

Sister Mildred Neuzil, Saint Michael and Saint Joan of Arc Each With a Great Mission But Very Different

Your mission is vast, my child. It reaches to the ends of the earth. It will continue until time is no more, because there will always be the need for the sanctification of the family and of souls. Fear not, small one, for it is through the most unlikely of instruments that God works His wonders. He chooses where the world would not. He makes that possible what the world deems impossible. He stops where the world would pass on. God has no need of anyone, yet He chooses the smallest of the small for His glory.

Sweet child, let your humble heart be filled with a great confidence for my Son is in love with your lowliness and simplicity of heart. Make known to souls the preference my Son has for humility. Behold, I, His humble Mother, always looked upon myself as His lowly Handmaid, ready at all times, to do His bidding. The humble, so greatly loved by Him, are also, in deed and in truth, my children. (Words of Our Lady to Sister Mildred (Mary Ephrem) Neuzil, Letter to Father Paul F. Leibold, her spiritual director, June 5, 1957.)



*Sister Mildred in prayer,
her weapon against evil*

Sister's Mission Against the Evil Spirits. Sister records in this same letter that Jesus said the evil spirits have been let loose upon the earth because love has grown cold in the hearts of men. Surely, they were let loose years before 1957, as history records a multitude of evil men, genocides, war crimes, the atrocities of the French and Russian Revolutions, the two World Wars, The Jewish Holocaust, and other massacres around the globe during the 20th century, the most evil century of mankind's history, per St. John Paul II. How significant that Jesus said this less than a year after Our Lady's first appearance as Our Lady of America; she warned she can hardly hold back the arms of God's justice against this sinful generation. **America in particular**, was favored, and warned, that we would experience chastisements hitherto unknown to us if we do not heed her voice and reform our lives. **Why America in particular?** According to a State Department report, the United States is considered one of the worst countries in the world for human trafficking with all its sins against life in the human slavery and drug business. **The way America goes, the world goes.** No wonder Our Lady has called on America to lead in this urgently needed reform of life and return to Faith and Purity, the renewal of the family through imitation of the Holy Family, in union with the Divine Indwelling Presence of the Most Holy Trinity. **Holy families will save the nation. They must become God's paradise on earth.** The United States, a small one among the long-established nations, must lead this spiritual renewal upon the face of the earth, especially through our Youth! During the last century monastic communities, the powerhouses of prayer for the protection of the Church and the salvation of souls, suffered much persecution. Without these powerhouses, is it any wonder the Church and the family are under so much attack in our society today? Sister Mildred was a member of such a monastic group which disappeared too soon after it started, due to a lack of appreciation for the contemplative life in her active community of the Sisters of the Precious Blood, and due to a failure to see a life given totally to God in adoration, prayer and penance as the **greatest activity** one can do for the salvation of souls and the good of the Church. No amount of human activity can compare to the activities of a soul in love with God. How stirring are Jesus' words to her!

“Bride of My Heart, let love be the sacrificial altar of your holocaust. Behold the Furnace of Love, the Heart of your Divine Spouse. Lead to this Eternal Fire, oh My Spouse, which burns incessantly in My Adorable Heart, all those who are willing to

sacrifice themselves to that Everlasting Love, Who first sacrificed Himself for them.” (Sister Mildred’s June 5, 1957 letter.)

Only such sacrificial hearts can thrust the evil spirits back into the abyss from which they came. Sister Mildred was totally dedicated to adoration of the Indwelling Trinity, the renewal of the family and the salvation of souls. We have spoken on numerous occasions of her identification with the Passion and sufferings of Jesus, wearing a crown of thorns, being nailed to the cross with Him and being laid on the altar of sacrifice. Her mission was for the renewal of the family through imitation of the simple virtues of everyday life as lived in the Holy Family, and renewal of the individual through the sanctifying grace of the Presence of the Most Holy Trinity in the soul. We know she was asked to make special atonement for sins against chastity. Understand this mission in the context of the sexual revolution of the 1960’s and the breakdown of marriages and families and the increase in divorces, the drug culture of the 60’s with all its abuses of drugs and sex, the rising gender confusion issues and the legalization of abortion. Thank God there are still souls willing to hide themselves away from the false values of the world and to devote themselves totally to God and the penance needed for the salvation of souls. Thank you, Sister Mildred, for making reparation for these sins, which, sadly, include the sins of pedophile priests as well, so they might not be eternally lost. What a sorrow that would be to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Eternal High Priest!

How are St. Michael and St. Joan of Arc connected to Sister and her Mission?

