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# OUR LADY OF ALL NATIONS and OUR LADY OF AKITA

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### Dedication:

To all those laboring in the Apostolate for the triumph of the Sacred Hearts, and to The Handmaids of Mary Immaculate who have wonderfully served the Blue Army for almost half a century.

#### The Cover:

Special thanks to Patricia Delehaunty Moran who painted the picture of Our Lady of All Nations reproduced on the front cover of this book. The painting, a gift to the author, follows exactly the description given by the visionary of Our Lady of All Nations.

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## Chapter 1.

## Satan's Plan Unfolds

We have arrived at the dawn of the 21st century "in the hope of the definitive coming of the Kingdom of Christ" just two hundred years after the dawn of another century (1800) when Satan unleashed his battle strategy with the French revolution and the manifesto of Karl Marx. The cathedral of Our Lady in Paris was declared the "Temple to the Goddess of Liberty."

Then, in the humble chapel of a community of nuns in Paris, Our Lady appeared as a Queen, crushing the head of the serpent.

The Marian Age had begun.

NOW, the subject of this little book, refers to these end times...the times of which Pope John Paul II spoke at the climax of Crossing the Threshold of Hope: "It seems as we approach the millennium that the words of Our Lady of Fatima are nearing their fulfillment."

That is now.

Now, as St. John Bosco saw, we are reaching the pillars of victory. Words and actions of the Conquering Queen, from the dawn of the atheist revolution, have kept pace with the explosion of evil up to the great miracle of Fatima which confirmed the promise of Her triumph.

## Amazing Chronicle Of Events

The crescendo of Our Lady's response, from the dawn of the atheistic age (at the beginning of the 19th century) up to Her triumph (in the 21st), is chronicled with clarity and power in Don Sharkey's classical book: *The Woman Shall Conquer*.

Quoting Our Lady's own words, from one apparition after the other, Sharkey shows how the Queen of

the World responded with ever increasing intensity to all of Satan's moves until at Fatima She said: "FINALLY my Immaculate Heart will triumph. Russia will be converted and an era of peace will be granted to mankind." Perhaps no book of our time, other than Sharkey's, so clearly shows this.

In 1986 the Blue Army (World Apostolate of Fatima) and the Militia of the Immaculate joined together to republish this important book for a fourth time. When it was reprinted the second time, Sharkey was asked to "update" it. In a new preface he said: "As I go over the book today, I am satisfied that the facts about these apparitions and manifestations are, so far as space allows, up-to-date and complete."

Now, since the fourth printing in 1986, there is new evidence. The Soviet Union has been dissolved. The messages of Our Lady of All Nations have been approved. Also approved (1984) have been Her appearances under this title in Akita, Japan, in which She confirmed that a chastisement, "worse than the deluge," hung over the world which so far She had been able to prevent. That is now.

Sharkey showed how the Promised Woman shall conquer now by showing how She had already been doing so since 1830. In that same "update" preface mentioned above he says:

### Luli After The Council

"The Woman Shall Conquer was written at a time when interest in Mary among Catholics was great...I was convinced that this trend would not only continue but would increase in momentum.

"Events have not worked out as I had anticipated... there seems to have been a complete about face...and no explanation seems entirely satisfactory.

"Although Our Lady of Fatima told us to say the Rosary every day, the Rosary suddenly seemed in disfavor. Did the Council's emphasis on Mary in the liturgy mean that we should not say the Rosary?

"No. The Council also said of itself: 'It charges that practices and exercises of devotion towards Her

be treasured as recommended by the teaching authority of the Church in the course of centuries." And Pope John XXIII, who called the Council, said the entire 15 decades of the Rosary every day for the last several years of his life. In the Journal of a Soul, he said: 'It has come to be an exercise of continuous meditation and of tranquil daily contemplation which keeps my spirit open to the vast fields of magistry, and my ministry as chief pastor of the Church and universal Father of Souls.'

### Council Misunderstood

"There was a widespread impression that the second Vatican Council had voted to "downgrade" Mary. Yet the treatment on Mary is in Chapter 8 of the Constitution on the Church, the KEY document of the Council, and contains the longest statement on Mary ever issued by a general council (about 3,500 words!). In addition, Mary is mentioned in eleven of the Council's sixteen documents.

"Nov. 21, 1964 (Feast of the Presentation of Mary in the Temple) stands out in the story of Mary in the modern world. On this day, the third session of the Council ended with adoption of the Constitution on the Church, which (as said above) says so much about Mary. And at this moment Pope Paul VI proclaimed Mary the Mother of the Church, adding that he was sending a legate to Fatima with the golden rose. The Pope's announcement was twice interrupted by the Council of all the world's bishops with ringing applause."

There have been some changes since *The Woman Shall Conquer* first appeared, but nothing has happened to change the essential character of Mary's message to the modern world. That message is as important today as it was when this book first appeared. We should add: It is far MORE important than when it first appeared.

## Prophecy Of St. Catherine Labouré

The "Promised Woman," as Mother Angelica of EWTN has loved to call Her, is well on the way to Her

Victory, as Sharkey reveals in a crescendo of Her counteractions to the actions of Satan until now.

St. Catherine Labouré, to whom Our Lady appeared in that little chapel in Paris in 1830, made an amazing prophecy which has recently come true. She exclaimed:

"O how wonderful it will be to hear Mary as Queen of the World! It will be a time of peace, joy, and prosperity that will last long. She will be carried like a banner and She will make a tour of the world."

Before we explain how that promise has been fulfilled to the letter as the messages of *Our Lady of All Nations* have been approved, it is hoped that anyone reading this will already have read Sharkey's *The Woman Shall Conquer*. For those who may not have done so, the following is a summary.<sup>2</sup>

### As Satan's Plan Unfolded

In 1799, eve of the 19th century, the leaders of the French Revolution proclaimed, "The Papacy is abolished." The atheist revolution had begun in Paris in an orgy of massacres of nobles and churchmen. Pius VI had just died. Confusion in Europe was so great that the conclave to elect a new Pope was held in Venice, not with the protection of any of the so-called Roman Catholic nations but of schismatic Russia.

The Pope who was elected at the beginning of the new century, in March of 1800, was Pope Pius VII, whose first gesture was to crown an image of Our Lady, proclaiming Her Queen and Mother of the Church.

It seemed that the whole mystery of the future was wrapped in those turn-of-the-century events like seeds, some to produce evil and others victory over evil. Karl Marx was empowered by Satan to go a step beyond the revolt launched by free masonry and the encyclopedists. In this same city of Paris, where Our Lady appeared as a victorious Queen midst the chaos of revolt against God, he wrote his manifesto proclaiming worldwide atheism the basis

for a new social order. It was only twenty nine years after the century had begun with the coronation of Our Lady by the new Pope and the proclamation of Her Queen-ship, that Our Lady appeared to St. Catherine Labouré standing on a globe of the world, crushing the serpent. We all know the image of Our Lady as Queen crushing Satan on the globe as She appeared to St. Catherine. It is seen on the "miraculous" medal worn by thou-sands around the world.

## Eyes Brimming With Tears

What many do not know is that before this apparition of triumph, Our Lady appeared to Catherine seated in a chair, while the saint knelt beside Her. Catherine could see into Our Lady's eyes. And they were brimming with tears as Our Lady, who came to fulfill the great promise of crushing the head of the serpent, spoke of the suffering that would result from the coming great battle with the prince of this world.

Sixteen years later She appeared, again as a crowned Queen, at La Salette. This time Her tears flowed. Because of the sins of the world, She said: "I can no longer hold back the arm of My Son."

But hold It back She did. She foretold immediate catastrophes which would confirm Her words. And She appeared again and again in that same nation from which Satan had chosen to launch his atheist onslaught. Apparitions recognized by the Church came in short order one upon the other, all in France where Satan's plan unfolded. She appeared at Lourdes, Pontmain, Pellevoisin. With each appearance Her message increased in clarity and intensity. At Pellevoisin She said: "Remember my words." 3

Reviewing ALL Her words, in all these apparitions (one almost as important as another up to Fatima), we can see HER plan of battle, HER way to victory. And it involves US. She has been saying over and over that Her power as Queen is from Her Son. "God has entrusted the peace of the world to Her," said little Jacinta of Fatima. But She cannot ask

Him to circumvent His Divine Justice beyond limit. She requires our response.



Our Lady as She appeared in Paris, in 1830: The Two Hearts, the crown of twelve stars, rays of grace streaming on the world as She crushes the head of the serpent.

## Chapter 2.

## Our Lady's Tears

At the dawn of this age of atheism She appeared with tears in Her eyes. Now they are overflowing. In a recent beautiful book, with many pictures in color of Our Lady's images shedding tears in many parts of the world, the author asks: "Why is She crying?"

At Akita, where Her appearance was confirmed by 101 miraculous weepings of the wooden statue of Our Lady of All Nations, She told us why. She said it is because of the loss of so many souls.

If Satan succeeds in leading man into his trap of an atomic holocaust, how many souls of today will be ready? And despite all the talk of peace, is that not the path down which the world has been heading ever since the instant destruction of Hiroshima and Nagasaki with just two blasts?

## A Miracle Of Tears At The Beginning

When this struggle between Satan and the Promised Woman flared into the open, with the whole world at stake, there was another miracle of Her tears which teachs a most important lesson.

On February 10, 1797, a young French officer with ruthless ambition and the awareness that gaining wealth for his soldiers was a way to power, decided to risk an invasion of Italy to rob one of the greatest Church treasures in the world: that of the Shrine of the Holy House of Nazareth on the coast of the Adriatic Sea, south of Venice.

The Holy House had been transported miraculously from Nazareth in the 13th century. After Rome, it was at the time, the major destination of pilgrimages from all the western world. Century after century its treasury had been enriched by the offerings of hundreds of thousands of pilgrims, by Pope after Pope, and nobles of many nations.

The ambitious young officer saw that it was worth the risk because the great Shrine belonged directly to the Pope but was far from Rome and papal armies. Making his way south, he showed peaceful intentions, declaring that he would harm no one as he was heading for the port of Ancona. He kept secret his intention to despoil the Holy House treasury.

On that February 10th when he arrived in Ancona, less than an hour away from the Holy House Shrine, he was told that an image of Our Lady was shedding tears. He was told that the image was seen to open and close it eyes in the presence of great crowds, and the eyes themselves seemed to be brimming with tears.

Napoleon had the image brought to him. It had long been regarded as a miraculous image and the frame was enriched with gold and precious gems. He had the frame and glass removed. Tears flowed from the eyes. He brusquely ordered everyone to leave the room.

He remained alone with the weeping image of the Heavenly Mother for about half a hour. Then he called his officers, ordered them to replace the image in its precious frame and to escort it back to the church with a guard of honor. And he would permit no one to speak to him about it.

He recognized the miracle. He saw a message in Our Lady's tears. He was willing to honor both. But his ambition was greater than both. He plundered the treasury of Loreto and two years later became the most powerful man in France, well on his way to the conquest of Europe. The Pope, who the following year (1800) had crowned Our Lady Queen of the

World and Mother of the Church, was brought to Paris to crown him...and to become his prisoner.

While the tears of Our Lady touched the mind of Napoleon and commanded his respect they did not touch his heart. Nor do the tears of Our Lady at Paris or La Salette or from so many images weeping in the world today, seem to touch the hearts of the majority of Her children in the world.

Respect and wonder? Yes.

Napoleon could have foiled Satan's plans. Instead he abetted them, launching his meteoric career with the stolen treasury of the Holy House of Nazareth.

How many of us nominal Catholics also abet the plans of Satan, unmoved by Our Mother's tears?

## Weeping Images Today

We know of many images of Our Lady which have been shedding tears in recent years. One of those best authenticated is the weeping of an image of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Syracuse, Italy.

A simple plaster statue wept for four days. Scientific analysis confirmed that human tears had flowed from the plaster image. The Sicilian Conference of Bishops unanimously confirmed the miracle. For more than forty years, a Shrine built for the little image has been a place of international pilgrimage.

At the very time that Pope John Paul II fell and broke his hip in May, 1994, His Holiness had scheduled a visit to this shrine. And his first thought as he was taken to the hospital in great pain was of the Shrine of Our Lady's tears. He said:

"The tears of Our Lady inspire the whole world with a true spirit of penance and more fervent devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary," the heart of a Mother concerned for Her children, now almost overwhelmed in a tidal wave of evil in the world.

After four weeks in the hospital, the Holy Father said to a vast crowd in St. Peter's Square: "Through Mary I would like to express my gratitude for this gift of suffering. I am grateful for this gift. I have understood that it is a necessary gift. The

Pope had to suffer as he did 13 years ago, when, on May 13, 1981, the Pope was shot.

"I understood that I have to lead Christ's Church into this third millennium by prayer, by various programs, but I say that this is not enough: she must be led by suffering."4

This will be seen clearly when we shall speak of the revelations of Our Lady of All Nations and especially of Her appearance at Akita, an appearance confirmed by miracles of tears flowing 101 times from a solid wooden image.

As the tears of the Madonna of Ancona touched the mind of Napoleon and commanded his respect but did not touch his heart, neither did the tears of Our Lady of La Salette touch the hearts of the majority of Her children of the world.

But the tears of Our Lady today have the same meaning as they had then: The sins of the world are so great that they surpass even the limits of Her power to obtain mercy.

## Why Her Queenship Now?

Since the power of Our Lady's intercession is, as it were, "self-limiting" in relation to Divine Justice, why has the Church chosen particularly at the present time to emphasize Our Lady's *power* with God, Her *Queenship?* 

The first and most obvious reason is of course because God Himself has desired to make Mary known now as a Queen, beginning with Her apparition at Rue du Bac, in which She held the globe in front of Her heart and said that it represented the world and "each one in parti-cular."

And only sixteen years afterward She appeared as Queen at La Salette, followed only twelve years later by Her appearance at Lourdes declaring Her singular privilege of the "Immaculate Conception" and unfolding an era of miracles which has astounded the world with Her power (literally over life and death!) and to obtain from Her Divine Son whatever is conformable to the Divine Will.

Again, only twelve years later, She appeared in the skies over Pontmain, wearing a crown and clothed in a garment studded with stars. As the crowd in the little square of the town over which She appeared knelt and prayed the Rosary, the living image of the Queen of the World doubled in size and words appeared at Her feet telling them to continue to pray because Her Son "allowed Himself to be touched by their prayers"—a tender, humble way of saying that despite the sins of the world, because of Her intercession and because of Her children joining in this intercession, the punishment of God was mitigated.

(The above statement merits being read again!) At the moment Our Lady appeared at Pontmain, a terrible war being fought at that time came abruptly to an end. The last battle was fought that day only miles away from the actual place where the Queen of the World was appearing. Forty-two stars formed at Her feet, and forty-two years of peace followed, bringing us to 1914 and the First World War!



Our Lady of Hope-Pontmain

## Chapter 3.

## Queen Of The World

In 1887, the year of his Sacerdotal Jubilee, Pope Leo XIII responded to an appeal from the Mexican Bishops for the coronation of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

The coronation took place on October 12, 1895, eclipsing even Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee celebration. As the sacred image was crowned in the name of the Pope, the legate exclaimed: "Our Lady constituted Herself as Patroness and Empress of America. O happy America!...O all ye nations of America! Cast your crowns at the feet of your Queen and Patroness, as in Heaven the four and twenty elders do at the foot of the throne of the Divine Lamb. Her Son!"

Sixty-seven years later, in his encyclical on the Queenship of Mary, Pius XII would say: "The Most Blessed Virgin must be proclaimed Queen, not only because She is the Mother of God, but also because it was God's will that She should play a unique part in the work of our eternal salvation" (Ad Caeli Reginam).

This emphasis on Mary's Queenship accelerated after the turn of the century.

In 1902, when the first International Marian Congress was held in Fribourg, Switzerland, Pope Leo XIII again emphasized the Queenship of Mary. Through the coronation of the statue of Our Lady in Fribourg, His Holiness proclaimed Our Lady "Queen of the Universe."

#### Clothed In The Sun

The apparition of Pontmain, although it has not become as famous as the preceding apparitions in Paris, La Salette, and Lourdes, was one of the most significant. It relates not only to the Queenship of Mary but also to the unity of East and West, to the final triumph of Our Lady in bringing about the reign of Jesus, to the necessary involvement of Her children in Her constant prayer before the throne of God. It offers Her assurance that if enough of Her children join Her in this intercession, She can turn back the tide of evil and bring "an era of peace to mankind." (Remember the words which appeared at Her feet together with the forty-two stars!)

