

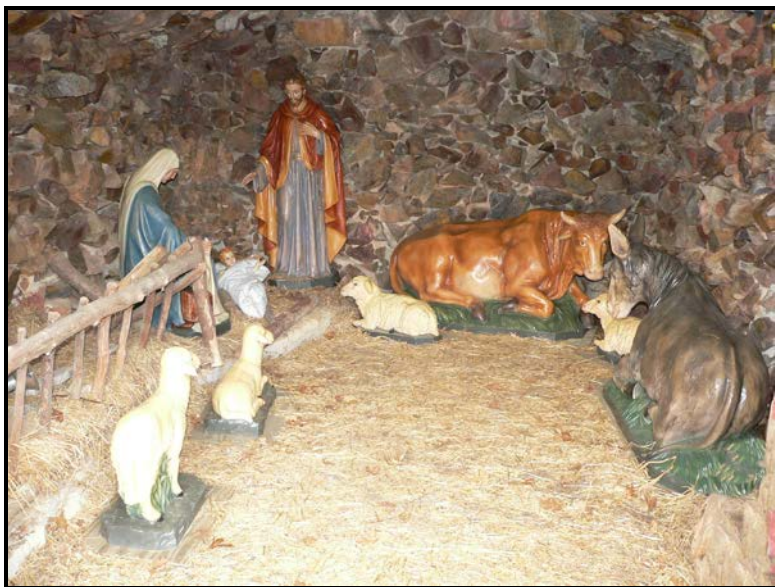
# Queen of the Holy Rosary Mediatrix of Peace, Mediatrix Between God and Man



## Shrine Newsletter

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

## **About Our Cover**

The Cave in which Our Lord was born at Bethlehem was an animal shelter, in a rough and rocky hillside. The replica of this Cave on the Shrine grounds was built as shown in vision to Mary Ann Van Hoof. The Cave is open from Dec. 1st to Feb. 1st. Caroling at the Cave takes place on Christmas Eve; at other times eleven hand-painted murals are on display in the entrance that depict various observances in the Church year.

An annual outdoor Nativity Pageant, which was enacted for the first time in 1971, is now held on the First Saturday of December at 7:00 P.M. It's portrayed by a large cast in colorful costumes and live animals; with supportive lighting, electronics, and music. This beautiful spiritual experience for young and old is one that will always be remembered. Admission is free.

### **Prayer for Priests**

by St. Therese of Lisieux

O Jesus, eternal Priest, keep your priests within the shelter of Your Sacred Heart, where none may touch them. Keep unstained their anointed hands, which daily touch Your Sacred Body. Keep unsullied their lips, daily purpled with your Precious Blood. Keep pure and unearthly their hearts, sealed with the sublime mark of the priesthood. Let Your holy love surround them and shield them from the World's contagion. Bless their labors with abundant fruit. And may the souls to whom they minister be their joy and consolation here; and in Heaven their beautiful and everlasting crown.

Amen

### **OUR PLEDGE**

To stand firmly for God and for Country;  
To bring the truth to all people;  
To bring peace and unity between home, school, and church;  
Thus bringing everlasting peace to the nation.

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Dec. 21, 1956

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

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## Vigil Schedule at the Shrine

### January 2020

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

### February 2020

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

### March. 2020

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

### April 2020

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

### May. 2020

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

## OUR LADY'S MESSAGES

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

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

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

## MESSAGES FULFILLED --- BY TIME

Again we ask you to ponder with us some more of the Messages Mrs. Van Hoof received from Our Lady dating back to 1950. We also want to again reflect on the question: How would Mary Ann know these facts of the "future"; unless someone like Our Heavenly Mother, who cares for Her Children, was revealing them to her?

Remember: Mary Ann was told by Our Lady that fulfillment of Her Messages, regarding Church and World Conditions, would prove the validity of Her Apparitions at Necedah.

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### *Message*

**May 29, 1950** (see Pg. 9 "My Work With Necedah" Vol. I)

*"My dear Child, pray. Pray; pray the Rosary daily as a family group or gathering. Pray with your hearts. Pray for the poor souls in Russia. My dear people, all must work together in prayer. All religions must work together against the enemy of God. You must love thy neighbor and live the Commandments, the Way of the Cross; not just try. You must love My Son above all earthly goods. You must pray and convert Russia; and you shall have peace."*

## *Acknowledged—By Time*

### **POPE CALLS FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY TO COMBAT REDS**

VATICAN CITY/Sept. 12, 1951 Chicago Daily Tribune/Sept. 13, 1951

Pope Pius XII today called upon all Christians to unite "under one flag" the Roman Catholic Church - to fight "the infernal enemy", Communism.

The Encyclical in particular urged the Orthodox Catholics of Russia to return to the Roman Catholic Church. The Encyclical asked: "*Who is not horrified by the hatred and the ferocity with which the enemies of God in many countries of the world try to destroy or try to uproot all that there is of Divine and Christian?*"

*"Divided and dispersed, Christians cannot continue to lose time against the combined hosts of enemies,"* the Encyclical said. It urged unity to meet "*the furor of the enemies of God.*" It called upon all Christians to recognize the papal authority.

