

The Medallion of Our Lady of America

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"Tell the Bishops of the United States, my loyal sons, of my desires and how I wish them to be carried out." (Diary, Pg. 15.)



On April 4, 1960 Our Lady appeared to Sister Mildred Mary Neuzil, the visionary for the Our Lady of America devotion, with a request she asked Sister to give to her local archbishop.

"Tell His Grace, my beloved son, that it is through the medal that he will receive the sign for which he asks. I ask him to have the medal struck and distributed everywhere and he will receive not only the one sign for which he has asked but so many, so many that he will have cause to be greatly astonished."

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. It will be through the medal that God's Will will be manifested and glorified and my desires carried out to the very end. I place my confidence in my faithful sons, the Bishops, who will not fail to take up my cause and make it bear much fruit for sanctification among so many and countless souls. Send this word then to my beloved son, the Archbishop, and have no fear sweet child for I will keep my promise for I am the ever faithful Virgin."

(Sister Mildred Mary Neuzil, The Diary, OUR LADY OF AMERICA©, Fostoria, OH, Pg. 35.)

When Sister hesitated, fearing her message would not be well received, Our Lady appeared again two days later and gently chided her for her lack of confidence and bid her not to delay in sending her request to the Archbishop, Karl J. Altar of Cincinnati at that time, saying, **"My children must know my desires."** (Diary, Pg. 35.) On April 24, 1961, Our Lady warned, **"If my desires are not fulfilled much suffering will come to this Land."** (Diary, Pg. 36.) In May of 1958 Sister Mildred had transferred from the active order of the Sisters of the Precious Blood in the Cincinnati archdiocese to the Our Lady of Nativity Cloister in the Toledo diocese, within the Cincinnati archdiocese.

What sign the Archbishop had asked for and what signs he received we do not know. Although he himself did not fulfill Our Lady's request regarding the medal, he authorized his auxiliary bishop, Paul F. Leibold, Sister Mildred's spiritual director, to do so. Sister sketched the front and back of the medal meticulously according to Our Lady's instruction. Bishop George J. Rehring of Toledo gave his approval to her sketch and urged that promotion of the medal be accompanied with instruction on the Divine Indwelling of the Most Holy Trinity. On May 1, 1961, Bishop Leibold put his imprimatur on Sister's sketch of the medal and had it struck. On January 25, 1963, he put the imprimatur on the Prayer to the Indwelling Most Holy Trinity that is one of the two prayers essential to this message. **The medal and the leaflet with these two prayers and explanation of the medal are trademark and copyright protected.** While these gestures, along with publication of the Diary, promotion of the devotion, and images made according to Sister Mildred's own sketch of Our Lady, constitute 1st and 2nd stage approval, they are not full canonical approval. A letter from the proper local bishop or the US bishops stating there is nothing in the message that is contrary to the Faith and Church teaching and that the message is worthy of belief by the faithful is still necessary for full canonical approval. That letter has not yet been given. Sister explains the medal as follows.

The one side bears the image of Our Lady of America and around it the words, "By thy Holy and Immaculate Conception, O Mary, deliver us from evil." The Coat of Arms of the Christian Family is on the other side of the medal. The Divine Indwelling is represented by the Triangle and the Eye on the red shield of the Precious Blood, through which sanctifying grace was made possible to fallen man. The sanctification of the family through imitation of the Holy Family is represented by the Cross and the two lilies, on each of which is depicted a burning heart. The flaming sword is a symbol of Divine Love so necessary to attain union with God, while the rosary indicates a most profitable means of drawing closer to the Holy Family, through devout meditation on the various Mysteries. The scroll above bears the inscription, "Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritu Sancto" and the one below, "Jesu, Maria, Joseph." These aspirations are simply explanations of the whole theme and are also acts of praise to the Trinity and the Holy Family. (Diary, Pgs. 47-48.)

Our Lady promised the grace of intense purity of heart and a particular love of her and her Divine Son, as well as the grace of repentance and spiritual strength for those who wear her medal with great faith and devotion. She said it would be a shield to protect them against evil spirits and promised St. Michael would be at their side in their final hour. (Diary, Pg. 26.) She also warned:

"Dear one, the medal itself will not work miracles, but the stronger the faith in what the medal signifies the greater the potential for the

miracles that are being prayed for. If miracles do not happen, it is because a strong faith is lacking. Remember my promises. If there is failure it is not on my part. I am always faithful.” (Diary, Pg. 38.)

Our Lady needs our help. On January 23, 1981, She bid Sister... “Tell my faithful ones who are working so diligently for my cause that I am most grateful but urge them to do all in their power to continue even in the midst of sacrifice and suffering. They will not be alone in their struggle. Myself, with the holy angels, will be always with them to help, fight and encourage. Get this message to them quickly as the time is shorter than ever.” (Diary, Pg. 39.)

Our Lady invites you to be one of her faithful ones working diligently for her cause! You can do so by obtaining a copy of Sister Mildred Mary Neuzil's complete 48 page Diary, studying it and sharing its message. The Diary, medals, prayer leaflets and frameable photos are all trademark and copyright protected and are only available from this official web site, www.ourladyofamerica.com. Subscribe to our newsletter which explores the message in itself and in relation to our liturgical calendar and Catholic doctrine. Invite others to do the same. Use the **order form** listed under “**Devotionals**” in the menu line of our index page to place an order or to make a donation.

“When a picture or statue of myself as Our Lady of America is placed in the home and honored there, then will my Son bless His people with peace. Believe in me, dear child, believe in me and my love will never fail you.” (Diary, Pg. 36.)

Our Lady's ultimate request is that a statue of her under the image of Our Lady of America be enthroned in a place of honor in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC, after first being carried in solemn procession. Our Lady has centered this devotion in **her Shrine**, the church of the American people, and asks us to make it a place of “**special pilgrimage**” (Diary, Pg. 12.) where She will work her wonders, “**miracles not of the body but of the soul.**” (Diary, Pg. 10.) She wishes to be honored there under the title, “**Our Lady of America, the Immaculate Virgin.**” (Diary, Pg. 12.) Since the National Shrine is under the US Bishops Conference which must do the enthronement, pray they will hasten to express our gratitude to Our Lady for so great a favor by doing what she has asked. When that statue is placed in our National Shrine, Our Lady has promised it will be “**a special safeguard for our country.**” (Diary, Pg. 25.) Join us in praying to Our Lady of America for a “**spiritual renewal never before so necessary, so important, so vital**”, particularly to America (Diary, Pg. 25.) so we can truly be “**the Nation dedicated to her Purity**” as Our Lady so desires. Thank you.

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