And this was the promise She finally made at the peak of World War I when She appeared at Fatima...promising an end to that war (as She had done at Pontmain), but this time also prophesying "further wars...annihilation of nations"...if people refuse to listen to Her instructions and requests.

Here at Fatima, in what might be called a climactic apparition of Our Lady as Queen of the World, She showed Her power by predicting a miracle at an announced time and place for the first time in history "so that all may believe."

She foretold that militant atheism, which had begun just over a century before in Paris, would now spread "from Russia throughout the entire world"—but that She would turn it back; She would bring about the conversion of Russia; She would bring "an era of peace to mankind."

Only the Queen of the World could make such a promise. Little Jacinta, youngest of the three children who saw Our Lady of Fatima, summarized this great power of Our Lady in one sentence: "God has entrusted the peace of the world to Her."

#### Atomic Power

By using the very sun itself, a nuclear furnace, Our Lady demonstrated Her power at Fatima. Over a hundred thousand people saw a great ball of fire (which appeared to them to be the sun itself) plunge from the sky down towards them as though to engulf and burn them, but then was brought back into the sky and mingled with the actual sun, leaving a clear sky which had been covered only twelve minutes before with storm clouds and rain, and leaving the vast crowd beneath instantly clean and dry.

## Response Of The Church

In order to prevent the annihilation of nations, Our Lady said that She would come to ask for the consecration of Russia to Her Immaculate Heart, and for the devotion of the five First Saturdays.

In 1942, acceding to this request of Our Lady, Pope Pius XII consecrated the entire human race to Mary's Immaculate Heart. Ten years later, this same Pontiff, in a special Apostolic Letter, renewed his earlier consecration and entrusted the peoples of Russia to the Immaculate Heart.

In 1946, immediately after the Second World War (which had been prophesied by Our Lady at Fatima), the Pope sent a Cardinal legate to Fatima to crown Her "Queen of the World." It was a far more solemn act than that of Pope Leo XIII in the 1902 coronation in Fribourg.

Just as Cardinal Masella, the Papal legate, was about to leave Rome, the Pope sent for him and said very solemnly: "Remember, Eminence, you are going to crown the Queen of the World." The immediate result of this coronation proved to be one of the most amazing events of this century.

Just one year later, an International Congress of Youth at Fatima adopted a resolution to carry a crowned statue of Our Lady processionally through Europe towards Russia. From the very day the statue left Fatima, prodigies began. Several entire books have been necessary to record them all. When the statue finally arrived at the Vatican, Pope Plus XII saw over the Vatican Garden a re-enactment of the Miracle of the Sun of Fatima.

The Pope then decreed that the Holy Year of 1950 should be closed at Fatima "for all the world" outside of Rome, and in his radio address on this solemn occasion, when perhaps as many as a million persons were gathered in Fatima, the Pope said: "In 1946 I crowned Our Lady of Fatima as Queen of the World, and the following year, through the Pilgrim Virgin, She set forth as though to claim Her dominion, and the favors She performs along the way are such that We can hardly believe what We are seeing with Our eyes."

Three years later the Pontiff issued the encyclical Ad Caeli Reginam, instituting the Feast of the Queenship of Mary, stating: "In this doctrine of Mary's Queenship lies the world's greatest hope for peace." And in the same encyclical, the Pope referred to the statue of Our Lady of Fatima as "the messenger of Her royalty."

#### The Star

Above the hem of Her robe at Fatima, Our Lady wore a brilliant star. One only has to read the Book of Esther in the Bible to know the explanation. "Esther" means "star" and the people of Queen Esther were about to be annihilated. So the Queen carefully prepared herself and entered unannounced into the presence of the King at the risk of her life.

As we read this book of Scripture, which the Church sees as a prefigurement of Our Lady's power, we seem to read a description of exactly what Our Lady does now, at this very moment, for the world.

We are threatened with atomic "annihilation" and She enters to intercede for us. Her promise at Fatima is the assurance that the outcome for our world today will be as it was for the biblical Queen Esther and her people. What Scripture says to us in the Book of Esther, book of the star, is what the Church teaches us about the power of Our Lady. It is the power of intercession, the power of prayer.

This is what Our Lady as Queen demonstrates to us at Rue du Bac, La Salette, Lourdes, Pontmain, and Fatima: "Pray," She says, over and over. "Pray and make sacrifices for sinners. So many souls are lost..."

### What To Do?

How can we apply the power of Our Lady as a Queen? How can we enable Her power to expand as was pictured at Pontmain so that She can bring an end to wars and bring us an era of peace?

Pius XII tells us: We should consecrate ourselves to Her Immaculate Heart. The Pontiff even mandated that on the Feast of the Queenship of Mary, there be consecration to Mary's Immaculate Heart throughout the entire world.

We often think of the "May crowning" as merely a sentimental gesture, a child reaching up with flowers to adorn Our Lady's statue. But this gesture of crowning a statue of Our Lady has real significance, if at the same time it becomes a recognition of Her Queenship, of Her rights over all of Her children, and of the *obligation* of Her children to join with Her in Her Queenly and Maternal mission of prayer before the throne of God.

It is interesting to note that where the Pilgrim Virgin statue has traveled through the world, in almost every diocese there has been a solemn coronation of the statue by the Bishop.

The Kingship of Jesus was mocked with a crown of thorns. When we fail to repair that mockery by crowning images of Him, we doubly repair it by crowning images of His Mother. It is as though in admiring the moon, we honor so much the more the greater light of the sun which the moon reflects.

## We Honor The King Of Kings

It seems especially true that we doubly honor Jesus as King when we honor Our Lady as our Queen. She, who stood at the foot of the Cross, has rights over us. They are, in a sense, rights of conquest. The plaque over the cross affirming the Kingship of Jesus is on the cross rising over Her tears. She to whom God has entrusted the peace of the world deserves our allegiance more than all the rulers of earth combined.

She whose Son is the King of Creation, the Word through Whom all things even exist, is truly the Queen of the World. In honoring Her, we help to make amends for the mockery of Him two thousand years ago. We help to repair for the mockery of His Kingship by a crown of thorns...the crown She wore around Her Heart at Fatima.

## Symbol Of Crown

The crown has been for centuries the principal emblem of royal power to such a degree that, since the 9th century, a King did not enter into the plenitude of his rights until after he had been crowned. The crown came to symbolize the dignity and the total rights of the King to fidelity and service.

Thus the crowning of Our Lady's image has become, by Popes and bishops and laity, a method of proclaiming the Queenship of Mary and thus showing our consecration to Her.

When Pope John XXIII opened the Second Vatican Council on October 11, 1962, a Profession of Faith was made by the Pope, together with some 2,500 Fathers of the Council. And one of the articles of this Profession of Faith was: "Profiteor imagines et reliquias sanctorum esse venerandas"—"I profess that the images and the relics of the saints are to be venerated."

The following year the Council adopted the Constitution on the Liturgy in which it is stated that the Church, in keeping with tradition, venerates the images of the saints, and of course, according to this same tradition, and according to the evidence we see everywhere in the world—gives the greatest such veneration to the Queen of Saints.



## Chapter 4.

# "America Will Be Safe If..." Pope Pius XII

Can America, despite her sins, hope for some special protection?

At the moment it was discovered by the three ships of Columbus, the crews sang in thanksgiving the *Hail Holy Queen*. A few years later She appeared at the heart of the Americas to an Indian convert and said:

"I, who am your mother, am I not here?"

## Fear Of The Atomic Bomb

Perhaps many of the present generation are not aware of the fear that gripped the world when the first atomic bombs were exploded. The world was shocked when a single and relatively small bomb instantly killed over 100,000 people.

Yet, only two months later, Pope Pius XII, the Pope who had instituted the Feast of Our Lady's Queenship, said on October 12, 1945: "We are certain that as long as You are recognized as Queen and Mother...America will be safe."

At that very time, the Pilgrim Virgin was traveling in America, and one diocese after the other was consecrated to Our Lady. Almost every Bishop of the nation crowned the miraculous image, affirming Our Lady's Queenship. The Pope referred specifically to this image of Our Lady of Fatima traveling in the United States (mentioning the country) when he said:

"I crowned Her Queen of the World at Fatima, and the following year She set forth as though to

claim Her dominion. And the favors She performs along the way are such that we can hardly believe what we see with our eyes."

But that was in the years before the Council. It was in the years, as Don Sharkey wrote in the update of his book quoted in our first chapter, "when interest in Mary among Catholics was great...but there seems to have been a complete about face...and no explanation' seems entirely satisfactory."

## Unique, Miraculous Image

The special symbol of the Queenship of Mary for all the Americas is the miraculous image in Mexico City where Our Lady appeared as described in the Apocalypse (clothed with the sun, standing on the moon) and leaving a miraculous image which was solemnly crowned by a legate of the Pope as the "Queen of the Americas."

Francis Johnston, an English writer, at the end of his magnificent book *The Wonder of Guadalupe*, (written just a year before his death) asked: "Why has the life-span of the fabric (of the picture of the Queen and Mother of the Americas) been prolonged inexplicably for 450 years? Why has the delicate material withstood the stain of millions of hands and candles where even the hard rock of the Lourdes Grotto had to yield? Why did the fiery bite of nitric acid (which fell by accident on the picture as it was being cleaned) fail to shrivel the frail fabric? And above all, why did the Divine Hand interpose Itself in 1921, between the helpless picture and the searing blast of a powerful bomb which had been exploded just beneath it?"

This wonderful writer, who produced this book from a hospital bed in England while suffering cranial pain from cancer, answered that there must be some "predestined purpose for the Americas," not only because of the original miracle of the portrait of Our Lady, but even more because of the continuing miracle of its preservation in perfect condition up to the present moment. He writes:

"We know that today the Devil is engaged in a last great onslaught with the Woman destined to crush his head. Her coming triumph was announced on the 13th of July, 1917 in Fatima: 'In the end my Immaculate Heart will triumph."

He then goes on to describe the evils of our times, likening them to the power of Satan in the Aztec world at the time of the appearance of Our Lady of Guadalupe. He concludes:

"The darkest hour will inevitably melt away in the radiant dawn of Our Lady's triumph over the serpent. A tiny minority are fulfilling the crucial Fatima Message of 1917 and, through unswerving prayer and personal sacrifice—such as All Night Vigils of reparation—striving to redress the fearful imbalance created by so much deliberate evil."

He said that this is perhaps the ultimate meaning, the ultimate significance of that sacred image of the Queen and Mother of the Americas "who gave us this tangible pledge of hope in order to sustain us during the world-wide rationalist revolt against God which has arisen over the past few centuries, and is now reaching its terrible climax.

"From the center of the American continent, there blazes a beacon of reassurance in a nightmarish world, a star above the storm, a supernatural statue of liberty holding up the light of the world—the truth to set men really free—and proclaiming to the people who walk in the darkness a wondrous message of thrilling hope:

"I am your merciful Mother, the Mother of all who live united in this land, and of all mankind, of all those who love me, of those who cry to me, of those who have confidence in me. Here, I will hear their weeping and their sorrows, and will remedy and alleviate their sufferings, necessities, and misfortunes. Do not be troubled or weighed down with grief. Do not fear any illness or vexation, anxiety or pain. Am I not here who am your Mother? Are you not under my shadow and protection? Am I not your fountain of life? Are you not in the folds

of my mantle? In the crossing of my arms? Is there anything else you need?"



Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, traveling in the U.S. in the campaign against abortion, shed tears.

# Chapter 5.

## Prophecy Fulfilled

Several explicit prophecies confirm the imminent triumph, now, of the Queen of the World who appeared in Paris at the beginning of these times with Her foot crushing the serpent's head.

Most important is the prophecy She Herself made at Fatima: "Finally my Immaculate Heart will triumph. Russia will be converted and an era of peace will be granted to mankind."

By the conversion of Russia we know Our Lady meant "the end of religious persecution in that country." And this happened in 1990.

In Amsterdam, in messages approved in 1996 which bring us up to now, She said the triumph would begin when the Pope proclaimed as a dogma Her role as coredemptrix, mediatrix, and advocate. Among the saints who have prophesied what we witness now are St. Grignion de Montfort, St. John Bosco, St. Maximilian Kolbe, and St. Catherine Labouré.

## Prophecy Of St. Catherine

Particularly striking is the prophecy of St. Catherine Labouré who received the first message of the Marian Age almost two hundred years ago:

"O how wonderful it will be to hear Mary as Queen of the World...it will be a time of peace, joy, and prosperity that will last long; She will be carried as a banner and She will make a tour of the world."

The more one thinks of this prophecy the more unusual it appears, not just because it says that we will hear Mary acclaimed Queen of the World, but that the acclaim itself will be the sign of a long-lasting era of peace. It will be not only an era of peace, but an era of joy! It will be an era of prosperity.

Next the saint says not only that this will happen when Our Lady is proclaimed and recognized as Queen of the World, but when She is "carried like a banner" making a "tour of the world."

How could that be possible?

Yet most remarkably this prophecy has been fulfilled to the letter now through the "world peace flights," the last of which took place in 1997, golden jubilee of the Pilgrim Virgin, the statue of which Pope Pius XII said: "In 1946 I crowned Her Queen of the World and the following year through the Pilgrim Virgin She went forth as though to claim Her dominion."

The person who planned the peace flights with the Bishop of Fatima knew nothing about the prophecy of St. Catherine. It was with a great sense of wonder that he read the words of the prophecy later because during the peace flight in 1971, speaking in Asia before a crowd of tens of thousands (mostly Buddhists) he likened the Pilgrim Virgin, the image of the Queen of the World, to a banner.

One would not think of using this comparison in speaking to Catholics who know that we do not honor a statue as such but, by means of the image, we honor the person it represents. Before that vast crowd, many of whom did not know Jesus and therefore would have no idea why we gave so much honor to His Mother, it seemed so natural to say:

"We do not honor this image as such any more than you would honor the fabric of your national flag. We honor this image because of a person it represents, just as you honor your flag because of the nation it represents. As you would carry your national banner in procession, so we carry around the world this image not honored by us because of its wooden composition or its color or even its natural beauty. We honor it because it represents the Queen of the World."

We had chartered what was then the largest available passenger plane to carry Our Lady's image around the world in that first peace flight, in 1971. On its side in great letters was the title: QUEEN OF THE WORLD.

The flight in itself was historic because never before had such a plane been chartered to circumnavigate the globe. And thousands around the world, who greeted the arrival of the Pilgrim Virgin at airports on peace flights which reached all five continents, were impressed to see this special plane for the world's Queen.

When a third peace flight was prepared in 1978, it was decided that, as a Sovereign, Our Lady should have Her own plane—not just one chartered with Her name painted on the side, but one truly purchased exclusively for the purpose of carrying Her image in dignity, and of carrying "Her escorts" in a plane dedicated to Her service. A plane was obtained for the 1978 Peace Flight on a lease purchase agreement, and the effect was literally history making.

Our Lady's plane made the first civilian flight in history between Egypt and Israel, actually on Passover Day. It made the first directly authorized flight from behind the Iron Curtain to the free city of West Berlin. It unleashed a whole series of events in Poland with repercussions throughout the entire Soviet bloc. It resulted in the largest religious demonstrations in Rome in this entire century!

Therefore, in 1982, when the next peace flight was planned, it was decided that the plane used in the flight be kept as the special plane of Our Lady as Queen. In July, 1982, in Our Lady's plane, the original International Pilgrim Virgin statue was returned to Fatima at the request of the bishop

there (after it had been traveling for seven years throughout the United States). Participating in the flight was the Most Rev. Stephen J. Kocisko, Metropolitan Archbishop of the Byzantine Catholics of the United States, and the Most Rev. Constantino C. Luna, O.F.M., International President of the Blue Army.

As a result of the flight, a "meeting" took place in Fatima between the original Pilgrim Virgin, perhaps the most miraculous image of Our Lady in the West, and the image of Our Lady of Kazan, one of the most miraculous images of Our Lady in the Byzantine world (especially Russia). Following these ceremonies, the plane of Our Lady was solemnly blessed together by the two bishops of East and West for the 1982 Peace Flight.

## China Peace Flight

A few days later the Queen's plane circled the globe with China as its principal destination. It carried a most beautiful copy of the Pilgrim Virgin which had been used by the Most. Rev. Cuthbert O'Gara, C.P., a "dry martyr" of China. The bishop spent the last years of his life traveling with the statue and proclaiming the Message of Fatima as the hope of the world. After circling the globe to China, the statue was solemnly presented to the Most Rev. Dominic Tang, Archbishop of Canton, on September 1, 1982. Subsequent flights of the Queen of the World plane were equally "history-making."