A united Christendom, the Encyclical said, would conform with the desire of Christ in His prayers at the Last Supper; that "*all would be one.*"

## *Message*

**December 7, 1962** (see Pg.324 "Revelations and Messages" 1950-1970)

*"...bring unification between the two great Churches. All of the Christians must stand by this great work. There must be more sacrifices. There must be more prayers. ... There is treachery within by those that should be standing by."*

*Fulfilled---By Time???*



## SHRINE NEWS

### **House of Prayer Update**

Throughout the Summer and Fall our preparation work progressed, but slowly due to the many rainy week-ends. When October arrived, and we were finally ready for setting a date for pouring concrete, night-time temperatures were becoming so low that we began questioning if it was a good idea to pour.

We learned that it would take 27 days of above freezing temperatures for the concrete to cure properly; so we felt it was too risky to attempt a pour this late in the year. Thankfully, we made that decision; because the next 27-day temperatures did not stay above freezing.

The remainder of our October time was then used to completely cover all the forms for protection from Winter snow and sleet. Now we'll be ready for an early Spring concrete-pour as the weather permits.

We are again sending a special "Thank You" to our Volunteers for their dedicated efforts; and to all of "You" for your prayers and support. May Our Holy Mother bless everyone for their past and future "good deeds".

Remember, next year we are planning to start a similar project on the West Side of the Sacred Spot. So, keep up the prayers and support!

### **Nativity Pageant Report**

The Nativity Pageant for 2019 was very successful! It was all due to a large group of Volunteers to help with the Set-up Preparations; followed by a willing Cast to practice for their performance; and then on Performance Day being blessed with some snow on the ground, mild temperatures, and a very nice crowd of Visitors.

Our presentation of "The Greatest Story Ever Told" was well received by the Visitors, who were encouraged to help "Put Christ Back Into Christmas".

Volunteers were available again to help put bleachers, buildings, and props back into storage until our next presentation on the first Saturday of December in 2020. Until then, God Bless our Volunteers; all of our Visitors; and all of you for continuing to support us in doing the Requests of Our Holy Mother, the "Queen of the Holy Rosary Mediatrix of Peace, Mediatrix Between God And Man".

## FEATURE ARTICLE

### Behold the Handmaid of the Lord

This article taken from St. Alphonsus Liguori's book, "The Glories of Mary" will help us to contemplate the deep humility of God's most perfect creature; Mary, our Mother. "*Whosoever shall exalt himself shall be humbled; and whosoever humbles himself shall be exalted.*" (Matt. 23:12).

God determined to become man, that He might redeem lost man; and thus show the World His infinite goodness. And having to choose a Mother on Earth, He sought amongst women for the one that was the most holy and the most humble. This one was the tender Virgin Mary. Her virtues were most exalted. So much the more dove-like was Her simplicity and humility; and the lowlier was She in Her own estimation. Mary could not have humbled Herself more than She did in the Incarnation of the Word; and God could not have exalted Mary more than He did.

God would not become Her Son without Her previous consent. Hence, (for so it was revealed to St. Elizabeth of Hungary) when this humble Virgin was in Her poor little cottage beseeching God more fervently than ever, and with desire more than ever ardent that He would send the Redeemer, behold the Archangel Gabriel arrives; the Bearer of the Great Message. He enters and salutes Her saying, "*Hail, full of Grace; the Lord is with Thee. Blessed art Thou amongst women.*"

But what does the humble Mary answer to a salutation so full of praises? Nothing; She remains silent. But, reflecting upon it, is troubled. "*Who, having heard, was troubled at his saying; and thought with Herself, what manner of salutation this should be?*" Her trouble arose entirely from Her humility; which was disturbed at the sound of praises so far exceeding Her own lowly estimate of Herself. Hence, the more the Angel exalted Her, the more She humbled Herself; and entered into the consideration of Her own nothingness.

The Blessed Virgin was already well aware, from the Sacred Scriptures, that the time foretold by the Prophets for the coming of the Messiah had arrived; that the weeks of Daniel were completed; that already, according to the prophecy of Jacob, the scepter of Juda had passed into the hands of Herod. She already knew that a Virgin was to be the Mother of the Messiah. Her profound humility did not allow the idea that She would be the Chosen Virgin.

St. Gabriel, seeing Mary so troubled and almost disturbed by the salutation, was obliged to encourage Her, saying, "*Fear not, Mary; for Thou hast found Grace with God.*" God exalts the humble; and had made Her worthy to find the Grace lost by men. He preserved Her from the stain of Original



Sin inherited by the Children of Adam. Hence from the moment of Her conception, God honored Her with Grace greater than that of all the Saints.

*“Behold, Thou shalt conceive in Thy womb and shalt bring forth a Son: and Thou shalt call His name, Jesus.”* Mary answers the Angel and says, *“Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it done to Me according to thy word.”* There is no more beautiful, humble, or prudent answer to be found in all the wisdom of Men and Angels together. Such a powerful answer, which rejoiced Heaven; and brought an immense sea of Graces and Blessings into the World. The answer had scarcely fallen from the lips of Mary before it drew the only begotten Son of God from the bosom of His Eternal Father; to become man in Her most pure womb. With Mary’s *fiat*, God became man.

