautiful woman, fair and young with ratted hair, bleeding out of wounds received from seven swords. As people began to pilgrimage to the site afterward, many reported seeing the Blessed Mother, sometimes as Our Lady of Sorrow, and sometimes as the Pieta.

6. Reconciler of People and Nations

Location: Betania, Venezuela

Number of Apparitions: 31

Witness: Maria Esperanza

First Apparition: March 25, 1976

Last Apparition: January 5, 1990

Approved: November 21, 1987 by Bishop Pío Bello Ricardo, S.J., of Los Teques



The apparitions of The Reconciler of People and Nations wasn't too long ago, the last one occurring in 1990. Our Lady appeared thirty-one times to Maria Esperanza, calling herself The Reconciler of People and Nations, and warning of future war and suffering. On one occasion, as many as 108 people reported seeing the Blessed Mother, and many have visited the site, reporting several miracles and signs.

Messages

First Apparition: March 25, 1976 - 8:30 a.m.

"Daughter, here you have Me with My Hands enriched with graces and covered with splendors of light, to call all My children to conversion; this is the seed of glory I offer as "MARY RECONCILER OF PEOPLE AND NATIONS", for I come to reconcile all of you. Reconciliation is the inheritance of divine brotherhood of My Divine Son! Daughter, hand on My message to all. I will keep you here in My Heart from today on and forever!"
Mary Reconciler of the People!

Second Apparition: August 22, 1976 - 1:30 p.m.

"Daughter, when all men on earth come to carry their cross with love, there will be no more pain nor weeping for they will live rising each day with My beloved Son in a constant and lively hallelujah... hallelujah... hallelujah..!"

"My daughter, I wish for you to make them feel the worth of prayer and the importance of My new Apparition as Reconciler of People and Nations, for under this title they will find essential and determinant conditions to prepare their souls to receive the grace of the Holy Spirit... through the communication and the visits of Our Lord, through faith... for faith is the basis of Christianity... and increasing that same faith will make them seek with sincere love Our Father, and My Heart and the Heart of My Divine Son..!"

Mary Reconciler of the People!

Third Apparition: March 25, 1977 - 11:00 a.m.

"Daughter, children, henceforth you should cover yourselves with divine spirituality... for this will help you, as a source of purity, to lead a model life, fulfilling good deeds dedicated to the Lord... since all harvest done in His Name is light, truth and love..!"

The Patriarch Saint Joseph also said, "With Jesus and Mary I will watch over this source of love, so this people may be saved, for Family will be the hope of a new world..!"

Mary Reconciler of the People!

Fourth Apparition: May 3, 1977 - 11:00 a.m.

"Daughter, continue your way for We have prepared it..! Daughter, obedience shall be the basis of your inner life... to remain in contact and in unity with the Lord..! Children, be very good... spontaneous... natural... this will make your life easier and happier..! Daughter, children: help Me conquer the heart of all your brothers..!"

Mary Reconciler of the People!

Fifth Apparition: March 25, 1978 - 10:30 a.m.

"Daughter, My presence among you is not a dream, it is real; obey and continue to be loyal to this Mother, so you may rejoice for all Eternity..!"

"Your task is arduous to hand on My message of love and reconciliation to all people and nations..! You will suffer, but what joy and happiness to see you have been loyal to Me, your Mother..! I lead you by the hand..!"

Mary Reconciler of the People!

Sixth Apparition: November 27, 1978 - 9:00 a.m.

"My daughter, in 1983 you will be able to carry out, the land movement in a clear way... and then in 1984... the great event of My presence at the place..! And therefore, the great triumph of a march which unites, reestablishes, appraises multitudes that will start coming to My chosen place for these times..! And on the 13th of May... I will lull you in My Arms... all will turn into healthy, good and honest children..! Among those present there, some will feel Me... others will see Me... their hearts will be touched..! Daughter, that great day is coming..!"

Mary Reconciler of the People!

Seventh Apparition: March 25, 1984 - 3:00 to 6:30 p.m.

"My children, I am Mary, Virgin and Mother Reconciler of Nations, I come with My Son in My Arms to reconcile you. O sublime hope of yours..! Pray the Rosary..! Sons and daughters, you have felt Me and seen Me, touching the truth that I live among you... continue to be loyal to the call that today I make... and let us walk the path together..! I lead you..!"

Mary Reconciler of the People!

Eighth Apparition: March 27, 1984 - 11:30 a.m.

"Children, today I make Myself present once more because the GREAT ANNOUNCED TIME has come... a CHURCH FOR ALL... THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH, which establishes the rules and points out, according to the law, a moral guide of how children should behave themselves, respecting the Commandments and Doctrine of My Divine Son... and devoting themselves to everyone's well-being, especially to the most needy well-being, starting by improving their inner life, renewing their spirit with particular attention to meet with the Lord; thus, enter fully into the defense of human rights..!"

Mary Reconciler of the People!

Ninth Apparition: January 25, 1985 - 3:00 p.m.

"Children, from this My Holy Mountain of this blessed place, among these trees, I gaze at you from My grotto of prayer, and in silence and seclusion I let you feel Me... so the grace of the Holy Spirit may enter fully in each one of you, and all may receive the divine vocation of service here in My Promised Land, and may be able to sweetly work for the love of My Beloved Son..! Blessed are those who offer their lives to the service of the Lord..!"

Mary Reconciler of the People!

Tenth Apparition: November 27, 1985 - 10:30 a.m.

"Daughter, children, the fruits of this day are sanctifying graces for your souls... they are of supernatural life of better days, in the steep mountain you are climbing..! My rays which come from the sun of justice of My Divine Son will dazzle you. Be loyal to His Doctrine..! Lead an evangelical, secular and apostolic life..! And appraise the faith, love and unity of the blessed ones..! Now look at the resplendent sun behind the billowing clouds of cotton, and the fine divine rain."

Mary Reconciler of the People!

Eleventh Apparition: December 8, 1986 - 11:00 a.m.

"Daughter, children, here I am as I announced before; some will feel Me... others will see Me between the shrubs... others will perceive the perfumed roses of My garden from Heaven... and even more, some, who are sick, drinking from the water of My grotto of prayer, will be relieved; others, will be healed, attaining health and peace..! Daughter, wherever I place My Feet, it is as sowing the seed... and behold, the Doctrine and the Gospel are enacted through the faith that comes forth from the heart of those who seek Me..! And I tell you, all of you will be saved... for the Church renews and calls to a burning faith... when her children draw close to the flock of My Divine Son... to nourish themselves with His Mystical Body... and daughter, today many will be nourished..! Today there is a Feast of Angels in the whole world, and here in My Promised Land I come to call mankind to reconcile with their brothers..! I come to bestow peace upon the world and calmness to the people and nations..! I come to reign in the heart of the most humble... and I come to soften the proudest and the most arrogant... so they may amend their actions... all accompanying Me..!"

Mary Reconciler of the People!

Twelfth Apparition: June 21, 1987 - 4:30 p.m.

"Children, the hour is soon approaching... and you will feel inside yourselves, that wonderful something, which communicates to the soul the quality of the discernment of His presence among you..! Sons and daughters, retire in silence... this is, and will be the miracle of your own lives... see clearly and determine what is happening around you, in order to be in peace... and henceforth live to bear witness and to proclaim, in each hour of the day, the miracle of your own existence... with a heart which beats with the Heart of My Divine Son Jesus..!"

"Yes, children, for you will feel His Breath, His warmth, His presence; and Heaven and earth will sing together..! Now wait serenely with the key that opens the gate of salvation... and quietly say: "Lord Jesus, we are waiting for You, for You have promised to come... and God's promises cannot be disregarded; and we are here to hold You, love You and always live by Your side with Your Mother..!"

"Children, give pause... the Lord repeats to you, "He who eats My Body and drinks My Blood will be safe and sound... entering to dwell forever in My Father's House..! You are here to learn, and I enter fully into your hearts to model them and make them worthy of this, My Mystical Body..!"
Mary Reconciler of the People!

Thirteenth Apparition: July 6, 1987 - 11:30 a.m.

"My children, reaffirm your trust in the adorable Heart of My Jesus, who is in love with His Father's delights..! Rest on the promises of the Lord who hears the prayers of His children... and whose mercy reaffirms all forever..! Do not worry, for Religious vocations will multiply. Apostles of My Heart..! fill yourselves with gratitude... for all will taste love and wisdom... since the Holy Spirit will enlighten each one of you in these apocalyptic times with His divine grace, sustaining all with bountiful fruits and divine rain..! Sons and daughters, do not stop wearing My miraculous medal to cover yourselves, in order to be protected... also distribute it generously so sinners may be converted, the sick may be healed and the moral values of today's world may be reestablished..!"

Mary Reconciler of the People!

Fourteenth Apparition: March 6, 1988 - 11:00 a.m.

"Daughter, children, here among you, in a close and warm embrace... living a reunion of a Mother with Her children in which each one of those sons and daughters express their feelings and desires of how much they really wish for their Mother to understand them, so She can bestow Her motherly protection upon them... yes, children, Our meeting today is to open broad paths in the boundaries of knowledge... since Jesus My Divine Son, with His Word of wisdom, with His righteousness and His immutable purity, is longing to continue to serve and to be useful to His people... He is reviving again in these days, here in Betania, His language of the heart, through this Mother... and may all in the loneliness of My Holy Mountain, discuss, comment and analyze the reason of Our call to God's people at this time... in this place..! He is making himself noticed here, in these days His presence manifesting Himself with Me, His Mother, who is walking on the streets of Palestine searching for all His sons and daughters... He is not coming to gather only the good, but it is the rebellious whom He comes to gather, to have them drink from the fountain of the Holy Waters of this Mother, so they can wash their heads, their hands and their feet, for their conversion..! Children, I beg all of you to take advantage of the days, hours, minutes, seconds, to prepare yourselves..! Evangelization is the representation of the New Golden Age of a New World... where peace and the ways of love will take you to reach the rectitude and the knowledge of Gods sons and daughters..! All are God's children... His people... sons and daughters of God..! I keep you in My Heart with a small latent and living thorn..! To love... To love... love without limits..!"

Mary Reconciler of the People!

Fifteenth Apparition: February 16, 1989 - 4:00 p.m.

"Daughter, children, here I am..! Living among you..! Children, My Heart beats with Heavenly delights as I gaze at each one of your faces which come to find the hope of better days, to solidify your steps on the road that leads to Mount Zion. For My fountain of the waters of Betania shall restore your souls to a new life... that will bring you to lead an apostles life, that is to say, of service, devoted to a mission of love, which will reaffirm your trust in the light of the New Dawn of My Divine Jesus! He, My Beloved Son, wishes for all of you to live cradled in this motherly Heart, with the charismata and graces of the Holy Spirit. In this way, My children may hold hands, based on the Commandment, Love one another It is the only truth that can save mankind from a war among brothers... that is to say, in these times, all should have recourse to the charitable harvest of good deeds, which is the identification of love and of truth of God's people, who are longing for Social Justice... because as long as unity does not come forth, you will lead a life of anguish, grief, shadows and sorrow. Behold, children, the love of a Mother, who cherishes you... and comes as a starting point to lead you toward a law of justice, love, peace and reconciliation..!"