And what a sensation was created in the airports of the world when thy saw this giant Boeing 707 emblazoned with the name of the QUEEN OF THE WORLD as it landed at great cities around the world! The next Queen of the World flight carried almost 200 devotees of Our Lady to the canonization of St. Maximilian Kolbe, O.F.M. Conv.

## Saint Maximilian's Prophecy

The path followed by this flight had special significance in the life and message of the saint who founded the Militia of the Immaculate and who

prophesied that one day Our Lady's statue would be "carried by Our Lady's cavaliers high over the Kremlin and into the heart of Moscow."

The flight went to Rome via Lourdes and Fatima. (Incidentally, this special itinerary was made possible only by the use of Her "special plane" because there were no such direct connections by commercial flights.)

It was at the very time of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima that St. Maximilian was inspired to found the Militia of the Immaculate, the first call for militant devotion to Mary in the 20th century, followed after Fatima by the Legion of Mary and the Blue Army. It was the unleashing of a vast propaganda effort to affirm that God had entrusted the peace of the world to Her.

The title dearest to St. Maximilian was the "Immaculate," and his special devotion was to Our Lady of Lourdes, which was the stop after Fatima and before arriving in Rome for his canonization. Six months before his death, he had a special illumination about the words of Our Lady at Lourdes: "I am the Immaculate Conception." He saw in these words a declaration of Her espousal to the Holy Spirit.

## Finally Russia

The prophecy of St. Maximilian that "One day the cavaliers of Our Lady will bring Her statue over the highest point of the Kremlin and into the heart of Moscow" was fulfilled by the most extraordinary of all these world flights in 1992.

This time it required two jumbo jets (747s) to carry the 940 devotees who accompanied the "Messenger of Her Royalty," in a flight over the Kremlin and into the heart of Moscow. She was crowned in Red Square.

When St. Maximilian made that prophecy, at the time he founded the Militia of the Immaculate in 1917, passenger planes *dld not even exist*. It was not possible that St. Maximilian could have seen

hundreds of devotees of Our Lady carrying Her statue in the air over the Kremlin in jumbo jets.

And the organizers of the peace flight did not realize until it actually happened that the day this prophecy was quite literally fulfilled was the 75th anniversary of the saint's founding of the Militia of the Immaculate, and one of the most important of all the Marian feasts of the year in Orthodox Russia. We mentioned that two jumbo jets were used for this flight to Russia. It was the climax of almost fifty years of the journeys of the Pilgrim Virgin with this one ultimate destination in mind.

The original Queen of the World (Boeing 707) accommodated only 200. This time almost a thousand cavaliers of Our Lady had volunteered to be Her escorts into the heart of Moscow. An entire book has been written about this flight to Russia<sup>6</sup> on which the miraculous image of the Queen of the World, which had left Fatima in 1947 to go to Russia, was finally crowned in Red Square.

At that moment, Our Lady of Fatima appeared over the square, wearing a crown. From Her hands rays of light streamed down over the square and then seemed to bounce back and out in all directions.

An ecumenical prayer service took place in the Moscow Cathedral which bridged a thousand years of schism.

Two years later a similar flight went to China, and finally in 1997, golden jubilee of the Pilgrim Virgin, a jubilee flight around the world recalled the words of Pope Pius XII spoken in a radio address to Fatima on October 13, 1951:

"...It is not only the Angel of the Lord, it is the Queen of Angels, Herself, who goes forth in Her miraculous images...chiefly from the Sanctuary at Fatima, where Heaven permitted us to crown Her Queen of the World, to make...visits to all Her dominions."

"At Her passing, through America as through Europe, through Africa, India, Indonesia and

Australia, marvels of grace are multiplied in such a way that we can hardly believe what we see taking place. It is not only the good obedient children of the Church who redouble their fervor; but the prodigals also, overcome with longing for their mother's love, who return to their Father's House. And there are those (who would have imagined it!) in lands where the light of the Gospel has hardly begun to shine, so enshrouded are they in the darkness of error, and those who, in emulation of the faithful of Christ, anxiously await Her visit and acclaim Her with the greatest enthusiasm, venerate, and invoke Her, and obtain from Her the most marked signs of favor.

"Under the maternal smile of the Heavenly Pilgrim there are no antagonisms of race or nationality dividing men; there are no frontiers which separate, no interests which clash; in those moments everyone feels the happiness of brotherhood. A singular and most impressive sight indeed, and one which gives rise to the most joyful hopes.

"The Blessed Virgin, Our Lady, in the message which as a Pilgrim She is repeating throughout the world, shows us the sure way to peace and the means of gaining heaven, given the small hope that can be placed in human efforts. When with special insistence She urges the family Rosary, She seems to teach us that it is in imitation of the Holy Family that the secret of peace in the home is to be found.

"When She urges us to care for our neighbor's interests as for our own, to the point of praying and sacrificing for his spiritual and temporal good, She shows the one truly efficacious way to regain concord between the different classes of society. And when, with sad and tender voice, She asks for a sincere and general return to a more Christian life, is She not saying that only peace with God and living in respect for justice and the eternal Law, can peace on earth be built on solid foundations?"

## Chapter 6.

## The Miracle Of Mount Carmel Now

One of the special signs of Our Lady's triumph is that She appears now as Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

In our book, Her Glorious Title,7 we say that it is not so important to know why the title "Our Lady of Mt. Carmel" may be called Our Lady's "glorious title." But it IS important to know that this is a title related to the miracle of Elias<sup>8</sup> (a miracle very similar to the great miracle of Fatima) because of which:

- 1) Priests of Satan were put to death;
- 2) The nation, which had been falling into idolatry, acknowledged: "GOD IS GOD!"
- 3) The nation was saved from the great chastisement which had brought Israel to the verge of extinction.

## Compare Then And NOW!

Today as happened in the time of Elias, Our Lady comes to perform wonders "So that all may believe!" These were Her very own words concerning the miracle of Fatima at the climax of which She came as Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

Today we are on the brink of a chastisement which "Will be worse than the deluge...several entire nations will be annihilated...fire over the earth...those who survive will envy the dead." (These are the very words of Our Lady used at Fatima and Akita.)

And Our Lady of Mt. Carmel has come "to prevent this."

And now, She, who once was Mary, who appeared in Her greatest glory at Lourdes for a final time on the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, reveals Herself in the sky at Fatima at the climax of the great miracle. And She appears elsewhere with signs and messages for which the world seems to await confirmation with bated breath.

Most, until now, have not even known the meaning of "Her Glorious Title." Most have not known about the apparitions of Pellevoisin which were approved by the Church in 1983 and in which Our Lady showed the deep relationship created through the devotion of the Brown Scapular of Mt. Carmel to Her Immaculate Heart "and the Heart of My Son."

Only now are we coming to know the amazing message of *Her Flame of Love* which reveals what the coming triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary will be.

"The Flame of My Heart's love is burning so much that I want to shower on people, not only its light, but also its warmth. I can no longer keep it for Myself; it is flowing toward you with the strength of an explosion. My love will burn up the hellish hatred of the world and more souls could escape damnation. Nothing like this has happened before in the course of history."9

All of this is explained in the book *Her Glorious Title* so we will not repeat it here. Suffice it to say that there are many signs of the triumph of the Promised Woman.

One of them is the appearances now of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.



## Chapter 7.

## Recent Signs Of Her Triumph

The almost plaintive appeal of the Pope repeating Our Lady's appeal to Her children, "which as a Pilgrim She is repeating throughout the world," seems to have fallen on deaf ears.

If the world would not recognize its Queen after the greatest miracle in history, could it be expected to follow the words of the Pope? Would it not seem hopeless? Would it not seem that the prince of this world could not be overcome?

But in 1984 the collegial consecration of Russia requested at Fatima was fulfilled. By the end of that same year the change in Russia had begun!<sup>10</sup>

In 1996, the Golden Jubilee Year of the coronation of Our Lady of Fatima as *Queen of the World*, the Feast of the Immaculate Heart was made obligatory, and in a special message delivered to the world through the 12th International Mariological Congress, the Pope affirmed that it was fitting to proclaim Mary Mediatrix. (The next Congress was scheduled in 2000.)

The resolution of that Congress was sent to all episcopal conferences and Marian Apostolates throughout the world. It could readily bring to the world the triumph promised now by the Heavenly Queen.

### Nearing Fulfillment

The Pope seemed to have in mind his own words, "It seems as we approach the millennium that the words of Our Lady of Fatima are nearing their

fulfillment," in presenting his three year plan to prepare for the millenium "in the hope of the definitive coming of the Kingdom of God."

"Definitive" means clear, explicit, positive.

In his special message to top theologians from all over the world assembled for the 12th International Mariological Congress, the Holy Father said: "On the threshold of the third millennium we wish to draw near, in a special way, to the Mother of God..."

The Pope then surprised many by saying: "It is right that the Church should attribute to Her the title of Advocate, Helper, and also Mediatrix."

These are titles which over fifty years ago the Lady of All Nations had asked the Church to recognize with the promise that, when they are defined, Her triumph will begin.

#### Fifty Tears Of Her Protection

This was the hope seen by Pope John Paul II as we approached the millennium. He asked us to be in advent with Mary in those critical years "in the hope of the *definitive coming* of the Kingdom of God."

Let us stop to realize that in the previous fifty years Our Lady and Queen had led Her children through a very difficult passage.

Despite the final use of atomic weapons, we not only survived the second world war (which Our Lady of Fatima had foretold) but we were continually spared during half a century of the atomic age, despite the constant threat of destruction hanging over the world like a sword of Damocles.

## How To Explain Change Of Russia?

Then, after all the dangers of those years, how does one explain the almost bloodless dissolution of the Soviet Union which followed at once after the collegial consecration requested at Fatima? The Pope himself asked how it could be explained, except in the context of the message and prophecy of Our

Lady of Fatima, the Queen who has promised the conversion of Russia and Her triumph.

And what will we say of the attempted assassination of the Pope on the actual anniversary day of the first apparition of Our Lady of Fatima which he not only survived but which he commemorated by having the actual bullet placed in the crown of Our Lady at Fatima, the very crown with which Pope Pius XII just fifty years ago proclaimed Her Queen of the World.

#### On Feast Of Her Queenship!

And it was actually on the Feast of Our Lady as Queen of the World, August 22, 1990, that the Russian people brought down the Soviet Marxist regime. The following Christmas day, the hammer and sickle came down from over the Kremlin never to be lifted again.

But was the danger now over?

In his recent book The Last Crusade, Dr. Thomas Petrisko said: "It cannot be over-emphasized that it was on October 13, the anniversary of the miracle performed at Fatima 'So that all may believe' that Our Lady appeared as Our Lady of All Nations in Akita, Japan, in 1973. She said that fire will come upon the earth in a chastisement worse than the deluge if people do not mend their lives, but that so far She (the Lady of All Nations) has been able to hold it back."

#### Her Promise Is Conditional

She has shown Her power. She has shown that She can change nations and alter the course of history. She can keep Her almost unbelievable promise: "An era of peace for mankind." But She asks, She requires, our cooperation.

The Bishop of Akita said: "She reminds us that weapons capable of wiping out entire nations are not only still viable but spread in more and more areas." She tells us that now a special response is needed by those who believe. 11

Let us keep in mind that OUR LADY OF ALL NATIONS, speaking at Akita through a miracle of tears, said She has "so far" been able to hold back the chastisement. And She said in Amsterdam that Her triumph will actually be seen when the dogma of Her universal mediation is proclaimed.



Wood carved statue of Our Lady which has shed tears 101 times in Akita, Japan

## Chapter 8.

## The Last Dogma And Her Triumph

At the Vox Populi Leader's conference in Rome in June of 1996, new light was thrown on the necessity of the mediation of Our Lady, together with the action of the Holy Spirit, for the triumph of Grace in the world.

One of the principal theologians of the conference said: "We have never focused on the doctrine of Mary's mediation in quite this way. It throws a light on the coming triumph of Mary which will also be a time of the triumph of the Holy Spirit."

### Began Before The Council

This "focus" began before the second Vatican Council, at a time when it seemed almost taken for granted that Mary's role of Coredemptrix and Mediatrix would be solemnly defined. It was proposed by His Eminence Luis Cardinal Martinez in a book titled *El Espiritu Santo*. The Cardinal wrote:

## Two Sanctifiers Necessary

"Two sanctifiers are necessary to souls, the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, for they are the only ones who can reproduce Christ. The first is the sanctifier by essence because He is God, Infinite Sanctity...and it belongs to Him to communicate to souls the mystery of that sanctity.

"The Virgin Mary, for Her part, is the cooperator, the indispensable instrument, in and by God's design. These two, then, the Holy Spirit and Mary, are the indispensable artificers of Jesus, the indispensable sanctifiers of souls.

"Any saint in heaven can cooperate in the sanctification of a soul, but his cooperation is not necessary...while the cooperation of these two Artisans of Jesus is so necessary that without it, souls are not sanctified (and this by actual design of Providence)."

Cardinal Martinez is giving an existential argument, based on God's own plan for the sanctification of souls. It is not "theory" and perhaps should not even be called an "argument." It is a statement of reality. It is God's plan.

#### Age Of Mary, Age Of Holy Spirit

Holiness is becoming an *alter Christus*, as St. Paul said upon reaching that sublime state to which God calls us all: "I live now not I, but Christ, Who lives in me."

And as God willed that Christ comes to the world through Mary and the Holy Spirit, He wills that She form Jesus, together with the Holy Spirit, in the mystical Body and in each of us...the Holy Spirit by His essence, says Cardinal Martinez, and Our Lady by Her mediation.

The Cardinal continues: "The Virgin Mary has the efficacious influence of Mediatrix in the most profound and delicate operations of grace in our souls. And, finally, the action of the Holy Spirit and the cooperation of the most holy Virgin Mary are constant: without them, not one single character of Jesus would be traced on our souls, no virtue grow, no gift be developed, no grace increase, no bond of union with God be strengthened in the rich flowering of the spiritual life.

"Such is the place that the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary have in the order of sanctification. Therefore, Christian piety should put these two artisans of Christ in their true place, making devotion to them something necessary, profound, and constant. The Sanctifier by His Essence...the Virgin Mary the Cooperator, the *indispensable* instrument."

#### Holy Spirit And Mary His Spouse

Dr. Mark Miravalle, President of *Vox Populi*, writes: "God the Holy Spirit is the divine trinitarian member with specific mission of the Father to 'sanctify the Church forever' (cf. Jn 20:22; Rom 15:16; 1 Pet 1:2). 12 But the Holy Spirit has chosen to perform His divine act of sanctification, which flows from the cross of Christ (only through the mediation of His human but glorified spouse, Mary) through whom the Author of all graces was first mediated to the world by the power of the same Holy Spirit (cf Lk 1:35; Mt 1:18-20)."13

#### Living In The Divine Will

Cardinal Gagnon said at the 1996 Rome conference: "It is not enough to believe that Our Lady is Co-Redemptrix and Mediatrix. We must proclaim it." And the Pope affirmed this in his message to the International Mariological Congress later that same year.

Is not the Holy Spirit urging this upon the Church at this time? Are we not speaking of the reality of the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary promised at Fatima ("My Immaculate Heart will triumph")...the reality of the forming of Jesus in the Mystical Body and in each of its members to a degree never before attained? This is the stunning message of the Venerable Luisa Picaretta whose message was confirmed by sixty years of living solely on the Blessed Sacrament.

What else could the final triumph be of Her who alone of all humanity was the first to live in the Divine Will? Does it not mean there will be saints as never before, living in the Divine Will, as Mary did, and bringing the Holy Spirit to live in the hearts of men of all nations?



## Chapter 9.

## The Greatest Sign Of Her Triumph

On October 13th of 1996, Cardinal Ratzinger, who is the custodian of the third secret of Fatima, spoke at Fatima as the Pope's legate. Speaking here on the anniversary of the greatest miracle in history, the Cardinal made a comparison to the miracle of Cana:

"The greatest aspect of the miracle is the belief of the disciples who began to believe in something greater than what they saw." They were now aware "of the most holy presence of God in our midst," As in the case of the miracle of Elias, the people who saw the miracle of Fatima affirmed that "God is God!"