Let us consider the great humility of the Blessed Virgin in this answer. She was fully enlightened as to the greatness of the dignity of a Mother of God. She had already been assured by the Angel that She was this happy Mother chosen by Our Lord. But with all this, She in no way rises in Her own estimation. She does not stop to rejoice in Her exaltation. Seeing on the one side Her own nothingness; and on the other the infinite majesty of God, Who chose Her for His Mother, She acknowledges how unworthy She is of so great an honor; but will not oppose His Will in the least thing. Hence, when Her consent is asked, what does She do? What does She say? Wholly annihilated within Herself, yet all inflamed at the same time by the ardor of Her desire to unite Herself thus still more closely to God, and abandoning Herself entirely to the Divine Will, She answers, *“Behold the handmaid of the Lord. Behold the slave of the Lord, obliged to do that which Her Lord commands. As if She meant to say: Since God chooses Me for His Mother, who have nothing of My own; and since all that I have is His gift, who can ever think that He has done so on account of My own merits? Behold the handmaid of the Lord. What merit can a slave ever have, that She should become the Mother of Her Lord? Behold the handmaid of the Lord. May the goodness of God alone be praised; and not His slave, since it is all His goodness that He fixes His eyes on so lowly a creature as I am, to make Her so great.*

*“O humility!”* exclaims the Abbot Gueric; *“as nothing in its own eyes, yet sufficiently great for the Divinity! Insufficient for itself; sufficient for Him whom the Heavens cannot contain.”* O great humility of Mary which makes Her little to Herself, but great before God. Unworthy in Her own eyes, but worthy in the eyes of that Immense Lord whom the World cannot contain. But the exclamation of St. Bernard on this subject is still more beautiful. In his fourth Sermon on the Assumption of Mary, in which, admiring Her humility he says: *“And how, O Lady, couldst Thou unite in Thy heart so humble an opinion of Thyself with so great purity, with such*

*innocence, and so great a plentitude of Grace as thou didst possess?"* The Saint continues, *"And how, O Blessed Virgin, did this great humility ever take so deep a root in Thy heart; seeing Thyself thus honored and exalted by God? Whence Thy humility, and so great humility, O Blessed One?"*

Lucifer, seeing himself endowed with great beauty, aspired to exalt his throne above the stars; and to make himself like God. O what would that proud spirit have said; and to what would he have aspired, had he ever been adorned with the gifts of Mary? The humble Mary did not act thus; the higher She saw Herself raised, the more She humbled Herself. St. Bernard states, that by this admirable humility She indeed rendered Herself worthy to captivate Her King with Her beauty; worthy to draw by the sweet odor of Her humility the Eternal Son, from His repose from the bosom of God, into Her more pure womb.

Hence Bernardine de Bustis says that Mary merited more by saying with humility, *"Behold the handmaid of the Lord,"* than all pure creatures could merit together by all their good works." Thus, St. Bernard says that this innocent Virgin, although She made Herself dear to God by Her virginity, yet it was by Her humility that She rendered Herself worthy; as far as a creature can be worthy, to become the Mother of Her Creator. Mary, Herself, also assured St. Bridget of the same thing, saying, *"How was it that I merited so great a Grace as to be made the Mother of My Lord, if it was not that I knew My own nothingness; and that I had nothing, and humbled Myself."* This She declared in Her Canticle, breathing forth the most profound humility when She said: *"Because He had regarded the humility of His handmaid . . . He that is mighty hath done great things to Me."* Mary did not mean to praise the virtue of Her own humility, but She meant to declare that God had regarded Her nothingness; and that out of His pure goodness, He had been pleased thus to exalt Her.

St. Augustine says that Mary's humility was a ladder by which Our Lord deigned to descent from Heaven to Earth; to become Man in Her womb. This is confirmed by St. Antoninus, who says that the humility of Mary was Her most perfect virtue; and the one that immediately prepared Her to become the Mother of God. The prophet, Isaias, foretold the same thing: *"And there shall come forth a rod out of the root of Jesse; and a flower shall rise up out of his root."* Blessed Albert the Great remarks on these words that the Divine Flower, that is to say the only begotten Son of God, was to be born not from the summit, nor from the trunk of the tree of Jesse, but from the root; precisely to denote the humility of the Mother.

To understand the greatness to which Mary was exalted, it would be necessary to understand the sublimity and greatness of God. It is sufficient, then, to say simply, that God made this Blessed Virgin His Mother, to understand that God could not have exalted Her more than He

did exalt Her. Arnold of Chartres asserts that God, by becoming the Son of the Blessed Virgin, “*established Her in a rank far above that of all the Saints and Angels.*” So, that, with the exception of God Himself, there is no one who is so greatly exalted. St. Ephrem states, “*Her glory is incomparably greater than that of all the other Celestial Spirits.*” This is confirmed by St. Andrew of Crete saying, “*God excepted, She is higher than all.*” St. Anselm also says, “*No one is equal to Thee, O Lady; for all are either above or beneath Thee: God alone is above Thee, and all that is not God is inferior to Thee.*” St. Bernadine states, “*The greatness and dignity of this Blessed Virgin are such, that God alone does, and can, comprehend it.*”

St. Anselm teaches that the nearer a thing approaches its author, the greater is the perfection that it receives from him; and therefore Mary being of all creatures the nearest to God, She, more than all others, has partaken of His graces, perfections, and greatness. To this Father Suarez traces the reason for which “*The dignity of Mother of God is above every other created dignity*”; for, “*It belongs in a certain way to the order of hypostatic union*”; for, “*It intrinsically appertains to it, and has a necessary conjunction with it.*” St. Thomas teaches that this is the supreme, the highest degree of union that a pure creature can have with God. Blessed Albert the Great adds, that “*Mary could not have been more closely united to God than She was; without becoming God.*”

St. Peter Damian states that God, Who dwells in creatures in different ways, dwelt in Mary in an especial way; and was singularly identified with Her making Himself one and the same thing with Her. God dwelled in the Blessed Virgin. Every creature needs to be silent and contemplate the great dignity of this Holy Virgin.

