

## The 58<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Our Lady of America®



**“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.*”**

**“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 people and nations.”**

**“I come to you, O children of America, as a last resort. I plead with you to listen to my voice. Cleanse your souls in the Precious Blood of my Son. Live in His Heart, and take me in that I may teach you to live in great purity of heart which is so pleasing to God. Be my army of chaste soldiers, ready to fight to the death to preserve the purity of your souls. I am the Immaculate One, Patroness of your land. Be my faithful children as I have been your faithful Mother.”**

**(Sister Mildred Mary Neuzil, The Diary, OUR LADY OF AMERICA®, Fostoria, Ohio, Pgs. 10, 11, and 12.) [All page numbers following refer to Sister Mildred’s Diary.]**

Mary, the Mother of Jesus, is the greatest woman upon the face of the earth, the solitary boast of our nature, designed very particularly by God as a unique creation, untouched by the sin of Adam with which the rest of His creation is scarred. She was immaculately conceived in the womb of her mother, precisely because God chose her to be the **“Immaculate Tabernacle of the Indwelling God,”** (Pg. 22) Mother of the Sacred Humanity, (Pg. 24) Jesus, Son of the living God Who would take flesh from her so God might dwell with His people on earth. Emmanuel! Jesus would be God’s Face for us to gaze upon and not die but live. Jesus would be God’s hands to lay upon our heads blessings of forgiveness and healing. Jesus would be God’s feet to walk with us down every path we know but the path of sin. Jesus is given to us as our personal Savior and the only Savior of the world. He is the Way, the Truth and the Life (Pg. 40). Jesus, the only truly Unblemished Lamb, would pour out every drop of His most Precious Blood as the perfect Sacrifice that alone could atone for the sins of all mankind through all the ages so as to reconcile us all to our mighty God. This Savior would not only give us *His life* but would also give us *His own Mother* to be our Mother to watch over and protect us as she had watched over Him. Jesus is the only Mediator with the Father

and Mary is our greatest Intercessor with Jesus before the throne of His Father. Mary has revealed herself to us as our Mother of Mercy and Jesus is the Seat of Mercy. We trust Jesus to honor His Mother's every bidding in heaven as He did on earth.

This most blessed of all women appeared to Sister Mildred Mary Neuzil as Our Lady of Lourdes on September 25, 1956, feast of the Jesuit North American martyrs who were devoted to Mary Immaculate. It had been at Lourdes, France, on March 25, 1858, feast of the Annunciation, that Mary confirmed the dogma of her **Immaculate Conception** through Bernadette Soubirous when she identified herself as, **"I am the Immaculate Conception."** Less than four years earlier, December 8, 1854, Blessed Pope Pius IX had defined the dogma of the Immaculate Conception for the whole Church. Mary's Immaculate Conception is **a singular privilege, which means no one else ever has or ever will enjoy this favor from God.** It is unique to Mary as Theotokos, the God-bearer, the One who gave God flesh. This is all so significant, as America and the western hemisphere had been placed under the patronage of Mary Immaculate by the King of Catholic Spain when Spain began its explorations of this new world centuries earlier. It is most fitting then, that the Sixth Provincial Council of the Church of America in Baltimore petitioned Rome in 1846 to have Mary, conceived without sin, declared Patroness of the Church in the United States of America and that December 8<sup>th</sup> be our patronal feast. Blessed Pope Pius IX gave his approval in 1847. This gesture of faith and devotion by our American bishops preceded both the definition of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception and heaven's confirmation of it at Lourdes.

The apparition of Lourdes is mirrored in that to America when Our Lady appeared to Sister Mildred the following day, September 26, 1956, identifying herself as **"I am Our Lady of America"** (Pg. 10) and asking to be honored as **"Our Lady of America, the Immaculate Virgin"** (Pg. 14). This particular favor to America is a sign of her gratitude for our great devotion to her, especially under the title of her Immaculate Conception. This great favor comes, however, with an equally great responsibility -- her mandate to the United States of America to lead the world in a **"spiritual renewal never before so necessary, so important, so vital.** (Pg. 25). She calls us to **"a reform of life," "sanctification from within"** (Pgs. 16, 18) through an understanding and living of that greatest mystery of our Faith, **"His Divine Presence within our souls through sanctifying grace"** (Pg. 18). ... and it is to the *youth* of America that she is holding out this challenge. **"It is they who are to be the leaders of this movement of renewal on the face of the earth."** ... They would bear the special title of **"Torchbearers of the Queen"** (Pgs. 24-25). Sadly, many have lost this precious grace of the Indwelling Presence of the Most Holy Trinity through serious sin. Our Lady shows a great trust in her children in America, for she says she has come to America as a **"last resort,"** trusting us to heed her voice, but she is also aware of how much we, as a nation, have turned away from God.