### Our Lady Need But Present Our Case

The Cardinal pointed out also that at Cana Our Lady did not even ASK for the miracle. It was enough for Her to present the difficulty to Her Son. And we are asked, as we see, or hear about, the miracle of Fatima, to BELIEVE...that as Our Lady presents before Her Son the threats facing the world today, God is going to act.

"We must take notice," said the Cardinal, "that Our Lady spoke to children who had no voice in this world full of destruction, full of fear, full of despair..." He said that God did this "to show that the one thing necessary, at once important and possible to everyone, is to BELIEVE."

We are asked to believe in a message from Him...a message this time delivered by the Queen of the

World to whom, said Pope Pius XII, God has entrusted the peace of the world.

#### Greatest Miracle In History

In most of the books I have written I have stressed the importance of the miracle of Fatima. One cannot know the details well enough or review them too often. Even after I had talked to dozens of witnesses it was many years before I grasped the awesomeness of what happened and came to believe, with the celebrated Jesuit theologian and scientist, Fr. Pio Sciatizzi, S.J., that this was "the greatest, most colossal miracle in history."

It is to our time what the miracle of the Red Sea was in its time.

It had been raining heavily before the moment of the miracle. The great hollow of Fatima was a sea of water and mud. But immediately after the miracle (which lasted about 12 minutes) the sea of water and mud had vanished. It was like the miracle of the red sea.

The sun itself crashed down upon the earth. It was seen in a radius of 32 miles! It was like the miracle of the sun in the time of Joshua, when the fire of the sun appeared to act independently of the sun itself.

It was also like the miracle of Elias, who called fire from the sky so that all would believe that "God is God!...and the fire consumed, not only the sacrifice offered by the prophet, but the water in the trench around it.

Therefore this miracle of Fatima had the elements of the three greatest miracles of the Old Testament. What is more, NEVER BEFORE in history had God, "so that all may believe," performed a miracle at a PREDICTED TIME AND PLACE!

### How Important Must Be This Present Hour!

Jesus said to towns which knew Him well, that if Sodom and Gomorrah had seen what they saw, they would have repented, and that in the day of judgment it will go better for Sodom and Gomorrah. How will it go for us in the day of judgment if we do not respond to the message of Fatima confirmed by perhaps the greatest miracle in history "So that all may believe?"

#### The Message

And what is it that we are asked to believe? She foretold the rise of atheism in Russia which would spread throughout the entire world and that several entire nations will be annihilated. But if Her requests are heard, Russia would be converted and an era of peace would be granted to mankind.

Next, She told us WHAT to do in order to bring about a change in Russia and to prevent the annihilation of nations. Many Catholics responded, but most did not. It was only after 80 years, after more than 25 million had made the pledge to do as Our Lady asked, that we had the change in Russia. The evils of militant atheism have persisted. The final triumph of Our Lady is still to be won.



## Chapter 10.

## , The Queen's Throne

In the book City of God, (a Church-approved revelation of the life of Our Lady by Ven. Mary of Agreda) we read an inspiring description of the coronation of Our Lady in Heaven by the Blessed Trinity. Addressing the angels and saints, God the Father said:

#### Full Dominion

"She has a claim on Our Dominion, which We shall recognize by crowning Her as the legitimate and peerless Sovereign."

Jesus said: "To My true and natural Mother, belong all the creatures which were created and redeemed by Me, and of all things over which I am King, as My legitimate and supreme Queen."

The Holy Spirit said: "Since She is called My beloved and chosen spouse, She deserved to be crowned as Queen for all eternity."

#### Coronation

As is depicted in so many famous paintings, the Holy Trinity then crowned Our Lady while a Voice sounding from the Throne said:

"My beloved, chosen among the creatures, Our Kingdom is Yours. You shall be the sovereign of the seraphim, of all the ministering angels, and of the entire universe of creatures...

"You shall subject hell with all its demons and inhabitants. Let all of them fear You as Mistress...

"We place into Your hands the help and blessings of Our Grace for distribution. Nothing do We wish

to be given to the world which does not pass through Your hands, and nothing do We deny which You wish to concede to men..."

When the Bishop of Akita was asked to state the message of Our Lady of All Nations at Akita, he answered with one sentence: It is the message of Fatima. For no matter what may happen since, at Fatima She announced that NOW She would crush Satan. Now finally Her Immaculate Heart would triumph.

Paris was chosen by Satan to launch worldwide militant atheism. Fatima was chosen by the Queen of the World to launch Her victory. When Pope Pius XII sent a Cardinal Legate to Fatima in 1946 to crown the statue of Our Lady at the place where She appeared to the three children in 1917 to promise world peace, the Pope made it very definite that there he was emphasizing the Queenship of Mary for the entire world. And from that time, Fatima more than any other place in the world, can (in a mystical way) be considered actually the earthly throne of the Queen of the World.

We can understand and believe this for the following five reasons:

1. It was not a question of crowning a very famous or miraculous image, but of crowning the representation of a major apparition of Our Lady in which She showed Herself to be "the Woman of the Apocalypse, Queen of the World."

In other words, it was not so much because of the fame of the image itself, but because that image represented the Fatima vision in which Our Lady showed Her power, not only in the Miracle of the Sun in Fatima, but in Her promise to turn back the tide of militant atheism and bring about "an era of peace to mankind."

2. It was at Fatima that God indicated His desire that all the world be consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. And as we see elsewhere in this little treatise, the essential meaning of consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary is recognition of Her Queenship both by intellect and will.

- 3. The Pope himself indicated, in making the coronation in 1946, he intended that Our Lady of Fatima be recognized as the Queen of the World in a universal sense by:
- a) His specific instructions to the Cardinal legate (Cardinal Masella);
- b) By the actual words used by the Pope himself in a radio message to Fatima and to the world at the moment of the coronation;
- c) Because of the Pilgrim Virgin statue, an image of Our Lady of Fatima (quite different from the one used for the coronation in 1946) left Fatima in 1947 to travel throughout the nations of the world, causing Pope Pius XII to exclaim: "In 1946 I crowned Our Lady of Fatima as Queen of the World, and the following year, through the Pilgrim Virgin, She went forth as though to claim Her dominion..."
- 4. In the actual encyclical on the Queenship of Mary as issued in 1954, the Holy Father referred to the statue of Our Lady of Fatima as "the messenger of Her royalty." And the Holy Father, while crowning the Salus Populi Romani during the proclamation of the Feast of Her Queenship, recalled that "I had first crowned Her Queen of the World in Fatima."
- 5. On May 13, 1982, Pope John Paul II went to Fatima and there consecrated the entire world, and specifically all the nations of the world (including Russia and China), to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, in union with all the bishops of the world.

#### She Went Forth

Many, many pages could be written about each of the points above. Indeed, several entire books have been written just about the Pilgrim Virgin which, while traveling throughout the world, has been crowned again and again by the bishops in every nation, and in some countries almost in every diocese in recognition of Our Lady's Queenship. In addition,

"National Pilgrim Virgin" statues were crowned for 50 different countries simultaneously on May 13, 1971, 25th anniversary of the coronation of Our Lady of Fatima by Pope Pius XII as "Queen of the World." These crownings took place even behind the Iron Curtain—in Prague by Cardinal Tomasek, in Moscow by a legate of the Bishop of Fatima. In many instances (indeed in most cases) the coronation was made by the President of the Episcopal Conference of each nation.

Such a recognition of Our Lady's Queenship has never occurred before in the history of the world and may never occur again.

Perhaps the main reason why we feel compelled to look to Fatima as a mystical throne of the Queen of the World is because of the Miracle of the Sun. This unprecedented miracle recalls the description of Our Lady in the Apocalypse. Moreover, the essential power of the sun is atomic power, and the very "annihilation of nations" which Our Lady foretold in Her Fatima apparitions now threatens the world through nuclear weapons. Yet in demonstrating such power in making such awesome prophecies at Fatima, our Queen could promise "an era of peace to mankind!"

Perhaps it is enough just for us to consider the words of little Jacinta, the youngest of the three children to whom Our Lady of Fatima appeared and who said quite simply: "God has entrusted the peace of the world to Her."

## Its Real Meaning

In the Acts of the Holy See, 38:266, we read the message issued by Pope Pius XII on May 13, 1946, when the statue of Our Lady of Fatima was being crowned by his legate as Queen of the World:

"He, the Son of God, reflects on His heavenly Mother the glory, the majesty, and the dominion of His kingship, for, having been associated to the King of Martyrs in the ineffable work of human redemption as Mother and cooperatrix, She remains

forever associated to Him, with an almost unlimited power, in the distribution of the graces which flow from the Redemption. Jesus is King throughout all eternity by nature and by right of conquest: through Him, with Him, and subordinate to Him, Mary is Queen by grace, by divine relationship, by right of conquest, and by singular election. And Her kingdom is as vast as that of Her Son and God, since nothing is excluded from Her dominion."

This statement of the Pope summarizes, perhaps even better than the encyclical issued in 1954, the reasons for Our Lady's Queenship and its meaning.

First, the Queenship of Mary derives from the Kingship of Jesus—a Kingdom of course which is far, far beyond any concept we could possibly have of the power of an earthly king. By virtue of the hypostatic union (a special term used to describe the fact that Jesus had two natures in one person) Jesus is King by His very nature.

We usually think of the "rights of a King" as coming in a hereditary line from an original King, who was to be anointed and recognized and who then passed on the rights of dominion to his heirs.

But the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, not only as the Creator of the world but by virtue of becoming a man, becomes King "by nature" in the fullest sense of the word—and to a degree which indeed is difficult for us to comprehend. He has a right to all our love, and to the fullness of our service. And Mary shares in His Kingship because the hypostatic union took place through Her. She is not only the Mother of the King, but She is the sole human parent.

## By Right Of Conquest

However, the reason for Mary's Queenship is not emphasized so much because She is the Mother of Jesus, who is at once God and man and therefore Creator and King, but because Jesus, in addition to being King by His nature, is also "King of Martyrs." Jesus is King by right of conquest, which

in a right more easily understandable to us in our observance of the history of earthly kings.

So, the Pope said that Jesus reflects "the glory, the majesty, and the dominion of His Kingship" on Mary, "for having been associated to the King of Martyrs in the ineffable work of human redemption, as Mother and cooperatrix."

In other words, Our Lady is Queen not only because She was chosen by God to be the Mother of Jesus, but She is Queen, in a sense, in Her own right, because of Her complete cooperation with Jesus, especially in the work of redemption. She, too, is Queen "by right of conquest."

And the Pope continues: "She remains forever associated to Him with an almost unlimited power, in the distribution of graces which flow from the Redemption."

In that message issued at the moment that Our Lady of Fatima was crowned as Queen of the World, the Pope specified four specific titles on which the Queenship of Mary rests: "by grace, by divine relationship, by right of conquest, and by singular election."

In his excellent book *Mary in Our Life*, Father William G. Most, one of the outstanding Mariologists in America, analyzes each of these reasons in detail. And as we study them we gradually develop an almost awesome sense of the dignity of Our Lady, of Her great power, and of Her right to the absolute love and service of every human being.

Perhaps the deepest reason lies in the fact, as Father Most puts it: "Her dignity belongs to the hypostatic order, for it was in Her womb that the hypostatic union, by virtue of which Her Son is King by nature, was accomplished."

Perhaps one reason we have been reluctant to proclaim the Queenship of Mary as we should, is because of our fear of those Christians who do not understand the role of Our Lady, and who fear that any devotion to Her might detract from the fullness of our devotion to Jesus.

#### For Protestants

Indeed, some bishops have been reluctant to have the Pilgrim Virgin statue come into their dioceses because they felt that honoring an image of Our Lady as Queen, and especially "crowning" such images, might be both misunderstood and offensive to many who do not understand, firstly, the role of Mary as the Mother of Jesus and Queen, and secondly, the relationship of Mary to Jesus, both as Mother and Queen.

Concerning the latter, Pope Pius XII said in that brief quotation above: "Through Him, with Him, and subordinate to Him, Mary is Queen by grace, by divine relationship, by right of conquest, and by singular election."

The Queenship of Mary derives *entirely* from the Kingship of Jesus. It is most intimately related to that Kingship, but at the same time is subordinate.

For the sake of description and understanding, we have to separate the Hearts of Jesus and Mary. But in truth are Their Hearts not one? And is not "Their dominion" administered as one? Can the will of Our Lady be any different from the will of Her Son? And if He has desired to associate Her with His Incarnation and with His redemption of mankind, should we have any difficulty in accepting what He Himself has willed and done?

Rather than "hide" Our Lady's role, for fear of offending others, we should loudly proclaim Her role, and at the same time, explain it.

Our Lady, Herself, indicated in the apparitions at Fatima: "God wishes to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart." And we know, from the encyclical on the Queenship of Mary, that the devotion to Her Immaculate Heart is essentially linked to a recognition of Her Queenship. Her reign with the reign of Jesus is essentially a reign of love and the fealty that we must offer to Her is the one which Jesus Himself gives: Love.

The Pope concluded: "And Her kingdom is as vast as that of Her Son and God, since nothing is excluded from Her dominion."

## Chapter 11.

## Our Queen's Command

Jive years before Napoleon beheld with his own eyes a crowned image of Our Lady weeping as he was on his way to rob the treasury of Loreto, God called the attention of the world to a man very different from Napoleon and even more intimately associated with the Shrine of Loreto. This man was clothed like a tramp, infested with lice, and without a single possession in the world, except the rags upon his back and a couple of holy books.

His name was Benedict Joseph Labré, and on the day he died, the bells of Rome tolled, and all over the Eternal City children ran into the streets crying, "The saint is dead! The saint is dead!"

The saint had a special devotion to Our Lady as Queen of the World. His last hours on earth were in a church in Rome in which is venerated a miraculous image of Our Lady as Queen. A Frenchman and contemporary of Napoleon, the saint would have been in Loreto when he died were it not for illness which kept him in Rome.

Napoleon later crowned himself Emperor in this world while Benedict Joseph Labré became the only layman not a martyr in over a 500 years canonized a saint in Heaven.

It is necessary to realize that we are dealing not with the political world in which we live, but in the supernatural world in which not only we, but all the nations of the world live. As Our Lady said in Her apparition as Queen in 1830: "This globe

(which She was holding in front of Her heart) represents the world...and each person in particular."

The world which God has placed in the hands of Mary is far more important than the economic and political world which occupies our day-to-day attention. It is the world as God created it, and as He sustains it in being. It is the world from which He hears the cries of nations and of individuals; from the highest to the lowest. This is the world which God has placed into the hands of Mary.

Our Lord Himself explained it so well before Pilate, saying He was King not of this world. He is not King of a nation. He is not King even of several nations. He is King over all the world. As we proclaim over and over when we recite the Nicene Creed, all things were created through Him and for Him.

And because He is the King of Kings, His Mother is a Queen, and in His great love and mercy "God has entrusted the peace of the world to Her." She is the crowned Woman of the Apocalypse; She is the Esther of a world now threatened with annihilation.

#### Consecration

Our devotion to our Queen is not expressed solely or even principally by saluting Her as Queen, or by crowning Her images. Indeed, these are the least important ways of recognizing Her Queenship.

Central to Her requests of Fatima (and Her requests are our command!) is Consecration to Her Immaculate Heart. The principal way to respond to our Queen—in imitation of saints like Benedict Joseph Labré, Alphonsus de Liguori, Grignion de Montfort, Maximilian Kolbe—is (as we said before), to be consecrated to Her Heart in a true spirit of love of which Her Immaculate Heart is the symbol.

One of the most important corollaries of the doctrine of Mary's Queenship, and of the devotion

which it commands, is to love Our Lady for Her own sake. Jesus loves Her for Her own sake. And we have our own special reasons to love Her. We find them in each mystery of the Rosary.

When She said "yes" to the angel, She was saying "yes" to Calvary, and She would have done it for me if I were the only living person on earth. If I had been Elizabeth, Mary would have come to me, and She has not ceased to come again and again, and especially in my own time, for my need, for me at this moment.

Scripture says that the three kings, having persevered in following a miraculous star, "entered in and found the child with Mary, His mother" (Mt 2:11). And now God has placed the star of Her devotion in our lives to lead us to Jesus. Simeon told Her at the moment of the presentation that Her heart would be pierced by a sword, that out of many hearts thoughts might be revealed. One of those hearts is mine! She accepted the sword for me! And so on and on in all the mysteries until we follow Her to the foot of the cross!