In the fall of 1954, Sister described the appearance of an angel offering her the palm, the sword and the cross. He wore a white robe. She did not know at that time who this angel was, but he identified himself as **“I am the Angel of Peace. I am sent by Him Who said, ‘I am the Light of the World.’”** She wrote Father Leibold, her spiritual director, that she never thought much about St. Michael and did not recognize this angel as him, for he did not wear the usual armor with which St. Michael is usually depicted as the Champion of God’s forces against evil, but she did remember the sword later and admits, it should have been a clue to his identity. She says she had just chosen to **read a book about Joan of Arc and towards the end of the book it stated that St. Michael is sometimes called the “Angel of Peace.”** Later, while pondering in chapel why he came dressed in a white robe and not armor, she heard a voice within say...

“I do not always come in the armor of war. Sometimes I come in the garments of peace. He called me “little maid” and “little Joan. He told me the “Big Maid” and the “Big Joan,” as he called her, had a great battle to fight but though it was very great, that which I must fight is yet greater as it is mainly against the powers of evil, and besides, the forces against all good are much greater now than they were then.” While in chapel this morning, Father, a voice said to me, **“O little white dove of Jesus, I have been sent by Him to defend you from the Powers of Evil.”** So the evil spirits won’t frighten me anymore, Father. With St. Michael around, I feel very much protected. I didn’t have any medal or picture of St. Michael so I asked him to get me one or the other. About two days later, I received a picture of him from another sister in a very unexpected manner. On the eve of his feast, the temptation came to me again, that I was being deceived. This thought frightened me, as it always does. At that moment a voice said to me: **“You are not being deceived. You are too simple to be deceived.”** [Black our emphasis] **The temptation left me then.** (Sister’s Letter to Father Paul F. Leibold, September 29, 1955, feast of St. Michael.)



Who can minimize the great role of St. Joan of Arc, another little one, in the battles waged between England and France, the darling nation of God in her day? But, when

nations and leaders do not obey God, they eventually fall, as did the French Kings during the French Revolution. Here are two very different women, the active “Big Joan” and the contemplative “little Joan,” small in the eyes of the world, both championing God’s cause, one against the army of a nation with the sword of battle, and the other against the army of evil spirits with the sword of Divine Love, prayer and penance! As in all things, matters of the spirit are always greater than those of material concern. Do we truly appreciate that fact today when Our Lady of America says she does not promise miracles of the body but of the soul, and the miracles she promises are greater than those granted at Lourdes and Fatima, which are so often miracles of the body? The Church requires a great miracle to approve an apparition, but Jesus told Sister Mildred in this apparition, **she herself is the sign He will give to the world. What**



Joan of Arc, Maid of Orleans

does He mean? It is all about miracles of grace in the everyday! We are in such grave spiritual decay today that the mind can hardly grasp it. Our Lady reminds us that evil is so insidious it often passes for good! Yet, God has purpose in all that He does and in all that He allows!

St. Michael, Angelic Prince and Defender of God’s and Our Lady’s honor, would henceforth be at Sister Mildred’s side, like a second guardian angel. He guided her on a tour of hell. He stands by when Satan attacks her. When she defeats him, St. Michael smiles and commends her. He was there if she needed him. One time Satan was attacking Sister and St. Michael put his sword between Satan and Sister, and the devil sped away! At another time, St. Michael appeared to her bearing the flaming sword of Divine Love, the first Torchbearer of the Queen, and asked Sister Mildred to carry the torch through all the world, the first Torchbearer in the flesh. In other words, Sister was to pass this Torch on to us, and she did, with her life! **We must all be Torchbearers of the Queen!** Sister Mildred was at home with the angels and would say, when you left her presence, **“May the angels go with you.”**



St. Michael, first bearer of the Flaming Sword of Divine Love and Torchbearer of the Queen



St. Therese, the Little Flower

On the feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, August 22, 1957, Our Lady spoke the words below to Sister. Also note that Our Lady called Sister Mildred a small flower, reminiscent of that great modern saint of “The Little Way of Spiritual Childhood,” St. Therese, the Little Flower, who so admired the warrior mission of Joan of Arc, the Maid of Orleans, that she wrote a play called “Joan of Arc Fulfills Her Mission.” So did Therese!

“My humble one, my small flower, we must have more souls who love, love unselfishly and without reserve. Who does anything who does not love? I wish to gather about me, my tender child, soldier and valiant bearer of the torch, an army of brave lovers, who as my torchbearers, will rekindle the fire of Divine Love in the souls of men. Only those who are strong in love can become my soldiers, to bear aloft, not the sword of destruction, but the sword of fire, the flaming torch of Divine Charity.” (Letter, August 22, 1957.) **Will you become a Torchbearer for our Queen?**

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Of all human activities, man's listening to God is the supreme act of his reasoning and will. St. Pope Paul VI