

The Youth of America: Special Torchbearers of the Queen

Our Lady made known to me that she is particularly interested in the youth of our nation. It is they who are to be the leaders of this movement of renewal on the face of the earth. Their ranks will be swelled by the youths of other nations whom Our Lady also calls to help in the accomplishment of this great renewal.

But the youth must be prepared, and this must be done by instilling into them, not only the knowledge of the Divine Indwelling, but a serious study of It, a living in such a way that the Divine Presence becomes, as it were, an intimate and necessary part of their life and daily living. From this will flow a great love, a conflagration that will envelop the world in the flames of Divine Charity. This is what Our Lady is working for, because this is the great desire of her Divine Son, and it is to the youth of America that she is holding out this challenge.

(Diary, Our Lady of America®, Sr. Mildred Mary Neuzil, pgs. 24-25.)

Sister Mildred further stated that it was made known to her interiorly that Our Lady wished to honor those, particularly the youth, who would wholeheartedly follow her in the great battle against evil with the title "[Torchbearers of the Queen](#)." She identified the "torch" as Divine Love, for it is love alone that will conquer hate and the evil hate brings with it. Our Lady likewise offered her medal, worn with great devotion, as their shield against evil.

Our Youth are the future of the Church and of the world. Their generation is the first to truly suffer from the long term effects of the Industrial Revolution and its dehumanizing effects--its consuming nature and high pitch marketing that squeezes out the very life of the soul and fills it with the world's idols. We are reminded by Jesus of the original innocence of man, seen in the simplicity of a child untouched by the world outside God's grace, and that it is such as these who guard themselves against the world's contamination who enter into His

kingdom. “Whoever does not receive the Kingdom of God like a child will never enter it.” (Lk 18:17)

Our Lady assured Sister Mildred Mary Neuzil of God’s favor to the small ones of this world and equally assured her that God works His wonders through small things. Our Lady was speaking here especially in regard to the medal and with respect to Sister Mildred’s own mission and the non-acceptance afforded her for so many years.

My child, God works often through little and humble things and such instruments should never be despised but accepted and used with love and gratitude...

Beloved daughter, you are not being accepted because you are a small one. But in the end, all will come as I desire. Those who oppose you will receive light to understand.

(Diary, pgs. 35,37.)

Sister Mildred, the first true Torchbearer of the Queen, is the model of humility, simplicity and complete trust in the power of God to turn all things to good for those who love Him, and in His grace and will to overcome all evil with love and goodness. May we imitate her childlike trust and simplicity and enter the kingdom of heaven that was so natural to her. God grant us all the grace to be as little children in God’s sight, scooped up in the Father’s arms where we may rest close to the Heart of Jesus that is the enfleshment of the very Love of God.

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