"Prayer... Meditation... Penance... Eucharist..!"

Mary Reconciler of the People!

Sixteenth Apparition: February 22, 1989 - 12:00 pm.

"My daughter, My Heart I gave to you... My Heart I give to you... and My Heart I will give to you forever..! Daughter, open and enkindle your heart, and be docile to the grace, that is to say, to its sanctifying action... for I wish you to sanctify yourself... with all My other children of My Heart... And this, by dint of loving... of devoting yourselves, offering yourselves unconditionally to a participation, through grace, through the fullness of life My Jesus holds; holds through His Body of Christ on the Cross. All this to work and fight with your efforts and with your actions, and mostly with your constant prayer... continuous... bestowing the fruit of a good harvest..!"

"Children, you saw Me just some minutes ago in the arbors of this, My grotto of prayer, as Mary of the Solitude, with the weeping and the suffering of a Mother... O, My little ones! There is so much grief in My Heart! I do not want you to suffer, I do not want to worry you, let alone for you to go through days of tribulation... but there are things that are so hard for men to understand. The only truth which remains is faith... which will build in your families the firmness and the certainty that the Lord, and this Mother live among all Our children... showing you the way, that only through deeds of faith the shadows that surround your daily living can be lessened..! Children, that is why your prayer must be constant, morning, afternoon and night, for only prayer can save you..! Never forget, the more you suffer, the closer to you We will be, soothing, healing the wounds of your hearts, to continue to live with the responsibility of being redeemers of this time, and saviors in hope for the great eternity..! Observe, to understand My message today..! Children, be courageous, and be willing to give your harvest of peace and love..! I keep you..!"

Mary Reconciler of the People!

Mother of The Solitude of Mary!

Seventeenth Apparition: March 4, 1989 - 4:00 p.m.

"Children, you see Me... here I am ready to serve all those who come to visit Me, looking for My fountains of Holy Waters, to wash your heads and purify your hearts longing for hope, comfort and spiritual peace. Sons and daughters, go on... the journey is long, a whole life of pilgrimage... in search of The Promised Hope of a Powerful Day! Children, My Divine Son loves you so much..! He invites you, to enter fully into Our temple of nature, so the principles of love, of human docility and Christian fervor, may be your guides... These teachings will make you understand the essence held in His Commandments of new life. Spreading through all the media that attends, attracted and filled with faith, and humble before the Heart of this Mother, to implore Her motherly protection..! I keep you..!"

Mary Reconciler of the People!

Your Guide!

Eighteenth Apparition: March 28, 1989 - 5:00 p.m.

"My daughter, My children, here I am... I beg each one of you to especially mend your lives, with penance, the needed prayer, to vindicate God's justice, so offended in these times by men... on the other hand, it is very important for you to attend Holy Mass frequently and to receive the Eucharist... so that My Divine Son's nourishment may help you in such a way that you will feel enlightened inside by an unknown light... wonderful and sublime... which is the great sign God, Our Father, wishes for the salvation of all those who with humility surrender faithfully to His Heart..!"

"That is why, nourish and increase your fervor, longing spiritual improvement... so you may serve, offering your lives as brothers with a deep and lively brotherly participation... so you may enjoy the goods God created for all of you..!"

"Children, I love you very much, and My love is so great I call each one of you to My grotto of prayer, so you may meditate and live the Gospel... protected by the grace of the Holy Spirit... with His divine charismas..!"

"Behold, I offer you My Heart, united to My Divine Son's Heart, so you may live the most profound experience with Us... in order to enjoy the sublime moment of a living testimony, the fundamental basis of a great truth: WE LIVE AMONG YOU..! Participate children..! And cradle yourselves here in My Heart..! I keep you..!"

Mary Reconciler of the People!

Immaculate Heart of Mary!

Nineteenth Apparition: April 1, 1989 - 4:30 p.m.

"Daughter, children, I am trying to talk to all of you, to tell you I lead you by the hand, covering your shoulders with My motherly mantle... Sons and daughters, I call you to the site of My new Apparition as Mary Reconciler of People and Nations... so you may begin to work on the harvest that you will sow in the hearts of the innocent children... and others, who are young and long for truth, love and justice..! I call you, for the GREAT MOMENT OF RECONCILIATION has arrived... and you need to **prepare yourselves as soon as possible... for example: in the sowing of doctrine, catechism, spiritual exercises, the Gospel, and mainly the Eucharist. Daily Communion,** the souls nourishment, accompanied with work, in a task in which you can be productive, sowing the furrows with the holy seed of nourishment... for the land I have placed in your hands is appropriate to accomplish the Deed of Love that must save many souls, yearning to give of themselves their contribution to sow..! That is why, sons and daughters, I extend My love to all My children, dwellers on earth, and be loyal to Jesus, so you may discover The Wonderful Secret of Unity... which will help us find the key to God's Kingdom..! I keep you..!"

Mary Reconciler of the People!

Twentieth Apparition: April 2, 1989 - 1:30 p.m.

"Children, I welcome you in this joyous hour... when you have seen Me in My grotto of prayer... with My Hands outstretched to cradle you, here in My Bosom... and all this My children, so you may fulfill yourselves with Me... through the grace My Beloved Son bequeathed you..!"

"Children, I call all of you... so you may receive infinite graces from the Heaven of Our Kingdom... and I wish peace to your days... peace to your spirits... hearts... your families... to the Venezuelan people and to all nations... May peace cover all the sanctified land of the Lord..! Sons and daughters, you are pilgrims... take care of Our land with devotion... do not forsake it... unite all your hands to raise your prayer to God... in a

"THANK YOU MY LORD, AND MY GOD..!" Children, you must be optimistic... raise your eyes in prayer, in an invocation of love, so He may contemplate your countenances and look inside your eyes... and enter fully into your souls in order to strengthen your hearts..! I keep you..!"

Mary Reconciler of the People!

Twenty first Apparition: April 9, 1989 - 2:00 p.m.

"Children, I am here among you once again, calling you to be optimistic, constructive, with the new hope of the apostles of this motherly Heart, in order to be builders, prodigious ones as time elapses; and to overcome yourselves... your futuristic vision must be altruistic, ascending, and crowning yourselves with Heaven... with the clouds at your feet, being simple, calm, humble and serving God in your brothers... ascend, My children, full of contentment, like the small innocent children, thinking that to live in the Lord is to be eternally joyful..!"

"Thus, if you obey Me there will be joy in your hearts... for you are headed toward the construction of your own paradise... and of a world of happiness and peace..!"

"Well, My daughter, as you have just seen Me, this title I offer you is of Reconciliation as "MARY WITH THE CHILDREN"... that is to say, Myself as Mother of all the innocent of the world, who long to grow under the tutelage of this humble Woman, who continues tenaciously in Her attempt to save childhood, so they may continue to grow in God's Kingdom and justice... I keep you here in My Heart..!"

Mary Reconciler of the People!

Mary with the children!

Twenty second Apparition: May 13, 1989 - 7:00 p.m.

"My daughter, My children My love and apostolic zeal is for the souls called to a service of surrender to the entrusted mission. You must accomplish it with a full Christian orientation, and its vocation authentically human, with great spirit of love and participation in the circumstances

and problems where you are needed, as in, moral, spiritual or religious matters... It must be something personal, with its specific mission, unreplaceable, since your task must be of faith, transmitting it, handing it on to your brothers... prayer, brotherly charity through catechism... and even more what is greater and more beautiful: sacramental life to protect and to help your brothers..!"

"My daughter, your own experience has taught you many things, so Evangelization takes root in your soul with vigor and infinite love... think of your personal experience as a language of love... to execute in a particular way, your task for the sake of human solidarity, growing... taking clear positions in the media of social communications... Your position must be freed from human conditioning, your basic judgment of life, your personal activity as a testimony of faith, of hope and of charity, sublime love, kindness, fidelity to your duties, with the patience, and that innate happiness, which you offer to all in a community-like way..! Thus, with courage, strive to perform your deeds with skill, reforming as you progress, with each day's experience, the truth of love that conveys respect toward life and toward family dignity..! Behold, My daughter, work and struggle, serving everyone..!"

"Daughter, you have seen Me covered with My white robes, with My Rosary in hand... children, you also were able to see Me and see the little shepherds who accompanied Me... O, sons and daughters! How great is My Lord's kindness..! to give you this grace of infinite tenderness..!"

"And now My daughter, My children, grow in your faith and in your loyalty to the Love of My Loves... to Him... Jesus... and live in community..! I have called you here on this day so you could receive My message of love and you could feel Me, and experience hours of spiritual sharing by My side..! I keep you..!"

Mary Reconciler of the People!

Mary of Fatima! Mother of the Community!

Twenty third Apparition: May 25, 1989 (Corpus Christi) - 6:00 p.m.

"My daughter, My Heart I gave to you... My heart I give to you... and My Heart I will give to you forever..! My little ones, I have called you today to confirm My presence among you, so it may be warmer and more intense... for I am the Mother of Mercy... it is mercy what this country of yours needs... it is what families need... it also is what the forsaken children and mothers need... as some of those who today came to meet with you... My grief is the grief of each one of them, their grief is My grief... their joy is My joy, their sorrow is My sorrow..! Loneliness and suffering raze as hurricane winds do, as do the passions of men with no religious education... This is how creatures are destroyed and children suffer; but henceforth these children will feel the sweetness, and the love of My Divine Son... He in the children... and I in Him... with you, united in the marvelous current of this dusk... How beautiful is nature!"

"Children, I invite you to the Feast of Angels of My Beloved Son... sit at the table as guests of honor..! My little ones, how beautiful is the innocent creature... help the children, smile at the lonely mothers... but they are not alone, I am with them..!"

"Children, you are here to learn from the classes of My Son Jesus, He uses His Priests to reaffirm His Words will never pass... that they are the ones who are in charge of giving all the proper teachings, with the orientation of appraising your faith and renewing your hearts to a new life... with the knowledge that the message of peace and human solidarity is to embrace one another in concord and brotherly unity..!"

"Children, glorify the Heavenly Father and My Divine Son Jesus, for allowing all to come and take shelter in Our Promised Land... seeking this motherly Heart..! My little ones, I contemplate each countenance of yours, looking deep inside... How I love you, sons and daughters! Continue to come, for you have the generosity of this, your Mother... who comes to live among you, and to assure all, nothing will halt the march of the truth of My presence in this place... I live among you... and among all My children, through a law of love. More will come... little by little, they shall enter... especially the Religious, these are, My beloved Cardinals, Bishops, Priests, Religious and all God's people..! O nation of Mine, seek this, your Mother, who will be waiting for you with opened arms to mitigate your pain, grief or sorrow... I am the Mother of Mercy who comes to reconcile all... so you may love one another, support one another, and live a model life..! I love you very much..! I keep you here in My Heart..!"