## First Made Known By Jesus

Frank Sheed, perhaps the best known lay theologian of this century, speaking at the National Blue Army Shrine of the Immaculate Heart of Mary two years before his death, asked: "Why did Jesus entrust His Mother to St. John from the cross when He knew that three days later He would be rising from the dead and meeting Her again?"

With this question, Mr. Sheed underlined the consecration of me to Our Lady which Jesus made from the cross moments before His own Sacred Heart was stilled in death and then pierced with a lance. It was a consecration of "me" and every individual of the world, in the person of St. John. And it was *forever*.

We were all "given," we were all set aside, we were all consecrated to Our Lady by that act of Jesus on the cross. And it was not one-sided.

Holding Himself up on the nails with great effort and suffering, Jesus not only consecrated us to Mary by asking Her to take us as Her children, but He told us (in the person of St. John) to take Her as our Mother. And that is what we do when we make an Act of Consecration to Her.

On May 13, 1982, Pope John Paul II, as the Vicar of Christ, and in a union with all the bishops of the world, renewed the Act of Consecration which Jesus made on Calvary—especially for nations like Russia and China who could not publicly do it for themselves. But we must do it for ourselves!

#### What Now?

Why, we may ask a third time, is the Church insisting so strongly on this consecration now? Is it not because She is the Woman of the Apocalypse? Is it not because now the great battle is joined between "the Woman and Her seed"—and the dragon and "his seed?"

We must declare ourselves on the side of our Queen and Mother. We must align ourselves with Her in this great struggle. This is specifically what She asked of us at Fatima. This is specifically what God revealed as His holy will for us not only in the Message of Fatima, but in very strong and continuing messages from the Popes, Vicars of Christ.

We must be "set aside" with our Queen Mother! We must be "set aside" from sin and worldliness and from the dragon, the enemy of God. We must be consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. And it is up to us to complete the act of consecration already made by Our Lord and by His Church. Like St. John we must "take Her unto our own." How easy this is when we get to know our loving Queen and Mother!

Just consider some of the loving words spoken to us in Her apparitions, each of which has special bearing and meaning to me, especially Her beautiful words addressed in the center of the Americas at the dawn of its history: "Fear nothing. I who am your Mother, am I not here? Do I not hold you in the fold of my arms?" Who of us with even a spark of devotion to Our Lady has not experienced Her intimate personal love?

How can we even thank Her enough for such loving gifts as the Rosary and the Scapular? By the Scapular, She gave us an assurance of salvation! She gave us an assurance, not only for ourselves but for our loved ones, that dying in that sign, we are certain they reach Heaven—a promise so extraordinary that it merited the careful scrutiny of the Church for hundreds of years. And to the amazement of all, in more than 700 years there has never been a single instance of a person dying in that sign of Our Lady impenitently. Could there be any greater sign of Her maternal love? Indeed the Rosary and the Scapular can be called at once the signs of Her love and the primary instruments of Her Queenship.

Through the Rosary the world was saved in 1571, and Our Lady of Victories then became known as Our Lady of the Rosary. And in Fatima, promising an era of peace for mankind, Our Lady repeatedly urged the devout recitation of the Rosary and at the climax of the Miracle of the Sun held the Brown Scapular down from the sky.

Oh, how we should love our Queen and Mother! How we should rejoice that we are loved so much by one so powerful with God! The title "Queen" should be as dear to us as the title "Mother" when we think of Her whom God has associated with Himself to bring us (that is me) to rejoice in His eternal Kingdom.

## Consecration's Meaning

We cannot overemphasize the importance of consecration, because to properly honor Our Lady both as Queen and Mother we *must* be consecrated to Her Immaculate Heart. This begins at the moment of baptism because at that moment we become Christians, sons of God and heirs to His Kingdom,

and therefore, belong in a special way to Mary as our Mother and as our Queen.

As our whole life is perfected through living up to "the consecration of our baptism," it will be made easy (to use the expression of Saint Grignion de Montfort) if we stop disregarding the important position of Mary as our Mother and Queen and, to the contrary, begin to emphasize it and to seek Christian perfection in Her, with Her, through Her.

We cannot become perfect without Her intercession, even though we might not be aware of it. But we can hasten perfection (union with Jesus) not only by being aware of it, but by choosing this as a special path to perfection—a path made easier, not only because it is the path which Jesus chose to come to us, but it is a path on which Our Lady Herself is able to support, to guide, to strengthen, to enlighten, to speed us—as our Queen and our Mother.

Saint Grignion de Montfort uses as his prime example that someone desiring a favor from the King usually tries to enlist the aid of someone close to the King. And God, in His great love and mercy, has placed Our Lady there.

## Degree Of Consecration

The "total consecration" taught by Saint Grignion de Montfort is perhaps the ultimate degree of practicing consecration to Our Lady in its fullest sense. It is certainly the ultimate degree of recognition of Our Lady's Queenship. In this degree we give everything we are, everything we have, everything that we may be, into the hands of Our Lady, that She may use all to the best interests of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Perhaps a special grace is needed even to understand this degree of consecration. Saint Grignion de Montfort called it a "Secret of Mary," implying that it is a secret not shared with all.

At the bottom end of the spectrum of consecration to Mary is the simple, basic recognition that Mary

is indeed the Mother of God, that She intercedes for us before the throne of God, and that therefore we should pray to Her and we should recognize Her as our Mother.

One would think that it would be impossible to be a Christian without this modicum of recognition of Our Lady. Certainly one could not be a Catholic without it. We must recognize that Mary is a unique human being, the only one conceived without original sin. We must believe and recognize that She is the Mother of God.

We must believe that She is so singular, so much above all others, that She was assumed body and soul into Heaven. And as we believe this, we tend at once to recognize that She reigns in Heaven as Queen.

But none of us should be satisfied with what is minimal, especially at this moment "when God desires to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart," as Our Lady, Herself, stated at Fatima. None of us should be satisfied with a minimum when God has sent Her to save us from nuclear destruction and has "entrusted the peace of the world to Her."

None of us should be satisfied with a minimum when God has desired now that all the world be solemnly consecrated to Her Immaculate Heart by the Holy Father, in union with all the world's bishops, at the very place where She came to show Her power and mercy as our Mother and Queen.

The "modicum" now for all of us should be the basic conditions which Our Lady Herself gave at Fatima, in order that She might exercise Her Queenly power and bring "an era of peace to mankind."

Over 25 million around the world have signed a promise to fulfill the "formula of holiness" given to us by Our Lady in Fatima. Their signatures have been taken to Fatima and buried there in the ground where Our Lady appeared. They are known as a spiritual army—The Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima—the army of the Queen. As Cardinal Tisserant said.

Is it not necessary that the Queen have a spiritual army now in this great combat against the forces of evil? If indeed we are in "apocalyptic times," as so many believe, then from the Apocalypse itself we know that the spiritual army of Our Lady is united with Her to defeat the great red dragon.

#### For Her Triumph

At Fatima Our Lady gave us, as a Queen, Her "royal instructions" to prevent the annihilation of nations and to bring about "an era of peace for mankind." Those conditions are contained in the Blue Army Pledge, which was prepared by Sister Lucia, messenger of Our Lady of Fatima, and promulgated solemnly by the first Bishop of Fatima as truly containing the essential conditions and requests of Our Lady for world peace.

This pledge goes beyond a mere Act of Consecration to Our Lady. It obliges us to reach out to take the Scapular which Our Lady holds from the sky in order to make that Act of Consecration a daily, living experience. And thus consecrated, it helps us to pray the Rosary properly, with attention to the mysteries, and to sanctify our daily duties with a good intention. Thus we give to our Queen our allegiance (consecration through the Scapular), our homage (through the Rosary), and our service (by sanctifying daily duty).

As an aside, it is worth remarking that the word sacrifice literally means to make holy. When the children at Fatima asked what sacrifices they were to make, the angel explained "make everything you do a sacrifice." This means "make everything you do holy." Clothed in the Scapular (livery and armor of the Queen), members of the Blue Army offer everything to God through Her Immaculate Heart. They make all they do "holy."

### The Five Saturdays

Next in importance to this daily practice is the devotion of the Five First Saturdays.

Not only is the Queenship of Mary ignored by the world, but many of the attributes of our Queen are mocked: Her Immaculate Conception, Her Divine Maternity, Her Perpetual Virginity. Further, some even deny Her to children, and some dishonor Her images.

It was for these specific five reasons that Jesus asked for Five Saturdays of Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of our Queen. It should be our purpose not only to make the Five First Saturdays ourselves, but to try to get this devotion duly established in our parishes, making it possible for many to join in this devotion, which has been requested by the Heart of Jesus on behalf of His Mother—and on behalf of saving the world because to Her He has entrusted its peace.

In addition to the First Saturdays, we can honor our Queen by honoring Her images. We can bring joy to Her by explaining Her to children, teaching them that they have a Mother who is also powerful with God. We can defend and proclaim Her great attributes, especially those of Her Immaculate Conception and Her Divine Maternity.

Finally, let us obey the mandate of Pope Pius XII in his encyclical on the Queenship of Mary. Let us see that our own parish is consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary over and over again, on August 22, Feast of Our Lady's Queenship. And let us renew our purpose especially on that day to increase attendance of the First Saturday devotions in our parish so that the consecration to Her Immaculate Heart will not be an empty gesture.

Only the degree of our love will measure the ways we may honor our Mother and Queen and speed the day of Her triumph.



## Chapter 12.

# Mother Of The Eucharist "Who Once Was Mary"

We can hardly speak of NOW without mentioning that strange expression insisted upon by Our Lady of All Nations: "Who once was Mary."

"Once was" is the past. This is now. And now God wills that Mary be seen as the powerful Queen of the World. "God has entrusted the peace of the world to Her," said Jacinta. We deserve His chastisement, but He enables Our Lady to appear now in triumphant power in "the greatest and most colossal miracle in history," promising an "era of peace for mankind."

It is to emphasize this new role of Our Lady...the role of a powerful and conquering Queen, Woman of the Apocalypse...that God wishes to emphasize Her role NOW by telling us to pray to The Lady of All Nations who once, that is in the past, was simply known as Mary...Mary the Maid of Nazareth, Mary hidden in Scripture, Mary at the foot of the Cross powerless to save Her Son but now empowered to conquer.

And what will be this great victory of Our Lady? What does She mean by the triumph of Her Heart... leading to an "era of peace for mankind?"

#### The Answer Is In The Eucharist.

We see this both in Her words in Amsterdam and in Akita, but even more by Her actions and by the actions of the angels She sends...worshipping the Blessed Sacrament at Akita, performing wonders before the children of Fatima. Above all, it is revealed in the light shining from Her Heart at Fatima upon the three children causing them to feel "Lost in God" and to exclaim "O Most Holy Trinity I adore Thee! My God, My God I love Thee in the most Blessed Sacrament."

And there is new emphasis on the Blood, especially at Akita. We are being almost shocked into the realization that the Mass is Calvary made present. This is the Blood which washes away The Sin of Adam and Eve and washes us now.

In his book on the Eucharist, Michael Miller, C.SS.R., tells of a Hieronimite monk, Peter of Cavanelas, who was tempted by doubts about the PRESENCE OF BLOOD in the Sacred Host. One Saturday as he was saying the Mass of Our Lady, a cloud descended over the altar. It was so thick he could not see. When the cloud lifted, the Host he had just consecrated was gone and the chalice on the altar was empty. He stared at the empty altar cloth, with its empty chalice, in astonishment. Was he losing his mind? He began to pray.

As he lifted his head, there in front of him, suspended in the air, was the Host. As he looked, Blood flowed from the Host into the chalice on the altar beneath It. When the Blood had stopped flowing, the Host returned to the paten and the astonished priest found that the "wine" in the previously empty chalice was the same quantity he had consecrated with the words: "This is My Blood."

Our Lady showed us this reality even before Her appearance at Fatima by means of an angel who, before the astonished children of Fatima, left a Host and chalice suspended in the air while Blood dripped from the Host into the Chalice. She emphasized it even more graphically in the so-called final vision of Fatima pictured in this book (inside front cover).

There is so much meaning in this presentation of the Host dripping Blood into the chalice, to which the attention of the entire world has been drawn by the great miracle at Fatima performed "so that all may believe," and by the fact that the angel

communicated the children of Fatima with both Host and chalice separately.

At Akita, Our Lady of All Nations stressed the word "truly" before the words "present in the Blessed Sacrament."

In these "now" apparitions She holds before us wonderful representations, wonderful evidence, of the True Presence of Jesus (Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity) under both species, wholly present in both.

In this little book we quote many of the words of Our Lady of All Nations in Her appearances in Amsterdam and Akita. All these words demand attention. We tend to be fascinated by Her words concerning future events, especially of possible chastisement. But there are more important words upon which we must meditate, in the context of two thousand years of Christian History, as we speed into the new millennium "in the hope of the definitive coming of the Kingdom" (Pope John Paul II).

One of the most important aspects of Our Queen's message now is emphasis on the Eucharist and that each of us is personally responsible.

### Bishop Of Amsterdam Confirms

On May 31, 1997, first anniversary of the approval of the cult of Our Lady of All Nations, an International Prayer Day was held in Amsterdam. Bishops, priests, and faithful from many nations participated with the Most Rev. Henrik Bomers, Bishop of Haarlem-Amsterdam, as principal celebrant and homilist.

Ida Peerdeman, to whom Our Lady of All Nations appeared from 1945 to 1959, died on June 17, 1996. Bishop Bommers said during his homily at her funeral:

"She was, through and through, a down-to-earth person until the last day, and she had a deep aversion to any form of self-glorification. Both of these are very good and positive signs...I am certain without a doubt that she was absolutely sincere and truthful about her experiences. Her entire life was dedicated

to venerating Mary under the title of "Our Lady of All Nations." I think that this veneration is very helpful for our times..."

### "Dramatically Relevant"

On this same May 31, Feast of the Visitation and the predicted Feast of Our Lady of All Nations, a congress of theologians was held in Rome towards the proclamation of the dogma requested in the Amsterdam apparitions. Bishop Paolo Hnilica, S.J., said:

"The Amsterdam messages, as with the officially approved messages of Fatima (1917) and Akita, Japan (1973) are dramatically relevant to our times. Our Lady speaks urgently about the disastrous state of need within the Church and the world, and in Her motherly love, She calls for the only effective means of true renewal: sincere conversion of the heart and a sacramental life."

The Bishop then spoke of the prayer requesting the outpouring of the Holy Spirit to all nations and added:

"While giving this prayer to the visionary, Our Lady also revealed an image in which She is pictured standing as Coredemptrix before the Cross of Her Divine Son, and as Mediatrix and as Advocate. She is pictured standing upon the globe of the earth with arms outstretched as She mediates supernatural life to all nations."

He added that all this was "in direct preparation leading to the proclamation of the last and most important Marian dogma: Mary is Coredemptrix, Mediatrix of All Graces, and Advocate. Once this dogma is proclaimed, "peace, true peace will come." This is Her promise. What a blessing for all nations!"

### Not Without Our Cooperation

Recalling that Our Lady spoke about this worldwide peace in Fatima ("An era of peace will be granted to mankind"), the Bishop added: "However, this peace, this triumph of Her Immaculate Heart, will not be

realized without our complete commitment. Our Lady Herself teaches us how we can cooperate with Her in the realization of this divine plan."

At the end of this little book, we set forth that plan...easy even for children. To hasten the fulfillment of the plan and the reward of its fulfillment, Our Lady asked us to implore the Holy Spirit to come NOW into the hearts of ALL nations:

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Father, send now Your Spirit over the earth.

Let the Holy Spirit live in the hearts of all nations, that they may be preserved from corruption, disaster, and war.

May the Lady of All Nations, who once was Mary, be our Advocate.



Most Rev. Henrik Bomers, Bishop of Haarlem Amsterdam

## Chapter 13.

## The Lady Of All Nations

At the beginning of this little book we quoted the daring words of Pope John Paul II who said: "It would seem, as we approach the millennium, that the words of Our Lady of Fatima are nearing their fulfillment."

Those are *now* words. The key phrase is "As we approach..." The triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary is a "latter times" event, a "now" event developing for some time into the "era of peace" promised at Fatima.

Sharkey, in *The Woman Shall Conquer*, revealed Our Lady's plan for victory in Her Own Words. We continue now with Her words spoken as Our Lady of All Nations (approved May 31, 1996) and with 101 miracles of tears in Akita, Japan in 1973 (approved April 22, 1984).

