

## A Favor and a Mission and Mandate from Heaven



It is a theological principle that whenever God calls anyone or any nation to a great mission, He first bestows on the person or the nation a great favor, all the necessary grace to fulfill that mission. The United States of America has been granted the great favor of an apparition of Our Blessed Mother under the special titles of our country and of her patronage over our land--“**Our Lady of America, the Immaculate Virgin**”®. Has any other country known such favor? Salvation history reveals God’s preferential option for the poor and the lowly to extol the greatness of his work, precisely to ensure that it is seen as **His** work. This apparition of Our Lady of America® to a domestic sister, Sister Mildred Marie Neuzil, whose life was centered in Ohio, confirms such favor to a little one. Considering that America is still a young nation among the nations of the world, it, too, is a little one among many.

The apparition of Our Lady of America® occurred at various locations in America, thus supporting the national tone of Our Lady’s title and the national scope of her request to be honored in our National Shrine, which hosts smaller shrines to her under titles from around the world. Though favoring America in this apparition, Our Lady of America® is Queen and Mother to all. Mary speaks to America’s childlike devotion to her as the Immaculate Conception, Patroness of our beloved land. In Genesis 3:15 God decreed the triumph of Mary’s Immaculate Heart over Satan, the ancient serpent. Mary, however, is already triumphant over Satan in her unique privilege of the Immaculate Conception which guarantees Satan has never, nor will ever, have any power over her. Genesis speaks of an enmity between the Woman’s seed and Satan’s. We, Mary’s spiritual children, are her seed and it is our triumph over Satan that will be her triumph in the end. We can be confident that no one devoted to her Immaculate Heart will ever be lost. Satan has been issued a death sentence back to hell where he belongs! The blood of our North American martyrs, devoted to the Immaculate Virgin, and the lifeblood of our American saints, have saturated our soil and our souls with a deep-seated trust in Mary’s God-given to deliver us from evil. America belongs to Mary!

On the eve of the feast of the North American Martyrs, September 25, 1956, as I was making the Holy Hour from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., I was conscious of the distinct and special feeling of the presence of Our Lady. She stood by my side and spoke to me. I felt, rather than saw her, though I did see a part of her white gown and a small portion of her blue sash. I was under the impression that she came as Our Lady of Lourdes, and she herself confirmed this. Our Lady promised that greater miracles than those granted at Lourdes and Fatima would be granted here in America, the United States in particular, if we would do as she desires. These are the words she spoke to me at this time.

“I am pleased, my child, with the love and honor my children in America give to me, especially through my glorious and unique privilege of the Immaculate Conception. I promise to reward their love by working through the power of my Son’s Heart and my Immaculate Heart miracles of grace among them. *I do not promise miracles of the body, but of the soul.*” Our Lady emphasized this very much. She is anxiously concerned about our inner life. She continued: “For it is mainly through these miracles of grace that the Holy Trinity is glorified among men and nations. Let America continue and grow in its love for me, and I in return, in union with the Heart of my Son, promise to work wonders in her. My child, I desire that this be known.”

(Sister Mildred Marie Neuzil, The Diary, OUR LADY OF AMERICA©, Fostoria, OH, Pgs. 9-10)

The following day Our Lady appeared to Sister Mildred under her new image, asking us to be the children of her Pure Heart and to help her further the cause of faith and purity among peoples and nations.

“I am Our Lady of America. I desire that my children honor me, especially by the purity of their lives.” ... “My child, I entrust you with this message that you must make known to my children in America. I wish it to be the country dedicated to my purity. The wonders I will work will be the wonders of the soul. They must have faith and believe firmly in my love for them. I desire that they be the children of my Pure Heart. I desire, through my children of America, to further the cause of faith and purity among peoples and nations. Let them come to me with confidence and simplicity, and I, their Mother, will teach them to become pure like to my Heart that their own hearts may be more pleasing to the Heart of my Son.” (Diary, Pgs. 10-11)

Some have misinterpreted Our Lady’s promise **“that greater miracles than those granted at Lourdes and Fatima would be granted here in America”** as if to pit this apparition of Mary against her previous apparitions at Lourdes and Fatima where many seek physical healing, but often receive spiritual healing instead or as well. Our Lady does not work against herself but unifies her apparitions. That unifying feature is evident in Our Lady’s first appearance to Sister on September 25, 1956, as Our Lady of Lourdes where, in 1857, she had identified herself to Bernadette as “the Immaculate Conception,” confirming the dogma Blessed Pius IX had defined on December 8, 1854. America’s petition to Rome to honor Mary as Patroness of the United States under the

title of the Immaculate Conception had already been granted in 1847, prior to both the dogma and the apparition at Lourdes. This unifying character of Mary's apparitions is further enhanced by Sister Mildred's bi-location to Lourdes to meet the young Bernadette. There Sister was shown a stairway to heaven but was told she could not ascend, as her work was not yet done. Not surprisingly, on the eve of February 11, 1958, feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, Our Lady of America® repeated the promise of Fatima: "My Immaculate Heart will win in the end." (Diary, Pg.23.) Since her triumph is already complete by God's favor to her, it is as our merciful Mother that she will complete the triumph over Satan in her children who turn to her by her favor to us.