Mary Reconciler of the People!

Mother of Mercy!

Twenty fourth Apparition: June 21, 1989 - 9:30 p.m.

"Children, I gaze at you and I am happy for this visit you have offered Me today at My new See of these times... yes, children, I came and I continue to come to meet with all, for I am the Mother Reconciler who comes to reconcile you with all your brothers; and this is why I have confided in you the fulfillment of your duties as children of My motherly Heart... and behold, each person who comes to My place, will be heard and aided, for I am the Mother of the hungry... I am the hope of the thirsty... and the afflicted need help and protection..!"

"Children, today you have truly come to discern My message and at the same time, you have heard at daybreak, the song of the birds... in order to see My Image at the foot of a tree at My grotto... you saw the water of My spring flow over the stones, singing to the Lord... O children! My mystical eye, has observed each one of your faces and has been able to see in the bottom of your hearts the desire of an inner renewal, to analyze and contemplate all the beautiful things this temple of nature holds, temple I have chosen to receive all of My children..! Thus, sons and daughters, henceforth you will be enabled to understand the wonderful and heavenly gamut that exists here... and with will power you will be able to take part in the banquet of love My Divine Son and this Mother offer you... so you may lead a life, singing to the Lord His psalm of love..!"

"And now children, I recommend you pray, saying all in unison: "Blessed be the Lord..!" I keep you here in My Heart..!"

Mary Reconciler of the People!

Twenty fifth Apparition: July 16, 1989 - 6:30 p.m.

"Daughter, My children, here among you at dusk, when the birds lift their flight to take refuge in their nests in the foliage of these trees, which have seen Me descend over this serene region... Yes, children, appearing to each one of you so you may feel My Voice in your hearts, with divine rhythms of new life... Thus, being able to comfort your brothers, alleviating their burden and offering them the fruits of the Tree of Grace and the blessed water of My cascade... Yes, sons and daughters, behold My announcement to the world, there is a place on earth where all My children may take refuge, hidden in the blessed mountain, seeking God's treasures... preparing themselves... to understand clearly that only in the seclusion of prayer, living with simplicity and humility they will defend themselves from the violence of men on earth, and have the strength to proclaim the Word of the Lord with serenity; the peace of the just, wisdom, and God's reason..! Behold, living in community you will learn much,... forgive very much and even more, love all your brothers..!"

"Children, I am the Mother of Mount Carmel, who with My Scapulars comes to save each one of you... so you may live in accordance with the divine will... filled with peace and calmness, where there is no place for shadows nor tempests nor passions nor errors..! Children, here I offer you the arc of liberty of a powerful day..!"

"And now, My little ones, may the generous and prodigious rain from the sky pour forth singing..! I keep you..!"

Mary Reconciler of the People!

Mother of Mount Carmel!

Twenty sixth Apparition: August 15, 1989 - 5:00 p.m.

"My daughter, My Heart I gave to you... My Heart I give to you... and My Heart I will give to you forever..! Children, I speak to all of you who have seen Me seconds ago... ascending into Heaven with My Arms opened, with a rain of roses... and you have had the proof in those petals, red fire, which signify represent the Heart of My Divine Jesus... He, as Christ Redeemer and Savior... renewing and purifying all men on earth..! Sons and daughters, all this seems like a dream to you... but it is a lively truth, and unique in these times of great calamity for men..!"

"Children, I want to communicate to you, days of universal revolution are closing distance... but with global spiritual orientation, you will overcome those difficult times with the constructive force of love toward collective redemption... Yes, My little ones, there is a new hope... and it is that all will hold hands with a spirit of endurance, forgiving and loving one another as brothers..!"

"On this day when My Assumption into Heaven is recalled... I want to leave you My roses of love... so keeping them in your hearts, you will have Me present with My Beloved Son..! I keep you here in My Heart..!"

Mary Reconciler of the People!

Assumption of Mary!

Twenty seventh Apparition: September 8, 1989 - 6:30 p.m.

"Daughter, My children, on this day when My birth is commemorated... "Mary's Nativity", I have wanted you to see Me, just as the child My parents took to the Temple... and I wish for this image to remain engraved in your souls, in order to keep in your hearts the peace that comes forth as brightness from Our Father's own Bosom... Yes, children, I want you to take Me with you so nothing will separate us... you must know truth always shines... and you will walk next to Me. I will lead you to the backwaters, where the water is clearer, for it comes from the springs of My grotto of prayer... Yes, sons and daughters, I want to protect you from the temptations of the world; you, youngsters, so you may follow God's will in your ways in order to be worthy of His mercy and His infinite love..!"

"Children, I beg you, defend your rights and appraise your faith, longing for spiritual renewal... handing on the message of a Mother... who under different titles appears to Her children to call them to conversion..!"

"All the places where I have made Myself felt are filled with spirituality, understanding and much love for My children so all may be saved... and here also, in your fatherland, entering into the countryman's structure, to find souls who are sensitive and worthy of the love of My Lord..! This is why you should trust your Mother... and continue your path which leads to the Holy Mount..! I keep you here in My Heart..!"

Mary Reconciler of the People!

Mary of Coromoto, Patroness of Venezuela!

Twenty eighth Apparition: October 22, 1989 - 2:30 to 3:00 a.m.

"My daughter, My Heart I gave to you... My Heart I give to you... and My Heart I will give to you forever..! Daughter, children, I called you to come to meet with Me, so you could feel Me and see My Image reflected at My grotto of prayer... to give you My message in the silence of this retired corner at the "Mater Refuge"... and you could attend to My petition..! Daughter, children, I speak to all of you... listen to Me: In all the sites and places of the world there are many families that as days go by, time elapses, they have transformed themselves into great families... And behold, I come so all those families do not separate nor divide themselves ever... for I wish the bigger the family, the more and more they will love one another... in order to augment their own spiritual strength, and come to lead an evangelic life... And so, from now on, a call may be made for a program of human solidarity, of healthy families... with renewed spirituality... coming together and creating a nucleus of true children of God... and grow, turning into great communities, that will call on brothers of the whole world..! Start right now My little ones..! I keep you here in My Heart..!"

Mary Reconciler of the People!

Mother of Generosity!

Twenty ninth Apparition: November 8, 1989 - 6:00 p.m.

"My daughter, My children, here I am among you, inviting you at dusk to prayer, to meditate, to think over and feel in your souls the beauty of love, the beauty of life, fraternizing with the varying colors of plants, flowers and fruits... Yes, children, truly feeling in your hearts a strange language of love, which knows how to express and understand all things clearly and accurately..! Behold, this sharing in the participation of a lively prayer, which is the hope of a Christian, with the votive light of the Sanctuary of Reconciliation, that is the flame and the fire which burn in the Heart of My Divine Jesus... He, My Beloved Son of truth, justice and law of a Heavenly Father... All of you appraising faith, concord and harmony in your soul..!"

"Children, I am touching the hearts of My sons and daughters so they may increase their faith, and even more, for their renewal... so they may open their hearts to this Mother's Heart... who comes to give them, through the love of Her Divine Son, the grace of the Holy Spirit, with the gift of understanding... so all may follow the current of the great truth they have in front of them..! Children, he who knows how to live according to the Doctrine of My Jesus has found his treasure... and in finding it, he will break the chains of the past that kept him mired... allowing the light to approach him... opening his eyes... to start to awaken... and fraternize with all his brothers..!"

"Children, I am offering you the great opportunity to unite, fulfilling a structural movement of consciences, with the burning flame of My Jesus... for this is the only way to go on... embellishing yourselves with spirituality..! Behold, reaffirm your steps... to meet with the pure source of a model life which is My Divine Son... which you have to live and feel inside..! I keep you here in My Heart..!"

Mary Reconciler of the People!

Mary Mother!

Thirtieth Apparition: December 8, 1989 - 6:30 p.m.

"My children, today we have lived a great day of light... with the hope that all My children who have come to celebrate by My side, My Feast of Angels, as the Immaculate Conception, may have received the supreme purity of the divine spirit... and as a result you may have felt in your hearts, not only My presence, but the presence of My Divine Son... discovering the reason why in these times of great calamity for mankind, we are calling all Our scattered children from different places of the world to receive Our message... so it may be useful and beneficial for all, thus, to cultivate love... to overcome through a healthy conviction a world that is losing its mystical way...! Behold, fill yourselves with the strength and the grace of the Holy Spirit, traveling the road and following the luminous figure of My Beloved Son, who as Master continues to teach in the classrooms of Our Mother Church, in whom He is represented on earth by the High Pontiff, who with great accuracy, works with sound judgment and understanding at his mission of serving mankind, making known to everyone, that is a Christian's duty... behold his work: building and renewing men's consciousness..!"

"And now children, I close saying: work with righteousness and charity..!"

"I keep you here in My Heart..!"

Mary Reconciler of People!

Thirty first Apparition: January 5, 1990 - 6:00 p.m.

"Daughter, children, here I am gazing at your spiritual preparation in this new day of the beginning of 1990... I see it is very hard for you to understand certain things, but as time elapses, you will understand the truth. Thus, behold, henceforth you shall raise to evolve and become aware of the time the world is living... in order to overcome yourselves and obtain the achievements of evaluating the virtues which make you aware of the worth of today's men, who looks for an incentive in his turbulent environment..! That is why, there is no other thing than to try not to weaken in the enterprise to be developed, and to constitute the bounty to the harvest, for great events and painful riots are growing around the world; countries and nations are being shaken by bad times..! Men have lessened their potential, in regard to their spirituality... behold they are navigating against the divine current of peace, love and brotherly unity..!"

"That is why, I am letting you feel Me and My Divine Son... so My children feel in their hearts Our soft touch and so they may listen to the announcement that: "The time of their freedom has arrived... may they make themselves present through sanctifying love...and may they continue their way seeking the light... and thus, their thoughts may receive the grace of the Holy Spirit, so they may be worthy of that light and music of the universe..! Think that: It is sufficient to enter into the constitution of men's structure, to find an immense forge... with the mission to fulfill an inevitable duty, that is to say, to build love in each deed which represents divinity..! Much willpower is needed..! That is why, humbly obey the teachings of the Commandments of My beloved Son, so men may ascend to the stage of the: "Great truth of God meeting with His children..!" for: He comes to give life again..! Anyone, regardless of his race, caste, religion for Him all are the same... the only existing truth should be to practice what is good... and to lead a generous life..! I keep you here in My Heart..!"

Mary Reconciler of the People!

