

The Blue Rosary

You remember about the blue rosary, Father, how our Lady asked the sacrifice of it. Well after doing so, the next time she came to me I noticed her holding one exactly like it. I couldn't help observing, "Oh Mother, you have the blue rosary." She smiled and assured me that it was a sign that she had graciously accepted my sacrifice and wished in this way to acknowledge it. So ever since then, whenever she comes holding a rosary they are of a blue color as described. (Sister Mildred Mary Neuzil's letter to her spiritual director.)

On September 26, 1957, a year after Our Lady's first appearance as Our Lady of America, Sister Mildred Mary Neuzil wrote her spiritual director about her feelings of unworthiness and her hesitancy to deliver Our Lady's message lest she not be believed. Sister recounts how Our Lady chided her in these words.

"My child, daughter of my Pure Heart, I have something to say to you. How long will you grieve me by your lack of confidence? Know, my small one, that I hold you in my heart. What have you to fear? Of what are you afraid? Haven't I taken you and all that concerns you into my keeping? Why then do you grieve over trifles? You torment yourself over things that should be passed over and left to the mercy of my compassionate Heart. When a mother sees her child fall, does she not pick it up immediately and caress away its hurts? Do the falls of a little child mean that, because of them, it no longer loves its mother? ... It is complete confidence in my compassionate Heart that honors me most. Remember this, my sweet child, for am I not always and truly your Mother?"

A few days later, October 7, 1957, feast of the Most Holy Rosary, Our Lady again appeared to Sister with praying hands and a beautiful blue rosary hanging from her right hand, as noted above. Her countenance was serious as she repeated her warnings, especially for America. **We repeat them often** because we in America have not adequately heeded Mary's call for a reform of life: interior renewal through union with the Divine Indwelling Presence of the Most Holy Trinity, a return to God, Faith, purity and obedience, and the renewal of the Christian family, all of which bring the peace of Christ to our world. This warning of Our Lady's was meant especially for her 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."** She said there would be peace as promised but not until her children are cleansed from defilement and clothed with the white garment of grace. If we do not prepare ourselves with prayer and penance and reform of life, sanctification from within, **God will Himself be forced to do so in His justice and mercy.**

(Sister Mildred Mary Neuzil, The Diary, OUR LADY OF AMERICA©, Lodi, OH, Pgs. 20-21.)

Our Lady said making the rosary a family prayer is very pleasing to her but we must pray it with great devotion, meditating on the mysteries and imitating them in our daily lives. If we live them as she did, they will become a chain binding us to her forever. She promises that no one found in the circle of her rosary will ever be lost but she will personally escort us to her Divine Son upon our death. She bids us write these words on our hearts and remember her compassion towards us. What punishments she has been holding back from us with her pleadings on our behalf.

The next month, November 17, 1957, Sister Mildred wrote her spiritual director, Father Paul F. Leibold, that she was going on retreat and asked him to pray that her soul would be wide open to receive the heavenly visitations. She said she knew that Our Lady would be preparing her for something again, so please pray very much for “your very small daughter, His little white dove.” She spoke of her extraordinary manifestations, unknown to her sister companions, and the detachment from these experiences that had developed in her.

It is a strange thing, Father, or maybe it isn't, but all the manifestations, extraordinary experiences, etc. that have been and our continuing to be my lot according to God's plan, seem to be things more or less apart from myself. What I mean is, there has developed in me and these extraordinary events an indifference that wholly detaches me from them and leaves me in that total freedom wherein I am able to love God wholly for Himself Alone and to possess and behold Him in that dark light of faith wherein is contained His true Image. I can truthfully say that I never really desired the extraordinary or ever expected to receive such. At the same time when God, in accordance with His Good Pleasure, bestowed them upon me, He gave me the grace to recognize the danger of becoming attached to them. It is on the path of faith that sanctity is reached and I do not feel that it is good for souls to desire the extraordinary. There are too many dangers connected with them. In most cases, it seems to me, or maybe I should say, in many cases, it is the self-satisfaction they render that makes them sought after even by holy persons. There is a subtle danger here that is most often not detected except by those whose deep simplicity and lowliness of heart make them immune to it, for these seek only the Good Pleasure of God, not their own.

On February 23, 1959 Our Lady appeared to Sister, admonishing her to work on the “message” as soon as possible. She wanted it placed in the hands of the Bishops who would be responsible to fulfill her requests. Our Lady further warned Sister not to delay as the time is now! In 1961 Bishop Paul F. Leibold, assistant to Archbishop Karl J. Altar of the Cincinnati archdiocese, put his imprimatur on the sketch of the medal Sister Mildred had drawn per Our Lady's instruction. In 1963 Bishop Leibold also put his imprimatur on the Prayer to the Most Holy Trinity after the nihil obstat was issued by Bishop Daniel Pilarczyk of Cincinnati. All of this was done under the authority of Bishop George J. Rehring of the Toledo diocese and Archbishop Altar of the Cincinnati

archdiocese. Over the years material was sent to various bishops, to the National Shrine, and to Pope St. John Paul II. In early 2000, a packet with the Diary, medal and prayer cards was sent to approximately 300 bishops, starting with the head of the US Bishops' Conference which has authority over the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., followed by the other bishops, then the auxiliary bishops. We wonder why bishops did not take advantage of the opportunity to speak with Sister Mildred herself while she was still alive. Before her death in 2000, Sister Mildred committed her mission to Sister Joseph Therese and asked her to protect the authenticity of the message until God provided a bishop to champion Our Lady's cause with the rest of the US bishops and the people of America. We pray God completes **His work** in this matter soon, and that we do our part in sharing the mission.

Back on September 27, 1956, a day after her first appearance as Our Lady of America, Our Lady came holding the world in her hands while her tears flowed over it. (Diary, Pg. 12.) How urgent were her pleas made a few months later: **“My daughter, will my children in America listen to my pleadings and console my Immaculate Heart? Will my loyal sons carry out my desires and thus help me bring the peace of Christ once again to mankind?”** (Diary, Pg. 15.) It is over sixty (60) years now since Our Lady appeared, weeping and making her pleas. What have we done to heed them? See how pleased she was with Sister Mildred's sacrifice of her blue rosary! No sacrifice is small in Our Lady's eyes. How pleasing to Mary would be the small sacrifice needed to purchase the complete 48 page Diary written by Sister Mildred, to read it frequently and study it in light of Catholic doctrine and spirituality. How pleasing to Mary would be our kindness in giving a copy of the Diary as a gift to someone you love who does not know her message. How pleasing it must be to Mary when we make this mission our own and help her spread her messages and warnings. Diaries are \$5.00 each. Checks can be mailed to: **Our Lady of America Devotion, P.O. Box 264, Lodi, Ohio 44254.**

**What will you do to console Our Lady's Immaculate Heart
and to wipe away her tears?**

**“Listen to the words and warnings of the Queen of Heaven
and you will experience my protection...”**

(The Angel Guardian and Protector of America, Diary, Pg. 42.)

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