Repeating Her Fatima message over and over, the Conquering Queen tells us now to pray for a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit over the earth, to ALL peoples. She says that chastisement is "at hand," but so far She has been able to prevent it. Indeed, She came at Fatima "to prevent this." And now, not as the gentle Mother Mary, but as a commanding and powerful Queen, She comes for our response as described in our last chapter. And it must be now...

### Her Very Words At Akita

At Akita, She said: "Many men in this world afflict the Lord. I desire souls to console Him to soften the anger of the Heavenly Father. I wish, with My Son, for souls who will repair by their suffering and their poverty for the sinners and ingrates.

"In order that the world might know His anger, the Heavenly Father is preparing to inflict a great chastisement on all mankind. With my Son I have intervened so many times to appease the wrath of the Father. I have prevented the coming of calamities by offering Him the sufferings of the Son on the Cross, His Precious Blood, and beloved souls who console Him and form a cohort of victim souls. Prayer, penance, and courageous sacrifices can soften the Father's anger.

After a short silence: "As I told you, if men do not repent and better themselves, the Father will inflict a terrible punishment on all humanity. It will be a punishment greater than the deluge, such as one will never have seen before. Fire will fall from the sky and will wipe out a great part of humanity... the good as well as the bad, sparing neither priests nor faithful. The survivors will find themselves so desolate that they will envy the dead. The only arms which will remain for you will be the Rosary and the Sign left by My Son. Each day recite the prayers of the Rosary. With the Rosary, pray for the Pope, the bishops, and the priests.

"The work of the devil will infiltrate even into the Church in such a way that one will see cardinals opposing cardinals, and bishops against other bishops. The priests who venerate Me will be scorned and opposed by their conferees (other priests). Churches and altars will be sacked. The Church will be full of those who accept compromises and the demon will press many priests and consecrated souls to leave the service of the Lord.

"The demon will be especially implacable against souls consecrated to God. The thought of the loss of so many souls is the cause of My sadness. If sins increase in number and gravity, there will be no longer pardon for them.

"With courage, speak to your superior, He will know how to encourage each one of you to pray and to accomplish works of reparation."

#### Amsterdam Messages

Fourteen years after the final vision of Our Lady of All Nations in Amsterdam, it was a statue of Our Lady of All Nations (made according to the description given in Amsterdam) which came alive at Akita and delivered this apocalyptic message to the world. The day was October 13, 1973, anniversary of the miracle of Fatima which had been performed "so that all may believe." The custodian of the 3rd secret of Fatima, Cardinal Ratzinger, said that this message coincides with that secret. 14

Our Lady presents Herself now in a new light. Referring to Herself as The Lady (Queen) of All Nations, She adds, "Who once was Mary." She no longer hides in the silence in which Scripture enfolds Her. Now She comes in Her role as the Promised Woman crushing the head of the serpent. Now She is God's new Esther, powerful and victorious Queen saving Her people from annihilation. She says at Amsterdam:

"Church of Rome, it is to You that this task falls. Your Sacraments...think of them! Bring others to the daily miracle! ...It is in this way now that you will fulfill the prophecy *ALL NATIONS* will call Me blessed. ...Go to the Holy Spirit in these times."

#### The Prayer

This series of apparitions in Amsterdam began on the Feast of the Annunciation in 1954 and ended on May 31, 1959. The greatest number took place in 1951, after the dogma of the Assumption and prior to the institution of the feast of the Queenship of Mary in 1954.

In many of these messages Our Lady spoke of current events and of events about to happen. Preparing for the second Vatican Council She spoke of the advisability of changes in the liturgy and in ecclesiastical training. The accuracy of Her words was the very sign of their authenticity. Indeed, when asked for a sign, She said, "The sign is in My words."

She asked that Her image, the one which was carved into a statue at Akita, be spread over the world with this prayer:

"Oh, Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Father, send now Your Spirit over the earth. Let the Holy Spirit live in the hearts of all peoples, so that they may be kept free from corruption, catastrophe, and war. May the Lady of All Nations, who once was Mary, be our advocate. Amen."

#### Our Role With Our Queen

At the heart of Her message is the word "cooperate." She shows Herself before the Cross as Coredemptrix and asks us to share with Her this mission. "The struggle is no longer for races and people. The battle is for the spirit. ...Let the world profit more by the Remembrance of My Son."

She spoke much of frequent Communion and asked for the lifting of the fast from midnight so that many more could receive.

"All must work assiduously to bring back to the Cross (the center of man's life) those who have strayed from it. Priests are too few, but lay people are many. Organize a great movement amongst the laity to recall men to the Cross."

The Vatican Council responded to these exhortations of Our Lady with a special document on the important role of the laity in today's Church. Pope John Paul II, whose actions seem to be directly influenced by these messages, 15 issued his letter to the laity saying: "You, Too! Go Into the Vineyard!" Our Lady said:

"This is Our time...I want to be the Lady of All Nations...people of all nations will yet be one." It is impressive to note that several times in these apparitions Our Lady said: "This is Our time."

Finally, with the apparitions of Akita we begin to understand to what extent Our Lady, identifying Herself as Coredemptrix, is asking us to share with Her in the act of Coredemption. It is made clear by the mysterious wound which appeared on the hand of Our Lady and on the hand of the humble persons (both in Amsterdam and in Akita) to whom She spoke.

#### The Wound

Sister Agnes, to whom Our Lady appeared at Akita, had been taught by her guardian angel the decade prayer taught by Our Lady to the children of Fatima before the prayer had been published in Japanese. The words of the prayer, which Our Lady of Fatima had asked to be recited, between each one of the decades whenever we say a Rosary, are: "O My Jesus, forgive us our sins. Save us from the fires of hell, especially those most in need of Your mercy.

On Thursday, June 28, 1973, Sister Agnes felt a sharp pain in her left hand. There was a small cross in the center of the palm. She did not know what it could be. The next day (the Feast of the Sacred Heart in 1973), the angel came and prayed the Rosary with her before the tabernacle. Then, all of a sudden, light seemed to leap forth from the Blessed Sacrament, with angels coming forth from the depth of the light. That was the beginning of all the great events of Akita.

The pain in Sister's hand kept getting worse. She had to show it to her superior. There seemed to be nothing to do. The following Thursday during adoration, the angel came again to recite the Rosary with her. That night the pain in her hand was so great she felt she could not bear it. She thought it was because of her sins and cried out: "Lord, have pity! Forgive my offenses!" And in reply, she heard her angel say:

"Do not fear. Pray with fervor, not only because of your sins, but in reparation for those of all men. The world today wounds the Most Sacred Heart of Our Lord by its ingratitudes and injuries. The wounds of Mary are much deeper and more painful than yours. Let us go to pray together in the chapel."

From the moment Sister Agnes entered the chapel, she perceived that the statue of Our Lady of All Nations, suddenly bathed in brilliant light, had come alive and was about to speak to her. The little nun prostrated herself as she heard Our Lady say:

"My daughter, my novice, you have obeyed me well in abandoning all to follow me. Is the infirmity of your ears painful? (Sister Agnes was totally and incurably deaf.) Your deafness will be healed, be sure. Be patient. It is the last trial. (The cure later took place as foretold and became one of the miraculous signs confirming the authenticity of the Akita apparitions.) Does the wound of your hand cause you to suffer? Pray in reparation for the sins of men..."

Our Lady then prayed with Sister Agnes the prayer of Eucharistic consecration 16 and then added: "Pray very much for the Pope, bishops and priests... you have always prayed faithfully for them. Continue to pray very much...very much."

After the apparition, when the statue had returned to its normal appearance, to her amazement, Sister Agnes saw that there was a bleeding wound on the right hand of the statue. The wound was of identical shape and size as the wound on her left hand! Before long the entire community knew of this. They all saw blood flowing from the hand of Our Lady, and little by little came to know what had happened to one of their sisters.

Thus five months before the great revelation of what we now know is the third secret of Fatima, Our Lady not only asked for cooperation with Her as Mediatrix and Coredemptrix, but She gave a visible sign.

Several pages of the main source book on Akita by Father Yasuda<sup>17</sup> tell of the almost unbearable suffering Sister Agnes experienced from the wound in her left hand...letting her know how great must be the suffering of the Mother and Coredemptrix whose "wounds are deeper and more painful than yours."

#### Amsterdam Messages Continued

In 1973, when this happened, neither Sister Agnes nor her community knew the full story of the Amsterdam apparitions of Our Lady of All Nations which were not approved until 1996. Only a prayer card of Our Lady of All Nations had been previously approved. The statue in their chapel at Akita had been carved according to the image on the prayer card.

In one of the earliest apparitions at Amsterdam, Our Lady, appearing to Ida Peerdeman, told her to look at her hand. Ida said: "Great sadness seemed put into my hand. Our Lady said, "But gladness will follow."

In the next apparition Our Lady said: Come, I feel a pain in my hand and cannot bear it. And Ida's own hand began to hurt so much that she said she could not bear it. And during this pain, shared with Our Lady, Ida was given three messages:

- 1) "Justice—those outside must seek it and recover it or the world will be lost again.
- 2) Truth—listen well. Truth is to be found here, but not outside."
- 3) And then the Holy Father appeared over the Vatican and in the sky were written *ENCYCLICAL LETTERS*—Our Lady said: "That is the right way but they are not being followed."

Appearing with the Rosary Our Lady said: "Continue to pray." And pointing to the cross She said: "The whole world will have to go back to it, great and small, poor and rich, but it will be difficult."

#### The Wound Again

In the next apparition Our Lady said: "It is a very serious struggle." Our Lady pointed to Her hand where a cross appeared. Ida was given to understand that She must, going around the world, let the cross be seen. Over and over there appeared the words "Truth," "Faith," "Love," and Our Lady said: "The appearance is there, but not the reality."

Then appearing over the world with the Christ Child, Our Lady said: "I want to bring Him into this world again."

Next She appeared on a throne with the holy Child on Her lap, the Child beaming in all directions, as Our Lady said: "First back to Him. Then only, will there be true peace (stressing the word TRUE). Then Our Lady let Ida feel the world with her hand, and at once her hand pulsed with severe pain. Our Lady said: "This is the world in the future. It is very, very heavy. The world will destroy itself."

Again and again Ida experienced the pain in her hand and sometimes Our Lady, who always appeared in front of the cross, would move away from the cross and then Ida would experience great pain as though taking the place of Our Lady before the cross. In this way Our Lady showed how we can participate with Her in holding back or even preventing the chastisement. At Akita, She said:

"With My Son, I have intervened so many times to appease the wrath of the Father. I have prevented the coming of calamities by offering Him the sufferings of the Son on the Cross, His Precious Blood, and beloved souls who console Him and form a cohort of victim souls."

Our Lady said that Japan would be converted. At that moment Ida again felt a stabbing pain in her hand. China, although with great difficulty, will turn towards the Church. ALL nations are to be changed. But Our Lady needs the cooperation of others in offering the sufferings of Jesus on the Cross, His Precious Blood. We are all, as St. Paul tells us, called to be coredeemers. Our Lady is our example. But how many are responding?

In the next apparition at Amsterdam, Our Lady seemed to be looking at Her own hands, as She said: "I see empty hands. I ask you to make known that it is my firm determination to form a group from choice people who want good and who do good. Much time is spent on material things. Let them also spend time on spiritual matters. It is so highly

necessary... Let them start to get the younger people back into the right religious mold.

"Christianity, you do not know the great danger you are in. There is a spirit out to undermine you. But the victory is Ours."

#### The Encyclicals

Over and over again, Our Lady spoke of the encyclicals and of the importance of following them. "Do you know your power? Do you know your teaching?" Then writing the word ENCYCLICALS, She added: "Let it flow from right to left, from top to bottom. Do you realize how powerful is this force?... Know well your time has come. This is Our time... This means that the Father and the Son now send the Coredemptrix, Mediatrix, and Advocate over the whole world... They Both wish to send the Holy Spirit, Who alone can bring peace."

Recent encyclicals have elucidated all the most urgent truths of our day, including human life and the Holy Spirit. (We will speak shortly of two encyclicals on Our Lady as the Woman of the Apocalypse and Queen of the World. If those encyclicals had been obeyed, we may believe the triumph promised at Fatima would already be here.)

Continuing the messages of Our Lady of All Nations in sequence, She said next:

"I have crushed the snake with my foot. I have been united with the Son, as I am always united with Him. As Coredemptrix, Mediatrix, and Advocate I am standing now in this time. The dogma of the Assumption had to precede...

"I have said the world is going to its ruin and therefore the Father and the Son now send, back to the world, the Lady once known as Mary... With the passing years, apostasy and unbelief will set in. The Lady of All Nations stands here and says I want to help them and I am allowed to help them."

In the next apparition, She said: "Again I cry out to all nations. It is high time to unite."

In the following apparition She said: "Again I say this is Our time...I do not come and bring a new doctrine; 18 the doctrine is there already. I come to bring another message.

"This time is Our time. Now the Father and the Son want to be asked to send the Spirit. I have dictated the simple prayer to be spread all over the world... Know well that time presses. All nations sigh under the yoke of Satan. Nobody knows how far it extends. I warn the nations of this world. Our time is precious and pressing... Whoever or whatever you are, ask that the true Holy Ghost may come. You shall ask this from the Father and Son.

"This time is Our time. Come before this image and ask." (See picture on front cover.)



Ida Peerdeman in Chapel of Our Lady of All Nations, Amsterdam

# Chapter 14.

## "No One Is Exempt"—Pope Pius XII

Many are perhaps surprised that at Akita, Our Lady said that the chastisement would fall on the good as well as the bad. But are not the "good," who could help Our Lady prevent the chastisement, more guilty than the "bad" who do not know?

Again saying: "This is Our time," Our Lady added: "All Christians of the present time are responsible for posterity." And in the following visit, She said: "Tell the Pope that he will get his sign from the Lady of All Nations. The Church of Rome will meet with a great battle. Before the year 2000 much will have changed in the Church." And then She showed a vision of dispersed sheep and said: "However, the Lady of All Nations will bring them back into the one fold." There was a pause, and then She stressed again: "Into one fold."

"In the future there will be no people without the Lady of All Nations. ...These times are Our times. ....This is the era of the Holy Spirit..."

#### The Queen's Further Directions

In keeping with the modus agendi of Don Sharkey in *The Woman Shall Conquer*, we are quoting the words of Our Lady of All Nations in the sequence in which they were given, leaving out, however, much that might seem repetitious.

As we said before, the apparitions began in 1945. There were a total of fifty-six. Some messages related to events which had just taken place, or were about to take place, such as the dogma of the Assumption

and changes made by the Council. Following are the climactic messages of the last nine of the fifty apparitions.

"You must realize why I come as the Lady of All Nations. I come to unite all nations in the Spirit, in the true Holy Spirit. People, learn to find the Holy Spirit. Strive after Justice, Truth, and Love...

"The Pope of Rome has a harder task than those who preceded him. People, help the Holy Father. Follow the encyclicals. Let the world be filled with them, and the spirit of untruth, lies, and deception will not get a chance.

"You white people, acknowledge the rights of the black. Support each other. Help each other and the Lady of All Nations will help you, wherever you are. She is, indeed, Coredemptrix, Mediatrix, and Advocate. This will be the last dogma. Work quickly on this.

#### Centrality Of The Eucharist

"Before the Lord Jesus Christ returned to the Father, before the Sacrifice started, He gave a daily miracle to the nations of the whole world. ... How many are there who experience this great Sacrifice, this great miracle which they pass by? The daily Sacrifice has to take its place again in the midst of this degenerate world.

"Nations of Europe unite. Do not defeat but win your enemy. As you agree politically, so you have to agree in the same Holy Spirit. There is great stress upon the world. ...Modern humanism, realism, socialism, and communism have taken the world in their grasp. ...Listen to the Lady<sup>19</sup> who will be your Mother. ...Pray Nations, that your sacrifice may be acceptable to the Lord. Pray Nations, that the true Holy Spirit may come. Pray, Nations, that the Lady of All Nations may be your Advocate."

Then slowly and clearly, She said: "And now the Lady of All Nations promises true peace. Now the time is come. Great world events are drawing near... She will save the world under this title.

"I will be permitted to help the world and the nations by My Lord. The forces of hell will break loose but they will not overcome the Lady of All Nations... I do not bring a new doctrine. Now I bring old thoughts.<sup>20</sup>

"Satan is still prince over the world. He keeps hold of everything he can. That is why the Lady of All Nations had to come at this time, for She is the Immaculate Conception and through it, the Coredemptrix, Mediatrix, and Advocate. ...The Lady now had to bring Her prayer into the diabolical world for the Holy Spirit had still to descend upon the nations."