Blessed Albert the Great states that, “*in bestowing on Mary the maternity of God, God gave Her the highest gift of which a pure creature is capable.*” Hence that celebrated saying of St. Bonaventure, that “*to be the Mother of God is the Greatest Grace that can be conferred on a creature. It is such that God could make a greater World, a greater Heaven; but that He cannot exalt a creature more than by making Her His Mother.*” But no one has so well expressed the greatness of the dignity to which God had raised Her as the Divine Mother Herself when She said, “*He that is mighty hath done great things in Me.*” And why did not the Blessed Virgin make known what were the great things conferred on Her by God? St. Thomas of Villanova answers, that Mary did not explain them because they could not be expressed.

Hence St. Bernard with reason says, “*that for this Blessed Virgin, who was to be His Mother, God created the whole World.*” And

St. Bonaventure teaches that its existence depends on Her Will. St. Bernardine adds, that it was for the love of Mary that God did not destroy man after Adam's sin.

Thus Mary was a child, but of this state She had only the innocence, not the defect of incapacity; for from the very first moment of Her existence, She had always the perfect use of reason. She was a Virgin without the reproach of sterility. She was a Mother, but at the same time possessed the precious treasure of Virginity. She was beautiful; most beautiful. Our Lord Himself also revealed to St. Bridget that the beauty of His Mother surpassed that of all men and Angels. She was most beautiful. Yet, those who looked upon Her, all their evil thoughts banished; and even enkindled pure ones. The labors of active life did not interrupt Her union with God. In Her contemplative life, She was wrapped in Him; but not so as to cause Her to neglect Her temporal affairs, and the charity due to Her neighbor.

This Divine Mother is infinitely inferior to God, but immensely superior to all creatures; and as it is impossible to find a Son nobler than Jesus, so is it also impossible to find a Mother nobler than Mary. This reflection should cause the clients of so great a Queen not only to rejoice in Her greatness, but should also increase their confidence in Her powerful patronage; for, says Father Suarez, as She is the Mother of God, "*She has a certain peculiar right to His gifts,*" to dispense them to those for whom She prays. St. Germanus, on the other hand, says, "*that God cannot do otherwise than grant the petitions of this Mother; for He cannot but acknowledge Her for His True and Immaculate Mother.*"

Therefore, power to succor us is not wanting to this Holy Virgin Mother. If we really desire to please the Divine Mother, let us often salute Her with the "Hail Mary". She once appeared to St. Mechtilde, and assured her that She was honored by nothing more than by this salutation. By its means we shall certainly obtain even Special Graces from this Mother of Mercy.

Mary is the treasurer of all Divine Graces; therefore, whoever desires Graces must have recourse to Mary. And he who has recourse to Mary may be sure of obtaining the Graces that he desires. It is an evident mark of predestination for those who are servants of Mary. Mary, out of the love She bears to all, endeavors to excite in all a devotion towards Herself. Many either do not admit it into their soul, or do not preserve it. But, blessed is he that receives and preserves it. Devotion towards the Blessed Virgin remains in all who are the inheritance of Our Lord; that is to say, in all who will someday be praising Him eternally in Heaven. "*Mary,*" says Richard of St. Laurence, "*is the Mistress of Heaven. For there She commands as She Wills; and admits whom She Wills.*" Our Blessed Lady,

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# The Unity Medal

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## “Queen of the Holy Rosary, Mediatrix of Peace”

The Unity Medal was shown to Mary Ann for the first time on January 28, 1957. She was instructed to have a Medal made; and to distribute it. The promise was that, through the pious use of the Medal, many Graces would come to those who wear it with confidence and faith.

The Medal shows Our Blessed Mother wearing on Her neck a cord tied into a Unity Knot. From that Knot is suspended another length of cord, the ends of which contain the Globe which represents the World; and a tassel which represents the Christian people.

### THE FRONT SIDE

Our Lady rises above all mankind as their Queen. She holds the Christ Child in Her left Arm, nearest Her Heart; and as much as to say: "You come to Jesus through Me." In Her right Hand, Our Lady holds the



**Unity Knot**

complete fifteen-decade Rosary; which leads from Heaven to Earth, and from Earth to Heaven. The Rosary in Her Hand blossoms out into a Three-fold bouquet of the Passion Flower; symbolizing the Sorrowful, Glorious, and Joyful Mysteries.



The Infant extends His right Hand in Benediction to those who come to the King, through the Queen.

For the King, when He died, "Willed the Salvation of all Men." He also gave, "through the disciple", His Mother to be the Mother to all who would believe: "Woman behold thy son; son behold thy Mother." In His last Will and Testament, "written in His Blood", is where He Willed the Salvation of all Men. It is logical to assume that He, the King, made Her the Queen; the Executrix of all His Graces of the Mass of the Cross; and His Graces of the Mass of the Altar when He said, "Behold Thy Son." And

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Heaven here at Necedah, long ago warned of the natural disasters now befalling our nation and the world. God permits these things. Many of these are “acts of God”. Yet others are man-induced through weather warfare. Both of these causes, due to the increased natural disasters, are indicated in Heaven’s messages. As Heaven has said, God permits these things (floods, fires, storms, earthquakes, etc.). Man has long tinkered with the elements of nature; worked against the natural laws of God in such a way that He has set in motion a chain reaction knocking nature out of balance. Man has tampered and modified the natural pattern in playing “god” that he now faces and has incurred the wrath of God upon himself.