7. Our Lady of Akita

Location: Akita, Japan

Number of Apparitions: 3

Witness: Sr. Agnes Sasagawa

First Apparition: July 6, 1973

Last Apparition: October 13, 1973 (The statue wept 101 times from July 6, 1973 to Sept 15, 1981)

Approved: April 22, 1984 by Most Reverend John Shojiro Ito, Bishop of Niigata



The apparitions of Our Lady of Atika is particularly interesting because, unlike the other apparitions, Sister Agnes heard the Blessed Virgin's messages through a wooden statue and not a traditional appearance. Sister Agnes had already been experiencing signs of supernatural works before the apparitions, seeing a bright light

emerging from the tabernacle at her convent, and receiving the stigmata in 1973. Much like the story of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Sister Agnes was led to the statue by what is believed to be her guardian angel, and on three different occasions, the statue spoke to her about praying for the reparation of sins, following her superiors, warning of great chastisement, and the second coming. Along with these messages, countless miracles have been attributed to Our Lady of Akita, such as the healing of Sister Agnes's hearing, the sisters finding the statue bleeding from a wound in her hand, and the statue crying 101 times over the course of eight years.

Messages

JULY 6, 1973

Her Guardian Angel:

"Be not afraid. Pray with fervor not only because of your sins, but in reparation for those of all people. The world today wounds the most Sacred Heart of Our Lord by its ingratitude and injuries. The wounds of Mary are much deeper and more sorrowful than yours. Let us go to pray together in the chapel."

The Virgin Mary:

"My daughter, my novice, you have obeyed me well in abandoning all to follow me. Is the infirmity of your ears painful? Your deafness will be healed, be sure. Does the wound of your hand cause you to suffer? Pray in reparation for the sins of men. Each person in this community is my irreplaceable daughter. Do you say well the prayer of the Handmaids of the Eucharist? Then, let us pray it together."

"Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, truly present in Holy Eucharist, I consecrate my body and soul to be entirely one with Your Heart, being sacrificed at every instant on all the altars of the world and giving praise to the Father pleading for the coming of His Kingdom."

"Please receive this humble offering of myself. Use me as You will for the glory of the Father and the salvation of souls."

"Most holy Mother of God, never let me be separated from Your Divine Son. Please defend and protect me as Your Special Child. Amen."

"Pray very much for the Pope, Bishops, and Priests. Since your Baptism you have always prayed faithfully for them. Continue to pray very much...very much. Tell your superior all that passed today and obey him in everything that he will tell you. He has asked that you pray with fervor."

JULY 26, 1973

Her Guardian Angel:

"Your sufferings will end today. Carefully engrave in the depth of your heart the thought of the blood of Mary. The blood shed by Mary has a profound meaning. This precious blood was shed to ask your conversion, to ask for peace, in reparation for the ingratitude and outrages against the Lord. As with devotion to the Sacred Heart, apply yourself to devotion to the Most Precious Blood. Pray in reparation for all men. Say to your superior that the blood is shed today for the last time. Your pain also ends today. Tell them what happened today. He will understand all immediately. And you, observe his directions."

AUGUST 3, 1973

"My daughter, my novice, do you love the Lord? If you love the Lord, listen to what I have to say to you."

"It is very important...You will convey it to your superior."

"Many men in this world afflict the Lord. I desire souls to console Him to soften the anger of the Heavenly Father. I wish, with my Son, for souls who will repair by their suffering and their poverty for the sinners and ingrates."

"In order that the world might know His anger, the Heavenly Father is preparing to inflict a great chastisement on all mankind. With my Son I have intervened so many times to appease the wrath of the Father. I have prevented the coming of calamities by offering Him the sufferings of the Son on the Cross, His Precious Blood, and beloved souls who console Him forming a cohort of victim souls. Prayer, penance and courageous sacrifices can soften the Father's anger. I desire this also from your community...that it love poverty, that it sanctify itself and pray in reparation for the ingratitude and outrages of so many men.

Recite the prayer of the Handmaids of the Eucharist with awareness of its meaning; put it into practice; offer in reparation (whatever God may send) for sins. Let each one endeavor, according to capacity and position, to offer herself entirely to the Lord."

"Even in a secular institute prayer is necessary. Already souls who wish to pray are on the way to being gathered together. Without attaching too much attention to the form, be faithful and fervent in prayer to console the Master."

"Is what you think in your heart true? Are you truly decided to become the rejected stone? My novice, you who wish to belong without reserve to the Lord, to become the spouse worthy of the Spouse, make your vows knowing that you must be fastened to the Cross with three nails. These three nails are poverty, chastity, and obedience. Of the three, obedience is the foundation. In total abandon, let yourself be led by your superior. He will know how to understand you and to direct you."

OCTOBER 13, 1973

"My dear daughter, listen well to what I have to say to you. You will inform your superior."

"As I told you, if men do not repent and better themselves, the Father will inflict a terrible punishment on all humanity. It will be a punishment greater than the deluge, such as one will never see before. Fire will fall from the sky and will wipe out a great part of humanity, the good as well as the bad, sparing neither priests nor faithful. The survivors will find themselves so desolate that they will envy the dead. The only arms which will

remain for you will be the Rosary and the Sign left by My Son. Each day recite the prayers of the Rosary. With the Rosary, pray for the Pope, the bishops and priests."

"The work of the devil will infiltrate even into the Church in such a way that one will see cardinals opposing cardinals, bishops against bishops. The priests who venerate me will be scorned and opposed by their confreres...churches and altars sacked; the Church will be full of those who accept compromises and the demon will press many priests and consecrated souls to leave the service of the Lord.

"The demon will be especially implacable against souls consecrated to God. The thought of the loss of so many souls is the cause of my sadness. If sins increase in number and gravity, there will be no longer pardon for them"

"With courage, speak to your superior. He will know how to encourage each one of you to pray and to accomplish works of reparation."

"It is Bishop Ito, who directs your community."

"You have still something to ask? Today is the last time that I will speak to you in living voice. From now on you will obey the one sent to you and your superior."

"Pray very much the prayers of the Rosary. I alone am able still to save you from the calamities which approach. Those who place their confidence in me will be saved."

DECEMBER 1975

Her Guardian Angel:

"Do not be surprised to see the Blessed Virgin weeping. She weeps because she wishes the conversion of the greatest number. She desires that souls be consecrated to Jesus

SEPTEMBER 28, 1981

Her Guardian Angel:

"There is a meaning to the figure 101 (the number of times the statue wept). This signifies that sin came into the world by a woman and it is also by a woman that salvation came into the world. The zero between the two signifies the Eternal God who is from all eternity until eternity. The first one represents Eve, and the last, the Virgin Mary."

8. Our Lady of Cuapa

Location: Cuapa, Nicaragua

Number of Apparitions: 4+

Witness: Bernardo Martinez

First Apparition: April 15, 1980

Last Apparition: October 13, 1980

Approved: 1982 by both Bishop Pablo Antonio Vega Mantilla of Juigalpa and Bishop Bosco M. Vivas Robelo, Auxiliary Bishop and Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Managua



The apparition of Our Lady of Cuapa was witnessed in the late twentieth century by a Church sacristan and future priest named Bernardo Martinez. Bernardo's first account of the supernatural appearance was from a statue of Our Lady in the church, which was glowing brightly. Shortly after, the Virgin Mary appeared to him directly, asking him to renew the First Saturday devotions and pray daily Rosaries with biblical citations. Frightened with fear of ridicule, Bernardo ignored the visit from Our Lady and avoided the site in which she appeared. However, Mary appeared to him again and asked him for help, filling his heart with a peace that took away his fear of judgment from others. Our Lady spoke to him about the future of Nicaragua, and when appearing for the last time, she was not seen by the fifty people accompanying Bernardo, due to their

hardness of heart. This greatly saddened Our Lady, and she told Bernardo that she would not be appearing at the site anymore, but encouraged him to pray the Rosary, turn from violence, and make peace.

Messages

In the name of the Father,
of the Son and
of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

I, Bernardo Martinez, am going to tell my Bishop, Mons. Pablo Antonia Vega, of the events in the Valley of Cuapa. I want to obey him. In everything I submit myself to him.

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SIGN OF LIGHTS

It was in the old chapel that the signs began on a date which I do not recall; possibly at the end of March. On entering the sacristy I found a light was on. I then blamed Mrs. Auxiliadora Martinez because I believed that she had left it on. On another date that I do not remember, I again entered the chapel and found another light turned on; possibly around the first few days of April. I then blamed Mrs. Socorro Barea. I did not think that these signs were coming from heaven and for that reason I should quarrel with these ladies, because of the cost of electricity. I wanted to tell them to be more careful with the lights because we have very little money. The keys had been given to me ... and always the one in the charge of the keys of a house also is the one who needs to be the most careful. And that was my concern.

But when I tried to go and scold them and went to their home to do so ... I could not say anything. I saw them as being innocent -- inwardly I could see that -- I saw that I was blaming them without their being to blame. I then thought I would say nothing, and if anything over the minimum was spent, I would pay it myself.

On April 15, 1980, I saw the statue all illuminated. I thought it was the boys playing in the plaza who had broken the roof tiles and that was how the light entered over the statue. I also thought I would be charging them for the roof tiles and cost of repair, because I had charged them before for this; since then I had not again done so. But my thought was that they had entered intrusively because I live at a distance and thought, "Now that I was not there, they played and broke the tiles." I got closer to see, and saw that there was not one hole in the roof; I went out to see if it was the rough the windows that outside light was coming in and could see nothing; I returned close to the statue to see if someone had placed on her a phosphorescent rosary. I saw the hands, the feet, the neck ... it was nothing like that. The light was not coming out of anything, the light came from her. That was a great mystery for me, with the light that came from her one could walk without tripping. And it was nighttime, almost eight o'clock at night, as I had arrived late. I then understood that it was a strange thing ... and that it no longer was an ordinary thing well ... for me ... I thought: "The Holy Virgin, the quarreling with the people." I decided to ask their forgiveness because I was so moved at seeing her so illuminated ... I saw her beautiful ... the statue ... now ... I do not see her as much.

I went to ring the church bell because I arrived an hour late, and with the incident of the illumination it had become even later for the praying of the Rosary. All that I had seen was engraved on my mind and I thought: "I am the one who is to blame."

As these thoughts were going through my mind, I remembered something that my grandmother used to tell me when I was a child: "Never be a lamp in the street and a darkness at home." I understood my sin: I wanted others to make peace, but I was quarreling in my own house. I say this because I had helped to solve a problem in the town of Cuapa. There was division among the people because many opposed the arrival of Cubans for the literacy program. The chief opponents were the young men who were to teach. They said we could do it all ourselves: professors, students from the scholastic center and individual volunteers from town. The young men were so violent about it that they said: "If the Father wants Cubans to come here, its better that he go back to Italy." But , little by little, by talking with the priest we settled everything without violence. I say that we settled it because no Cubans ever arrived in Cuapa for the literacy program.

But in Comarca del Silencio there was a problem with a young man who became ill, and they had to bring a Cuban in to replace him. It turned out that the Cuban, at seeing that the peasants gave thanks to God for their food, would tell them ... "Don't say that ... say as we say, 'Thanks to Fidel that I have eaten.' " This came to be as proof that we had good reason for not wanting to have Cubans in Cuapa because this young man had been taught to put man in the place of God.

I thought about all this and returned to the thought that I was able to help bring peace there, but in my own house I was not doing this. And in this way I decided to ask for their forgiveness in front of all the people. I did that. They forgave me.