And again Our Lady asked for recitation of Her simple prayer that Our Lord would NOW send His Holy Spirit over all the earth.

She said: "The scientific progress of this world has made people forget to show their gratitude. They no longer know their Creator. Nations, take this warning! Kneel before your Creator. Ask His mercy, for He is merciful. ...Does He not give proof of this today?

"The Lady of All Nations is now allowed to come and drive Satan away. She comes to announce the Holy Spirit. Now only the Holy Spirit will descend on the earth. ...The Lady of All Nations will, according to the prophecy, defeat Satan. She will tread upon Satan's head.

"Nations, do not allow yourselves to be deceived by false prophets. Listen to no one but God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. ...Be aware of the fact that the Holy Spirit is nearer than ever. The Holy Spirit will come now if you pray for this...Do not forget the daily miracle given to you by the Lord Jesus Christ. He gave It to you in order that you might live It every day. Are you aware of what it is that you are neglecting? ...Parents, lead your children back to the Sacrifice, lead your nations back to the Sacrifice.

"Nations, I implore you. See to it! The Lady implores you. Mark it well. Never before did the Mother of God implore you.<sup>21</sup>"

#### Her Final Message

In Her last message She said:

"The Lady of All Nations, who is the Bride of the Lord and the King's Queen, has until now saved the world by Her intercession.<sup>22</sup>"

In the final vision, Our Lady gazed into the distance, and with a heavenly expression said:

"Before the Lord Jesus Christ died His natural death, before the Lord Jesus Christ ascended to His Father. ...He gave you the great mystery of the Great Miracle. He gave Himself.

"No nations listen to what the Lord has said. It is not an idea but Himself under the species of bread and under the species of wine. Thus it is, the Lord wants to be with you every day. Take! Do take! He is giving you the foretaste of Eternal Life.

"This, nations of the world, is what the Lady, the Coredemptrix, the Intercessor, wants to say to you with Her last words."

#### The Encyclicals

We know that some encyclicals have not only been ignored but even disobeyed.

In Ad Caeli Reginam, Pope Pius XII, instituting the Feast of the Queenship of Mary, mandated renewal of consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on the feast of Her Queenship. The Pope said:

"After long and careful consideration, we have come to the conclusion that great benefits will accrue to the Church... We, by our apostolic power, decree and institute the Feast of the Queenship of Mary. ... We command that on that same day, there be renewed the consecration of the human race to the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary."

As though to emphasize the importance of this command, the Pope added:

"Upon this, there is founded a great hope that there may arise an era of happiness that will rejoice in the triumph of religion and in Christian peace." Are not these almost the very words of the prophecy of St. Catherine Labouré? And to think that it was just four years before the Pope issued this encyclical that Our Lady was saying in Amsterdam: "Do you know your teaching?" Then She wrote the word ENCYCLICALS, adding: "Do you realize how powerful is this force?" (Apparition of August 15, 1950.) We would like now to review that important encyclical in its entirety.



# Chapter 15.

## The Great Sign

Our Lady of All Nations told us repeatedly to read the encyclicals. And we close this little book by looking in a special way at two encyclicals which relate in a special way to Her triumph.

We said before, and we repeat, that if the command to honor the Queenship of Mary given in the encyclical described in the last chapter had been followed, we might already have seen the "era of peace for mankind" which She has promised. But how blatantly that encyclical has been ignored!

In 1996, golden jubilee of the coronation of Our Lady at Fatima as Queen of the World, letters went to the secretaries of Episcopal Conferences of the entire world to arrange coronation ceremonies in the major Marian Shrines of the world on the Feast of Our Lady's Queenship. ...Only a very small percentage responded even in that jubilee year.<sup>23</sup>

#### The Woman Of The Apocalypse

Another encyclical of great "force" is Signum Magnum, The Great Sign. It was sent to all the bishops of the world on the eve of the visit of Pope Paul VI to Fatima, May 13, 1967. In this important communication to the Bishops of the world, the Holy Father speaks of Our Lady as our model and Mediatrix and, as in the previous encyclical of Pius XII quoted in the last chapter, the Pope again calls for the Church to make and to renew acts of consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The encyclical opens with focus on Our Lady as the Woman of the Apocalypse:

"The great sign which the Apostle John saw in heaven, a woman clothed with the sun, is interpreted by the sacred Liturgy, not without foundation, as referring to the most blessed Mary, the Mother of all men by the grace of Christ the Redeemer."

(What follows in italics are summaries. The balance of the text are the words of the Pope:)

"The memory, venerable brothers, is still vivid in our mind of the great emotion we felt in proclaiming the august Mother of God as the spiritual Mother of the Church, that is to say, all of the faithful and of the sacred pastors, at the crowning of the third session of the Second Vatican Council, after having solemnly promulgated the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church. Great also was the happiness of numerous Council Fathers, as well as of the faithful, who were present at the sacred rite in St. Peter's basilica and of the entire Christian people scattered throughout the world.

"The memory came spontaneously to many minds of the first grandiose triumph achieved by the humble 'handmaid of the Lord' when the Fathers from East and West, gathered in an ecumenical council at Ephesus in the year 431 greeted Mary as 'Theotokos'—genitrix of God. The Christian population of the illustrious city associated themselves with a jubilant impulse of faith with the exultance of the Fathers and accompanied them with torchlights to their dwellings.

"Oh! With how much maternal satisfaction the Virgin Mary must have looked on the pastors and the faithful in that glorious hour of the history of the Church, recognizing in the hymns of praise, raised in honor principally of the Son and then in Her own, the echo of the prophetic canticle which She Herself on the impulse of the Holy Spirit had raised to the Most High: "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, because He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaid; for, behold, henceforth all generations shall call me blessed; because He who is mighty has done great things for me and holy is His name."

#### Recall Council Teaching

"On the occasion of the religious ceremonies which are taking place at this time (May 13, 1967, when the Pope himself was in Fatima) in honor of the Virgin Mother of God in Fatima, Portugal, where She is venerated by countless numbers of the faithful for Her motherly and compassionate heart, we wish to call the attention of all sons of the Church once more to the indissoluble link between the spiritual motherhood of Mary, so amply illustrated in the (council's) Dogmatic Constitution on the Church and the duties of redeemed men toward Her, the Mother of the Church.

"Once it is acknowledged, by virtue of the numerous testimonies offered by the sacred texts and by the holy Fathers and remembered in the constitution mentioned above, that 'Mary, the Mother of God and Mother of the Redeemer' has been 'united to Him by a close and indissoluble tie,' and that She has a most singular role in 'the mystery of the Incarnate Word and of the Mystical Body,' that is to say, in 'the economy of salvation,' it appears evident that the Virgin is 'rightly honored by the Church with a special veneration, particularly liturgical,' not only as 'the most holy Mother of God, who took part in the mysteries of Christ,' but also 'as the Mother of the Church.'

"Nor is it to be feared that liturgical reform, if put into practice according to the formula 'the law of faith must establish the law of prayer,' may be detrimental to the 'wholly singular' veneration due to the Virgin Mary for Her prerogatives, first among these being the dignity of the Mother of God. Nor is it to be feared that the greater veneration, liturgical as well as private, given to Her may obscure or diminish the adoration which is offered to the Incarnate Word, as well as the Father and to the Holy Spirit.

"Accordingly, without wishing to restate here, venerable brothers, the traditional doctrine of the Church regarding the function of the Mother of God on the plane of salvation and Her relations with

the Church, we believe that, if we dwell on the consideration of two truths which are very important for the renewal of Christian life, we would be doing something of great utility for the souls of the faithful."

Next the encyclical speaks of Our Lady as our Model and our Mediatrix. True devotion, the encyclical says, is a reflection of the virtues of Our Lady in our own lives. The Holy Father continues:

"Imitation of Jesus Christ is undoubtedly the regal way to be followed to attain sanctity and reproduce in ourselves, according to our forces, the absolute perfection of the heavenly Father. But while the Catholic Church has always proclaimed a truth so sacrosanct, it has also affirmed that imitation of the Virgin Mary, far from distracting the souls from the faithful following of Christ, makes it more pleasant and easier for them. For, since She had always done the will of God, She was the first to deserve the praise which Christ addressed to His disciples: Whoever does the will of my Father in heaven, he is my brother and sister and mother."

"The general norm 'Through Mary to Jesus' is therefore valid also for the imitation of Christ."

Next, the encyclical speaks further of the imitation of Mary and concludes:

#### Our Age, The Marian Era

"What must stimulate the faithful even more to follow the examples of the most holy Virgin is the fact that Jesus Himself, by giving Her to us as our Mother, has tacitly indicated Her as the model to be followed. It is, in fact, a natural thing that the children should have the same sentiments of their mothers and should reflect their merits and virtues. Therefore, as each one of us can repeat with St. Paul: 'The Son of God loved me and gave Himself up for me,' so in all trust he can believe that the divine Savior has left to him also, in spiritual heritage, His Mother, with all the treasures of grace and virtues which He had endowed Her, that She may pour them over us through the

influence of Her powerful intercession and our willing imitation. This is why St. Bernard rightly affirms: 'Coming to Her, the Holy Spirit filled Her with grace for Herself; when the same Spirit pervaded Her again, She became superabundant and redounding in grace for us also."

The encyclical then goes on to show that the history of the Church is always illumined by the edifying presence of Mary:

"Our era may well be called the Marian era. In fact, if it is true that, by an exalted grace of the Lord, the providential role of the most holy Mary in the history of salvation has been more deeply understood by vast strata of the Christian people..."

#### Her Immaculate Heart

Finally, as the previous encyclical on the Queenship of Mary mandated consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the encyclical Signum Magnum concludes with a similar exhortation:

"May the Immaculate Heart of Mary shine before the eyes of all Christians as the model of perfect love toward God and toward our fellow beings; may it lead them toward the Holy Sacraments by virtue of which souls are cleansed from the stains of sin and are preserved from it. May it also stimulate them to make reparation for the innumerable offenses against the Divine Majesty. Lastly, may it shine like a banner of unity and a spur to perfect the bonds of brotherhood among all Christians in the bosom of the one Church of Jesus Christ, which 'taught by the Holy Spirit, honors Her with that filial affection and piety as a most beloved mother."

The encyclical concludes by recalling that the date of the encyclical is the 25th anniversary of the solemn consecration of the Church and of mankind to Mary, the Mother of God and to Her Immaculate Heart by Pope Plus XII on October 31, 1942. The Holy Father recalls that he had renewed this consecration in the Vatican Council on

November 21, 1964, and the encyclical therefore concludes:

"We exhort all the sons of the Church to renew personally their consecration to the Immaculate Heart of the Mother of the Church and to bring alive this most noble act of veneration through a life ever more consonant with the divine will and in a spirit of filial service and of devout imitation of their heavenly Queen."



# Chapter 16.

### The Great Mandate

The institution in 1954 of the Feast of Our Lady's Queenship (which we may believe was inspired by the messages of The Lady of All Nations) almost rivaled the ceremony of the dogma of the Assumption four years earlier.

The most famous image in the western Church, the Salus Populi Romani was carried processionally from the Basilica of St. Mary Major through the streets of Rome to St. Peter's. It seemed that all Rome was on its feet. The end of the procession was still leaving the Marian Basilica when the first part was arriving at St. Peter's.

Over the tomb of Peter, the Pope crowned the image and issued his encyclical on the Queenship of Mary: Ad Coeli Regiman.

We are amazed that in introducing this solemn proclamation of the Queenship of Mary and crowning the Salus Populi Romani, the Pope said:

#### Refers To Fatima Statue

"We may especially call to mind the radio message which We addressed to the people of Portugal when the miraculous image of the Virgin Mary, which is venerated at Fatima, was being crowned with a golden diadem. We ourselves called that image the messenger of the "royalty" of Mary. ...We have not wished to propose a new truth for the Christian people to believe, since actually the title and the arguments on which Mary's royal dignity is based have at all times been clearly expressed, and are already contained as handed down long ago in the

documents of the Church and in the books of the sacred liturgy."

The encyclical continues with quotations from Fathers and Doctors of the Church, and previous Popes, concerning the Queenship of Mary. Among those quoted are Saint Ephrem, Saint Gregory Nazianzen, Prudentius, Origen, Saint Jerome, Saint Chrysologus, Epiphanius, Saint Andrew of Crete, Saint Germanus, Saint John Damascene, Saint Ildephonsus of Toledo, Saint Martin I, Saint Agatha, Gregory II, Sixtus IV and Benedict XIV, concluding with the beautiful quotation from a more recent Doctor of the Church, Saint Alphonsus de Liguori, who wrote: "Because the Virgin Mary was raised up to such a lofty dignity as to be Mother of the King of Kings, therefore, rightly and deservedly, the Church has honored Her with the title of 'Queen.'"

Next the encyclical recalls many references in sacred liturgy to Mary's Queenship, as also in Marian prayers, in the Litany of Loreto, and in Christian art. And the Holy Father also recalls that, because of the devotion of the people to Our Lady as a Queen, often the Roman Pontiffs have decorated statues of Our Lady with crowns.

The encyclical next explains in some detail the theological reasons for Our Lady's Queenship: 1) Her Divine Maternity and 2) Coredemption. The Holy Father solemnly declares:

#### The Solemn Declaration

"And so it is that Jesus Christ alone, God and man, is King in the full, proper, and absolute sense of the term. Yet Mary also, although in a restricted way and only by analogy, shares in the royal dignity as the mother of Christ who is God, as His associate in the labors of the Divine redemption, and in His struggle against His enemies and in the victory He won over them all.

"From this association with Christ comes the royal function by which She can disperse the treasures of the Divine Redeemer's Kingdom. Finally, from this association with Christ comes the unfailing efficacy of Her maternal intercession with the Son and with the Father...

"Moreover, the Blessed Virgin has not only received the grade of excellence and perfection which is supreme after that of Christ Himself, but has also received some sharing of that efficacy by which Her Son and our Redeemer is rightly and properly said to reign over the minds and wills of men. For if the word of God performs miracles and gives graces through the Humanity He has assumed, if He employs the Sacraments and His Saints as instruments for the salvation of souls, why should He not use His mother's office and efforts to bring us the fruits of the Redemption?"

The encyclical then quotes from Pius IX, Leo XIII, and Pius X on the power of Our Lady's intercession, and the encyclical concludes:

"Therefore, let all Christ's faithful glory in the fact that they are subject to the rule of the Virgin Mother of God, who both enjoys royal power and burns with a mother's love."

Then warning against excess in applying this doctrine of Our Lady's Queenship and summarizing all of the testimony given above, the Sovereign Pontiff, Pius XII, made the following solemn declaration:

#### The Mandate

"Since, after long and careful consideration we have come to the conclusion that great benefits will accrue to the Church if that solidly established truth were to shine forth even more clearly to all, like a bright light placed on its pedestal, We, by Our apostolic power, decree and institute the Feast of Mary as Queen to be celebrated throughout the entire world every year (August 22), and likewise, We command that on that same day there be renewed the consecration of the human race to the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Upon this there is founded a great hope that there may arise an era of happiness that will rejoice in the triumph of religion and in Christian peace."

In conclusion, the encyclical exhorts all to honor Mary's Queenship, not only in name, but in service:

"May Her shrines be filled with a multitude of people, and may Her feasts be celebrated. May Her Rosary be found in the hands of all. May She gather together small groups or great multitudes of Christ's faithful in churches, in homes, in hospitals, and in prisons, to sing Her praises. May the name of Mary, which is sweeter than nectar and more precious than any jewel, be given the highest honor...

"Let all strive vigilantly and strenuously to reproduce, each according to his own condition, in their own souls and in their own conduct the exalted virtues of our heavenly Queen and our most loving Mother. And hence it will follow that those who are counted as Christians, honoring and imitating their Queen and Mother, will finally realize that they are truly brothers and, spurning jealousies and immoderate desires, may promote social charity, respect the rights of the weak, and love and peace."

Next the Holy Father speaks of our concern for those "deprived of Divine and human rights to liberty," and that from our devotion to Our Lady as Queen, the restraints which bind them will be loosened.