**December 5, 1958:** “More disasters. Many more martyrs. Storms, floods, fires. West Coast fire no accident.”

**March 4, 1966:** “There will be floods, fire, storms, disaster, but it will not wake them up. Those are just called the elements.”

**February 21, 1969:** “Fires, storms, floods, hurricanes, destruction of crops bringing hunger...”

**February 28, 1969:** “Earthquakes, storms, which will take many lives. Floods, floods, tremendous floods. God’s devastation on earth. Crack in the Pacific Ocean is breathing; there will be tremors and then there will be the huge one. God help Alaska and the Pacific Coast interior devastation.”

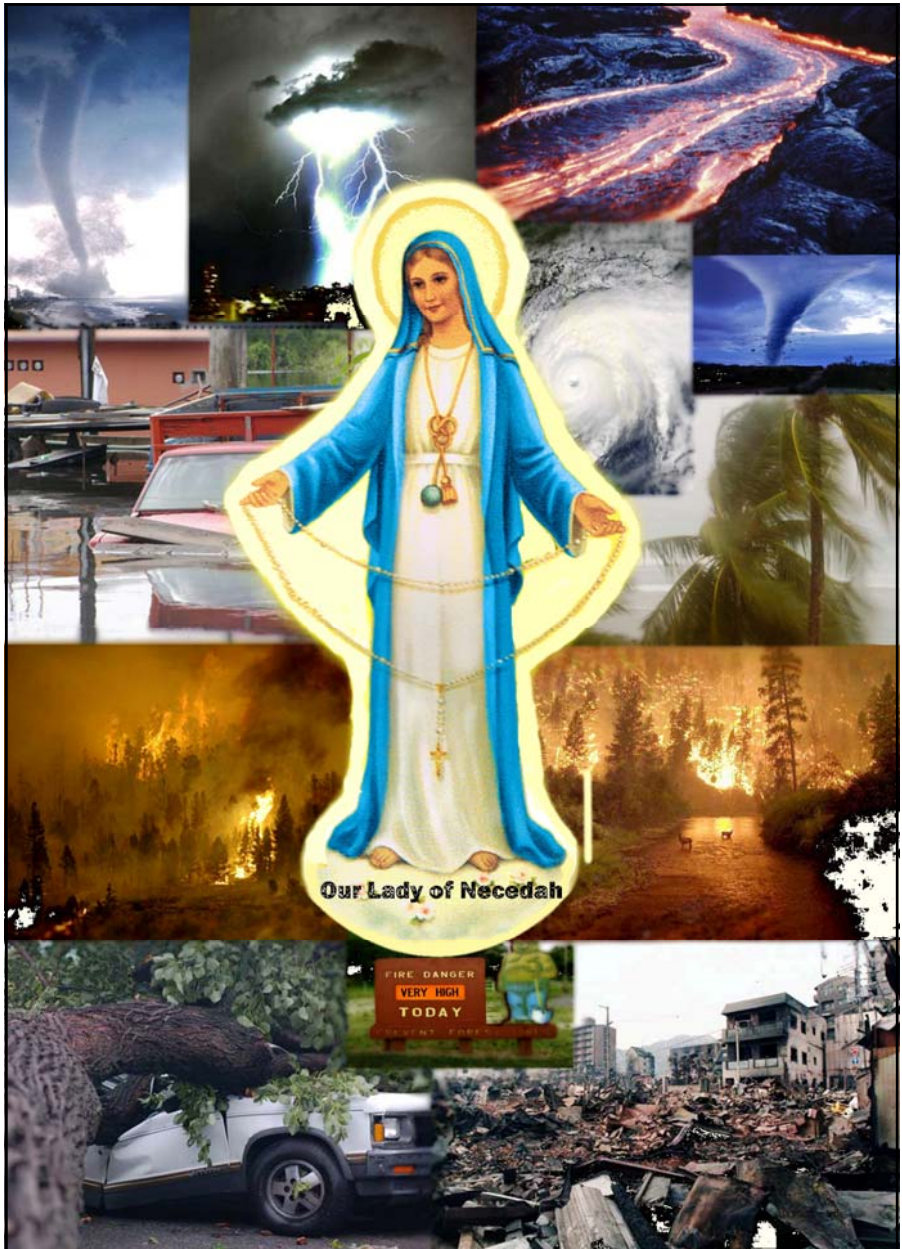
**April 4, 1969:** “Many large cities will be shook with the rumblings of an earthquake. Even then they will not believe that those things could happen. He will not hold back. But destruction will be befalling, be it man-made, or be it from the elements. Man has made enough powerful material to cause devastation, to destroy much earth. Only God can control these things.”

**May 28, 1969:** “Earthquakes where there have never been earthquakes before. Floods and elements that God will permit – all through God’s wrath.”

**June 16, 1977:** “There will be shortages of food when there are none. There will be many shortages that will all be created, just to get the poor man on his knees, not in prayer but in begging and pleading, for when the stomach is hungry one does most anything. And those that love their children, when they see them cry for hunger, they will go and steal and even kill. Yes, man is forced in certain situations because of the greed of the powerful, the greed and hatred towards Christianity. The Godless are ruling thy nation.