**"My beloved daughter, what I am about to tell you concerns in a particular way my children in America. Unless they do penance by mortification and self-denial and thus reform their lives, God will visit them with punishments hitherto unknown to them." (Pg. 21.)**

God seeks to correct our consciences and to open the eyes of our hearts and minds and souls to His Eternal Truth, but we are not listening to Him or to Our Lady whom He sends so often in His stead. Our Lady has promised her aid and that of St. Joseph, Patron of the Church and of the family, Sts. Michael and Gabriel and the guardian angels of America and of the United States, and all the hosts of heaven to help us lead the world in this spiritual renewal toward the peace that Christ brought from heaven, a peace which follows upon the alignment of the human will to the Divine Will. **"The Will of the Father must be dearer to you than all else."** (Pg. 19) This urgently needed

spiritual renewal calls for the renewal of the family through imitation of the simple virtues of the Holy Family (Pg. 8) and restoration of the practice of honoring St. Joseph on the First Wednesday of the month (Pg. 31). It likewise calls for the renewal of the priesthood through imitation of the Eternal High Priest (Pg. 20) and for an increased reverence for the Eucharist (Pg. 40). It addresses the detection of evil and error through the discernment of spirits which requires a pure heart (Pg. 40). Jesus speaks of **the error of tolerating unnatural acts done in the name of love as intrinsic rights** (Pg. 40). Our Lady bids us follow divine wisdom over human wisdom (Pg. 38) and to study and live the central mystery of our Faith, that of the Indwelling Trinity. She places an ultimate responsibility on the bishops of the United States:

**She [Mary] also requested a statue made according to this likeness [Our Lady of America®] and placed, after being solemnly carried in procession, in the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D. C. She wishes to be honored there in a special way as Our Lady of America, the Immaculate Virgin. (Pg. 14)**

Our Lady asks that we make our National Shrine **“a place of pilgrimage. It will be a place of wonders.”**(Pg. 14) She calls her children of all nations here to her feet in recognition of the international role of our Shrine as well, for she is honored here under titles and images of her from so many other nations.

**It is now 58 years since Our Lady asked that the bishops of the United States carry out her request to enthrone her statue in our National Shrine and to make our Shrine a place of pilgrimage. If we do as she has asked she has promised this statue would be a “special safeguard for our country”** (Pg. 25) **and she said further 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.”** (Pg. 9) **“I do not promise miracles of the body, but of the soul.”** (Pg. 10) Our Lady warned that:

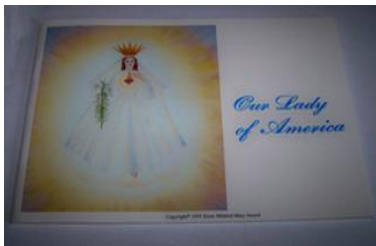
**“...unless the United States accepts and carries out faithfully the mandate given to it by heaven to lead the world to peace, there will come upon it and all nations a great havoc of war and incredible suffering. If, however, the United States is faithful to this mandate from heaven and yet fails in 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.”** (Pg. 38) **It is evident that the Forces of Evil are enveloping the world. Their hatred, however, is now particularly focused on the United States because of the Divine Mandate given to it to lead the world to peace. (Pg. 39 – Feb. 11, 1981)**

We need only open our eyes to see how much of Our Lady’s warnings have already been visited upon America and on the whole world.

Sister Mildred Mary Neuzil has done as Our Lady asked; she has made this message known and has preserved and protected its authenticity and integrity in her fully copyrighted 48 page Diary entitled *Our Lady of America*®. The Diary contains two prayers essential to the message: The Prayer to the Immaculate Conception honoring Mary as our Patroness and The Prayer to the Most Holy Trinity which expresses the central mystery of our Faith and the secret of holiness, the surrender of the soul to God and His Will and living in union with the Most Holy Trinity dwelling within us through sanctifying grace. Our Lady asked Sister to have a medal made in exact detail as instructed by Her, with the image of Our Lady of America® on the front and the Coat of Arms of the

Christian family on the back. Paul F. Leibold, V.G., Sister Mildred's spiritual director, placed the imprimatur on the medal in 1961 and on both prayers in 1963.

Our Lady asked that we wear this medal with devotion to invoke her personal protection against evil and that we pray these prayers daily or oftener if possible. She also stated that praying the family rosary daily is very pleasing to her and promised that no one found in the circle of her rosary will ever be lost (Pg. 21). The image of Our Lady of America® as shown on The Diary cover and on the medal pictured here is the only image completely approved by Sister Mildred who personally supervised work with the artist to capture Our Lady's smile, the color of her hair and every detail of her image as Our Lady appeared to her, inasmuch as it is humanly possible to capture a heavenly image. Our Lady said when a picture or statue of her under this image is placed in the home and honored there, then her Son will bless His people with peace (Pg. 36).