After the public apology, I told all the people who were there praying the Rosary, what I had seen: the illuminated statue. But I asked them to keep it secret. It was not so. The secret spread throughout all of Cuapa and I suffered due to this because some of them ridiculed me.

One of the sisters in the community went to Juigalpa and told it to the priest who also is our rector. Whenever he arrived at Cuapa he would say to me: "What news do you have?" I would say there was no news and he would insist: "You do have something."

One day I arrived at the home of Mrs. Consuelo Marin and she asked me. I told her everything that had occurred, and she in turn told me that she believed it and to tell the Virgin that she wanted to see her illuminated. She made me promise that I would let her know if I again saw her.

The priest, our pastor, on another day again asked me and related to me all that had been told to him. I told him yes, that it was true. He told me to tell it all again to him. I related it to him. He asked me what it was that I prayed. I told him the Rosary and three Hail Mary's to the Holy Virgin ever since I was little. And that my grandmother had taught me to call upon Her always when I had any tribulations, saying: "Don't leave me, my Mother." She also taught me to say:

"It is Mary our Helper, sweet lighthouse of the sea.
Since I first learned to love, the love of my soul is She.
She each of my childhood steps did guide,
And for that, since childhood my love for Her did abide."

She taught me this from memory because she did not know how to read. The pastor then told me to pray and to ask the Blessed Virgin if there was anything that she wanted from us, and to more clearly manifest Herself. I did so, but I prayed like this: "Blessed Mother, please do not request anything of me. I have many problems in the church. Make your request known to some other person because I want to avoid any more problems. I have a great many now. I don't want any more." That is what I would say to the Holy Virgin.

As the days passed, the people began to forget about the illumination of the statue. I, for my part, continued with my prayer as the priest ordered.

Now I understand that is how the Holy Virgin wanted to prepare me, the same as a farmer would prepare the soil. With that public confession I made before my brothers ... with which I asked for forgiveness ... I was the place wherein a change took place. I was changed; by this she prepared me.

THE FIRST VISION

Early in May I felt sad because of financial problems, employment problems, and even spiritual problems. And I felt bored. I had even said in the morning that I wished to die. I didn't want to exist. I had worked a great deal for the people of the town and I could see that they did not appreciate anything. I had no desire to continue forward. In the chapel I swept ... I removed the dust ... I washed the altar cloths and albs ... and for this very same thing I was scorned, I was called a fool. Even my own family -- my blood brothers -- would say that I did not prosper financially because of my involvement with things at the sacristy. I have been a sacristan but without earning any money for this. I began to work in the house of God since I was able to use the dust cloth and broom ... I was at the time very small. I have done it because in that way I serve the Lord. At any rate, now in Cuapa everything was changed, because sweeping the chapel is an honor. It is now an honor!! The altar cloths are washed in the blink of an eye; before you are able to notice they are washed and ironed.

Returning to how I was feeling in the early days of May, I hardly slept on the night of the seventh. All night I felt very hot and feeling this heat I got up. I ate something and said to myself: "I will go to the river to fish so that I will feel cool and more tranquil." I left early in the morning with a sack and a machete. I went to the river ... and I felt happy ... content ... in a pleasant environment. And I did not remember anything. When it was twelve noon I did not want to leave because I felt tranquil(?) ... joy ... And I felt no hunger. At one it rained and I went to the base of the tree; I started to pray the Rosary. As the rain was stopping I was finishing the Rosary. I was all wet, my clothes all soaked. I collected the fish which were in the sand, put them in a sack, and went to a mango tree to see if the fruit was ripe. I then went to a hill to cut a branch to gather coyoles. Immediately after, I went to a jocote tree to pick jocotes. I then thought I must be late. I looked at the sun because I do not have a watch. For us in the country, the sun is our clock where we read the time. It was three o'clock in the afternoon. The hours had been like minutes. I said to myself: "It is late." I remembered that I had to feed the animals and then go to town to pray the Rosary with the people at five. I left, then, walking from the jocotes in the direction of the coyole trees, when suddenly I saw a lightning-flash. I thought and said to myself: "It is going to rain." But I became filled with wonder because I did not see from where the lightning had come. I stopped but I could see nothing; no signs of rain. Afterwards I went over near a place where there are some rocks. I walked about six or seven steps. That was when I saw another lightning-flash, but that was to open my vision and she presented herself. I was then wondering whether this could be something bad, whether it was the same statue as in the chapel ... But I saw that she blinked ... that she was beautiful ... The pile of rocks was ... she remained ... as if ... The cloud ... as covered with Jaragua grass. And there was a little Norisco tree over the rocks and over that tree was the cloud. That is how high the cloud was ... the cloud was extremely white ... it radiated in all directions, rays of light with the sun. On the cloud were the feet of a very beautiful lady. Her feet were bare. The dress was long and white. She had a celestial cord around the waist. Long sleeves. Covering her was a veil of a pale cream color with gold embroidery along the edge. Her hands were held together over her breast. It looked like the statue of the Virgin of Fatima. I was immobile. I had no inclination to run to yell. I felt no fear. I was surprised. I thought and said: "What am I seeing?Could it be the same statue of the Virgin that they ...brought and placed here for me ... The statue from the chapel ... is it in order to play a joke on me because I said I saw it illuminated ... is it a trick? But no! I would have seen them carrying it." I then passed my hand over my face because I thought that what I saw was a dream. And I said: "Could it be that I am asleep, but I have not tripped over anything."

And when I removed my hands from my face I saw that she had human skin and that her eyes moved and she blinked. I then said, in my thoughts because I could not move my tongue -- I said: "She is alive ... she is not a statue! She is alive!" My mind was the only thing that I could move. I felt like numb, my lower jaw stiff and my tongue as if asleep; everything immobilized, as I said, only the ideas moved in my head. I was in those thoughts when she extended her arms -- like the Miraculous Medal which I never had seen, but which later was shown to me. She extended her arms and from her hands emanated rays of light stronger than the sun ... she was ... she rested up high and the rays that came from her hands touched my breast. When she gave out her light is when I became encouraged to speak, because it was I who spoke to her first ... when she gave out the light I was able to move my tongue, although somewhat stammering. I said to her: "What is your name?" She answered me with the sweetest voice I have ever heard in any woman, not even in persons who speak softly. She answered me and said that her name is Mary. I saw the way she moved her lips. I then said: "She is alive! She spoke! She has answered my question!" I could see that we could enter into a conversation, that I could speak with her. I asked her, then, where she came from. She told me with the same sweetness: "I come from heaven. I am the Mother of Jesus." At hearing this I immediately asked her -- remembering what the priest had told me -- I asked her: "What is it you want?" She answered me: "I want the Rosary to be prayed every day." I then interrupted and said to her: "Yes, we are praying it ... The priest brought us the intentions of the San Francisco parish so that we would unite ourselves with them." She told me: "I want it to be prayed permanently, within the family ... including the children old enough to understand ... to be prayed at a set hour when there are no problems with the work in the home."

She told me that the Lord does not like prayers we make in a rush or mechanically. Because of that she recommended praying of the Rosary with the reading of biblical citations and that we put into practice the Word of God. When I heard this I thought and said: "How is this?" because I did not know the Rosary was biblical. That is why I asked her and said: "Where are the biblical citations?" She told me to look for them in the Bible and continued saying:

"Love each other.
Comply with your obligations.
Make peace. Don't ask Our Lord for peace
because if you do not make it there will
be no peace."

Afterwards, she told me: "Renew the five first Saturdays. You received many graces when all of you did this."

Before the war we used to do this -- we went to Confession and Communion every first Saturday of the month -- but since the Lord already had freed us from the shedding of blood in Cuapa, we no longer continued this practice.

Then she said:

"Nicaragua has suffered much since the earthquake. She is threatened with even more suffering. She will continue to suffer if you don't change."

And after a brief pause she said:

"Pray, pray, my son, the Rosary for all the world. Tell believers and non-believers that

the world is threatened by grave dangers. I ask the Lord to appease His justice, but, if you don't change, you will hasten the arrival of the Third World War."

After she had said these words, I understood that I had to say this to the people and I told her: "Lady, I don't want problems; I have many in the church. Tell this to another person."

She then told me: "No, because our Lord has selected you to give the message."

When she told me this, I saw that the cloud which was holding her was rising, and I recalled what Mrs. Consuelo Marin had said and I told her: "Lady, don't go because I want to go and notify Mrs. Consuelo because she told me that she wanted to see you."

She said to me: "No. Not everyone can see me. She will see me when I take her to heaven, but she should pray the Rosary as I ask."

And after telling me this the cloud was not delayed. She raised her arms to heaven as in the statue of the Assumption which I have seen so many times in the cathedral at Juigalpa. She again looked upward towards heaven and the cloud that held her slowly elevated her. As she was in a ray of light, when she reached a certain distance she disappeared. I then gathered the machete, the sack, and the branch. I went to cut the coyotes and thought I would tell no one. To say nothing of what I had seen or heard.

I went to the chapel to pray the Rosary and did not say anything. When I returned home I felt sad. My problems increased with that. I prayed the Rosary again, and I asked the Blessed Mother to free me from temptations because I thought that is what it was -- a temptation. During the night I heard a voice saying to me that I should tell. I awoke again, and I again prayed the Rosary. I could not find peace. I did not tell anyone because I did not want the people to talk. They were already talking because I had seen the statue illuminated. I thought: "Now it will be worse. I will never had peace." That is why it was that I did not want to say anything. And I did not return to the place of the apparitions. The mangoes and jocotes were lost. I went to the river, but by another road. I go to the river every day to bathe and to give water to the calf that I have.

During this period that I was guarding the secret, a great weight seemed to fall on me and I heard something like a voice which told me to tell. But I simply did not want to tell. Since the suffering was greater each time, I sought ways to distract myself. But nothing was a distraction. I sought my friends in order to be entertained -- young friends and old friends -- but always at the height of the merriment I heard the voice and the sadness would return. I was getting thin and pale. People asked what was wrong, if I was sick. I told them no. Eight days like that passed.

On the 16th of May I was enroute to give water to the calf. I was crossing the pasture unable to see the calf. I was walking with a stick in my hand. As I was near a Guapinol, already halfway through the pasture, with the sun strong as it was directly overhead, I saw a lightning-flash. It was twelve noon. In plain light, because as I said, it was a hot sunny day, there was another even stronger light -- more light than the midday light. In that lightning-flash she presented herself. I saw her in the same way as I had seen her on the 8th of May, with her hands together, and then she extended them. And on extending her hands, the rays of light came towards me. I remained watching her. I remained silent, but I said to myself: "It is she! She is the same one. The same lady has again appeared to me." I thought she had come to complain about all that she had told me to say. I felt guilty for not having spoken as she had asked and at the same time, in my mind, I said: "I don't go to the place where she appeared because she appears there, and now, she appears to me here. I will be in a fine state, she will be following me wherever I am." It was with this in mind, when she told me with a tone -- with her voice soft -- but with a tone as if in rephension: "Why have you not told what I sent you to tell?" I then answered her: "Lady, it is that I am afraid. I am afraid of being the ridicule of the people, afraid that they will laugh at me, that they will not believe me. Those who will not believe this, will laugh at me. They will say that I am crazy." She then said to me: "Do not be afraid. I am going to help you, and tell the priest." Saying this, there was another flash of lightning and she disappeared. I then continued walking and saw the calf I was unable to see before. I took it to the river, gave it some water, and returned to my house. I got ready to go to the chapel and then I prayed the Rosary.