# Wake Up America

## Pray The Family Rosary Daily



# FOOD FOR THE SOUL

## Peace to Men of Good Will

“*GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST; AND ON EARTH PEACE TO MEN OF GOOD WILL.*” This was the song of the Angels at the Birth of Christ upon the Earth. In this article, taken from excerpts of Fr. Lasance’s book, “Peace – Not as the World Gives”, we will review what is meant by Peace; and who will experience this Gift from Our Divine Savior.

We may ask ourselves; who is the man of good will? It is he who desires, asks, and strives after nothing else; but solely and wholly what God Wills. He is a man of good will who is not less ready to drink vinegar and gall, if such be the Lord’s Will; than to accept with gratitude for his consolation the most costly and delicious wine, if God presents it to him. This man is equally willing to have a crown of thorns pressed onto his head, as to wear a regal crown of gold; since he is actuated in either case only by the love of God.

We may ask ourselves; how far short are we of being men of good will? Can we say, “What willest, Lord, as Thou willest; as long as Thou willest, and because Thou willest it.” Do we have complete conformity to God’s Will? Can we truly say, “Not my will, but Thine be done.”

Solomon, having prayed for wisdom, received every other good thing along with it. And we, too, if like good Christians, we leave ourselves in Our Heavenly Father’s hands and have no other wish but to please Him; shall most certainly have many temporal blessings poured out upon us. God will never send us a life wholly free from suffering, for that is not the Way to Heaven. But, He will give us peace; that peace which surpasseth all understanding, and leads us through storm and sunshine to Eternal Joy. “*Peace I leave with you. My peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth do I give unto you*” (John xiv. 27).

All the perfection of the Saints consists in their fidelity to the Order of God. Therefore, we must refuse nothing, seek nothing; but accept all from His hand, and nothing without Him. Fidelities to the duties of one’s state, and submission to the dispositions of Providence, are common to all of the Saints. The more absolute their submission, the greater their sanctity. Every person must follow the path which is traced for him. Sanctity corresponds to the love one has for God’s good pleasure; and the greater one’s love for this Holy Will and this Order, the greater one’s sanctity. This is manifest in Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.



There is no special way which can be called the most perfect, but that the most perfect in general is fidelity to the Order of God; whether in the accomplishment of exterior duties or in the interior dispositions, each one according to his state and calling.

One secret of a sweet and happy Christian life is learning to live by the day. We think of life as a whole; running on for us. We cannot fight this battle continually for half a century. Life does not come to us all at one time; it comes only a day at a time. Anyone can carry his burden, however heavy, till nightfall. Anyone can do his work, however hard, for one day. Anyone can live sweetly, patiently, lovingly, purely, until the sun goes down. God gives us nights to shut down upon our little days. Short horizons make life easier, and give us one of the blessed secrets of brave, holy living. It is only along the Way of the Cross that we can tread in our Master's footsteps; and find Him in Eternal Joy.

Conformity to God's Will makes us not only holy, but also perfectly happy. It fills us with the sweetest peace that can be tasted in this life; and makes Earth a Paradise.

Let us use this Holy Season to prepare our souls to receive God's peace. Let us take time each day, stopping to pray, stopping to contemplate the mysteries of the Birth of a man-God. We need to clear our minds, resting from our busy lives, to experience God's goodness and mercy towards us. His peace, not as the world gives, will fill our minds and souls to truly live our lives for Him alone.

God's peace be with you!

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by being Mother of the Lord in Heaven, makes it reasonable that She also should be Sovereign Lady of that Kingdom.

*“O, how many sinners,”* says St. Germanus, *“have found God; and have been saved by Thy means, O Mary!”* It is true, that in this World, no one can be certain of his salvation. But St. Bonaventure, on the words of King David, *“Lord, who shall dwell in Thy Tabernacle?”* (Ps. Xiv. 1) answers, *“Sinners, let us follow Mary closely. And casting ourselves at Her feet, let us not leave them until She has blessed us; for Her blessing will insure our salvation.”*

when He said, "Behold thy Mother"; He was telling us, if we desire our share of the "blood inheritance", we must look to the Queen Mother!

Beneath the Queen's feet is symbolized the written and the unwritten word of God; supported by Lily pure Hands. This Book, in turn, is



encircled by a Crown of Thorns. This depicts the type of crown the Crown Princes and the Crown Princesses of the King and Queen must be willing to wear if they will freely be their loyal and royal subjects. The King went to His Regal Death for His family, the Church; and that the Queen died a thousand deaths, as She was loyal to all.

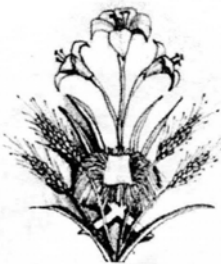
Every type of humanity is embraced in the hosts of children to whom the invitation "Come to Me, My little Children" is extended: the Catholic, the Jew, and the non-Catholic. And, these Three are One: One by origin; One by redemption; and One by invitation, calling, or vocation.

"To keep thee with purest heart" are the words that spell out Peace: "Peace" which means souls possessed of Divine Charity; and Love; and Sanctifying Grace. And, these Three are One.

### THE BACK SIDE

The Unity Medal, with its symbols, emphasizes a repetition of Unity in Trinity; and Trinity in Unity.

Starting at the center at the top we have: The Three Lilies that symbolize the Purity, the Chastity, and the Virginity of the Blessed Mother. And, these Three are One.



The Legs of the Manger resting upon the Valley of the Earth, and forming the Greek letter "X", mean Xristos. The Sprigs of Wheat symbolize the Son of God wrapped in the vesture of the human nature as the Babe of Bethlehem, so that He might die; and in turn vested Himself further in the

robes of the Bread of the First Supper, so that man might "eat" Him (Matt. 26:26). And, these Three are One.