Our Lady's messages of importance for the whole Church continued into the 1980's. With the number of approved apparitions of Mary in the last hundred years, surely she must be regarded as the greatest of all human prophets, for who better can speak for God than she who sits on the throne at the right hand of the Son of God? Theologians tell us Mary comes to earth when there is great heresy and sin which endanger our salvation. How dare we, then, belittle or ignore even one of Our Lady's urgent warnings, exhortations, or pleas for a reform of life, sanctification from within through the Divine Indwelling Presence of the Most Holy Trinity that is our sanctifying grace?

In 1957 Our Lady warned that **"the hour grows late"; ...it is the "darkest hour"** (Pg. 15) and she needs our help to hold back her Son's anger lest **"suffering and anguish, as never before experienced...overtake mankind."** (Pg. 15) On January 3, 1984 Sister Mildred asked Our Lady if there would be a nuclear war. Our Lady answered:

**..."if my warnings are taken seriously and enough of my children strive constantly and faithfully to renew and reform themselves in their inward and outward lives, then there will be no nuclear war. What happens to the world depends upon those who live in it. There must be much more good than evil prevailing in order to prevent the holocaust that is so near approaching. [Should it happen] ...there will be a remnant—untouched by the chaos who, having been faithful in following me and spreading my warnings, will gradually inhabit the earth again with their dedicated and holy lives." (Pg. 45)**

If time was short in 1957 and Our Lady spoke of **"a holocaust so near approaching"** in 1984, is there any time left in 2014 to avert God's judgment on our sinful world? (Pgs. 15, 45.) Or has it already begun? If so, let us beg for God's mercy to transcend our unworthiness of it! Let us pray, sacrifice and place our confidence in Mary, our Mother of Mercy and our Queen.

**"But if men will come to me, my Immaculate Heart will make it [the world] bright again with the mercy which my Son will rain down through my hands. Help me save**

**those who will not save themselves. Help me bring once again the sunshine of God's peace upon the world." (Pg. 15)**

**God's conditional Will depends on the condition of our repentance, so let us heed the words of the Guardian Angel of the United States of America!**

**"If the people of this Land carry out faithfully the instructions and pleadings of the Lord Jesus and the Virgin Mother then they will be following me to the hour of peace. With this sword of the Divine white flame of Love and the lightning bolts of His infinite Justice God will strike down his enemies and heal the repentant sinner. This Nation and all who follow in the pursuit of peace will know the protection of God and the destruction of those who fight and seek to destroy them through the evil powers of the infernal spirits of darkness and hate. Follow me, people of God, brothers and sisters, as our Queen paves the way and the peace of the Lord will reign once more upon the earth." (Pg. 41) Together let us pray...**

### **Prayer to the Immaculate Conception**

**O Immaculate Mother, Queen of our Country, open our hearts, our homes, and our Land to the coming of Jesus, your Divine Son. With Him, reign over us, O heavenly Lady, so pure and so bright with the radiance of God's light shining in and about you. Be our Leader against the powers of evil set upon wresting the world of souls, redeemed at such a great cost by the sufferings of your Son and of yourself, in union with Him, from that same Savior, Who loves us with infinite charity.**

**We gather about you, O chaste and holy Mother, Virgin Immaculate, Patroness of our beloved Land, determined to fight under your banner of holy purity against the wickedness that would make all the world an abyss of evil, without God and without your loving maternal care.**

**We consecrate our hearts, our homes, our Land to your Most Pure Heart, O great Queen, that the kingdom of your Son, our Redeemer and our God, may be firmly established in us.**

**We ask no special sign of you, sweet Mother, for we believe in your great love for us, and we place in you our entire confidence. We promise to honor you by faith, love, and the purity of our lives according to your desire.**

**Reign over us, then, O Virgin Immaculate, with your Son Jesus Christ. May His Divine Heart and your most chaste Heart be ever enthroned and glorified among us. Use us, your children of America, as your instruments in bringing peace among men and nations. Work your miracles of grace in us, so that we may be a glory to the Blessed Trinity, Who created, redeemed, and sanctifies us.**

**May your valiant Spouse, St. Joseph, with the holy Angels and Saints, assist you and us in "renewing the face of the earth." Then when our work is over, come, Holy Immaculate Mother, and as our Victorious Queen, lead us to the eternal kingdom, where your Son reigns forever as King. Amen. (200 days)**

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