I thought of telling it only to Mrs. Lilliam Ruiz de Martinez and to Mrs. Socorro Barea de Marin. This is what I did. I have more trust in them than in any other person in the community of Cuapa. I called them aside and told them all that I had seen and heard. They then reprimanded me. It was the first time that I received correction without answering anything, because I always attempted to come out with my own, with my ideas. And I would grumble. I promised them that I would tell it the next day. I went home and lay down to sleep. The next day dawned and I felt a strange happiness. All the problems, it seemed to me, had dissipated. It was the 17th of May.

On that day I told everyone who came to my house. I told them and they heard me. Some of them believed, others listened out of curiosity and pretended, others did not believe and laughed. But that did not matter to me at all. When it was time to pray the Rosary we prayed it and afterwards I told them everything. **Again I noticed the same thing: some believed, others did not**, some remained listening in wonder ... amazed ... others as if analyzing, others remained silent, other laughed and said I was crazy. Each one according to how he felt. But none of it was important to me. I felt happiness at saying everything.

On the 19th of May I went to Juigalpa in the morning and I told the priest as the Lady had told me. I told him all that I had seen and heard. He listened to me. He then told me: "Would it be someone who wants to frighten you in those hills?" I told him no. I said, no because there was a possibility to do this at the river and in the hills where I had gone to cut the stick, but in the middle of the pasture, where I pass, there was no way. Nothing can be hidden. It is open field. He then said to me: "Could it be a temptation that persecutes you?" I told him no ... I did not know that because I could only relate to him what I had seen and heard; but regarding the temptation, I could not say because I did not know. He then told me to go to the place where the apparitions occurred and to pray the Rosary there, to make the sign of the cross when I saw her and to not be afraid, because whether it was something evil or good, nothing was going to happen to me. He also told me not to tell anyone what I saw or heard, afterwards. But what I had already seen, I could tell the people of Cuapa.

This apparition I take as a continuation of the one of the 8th of May and I call it, the one of The Reclamation.

THE SECOND VISION

On the 8th of June I went to the site where the apparitions took place because she had asked me to be there. I arrived and prayed the Rosary with some persons, but the Lady did not arrive. I returned feeling disconsolate.

During the night, in dreams, she presented herself. It was the same as during the day -- I was at the same place where I saw her the first time. I prayed the Rosary. Upon finishing the Rosary, I again saw the two lightning-flashes and she appeared. In my dream I said to her: "What is it you want, my Mother?" She gave me the same message as she had done the first time, and afterwards I told her some requests which I had, because by now the people would recommend to me things to tell her. She answered me by saying: "Some will be fulfilled, others will not."

And I remained without knowing which ones would be fulfilled and which would not. The petitions that the people of Cuapa made to me were varied: some requested things that were more or less material; such as, "to have good luck with work," "that I will be cured of some illness," and other problems. Others requested something spiritual; such as, "to have patience," "love for God," "Faith," "perseverance in prayer," "to be able to love the ones who do not like me and who are harmful to my loved ones." As it turned out, I was unable to tell the people which would be granted and which would not.

Our Lady presented herself over the little Norisco tree as she did the first time. She faced the east. To her left, near the pile of rocks where the little tree grew, were two cedars. At present one no longer exists because the people have been taking the trunk bit by bit; the other one also is disappearing. So the cedars are no long cedars; stripped, without foliage and branches, they are dry. The only part remaining is the part where the trunk is attached to the roots. Of the little Norisco tree nothing remains; it has totally disappeared. To her right but a little farther away, there are four coyole palms. Between the first and the second, as one comes from the river, there is a large space. Raising her right hand, she indicated that space and said:

"Look at the sky."

I looked in that direction. The Jocaro tree that is in front, between the two palms, did not impede my being able to see because it has few branches and it is low. She presented something like a movie in that space I indicate. I saw a large group of people who were dressed in white and were walking towards where the sun rises. They were bathed in light and (very?) happy; they sang. I could hear them but I could not understand the words. It was a celestial festival. It was such happiness ... such joy ... which I had never (ever?) seen. Not even in a procession had I seen that. Their bodies radiated light. I felt as if I were transported. Nor can I myself explain it ... in the midst of my admiration I heard her tell me;

"Look, these are the very first communities when Christianity began. They are the first catechumens; many of them were martyrs."

"Do you people want to be martyrs?"

"Would you yourself like to be a martyr?"

In that instance I did not know exactly what the meaning of being a martyr was -- I now know, because I have been asking, that **it is he who professes Jesus Christ openly in public, he who is a witness, to Him** including the giving of this life -- but, I answered yes. After that I saw another **group, also dressed in white** with some luminous rosaries in their hands. The beads were extremely white and they gave off lights of different colors. One of them carried a very large open book. He would read, and after listening they silently meditated. They appeared to be as if in prayer. After this period of prayer in silence. they then prayed the Our Father and ten Hail Mary's. I prayed with them. When the Rosary was finished, Our Lady said to me:

These are the first one to whom I gave the Rosary. That is the way that I want all of you to pray the Rosary."

I answered the Lady that yes we would. Some persons have told **me that this possibly has to do with the Dominicans**. I do not know that religious order, and to this date have never seen anyone from that order.

Afterwards, I saw a third group, all of them dressed in brown robes. But these I recognized as being similar to the Franciscans. Always the same, with Rosaries and praying. As they were passing after having prayed, the Lady again told me:

These received the Rosary from the hands of the first ones."

After this, a fourth group was arriving. It was a huge procession; now, as we are dressed. It was such a big group that it would be impossible to count them. In the earlier ones I saw many men and women; but now, it was like an army in size, and they carried Rosaries in their hands. They were dressed normally, in all colors. I was very happy to see them. When one is dressed differently from the other persons one feels rather strange ... at seeing the first group I did not feel so attracted to them because of that ... I admired them, but I did not feel as if in their midst when I saw the last group. I felt at once that I could enter into that scene because they were dressed the same as I was. But ...I looked at my hands and I saw them black. They, in turn, as the previous ones radiated light. **Their bodies were beautiful.** I then said: "Lady, I am going with these because they are dressed as I am." She told me: "No. You are still lacking. **You have to tell the people what you have seen and heard.**" And she added: "I have shown you the Glory of Our Lord and you people will acquire this if you are obedient to Our Lord, to the Lord's Word; if you persevere in praying the Holy Rosary and put into practice the Lord's Word."

After having said this to me the Vision of the Glory of God disappeared and the cloud that was sustaining her was elevating her towards Heaven. She looked like, as I said, the statue of the Assumption. And in that way, it was as if the cloud that was lifting her, disappeared.

I had a prohibition from the priest at telling what I saw and heard, I could tell it only to him. I took the bus early on the morning of the 9th of June and I told it to the priest. I thought that once I had told him, he then would right away give me permission and he said no -- for me to keep it in secret. I then began to feel a tremendous (?) and sorrow which I could hardly stand, and I kept hearing a voice telling me to tell it. I began suffering as I had before. But I chose to obey the priest and I did not relate it until permission was given. This was given the 24th of June, which is the patron feast of Cuapa, so that I could tell it only to the people in that village. On that day the church was full of people, and I went to wait to meet with him to ask permission. The priest told me "no twice, and the third time accepted that I tell it.

THE THIRD VISION

On the 8th of July we went to the place where the apparitions occurred, about forty of us went. We prayed and sang, but I did not see her. I begged in my prayers that I would see her again. At night, while sleeping, I had a dream. I dreamed that I was in the place of the apparitions praying for the world. In my dreams I remembered that Our Lady had told me to pray for Nicaragua and for the whole world because serious dangers threaten it. I then, remembering this and that the priest had told me -- when I had told him the message from the Holy Virgin -- to pray especially for the religious, the nuns, the priests, and the Pope. Remembering all of that, I started praying; I began commending them. And I commended the whole world in the Rosary.

But there was a boy from Cuapa who was in jail. There had been a fight at a fiesta; they had accused him of being a counter-revolutionary and took him prisoner after the war. His sister asked me to make a petition for him. She was very sad because she could not speak with him alone when she visited him in jail. And, furthermore, they would not leave them alone to talk. So, after I finished the Rosary, I realized that I had not prayed for this boy, and I thought: "I am going to pray for him, but the Rosary is taking me a long time ..." I was thinking this in my dreams since I believed myself to be at the place of the apparitions. I said to myself: "I have to get home; it will be getting too late when I return ... I am going to only pray three

Hail Mary's." In dreams I knelt down and raised up my arms; I again looked upward praying for the boy. When I lowered my eyes and looked at the rocks where the Holy Virgin has appeared, I saw an angel. He was dressed in a long white tunic; he was tall and very young. His body appeared to be bathed in light. He had a man's physique and vice. He carried no adornment, no mantle, nor a crown. Plain but beautiful. His feet were not over a cloud. They were bare. He had a warm, friendly demeanor and a great serenity. I felt a reverence as I was before him, but my feeling towards him was different from what I felt before the Lady ... as if she were someone greater ... she greater than he ... I don't know how to explain, it is difficult to say ... Nonetheless, in spite of the fact that she inspired within me more respect; that is ... like a great respect, a greater reverence, than that which I felt towards the angel. With her I was bold enough to ask questions; and I spoke to her and made petitions. With the angel I hardly spoke.

I heard the angel tell me:

"Your prayer has been heard."

After a moment of silence he added:

"Go and tell the prisoner's sister to go and console him on Sunday as he is very sad; to advise him not to sign a document; that they are going to pressure him to sign a paper in which he assumes responsibility for some money; he is innocent.

"That she should not worry that she will be able to talk to him alone for a long time; that she will be treated in a friendly manner.

"To go on Monday to the police headquarters of Juigalpa to complete all the steps for his release because he will be released that day.

"To take 1,000 cordobas because they are charging a fine."

I then told him that I had another petition from a cousin who lives in Zelaya. He had come to Cuapa to see me and to ask me to speak to the Holy Virgin about two problems: problems in the home as a result of the vice of drink and problems with work due to the changes brought about by the Revolution. She wanted to know how to resolve the vice of alcoholism with her father and brother, because the resulting problems at home were caused by their violence when they drink too much. She also wanted to know what she could do with her problems at work as a teacher. She explained to me that she did not want to lose her job, but it seemed as if little by little they would cause her to deny her faith. In this she was suffering a great deal because she did not want to lose her work, but even less so to deny her faith.