This entire ensemble depicts the pure, chaste Virgin Mother giving God's only begotten His pure human nature as a victim for Redemption in the Sacrifice of Calvary; and roughly symbolized by the "X" or Cross; as well as becoming the Victim of applied Redemption and Salvation in the "Bread" of the Altar. And, these Three are One.

The foregoing, rather enigmatic symbols, become more transparent from the personalized symbols in the Tangent Circles at the right: the Life and

Death of Jesus, His Resurrection, and His Ascension. And, these Three are One. One Victim now in Heaven; "living always to make intercession for us." "Do this in remembrance of Me", He said. He did not say, do this in remembrance of My Death; nor in remembrance of My Resurrection; nor in remembrance of My Ascension; but in remembrance of Me.



The One Circle, showing Jesus Crucified accompanied by His Mother and the believing Disciple, depict the King; and the Queen; and the Believing People, represented by the Disciple as their subjects. And, these Three are One. "And the Disciple took (Him and) Her for his own."

Both of the foregoing groups of symbols become still further amplified and adumbrated by the Triple ensemble of Circles. The figurative representation of the Hand of God the Father bespeaks the Father; who was Creator and Fashioner of the contents of the first symbol. He also was the Authority for the Death, Resurrection, and Ascension of Jesus. "I came not to do My own Will, but that of Him who sent Me." The Father sent the Son of God to become the "Lamb of God who taketh away the sins of the World". The Father also sent the Holy Spirit (the Dove), through the Son; in order to apply the Fruits of Redemption, by the



Way of Salvation, for those who would believe and come: "Come to Me, all of you who are burdened (with sin); and are heavily laden (with trials); and I will refresh you."

The Father, the Lamb (with the sealed book that was sealed with seven seals, the Apocalypse), and the Holy Spirit show these Three are One.

The two sets of concentric Circles of symbol at the top give that symbolic ensemble its fullest meaning. Their application comes in the concentric Circles to the left.

There is, therefore, UNITY between the three above and the three Nbelow: Mary; and Jesus; and Mankind. And, these Three are One. Similarly, we see the Home; and the School; and the Church. And, these Three are One.

It is at the Family hearth that hearts become well disposed. It is in the School that minds and wills are publicly and socially refurbished. It is at the Church that the community assemble or congregate to give the lie to segregation and integration; while giving public and social Worship to

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# SAINTS IN REVIEW

## **Blessed. William Joseph Chaminade**

William was born in Périgueux, France, in 1761. He was the 14th child of a deeply Christian family: besides William, three of his brothers were priests. In 1771, at the age of ten, he entered the minor seminary of Mussidan and four years later made private vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. He was ordained a priest in 1785.

In 1790 after the outbreak of the French Revolution, he moved to Bordeaux, where he spent most of his life. In 1791 he refused to take the oath of the so-called Civil Constitution of the Clergy, so had to secretly exercise his priestly ministry, putting his life in constant danger. At this time he came to know the Ven. Marie-Thérèse Charlotte de Lamourous (1754-1836), who was one of his closest collaborators and whom he later helped to found the Miséricorde in Bordeaux to aid fallen women. In 1795 he was given the delicate task of receiving back into the Diocese priests who, having taken the constitutional oath, wanted to make their peace with the Church. He facilitated the reconciliation of some 50 priests.

In 1797, during the reign of the Directorate, he was forced to emigrate to Zaragoza, Spain, where he lived for three years. Near the Shrine of Our Lady of the Pillar, he developed his Marian-apostolic convictions and was inspired to found a family of religious and laity dedicated to Mary. In November 1800 he returned to Bordeaux and re-founded the old Marian Sodality on a new basis.

He made every effort to give his sodalists solid religious formation and directed them towards precise apostolic objectives, encouraging them to offer to an indifferent and de-Christianized society "the spectacle of a people of saints". This sodality would be the basis of his untiring evangelizing activity, aimed at the re-Christianization of France.

During these years he was named Apostolic Administrator for the reorganization of the Diocese of Bazas. In 1801 he received the title of Missionary Apostolic from the Holy See. It was the official confirmation of his insights into the Church in this new era.

Fr. Chaminade viewed his own ministry and that of the Marian Sodalities as a permanent mission directed towards formation in the faith, using new methods and working in close alliance with Mary.

The Sodality of Bordeaux spread to other cities of the region and throughout France through groups that asked for affiliation because they wished to follow Fr. Chaminade's inspiration and methods. He fostered some groups of young men and women who, desiring greater dedication, made private vows and dedicated themselves to the apostolate of the Sodality without leaving their secular work.

In 1816, together with the Ven. Adèle de Batz de Trenquelléon (1789-1828), he founded at Agen the Institute of the Daughters of Mary Immaculate, and the following year, at Bordeaux, the Society of Mary. His first members, who would later be called Marianists, were members of the Marian Sodalities, men and women who wished to respond to the Lord with a more radical commitment, an extension of their baptismal consecration and of their devotion to the Virgin Mary.

The two institutes developed rapidly in France and in 1839 received the *decretum laudis* from Pope Gregory XVI. Since teaching was a primary need at that time, both institutes of Marianists dedicated themselves to primary and secondary schools and to trade schools. They taught in order to educate and form their pupils in the faith. Fr. Chaminade also conceived an ambitious project to establish a network of teachers' schools for Christian education. Some of these schools were founded by sisters and brothers, but the 1830 Revolution made their continuation impossible.