The greater miracles promised to the United States, greater than those at Lourdes and Fatima, are not about numbers but about the nature of miracles in themselves. To America Our Lady says: **"I do not promise miracles of the body, but of the soul."** Miracles of the soul are greater in nature than miracles of the body. They are Our Lady's first gift to America because that is our greatest need; she can just as easily grant miracles of the body here as well. When Our Lady gave America the mandate from heaven she said evil is enveloping the world and is focused on America because of this mandate. Thus she is promising her children in America the miracles of the soul necessary to overthrow the evil powers and principalities at work under Satan to destroy America from within and without, and to destroy us, Mary's spiritual offspring. America is mandated to a leadership role in bringing Christ's peace to the world and to effect a world-wide spiritual renewal and return to Faith and Purity. Since the world tends to go the way America goes, Satan knows he has a lot to fear from Our Lady's beloved sons, our bishops, and her children in America, if we make a radical commitment to this heavenly mandate and to her Immaculate Heart with the enthronement of Our Lady of America® in our hearts, our homes, our National Shrine and throughout our land.

Increasingly, atheistic socialism is dethroning God and enthroning government leaders or government itself. Secularism exalts the will of man over the Will of God, resulting in civil law contrary to Natural and Divine Law. Like God, Satan acts through people and systems to do his work. It is urgent when Our Lady comes to America **"as a last resort"**(Pg. 12) to plead for a **"reform of life", "sanctification from within"** through that sanctifying grace of the Indwelling Presence of the Most Holy Trinity. (Pg. 18.) Serious sin drives God's Presence out of the soul, and when God is absent, Satan enters in, for no one can live in a vacuum. Since we are social creatures, the result is a society more and more godless, as seen in the big business of abortion and sex trafficking and perversion and so much greed, violence, hate and injustice. Our Lady begs her beloved sons and her children in America to embrace this mandate from heaven and to assume the leadership role in bringing about a **"spiritual renewal never before so necessary, so important, so vital."**(Pg. 25.) **She begs her beloved sons, our bishops, to fulfill her request to honor her under this special title with a statue made in this image and placed, after being carried in solemn procession, in a**

position of honor in our Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., the Church of the American people, which we were already building at the time of her appearance. (Diary, Pg. 14.) She asks for no other shrine! She herself has declared the National Basilica to be her Shrine, and she asks that it be a **“place of special pilgrimage.”** (Pg. 12.) Our Lady of America® has promised that her medal, when worn with devotion, will be a personal shield against evil; a picture or statue, a protection for the home; and **the statue at the Shrine in Washington, D.C., a special safeguard for our country.** (Pg. 25). How long will we continue to ignore the promise of so much grace?

In September Pope Francis will come to America to discuss the renewal of the family and marriage according to God’s plan for the stability of the family as the basic unit of society. It is a mission of his and it was a mission of Sister Mildred’s who, already in the 1940’s, through locutions with Our Lord, came to understand that her mission **“was to converge towards the sanctification of the family.”**(Pg.4.) That sanctification, she later understood, was to be achieved through the imitation of the simple virtues practiced by the Holy Family-- Jesus, Mary and Joseph—whose home was God’s new paradise on earth where He walked once again among men. Their home was a sanctuary for His Presence and their souls living tabernacles for the Indwelling Triune God. This is sanctifying grace; this is our call to be holy as God is holy, to live in union with Him. Our homes, too, are to be another paradise on earth where He can talk with us and teach us to walk in the light of His Truth and His peace. Another mission of Sister’s was to promulgate this devotion to Our Lady of America® and its message, all of its message, the pleasant and the unpleasant alike. Many deny the reality of sin and the devil, but if we are to triumph over both we must live in God’s Truth and confront the ugly reality of both Satan and sin. Undoubtedly, Sister Mildred’s mission is the mission of us all, especially here in America. Heaven’s mandate to America is a mandate binding each one of us? Are we, personally and collectively, answering her call?

**Beloved daughter, the United States is a small one among nations, yet has it not been said that ‘a little child shall lead them’? It is the United States that is to lead the world to peace, the peace of Christ, the peace that He brought with Him from heaven in His birth as man in the little town of Bethlehem. The Savior did not come to enter this world in a big city but a small town, again, a little one among many. Dear child, unless the United States accepts and carries out faithfully the mandate given to it by heaven to lead the world to peace, there will come upon it and all nations a great havoc of war and incredible suffering. If, however, the United States is faithful to this mandate from heaven and yet fails in the pursuit of peace because the rest of the world will not accept or co-operate then the United States will not be burdened with the punishment about to fall.** (Diary, Pg. 38)

Sister feared the burden of leadership was too great for the United States without special help from heaven and was assured by Our Lady that St. Michael and the whole army of Blessed Spirits would assist us at all times. She is the Queen of angels and

has command over them and they obey her. Trusting in that assistance let us pray with the Men of the Sacred Hearts this powerful petition and prayer for our country. It addresses the reform of life Our Lady repeatedly asked for if we are to make any enthronement and consecration to Our Lady of America® fruitful.

## **A Prayer for Our Country**

***O Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy, at this most critical time, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care.***

**Most Holy Mother, we beg you to reclaim this land for the glory of your Son. Overwhelmed with the burden of the sins of our nation, we cry to you from the depths of our hearts and seek refuge in your motherly protection.**

**Look down with mercy upon us and touch the hearts of our people. Open our minds to the great worth of human life and to the responsibilities that accompany human freedom.**

**Free us from the falsehoods that lead to the evil of abortion and threaten the sanctity of family life. Grant our country the wisdom to proclaim that God's law is the foundation on which this nation was founded, and that He alone is the True Source of our cherished rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.**

**O Merciful Mother, give us the courage to reject the culture of death and the strength to build a new Culture of Life. *Amen.***

***With Heaven's help we can....***

***"I am the Archangel, Protector, Guardian and Defender of America whose soil is saturated with martyrs' blood and honors so highly the Queen of Heaven and Her holy Spouse who work only to further the kingdom of Jesus. Listen to the words and warnings of the Queen of Heaven and you will experience my protection and I will fight in your defense that with the people of all Nations you can at last come to the peace of the Kingdom which is within you." (Diary, Pg.42.)***

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