That is why I told the angel that I had two petitions for the Blessed Virgin from a cousin; and without entering into details, I told him that it was with regard to problems in the home because of the father's and brother's vice with drinking, and also problems with work. I did not go into any more details. The angel answer me saying:

"That the persons around them should be patient with them, and not to complain when they are inebriated."

Later he added

Go and tell them to discontinue with that vice, to do it little by little and in that way the desire will be leaving them."

He then told me to warn my cousin that they were going to assault him; they were going to shoot him in the foot wounding his left heel; and at a later time they were going to kill him. On hearing this, I became so frightened that I told the angel: "Won't that sentence upon my cousin be revoked by praying many Rosaries?" He answered: "No. It is from that that he will die, but if he listens to your advice his life can be prolonged."

He then added for my cousin:

"That she should not be afraid. To stay firmly where she is. That she should not leave her job because as a teacher who has faith in Our Lord she can do a lot of good with people."

As he continued, saying

"Do not turn your backs on problems and do not curse anyone.:"

This, the angel told me at the end and disappeared. I awoke. I immediately began to pray the Rosary, without being distracted by what I had dreamed. Afterwards I started thinking about all that I had dreamed. I remembered everything about all that I had dreamed. I remembered everything as if it had remained impressed on me. I did not know what to think. But I chose to tell it to the prisoner's sister in secret because I feared it might not be fulfilled. The people were commenting over the Glory of God that I had seen on the 8th of June and they said: "Who has gone and who has returned? Bernardo is crazy. We should take him to the asylum." That is why I was afraid. I told it to Mrs. Socorro telling her it was only for her alone. I told it to her the next day. She asked me how this could be as she was not allowed to speak with him alone. I told her to have confidence in the Lord and to go and do everything the angel said. Together we prayed the Rosary for her brother who was in jail. We went to see him on Sunday, the 13th of July. She was in the jail a long time with him alone, and because of that she was able to tell him not to sign the document. They were all friendly with her. When she returned to Cuapa, the same day Sunday, in the afternoon, she asked for a loan of 1,000 cordobas from a man who never lends anything without impounding something. He gave it to her without any warranties, without a bond, and even said to her: "If you want more, I will give you more." They presented the document to the boy but he refused to sign it. Mrs. Socorro went on Monday to the police headquarters in Juigalpa to complete all the necessary steps to see if they would release him. She found the people at the

headquarters quite friendly. They freed the brother and charged a fine of 1,000 cordobas. She told them she was poor and could they lower it some, and they reduced it by 200 cordobas. Everything was fulfilled. They soon left and returned to Cuapa and arrived at my house to express their thanks. I told them not to thank me, but to thank the lord and the Holy Virgin. I suggested to them that they pray the Rosary. Mrs. Socorro was very happy and asked me if she could tell it to the people. I told her yes. Many came to believe because of this event. which for me and for others was like getting a reward or being bailed out.

He came out of jail on Monday July 14, and the next day I went to Zelaya to tell them of the message received. I spoke to the three of them. She believed me and told me that she could continue working as a teacher. My uncle listened and promised me that he would try to give up the vice little by little. Afterwards I went by horse clear over to my cousin's ranch but he did not believe me. He did not believe anything. He listened but out of respect. He was indifferent with me and even hard, because in a tone of voice that was insulting he told me: "Cousin, are you looking for some way to take a drink?"

I returned to my house feeling sad and praying the Rosary for him. A few days later I heard say that he had been robbed and his home assaulted. I then returned to Zelaya to give him advice and to tell him to sell his ranch and return to Cuapa. In that way he would avoid those incidents. He paid no attention to me, in spite of the fact that what I had told him in the previous visit was already in part fulfilled: I told him about a robbery. They stole two mules from him. I told him of an assault. They broke in his door one night and again robbed him.

I told him that his left heel would be wounded. And it was so. During this second visit to Zelaya, he showed me the wound himself but he did not believe. He said it was just by chance. There was no change in him.

I again returned to Cuapa feeling sad. Disconsolate! I would pray the Rosary for him.

Two months and one day later, that is, on the 9th of September, 1980, his sister-in-law -- who lives in Cuapa and who did not believe anything that I said -- received a telegram notifying her that my cousin had been found murdered. At twelve midnight of that same day, which was also the day following the fourth vision, his cadaver arrived in Cuapa.

Everything that the angel told me was fulfilled exactly.

I had an appointment with the Lady, but it did not take place. We could not get there because the river was too deep, it was full. The current was too strong and it was overflowing its banks because of the violent winds. Very heavy rains since the night of the seventh, all that night and all the following day ... it rained without stopping on the day of the eighth of August. It was impossible to cross! I was there accompanied by a group of people, all of them women. On arriving at the edge of the river we intended to cross, we found this impossible. It would have been impossible even on horseback. I said: "Even by myself alone, I am going to cross."

But I looked and said: "N! I can't do it alone! The current will carry me away it is so strong!" It continued raining. We were totally soaked from the rain. I then told the people: "The Blessed Virgin, the Blessed Mother, will hear us wherever we are." And we stopped trying to cross the river in order to get to the site of the visions. We sat down on the rocks alongside the river; others remained standing. We then prayed the Rosary and sang many songs. On our return we did not feel cold nor were we sad.

When it became possible to cross, we returned to the place of the apparitions. But nothing occurred, nor did I feel that the Lady would arrive. I missed not seeing her. I had by now become familiar with the idea of her arriving. I felt happy to be waiting for her and even more so at seeing her.

Another thing that happened during this month is that I could see that the priest did not believe me. Because of good manners he tried not to show this, but ... no, he did not believe. He had never shown any interest in going to the place where the apparitions occurred. However, one day he arrived at the chapel, celebrated Mass, and afterwards told me that he wanted to go to the site where the apparitions took place. But he told me not to point out the road and also not to speak with him.

It was so. We arrived at the place. I could see that he looked at all the sides around us. He looked as if recognizing something. Afterwards, indicating the precise spot: "It is this place that was in my dreams last night."

With this he changed. Prior to this I noted that he did not accept. I could notice it. But I do not judge him, as perhaps he has been an instrument to know the truth.

Towards the end of August I one day told him: "Father, I am sad because we were unable to cross the river because of the strong currents. Could it be that she expected us to cross the river on the 8th of August? Could it be that she won't be returning?" He said to me: "Pray and she will again appear."

He said that with certainty.

THE FOURTH VISION

On the eighth of September I went to the place of the apparitions in hope of the appointment which had not been fulfilled for me in August. I again went accompanied by many persons; there were also some children. We were praying the Rosary, and as soon as we finished I saw a lightning-flash. Only the light from it was seen. It was clear; there was no sign of rain. I thought and said: "The Lady is about to arrive!" Another sign was the great interior joy when I am about to see her. I then saw a second flash of lightning -- which is always the one in which to see her --and I saw her

over a cloud. The cloud was over the Morisco tree that was already without leaves -- the people of Cuapa had been taking them little by little -- the little tree, planted in midst of the (?) and of the (Dormilona?) thorns looked dried up; because the Morisco tree is brown in color and having been left without leaves, looked more as if it was dried up. But no, it was not dry; if one scratched the bark which is thin, it was green inside. In this manner, over all of this, was the Virgin Mary. I saw her as a child. Beautiful! But little! She was dressed in a pale cream colored tunic. She did not have a veil, nor a crown, nor a mantle. No adornment, nor embroidery. The dress was long, with long sleeves, and it was girdled with a pink cord. Her hair fell to her shoulders and it was brown in color. The eyes, also, although much lighter, almost the color of honey. All of her radiated light. She looked like the Lady, but she was a child.

I was looking at her amazed without saying a word, and then I heard her voice as that of a child ... a child of seven ... eight ... years. In an extremely sweet voice she gave the message; totally identical. At the finish, I thought that since she was a child it would be easier for her to allow herself to be seen by the others accompanying me. That was my effort. I said to myself: "The others also should see her!" I then told her: "Let yourself be seen so that all the world will believe. These people who are here want to meet you." The people could hear me, but could not hear her. I talked with her a great deal trying to entice her to allow herself to be seen, but after listening to me she said:

"No. It is enough for you to give them the message because for the one who is going to believe that will be enough, and the one who is not going to believe though he should see me is not going to believe."

These words of hers have been fulfilled. I can now see the unbelief or the faith of a person. Individuals have come who are not looking to see any sign; the message is sufficient for them, they receive it. Some have great needs ... they do not ask for a miracle, they do not ask for cures, they prefer to trust in the Lord. There are others who through the signs have come to believe. I knew a man, who filled with joy, told me: "Bernardo, I now do believe the Virgin appeared. You are fortunate! I also am seeing her!" And he indicated the place. It was in the old chapel, where the altar was before. A few feet away there was another man who, at seeing me pass nearby, told me full of indifference: "It is true that it is there. But this is nothing more than beings from other planets. They are (?)" This occurred on the 7th of May, 1981, the eve of the first anniversary of the first apparition.

I then no longer insisted that she allow herself to be seen, but rather talked to her about the church that the people wanted to build in her honor. Father Domingo told us that this was a decision he could not make, and that we should tell it to the Holy Virgin. That is why I presented this question to her. Because a man from Matagalpa had already given us C\$80.00 cordobas to this end. She answered me saying:

"No. The Lord does not want material churches. He wants living temples which are yourselves."

"Restore the sacred temple of the Lord. In you is the gratification for the Lord."

And she continued, saying:

"Love each other. Love one another. Forgive each other. Make peace. Don't first ask for it. Make peace!"

I asked her what I should do with the C\$80.00 cordobas that I had on my hands. I was wondering if I should return them. She told me to donate them for the construction of the chapel in Cuapa. And added:

"From this day on do not accept even one cent for anything."

Afterwards she told me not to say "church" to material things because the church and the temples (are) ourselves; that those with chapels are houses of prayer. At times, out of habit I make a mistake and say "church" instead of "chapel."

At this moment, a doubt that I had came to mind. I had thought of asking her as to this doubt because I did not know whether or not to continue in the catechumenate. I did it to see what she would advise me. She told me:

"No. Don't leave. Always continue firmly in the catechumenate. Little by little you will comprehend all that the catechumenate signifies. As a community group meditate on the Beatitudes, away from all the noise."

Later she added

I am not going to return on the 8th of October, but on the 13th."

Then the cloud elevated her. As in the other times ... when I had seen her.

THE FIFTH VISION

In October, on the eighth, we went to the (place?) of the apparitions. I knew she would not appear (as?) the little girl already had told me that, and (all?) the people. People by now were following me (as?) they wanted to pray the Rosary near the pile of rocks. They wanted to do this out of devotion.