During these years Fr. Chaminade gave priority to drafting the Constitutions and wrote important circulars on consecration covenant with Mary and on Marianist religious life. The Society of Mary continued to grow in France, then in Switzerland (1839), and then the United States of America (1849).

After 1836 the Daughters of Mary established a number of rural schools in south-western France for the education and advancement of women.

The last 10 years of Fr. Chaminade's life were a time of severe trial: health problems, financial difficulties, the departure of some disciples, misunderstandings, distrust, and obstacles to the exercise of his mission as founder. He faced these difficulties with great confidence in Mary, faithful to his conscience and to the Church, filled with faith and charity. He died peacefully in Bordeaux, surrounded by many of his sons, on January 22, 1850.

Fr. Chaminade was beatified by Pope John Paul II on September 3, 2000.

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God. To Jesus through Mary by man is the verbiage entailed in "Lily"; in "Wheat"; and in "Manger". And, these Three are One.

The word Bethlehem means "House of Bread". The word Church means in Greek "the Lord's House" (kvrie oikia). This is the place where Jesus is at home in His Manger of Bread on the Altar for all who will come there to adore Him. The Priest standing at the Altar, vested in the One Circle, reminds us of the Graces that come from Jesus through Mary; through the Mass, through the Sacraments, and through Prayer ("the Sacrament of all Sacraments"). And, these Three are One.

## CONSTANT VIGIL OF PRAYER

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

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

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## PRO-LIFE NEWS

There are two major Court Cases being litigated right now. The first one is before the Supreme Court of the United States which is called “June Medical Services versus Rebekah Gee.” It is similar to a Texas Case which was struck down in 2016 by the Supreme Court with a 5-3 vote, as causing a “substantial obstacle in the path of women seeking a pre-viability abortion.” The

Louisiana Law now before the Court also requires doctors performing abortions to have admitting privileges at a nearby hospital. The Fifth Circuit Court upheld that Law; but the Supreme Court put the Law on hold until it could hear the Case on its merits. We must all pray that the Supreme Court upholds the Law; which would then allow other similar Laws in other States to be enacted, in order to save the lives of babies and mothers.

The second Court Hearing of importance is being held in San Francisco; and involves videos which allowed the World to see an abortionist talking about selling body parts of aborted babies. The undercover videos were made by David Robert Daleiden and Sandra Merritt. As a result of these videos, people were shocked to learn how callus abortion providers really are; how money is the end game for them; and how they change methods of abortions to be able to “harvest” the organs or tissues being requested by tissue collection companies.

Instead of being praised for exposing the illegal and unethical practices of these abortion providers, these brave pro-life advocates are being charged with 15 counts of felony invasion of privacy; accused of creating the fake company BioMax; and posing as phony procurers of fetal tissue. The one good thing coming out of this trial is that the videos, which have been under a Court

Order not to be shown, are now being shown to the Court. Hopefully they will awaken the conscience of all those involved in this Court Proceeding

We must pray very hard that these Court Hearings will all be settled in favor of the unborn babies; and the mothers who carry them.

Unfortunately, there is more news which reflects the horror of the World of Abortionists. A retired abortionist, who lived in Illinois and did his abortions in Indiana, died. And, it was discovered that he had thousands of preserved aborted babies in his garage; and more in the trunk of his car. It was a surprise to his family; and no one seems to know why. What a tragedy! Now it is the plan to give these babies a decent burial.

It has been revealed, through the Amazonian Synod, that there are tribes in the Amazon who still practice Infanticide, which is the killing of babies who have imperfections. However, this should not surprise us. Just look at the Laws we have allowing abortion up to the moment of birth for any

## MAIL CORNER

**Wisconsin:** We enjoy reading your Newsletter; and we stop by in the Summer to see how the House of Prayer is coming along. See the enclosed donation for its construction.

**Florida:** Enclosed is a contribution toward the ongoing House of Prayer costs. We have visited the Shrine nearly every Summer since the mid-1990's. I continue to be incredibly impressed with the spiritually-guided dedication of the large number of volunteers in every aspect of the Shrine's operation. More than ever, the world needs people of your character and integrity. God bless all of you.

**Wisconsin:** Enclosed is a check to be used wherever it is needed most. I have not been to the Shrine for several years, but hope to do so in the near future. Keep up the good works; and God Bless.

**Iowa:** Enclosed is my donation for your wonderful House of Prayer. My husband and I enjoyed several visits to the Shrine while he was still alive. My love and prayers are with you.

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**Wisconsin:** Enclosed is a donation for building the House of Prayer. Would love to visit again; but, at age 80, I can only hope. Please pray for love, peace, and unity in our family; and for my children to return to the Church and the Sacraments.

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reason; and not granting any protection to the newborn who might be fortunate enough to be born alive from one of these abortions. Some States even have advocates who want to allow the parents to decide, after birth, whether to "allow" the baby to die if there is a problem.

God have mercy on our Country and the World. Please pray that the Courts in our Country will side with the unborn, the most vulnerable of all our Citizens.

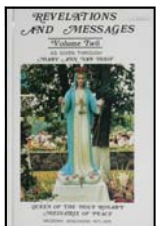




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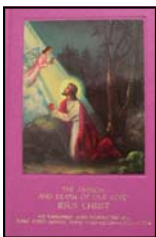
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