On the 13th, which was a Monday, we had a (devotion?) in the chapel at ten in the morning. Afterwards, a group of about fifty of us went to the site of the apparitions. A small pilgrimage. We went praying the Rosary and singing. On arriving we arranged the flowers the people had brought,

over the piled rocks. We started another Rosary. The sky looked as if it was going to rain, with big threatening clouds. It looked like rain. When we were on the third mystery, the Birth of the Son of God, I felt the same emotion that I always feel when the (time?) for seeing her is near. But I chose not to disturb the praying of the Rosary. At the end we sang "My Queen of Heaven." We were repeating the part that says: "Shining Daystar, grant me grace to be (able to?) sing the Ave Maria," when all of a sudden a luminous circle formed over the ground. Everyone, without a single exception, saw it; it was like a (?) that fell and marked this luminous circle on the ground. The light came from above. The light that came was like a spotlight that on touching the (ground?) was scattered. Seeing how this light fell over the heads of everyone who was there, I again looked up and saw that a circle had also formed in the sky. As when here we say "there's a ring around the moon" or "there's a ring around the sun." This circle gave off lights in different colors, without coming (from?) the sun. It was not at that spot as the sun was already setting.

A little girl being held by the hand by her mother tried to release her hand telling her mother that the Lady was calling her. The mother held her even more firmly and did not let her move. The child's mother told me this herself after the apparition was over.

It was three in the afternoon. One could feel a small breeze that moved softly. Pleasant! Like a fresh shower, but which did not wet us. While we observed this, we were silent and continued seeing that circle of light which gave off colored lights from the exact center, where the sun is a twelve noon.

All of a sudden a lightning-flash, the same as the other times; then, a second one. I lowered my eyes and I saw the Lady. This time the cloud was over the flowers we had brought and upon the cloud the Lady's feet. Beautiful! She extended her hands and rays of light reached all of us.

I, at seeing the Lady there with her arms extended, said to the people: "Look at her! There she is!"

No one answered anything. I then told the Lady to let herself be seen, that all the people present wanted to see her. She said:

"No. Not everyone can see me."

I again said to the people:

"Our Lady is at the pile of rocks over the flowers."

I could hear some of the people crying. I could hear sobbing. A lady whose name is Mildred told me: "I can see only a shadow, like a statue, over the flowers." I again insisted to the Lady that she allow herself to be seen and she again told me no. I then again told the people

Look at the flowers over the rocks."

No one answered me anything. I then told the Lady:

Lady, let them see you so that they will believe! Because many don't believe. They tell me that it is the devil that appears to me. And that the Virgin is dead and turned to dust like any mortal. Let them see you, Our Lady!"

She did not answer anything. She raised her hands to her breast in a similar position to the statue of Our Lady of Sorrows -- the statue that is carried in procession during Holy Week -- and the same as that statue her face turned pale, her mantle changed to a gray color, her face became sad, and she cried. I cried too. I trembled to see her like that. I said to her:

"Lady, forgive me for what I have said to you! I'm to blame! You are angry with me. Forgive me! Forgive me!"

She then answered me saying:

"I am not angry nor will I get angry."

I asked her: "And why are you crying? I see you crying."

She told me:

"It saddens me to see the hardness of those persons' hearts. But you will have to pray for them so that they will change."

I could not speak. I continued to cry. I felt that my heart was being crushed. I felt very sad as if I were going to die from the pain right there. My only relief was through crying. I no longer continued insisting that she let herself be seen. I felt that I was to blame for having said this to her. I could not endure seeing her cry. As I continued to cry, she gave me the message:

Pray the Rosary, meditate on the mysteries.

Listen to the Word of God spoken in them.

Love one another. Love each other.

Forgive each other.

Make peace. Don't ask for peace without making peace; because if you don't make it, it does no good to ask for it.

Fulfill your obligations.

Put into practice the Word of God.
Seek ways to please God.
Serve your neighbor as that way you will please Him."

When she had finished giving her message, I remembered the requests from the people of Cuapa. I said to her:

Lady, I have many requests, but I have forgotten them. There are a great many. You, Lady, know them all."

Then she said to me:

"They ask of me things that are unimportant. Ask for faith in order to have the strength so that each can carry his own cross. The sufferings of this world cannot be removed. **Sufferings are the cross which you must carry.** That is the way life is. There are problems with the husband, with the wife, with the children, with the brothers. Talk, converse so that problems will be resolved in peace. Do not turn to violence. Never turn to violence. **Pray for faith in order that you will have patience.**"

In this manner she has given me to understand that if with faith we ask to be freed from a suffering, we will be freed if that suffering is not the cross we are to carry; but when the suffering is the person's cross, then it will remain as a weight (?) glory. That is why she tells us to ask for faith in order to receive fortitude and patience.

Afterwards she told me:

"You will no longer see me in this place."

I thought that I would definitely never see her again and I began to shout:

"Don't leave us, my Mother!"

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I was speaking for those who were not speaking, she then said to me;

"Do not be grieved. I am with all of you even though you do not see me.

I am the Mother of all of you, sinners.

Love one another.

Forgive each other.

Make peace, because if you don't make it
there will be no peace.

Do not turn to violence.

Never turn to violence.

Nicaragua has suffered a great deal since the earthquake and will continue to suffer if all of you don't change.

If you don't change you will hasten the coming of the Third World War.

Pray, pray, my son, for all the world.

A mother never forgets her children.

And I have not forgotten what you suffer.

I am the Mother of all of you, sinners.

9. Our Lady of the Rosary

Location: San Nicolas, Argentina
Number of Apparitions: Thousands
Witness: Gladys Quiroga de Motta
First Apparition: September 25, 1983
Last Apparition: Ongoing
Investigated: April 1985
Approved: May 22, 2016 by Msgr. Héctor Sabatino Cardelli



What's interesting about the apparitions of Our Lady of the Rosary is not only that they were given initially to a woman with no formal knowledge of the Bible or theology, but that the apparitions are considered to be ongoing even today. Numerous healings have been attributed to this visit from Our Lady, and Gladys, the woman whom Mary appeared to, received apparitions of Our Lady nearly daily for six years. There have been many discussions with the Holy See about the apparitions and their messages, but several bishops have found no reason to reject the apparitions, and the site has continued to produce positive fruits for the faithful.

Messages

In the apparitions at San Nicolas, during the years investigated and approved by the local bishop 1983-1990, Our Lady gave Gladys Quiroga de Motta 1,816 messages over the course of almost 7 years. As of 2016, Gladys continues to receive messages which are examined by the bishop and theologians prior to their dissemination to the faithful.

Below are a few excerpted messages:

December 12, 1983

"Father, deliver us from all evil. With your holy wisdom, Lord, save us from all sin. In the name of all those who love You, Lord, lead us on the right road. Amen. Read proverbs 2:1-11. He who says this prayer during nine consecutive days, together with a rosary, will receive a very special grace from me."

August 3rd 1984

This morning I woke up from a dream. I saw many people who worked in "El Campito" (the Land of Mary). They were making the foundations for the Sanctuary. They were digging a well in the middle of the foreground, because I had told them that from there it was going to sprout water, in the place where it had been the shrub, where the ray of light had fallen.

This morning, when the Virgin spoke to me, I asked Her what did that dream mean and She said to me:

"Many dreams are realities, and this dream will become a reality ". And She smiled.

December 2, 1984

"You must have a medal cast with my image of the advocacy of Mary of the Rosary of San Nicolas, and on the other side the Blessed Trinity with seven stars."

September 25, 1985

"My daughter, I will tell you the meaning of the seven stars. They are seven graces that my Son Jesus will grant to those who wear it on their breast. Praise be to the Lord."

March 5th 1986 (Scapular)

"Dear daughter please see that a Scapular is made. It must be white, since that is the symbol of purity. My image will be light blue and pink. This Scapular will be for those physically or mentally afflicted and it will be worn by those who feel need in their hearts, because with the Scapular is the promise to pray to Mary of the Rosary. This is an urgent request. Amen. Amen"

December 15, 1986

"My daughter, because of a few good people, many bad people will be saved. I mean that with prayer, with the continual prayer of true Christians, many will reach salvation. Here, I explain the reason for my presence and the remaining of my messages, that are, in final instance, the Lord's word. There must be conversion for the salvation of the soul to be possible."

February 6, 1987

"My daughter, in this time, I am the Ark, for all your brethren! I am the Ark of peace, the Ark of salvation, the Ark where my children must enter, if they wish to live in the Kingdom of God. There is no obstacle for this Mother, and there will be none for the children."

January 1, 1989

Gladys, many children in these moments are submerged in their own materialistic world and will continue so, because they do not seek the aid their spirits need in God. They all have the possibility to receive it, but many reject it.

I say this to my children: You are victims of the evil one; you are misguided!

Start today, on this new year, a new pace; firm, serene, with great hope and peace in your heart. Mankind will find the Road, if they place their trust in Mary.

January 3, 1989

My daughter, this Mother wants Her Words to be listened to and meditated upon.

Believers, bless the Lord; People, glorify His Name, because He assures His Reward.

May the hope in the Lord lift your spirits; His Greatness will reach you if your faith is complete.

January 4, 1989

I say this to all your brethren: Do not run from the Lord, go trustingly to Him.

It is truly time to do so, since to go toward Christ and to love Him, is to learn humbly how to surrender to the Lord.

Through love, His Truth will overcome. Meditate on it.

January 6, 1989

Later, I see the Blessed Virgin. She says to me:

Today the devil is dazzling the world; this world so belittled in Christian spirit

The Truth of Christ, that Truth that is proclaimed through His Mother, must reign in hearts

Against imprudence, is the prudence that Christ gives

Against mistrust, the trust inspired by Christ

In the face of restlessness, the Peace of Christ reigns

Give thanks to the Lord, because only He will save the people

Amen. amen

November 30, 1989

Again I dreamed about the water of the Sanctuary. This time I saw it around the temple and it ran on channels. There would be a meter of distance between the channels and the Sanctuary. The water was very clear. I saw again the Most Blessed Virgin alone, as the Immaculate, and heard Her say to me:

"Great it is the blessing on your town: it is the Blessing of God for His children "

Two days later, while Gladys was talking about the subject of the water, she was given in a locution, the Biblical quotation of prophet Ezekiel Chapter 47 Verse 1

"Then he (the Lord) brought me back to the door of the temple; and behold, water was issuing from below the threshold of the temple toward the east (for the temple faced the east); and the water was flowing down from below the south end of the threshold of the temple, south of the altar"

January 29, 1990

I dreamed that I saw a source with very crystalline water. The Blessed Virgin told me: "Guijón, Guijón", that in Hebrew means: " It appears in torrents "

Source of Mary is the name of the spring in Jerusalem next to the Cedrum torrent.

The desire that there should be a source from which water would stream uninterruptedly was thus expressed as a beneficial sign of the redeeming presence of the Lord who, through the Blessed Virgin, lavishly offers His mercy and redemption to us.

A commission was established under the direction of Father Perez, composed of a geologist, a priest and two architects.

Water was found beneath the Crypt at the spot where the Ray of Light shone and when extracting the first water, the Sanctuary was impregnated with a strong scent of roses.

The water was gathered in reservoirs and it has been to be distributed to pilgrims since September 25th 1991

Conclusion

We hope you found this guide helpful! We're always looking for ways to improve your knowledge of Catholic tradition with Ascension and we'd love to hear from you!