"We also think that the Feast which We have instituted through this Encyclical Letter, so that all may more clearly acknowledge and more zealously venerate the kind and maternal rule of the Mother of God, can contribute a great deal toward keeping, strengthening and continuing the peace among nations which almost every day disquieting events disturb. Is She not the bow that God has placed in the clouds, the sign of the covenant that brings peace?

"Look upon the rainbow, and bless Him that made it; it is very beautiful in its brightness. It encompasseth the heaven about with the circle of its glory, the hands of the Most High have displayed it.

"Whoever, therefore, honors the Lady-ruler of angels and of men-let no one think himself exempt

from the payment of that tribute of a grateful and loving soul—let him call upon Her as most truly Queen and as the Queen who brings peace. Let him honor and guard the peace that is neither unpunished wickedness nor unrestrained license, but is concord and well ordered under the command and decree of the Divine Will. The maternal exhortations and orders of the Virgin Mary work to protect and increase this peace."

Pope Pius XII concludes the encyclical with a prayer to Our Lady as the "Queen and Mother of the Christian people" to accept his prayers and to "bring happiness through Her peace to the earth that is troubled by hatred, and may show us all, after this exile, Jesus Who will be our enduring peace and joy." The Holy Father then imparts to all the faithful his Apostolic Blessing.

From the above we would like to recall one phrase: "Let no one think himself exempt...let him call upon Her as most truly a Queen and as the Queen who brings peace." We will be held responsible if we do not heed Her loving commands.



"O, how wonderful it will be to hear, Mary as Queen of the World. It will be a time of peace, joy, and prosperity that will last long; She will be carried as a banner and She will make a tour of the World."

# Chapter 17.

#### The Consecration

In the Act of Consecration which Pope John Paul II made in Fatima on May 13, 1982, the Holy Father exclaimed: "Oh, how deeply we feel the need for consecration on the part of humanity and of the world—our modern world—in union with Christ Himself! The redeeming work of Christ, in fact, must be shared in by the world by means of the Church.

"Oh, how pained we are by all the things in the Church and in each one of us that are opposed to holiness and consecration! How pained we are that the invitation to repentance, to conversion, to prayer, has not yet met with the acceptance it should have received!"

In saying this, the Holy Father seemed to be lamenting the lack of response throughout the Church to such encyclicals as Ad Caeli Reginam and Signum Magnum, both of which called for consecration (of dioceses, parishes, and individuals) to Our Lady's Immaculate Heart, and called for the fulfillment of the Fatima Message of prayer and penance.

The message is addressed to every human being, the Pope said in his homily before the Consecration. And His Holiness stressed that while the Message of Fatima is a Motherly one, it is also strong and decisive.

The Holy Father explained the meaning of consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary in light of Our Lady's place at the foot of the Cross when the Heart of Her Son was pierced by a lance:

#### What It Means

"Mary's heart was opened by the same love for man and for the world with which Christ loved man and the world...consecrating the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary means drawing near, through Mary's intercession, to the very fountain of life that sprang from Golgotha...consecrating the world to the Immaculate Heart of the Mother, means returning beneath the Cross of the Son. It means consecrating this world to the pierced Heart of its Savior, bringing it back to the very source of its Redemption...and so She calls us to accept Her Motherly help to return to the source of Redemption."

Perhaps one of the strongest statements made by the Pope in his message at Fatima was the following:

"The appeal of the Lady of the message of Fatima is so deeply rooted in the Gospel and the whole of Tradition that the Church feels that the message imposes a commitment upon her."

In making the Act of Consecration of the world and Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on May 13, 1982, and repeated in Rome in 1984, the Holy Father said that he made this Act "with all the pastors of the Church in that particular bond whereby we constitute a body and a college, just as Christ desired the apostles to be in union with Peter." The Pope recalled that Pope Pius XII had previously made this Act of Consecration of the whole world, "especially the peoples for which you had particular love and solicitude."

In this, the Pope was referring in a special way to Russia because in the homily preceding the consecration, the Pope specifically mentioned that Pius XII had consecrated the world, but also Russia in a special manner. And John Paul II added: "Made for all time."

He said: "In a special way we entrust and consecrate to You those individuals and nations which particularly need to be entrusted and consecrated." The Holy Father went on to underline that Jesus

had consecrated Himself for mankind: "and for their sake I consecrate Myself that they also may be consecrated in truth" (Jn 17:19). The Holy Father said that by reason of that consecration, all of us are called upon to spend ourselves for the salvation of the world and to supplement Christ's afflictions for the sake of His body, that is, the Church (cf. 2 Cor. 12:15; Col. 1:24).

In making the Collegial Act of Consecration of the world in 1982, the Pope said that he united himself with Jesus in this, His consecration for the world and for people, which only His divine heart has the power to obtain pardon and to secure reparation. His Holiness added:

"The power of this consecration lasts for all time and embraces all individuals, peoples, and nations. It overcomes every evil that the spirit of darkness is able to awaken, and has in fact awakened in our times, in the heart of man and in his history."

In the apparition of July 13, 1917, Our Lady had said She would come back to ask for the consecration of Russia to Her Immaculate Heart. As we have said, Our Lady came to ask for the consecration of Russia on June 13, 1929. During that vision Our Lady said:

"The moment has come in which God asks the Holy Father, in union with all the bishops of the world, to make the consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart, promising to save it by this means. There are so many souls whom the justice of God condemns for sins committed against me, that I have come to ask reparation: sacrifice yourself for this intention and pray."

#### Collegial Consecration

It was in 1929 that Our Lord promised the conversion of Russia when there would be a collegial consecration of that nation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Over a period of more than half a century, one Pope after the other (five times in all) made

the act of consecration, but without first asking all the Bishops of the world to join with him. Only on March 25, 1984, was the consecration finally made in that way as Our Lord required.

We recall once again that, when asked why all the previous consecrations (made without participation of all the world's Bishops) had not sufficed, Sister Lucia answered that Our Lord insisted on the collegial act of consecration (i.e., consecration of Russia by the Holy Father, together with ALL the Bishops of the world) because:

"I want My entire church to know that this favor (the conversion of Russia) was obtained through the Immaculate Heart of My Mother so that it may extend this devotion later on and put the devotion to this Immaculate Heart beside the devotion to My Sacred Heart" (Letter of Sister Lucia, May 18, 1936... emphasis added).5

In July 1981, Pope John Paul II did personally experience a prodigy when he was on the brink of death following the attempt on his life on May 13, 1981. His Holiness then made the Collegial Act of Consecration on May 13, 1982, at Fatima, and again on March 25, 1984, in Rome. His Holiness urged renewal of this consecration in all dioceses and parishes of the world.

#### It Will Be Late

Lucia subsequently explained that the consecration of 1984 was "too late" to have prevented the spread of error from an atheist Russia throughout the entire world. But it was not too late for the conversion of Russia. As Moses was able to turn back the destruction of the people of Israel by his prayer, now those who believe can turn back the annihilation of nations in union with Our Lady as She intercedes for us before the throne of God in this terrible hour.

Sister Lucia made clear, over and over, that it was because of the world's failure to respond to the Message of Fatima that the Holy Father was

not moved to make the Collegial Consecration sooner. Several years before, Sister Lucia had written in a letter to her confessor: "In an intimate communication, Our Lord complained to me, saying: They did not wish to heed My request. Like the King of France, they will repent and do it, but it will be late. Russia will have already spread her errors throughout the world, provoking wars, and persecutions of the Church; the Holy Father will have much to suffer."

As we have already explained, in 1942, Pope Pius XII consecrated the world to the Immaculate Heart, and in 1952 he consecrated Russia. These acts were renewed by Pope Paul VI in the Vatican Council on November 21, 1964, but the bishops were not asked to join in these consecrations.

Therefore, when on May 13, 1982, Pope John Paul II first renewed the consecration at Fatima "in spiritual union with all the bishops of the world," after having sent them copies of the complete Acts of Consecration of the World (1942) and of Russia (1952), Sister Lucia said that it would have its effect, but for the prevention of nuclear war, the effect would depend on the response of the world to this consecration.

The great fact and miracle of Fatima must awaken the world to a realization of Our Lady's very words: "War is a punishment for sin...error will spread from an atheist Russia through the entire world...several entire nations will be annihilated..."

"Now is the time," said Our Lady as She appeared beneath the cross, while from the pierced hand of Her Son there flowed down "like water" the words: "Grace and Mercy."

"Now is the time."



# Chapter 18.

## Mercy Now

Our Lady, as the conquering and powerful Queen, enjoins upon us to pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon all peoples to preserve them from "corruption, destruction, war."

She asks over and over for the Rosary. She asks us to pray for priests, bishops, and the Holy Father. She stresses Truth, Justice, Charity, Righteousness. She renews and updates the promise of Her triumph. She says it will begin when the Holy Father defines the dogma of Coredemptrix, Mediatrix, and Advocate. She asks petitions and prayers for this now.

Also Our Lady stresses the important role of the laity. All of us NOW are responsible for the future.<sup>24</sup> How are we going to measure up to that responsibility?

Many apostolates are springing up. The Council document itself, speaking of the laity, speaks of the work of the Holy Spirit in the Church at this time inspiring many forms of lay involvement in the life of the Church.

We acknowledge many ways to respond but recommend another small book titled: *To Prevent This* (also available from 101). It is a little book devoted to the specific practices indicated by Our Lady at Fatima, Amsterdam, and Akita, to win the victory for us.

When She foretold annihilation of various ENTIRE NATIONS and said at Fatima She had come "To prevent this," She gave us specific practices.

You will find the most important explained in this little book.

#### Especially First Friday-Saturday Vigils

And the time is NOW. Over and over our Heavenly Queen said at Amsterdam, "Now is Our time." It is the time of the most Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary.

Jesus said to Sister Lucia, the visionary of Fatima, that following the changes in Russia, devotion to His Heart was to be placed alongside devotion to the Immaculate Heart of His Mother. And the best way by far to fulfill all the requests of their Sacred Hearts is through the all night vigils, beginning with Mass of the Sacred Heart on the first Friday, and ending with Mass of the Immaculate Heart on the first Saturday. Information will be found in the book To Prevent This and even more in the book Night of Love, a new edition of which was released by the 101 Foundation in 1997.

Sister Lucia said we would have the triumph when enough people were extending their morning offering through the day with the prayers Our Lady asked (the offering prayer and the Rosary), and by living their consecration to Her Immaculate Heart, wearing the Scapular. But She added that the First Saturdays are of great importance to purify ourselves and strengthen our resolve.

It helps us to decide to begin this devotion if we realize we are asked to commit ourselves to do so only for FIVE consecutive months.

Our Lady's requests are so simple! She invites us to bring the power of our QUEEN into our lives by being consecrated effectively to Her Immaculate Heart.

#### Special Aids

We are given special help by the Scapular and the Rosary. The Scapular is as a sign of fidelity to Her, of being a "knight" of the Queen, clothed in Her own livery. The Rosary reveals to us that God has given us at once a Mother and a Queen in every mystery. And clothed in Her livery, we join with Her in the mysteries in which we honor Her as did the Archangel, and greet Her as did Elizabeth, as "Mother of my Lord." We honor Her with the three kings, recognize Her with the prophet Simeon, Her Heart pierced by a sword "that out of many hearts, thoughts may be revealed, and Mother of 'the Savior "set for the rise and fall of many...a light to the gentiles."

Outside of our personal needs, what do we desire most? Is it not world peace? If so, then we must take very seriously those words of Pope Pius XII: "In the doctrine of Mary's Queenship lies the world's greatest hope for peace." Jacinta, youngest of the three children to whom Our Lady of Fatima appeared, said that we must not hesitate to make it known that "God has entrusted the peace of the world to Her."

Therefore, to sum up, each of us should have a personal devotion to Our Lady, not only as our intimate Mother, but also as our powerful Queen. We should see the Scapular we wear, not merely as the warm and loving clothing which our Mother places around us, but also as the armor which She places upon us in the apocalyptic battle of our times. In this battle, enclosed in this armor, we look to Her, clothed in the sun, crowned with stars, promising to help us.

Saint John Bosco prophesied at this very time a victory to be obtained by Our Lady that will be even greater than the victory of Lepanto in 1571, the victory which was a major turning point in saving Christianity. Saint John Bosco saw Her as a Queen, as "Our Lady Help of Christians," Our Lady of Victory! Let us then imitate saints of our time like Saint John Bosco and Saint Maximilian Kolbe, recognizing Mary as our Own Queen and proclaiming Her Queenship to the world!



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## Her Apparitions Now

 $\mathcal{A}$ pparitions are reported daily in all parts of the world. Some have even drawn crowds counted in the millions.

Since we have been warned again and again of possible "false prophets," we are told to use discernment. This means we should measure what we hear against what has already been said and approved by the Church.

#### Nothing Essential Added

As we read all the words of the approved apparitions of the last 150 years in *The Woman Shall Conquer*, and read the words spoken at Amsterdam and at Akita, we will find that nothing essential is being added in apparitions now. Rather these current apparitions emphasize the approved messages and stress their current urgency.

Only in 1996 were the important messages of Amsterdam approved by the Church. Then there are the messages of God the Father which ask us to pray in union with the Sacred Hearts to grant us the light, grace, and strength of the Holy Spirit. These also were only recently approved, as were the messages about the Divine Will, messages which give us a foretaste of the time of the triumph.<sup>25</sup>

Out of it all, what is most important?

Most important is not what the Father is going to do to the world, but what the world is going to do for the Father.

Are we going to pray that the Holy Spirit will come NOW over the entire earth, to all peoples? Are we going to dispose our hearts to receive the Holy Spirit in the manner His spouse Mary has told us to do?

Are we going to be consecrated to Her who drew the Holy Spirit to form in Her virginal womb the Incarnate Word? Are we going to pray with Her as Jesus instructed the Church when He ascended into Heaven with the promise of sending the Holy Spirit Who, would make all things known?

There are specific things we are told to do. They seem so simple, but they are important because they give the consent of mind and heart: Wearing a sign of consecration, saying a set sequence of prayers against the background of the mysteries of our salvation, purging ourselves of sin at least once a month by confession, thinking of the mysteries, and a Communion of reparation.

If we are not resolved to do these simple things, we shall not do greater ones.

#### She Chooses Certain Ones

But from the ranks of those who have responded there will be choice souls. As Queen of the World and Lady of All Nations, She said She will use these choice souls. At Akita, She said they helped enable Her to hold back the chastisement.

Most of these are from the laity. Anticipating the Council and the times She said that priests would be comparatively few and that we must look to the laity, and that we are now responsible for tomorrow.

The most important question is not what the Father's Justice may require of us but what His Mercy asks of us. And we, who know, are responsible for our response.

#### Which Will You Be?

In one of His parables Jesus spoke of two sons, one of whom said "Yes" at once to his father's

request while the other said "No." But later it was the first who refused, and the second who did what was asked.

So many of us have signed a pledge. How many have kept it? So many of us hear of these many messages from Heaven, some even seeing miraculous signs, yet how many say "Yes" and mean it?

Do you want to make at least ONE good resolution which would show that you truly want to say "Yes?"

Resolve to say the Morning Offering, wear the Scapular, and say the Rosary. If you are already doing this, resolve to form or join a prayer cell and/or make five consecutive First Friday-Saturday vigils. That would show true willingness to respond, <sup>26</sup> and Our Lady will do the rest.

Let us stop anticipating the Justice the world deserves and respond to the Lady of All Nations for the victory of mercy offered now.

#### Morning Offering

The words of the Morning Offering may vary. The most commonly used formulas are those of the Apostleship of Prayer and the Blue Army.

But you do not even have to memorize a formula if you include the following six thoughts:

- (1)...Heavenly Father, I am sorry I have ever offended You.
- (2)...With Mary, (here kiss your Scapular)
- (3)...I offer You, in union with the Sacrifice $^{27}$  of Jesus throughout the world,
- (4)...every thought and act of this day,
- (5)...in reparation for my sins and the sins of the whole world.
- (6)...I resolve to renew this offering in moments of temptation.

#### APPENDIX:

## Suggested Prayers

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#### Prayer To Our Lady As Mother And Queen:

O Mary, Saint Therese, who recognized You as more a Mother than a Queen, begged You each day as her Queen to prepare a throne in her heart to receive Jesus, the King of Kings. Grant this favor to me.

As my Mother, fill me with the love of Your Immaculate Heart! As my Queen, strengthen me in Your service! Show me what I must do to speed the triumph of Your Immaculate Heart within me and in the world, so that soon we may experience the fulfillment of Your promise of peace, the reign of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Amen.

# Act Of Consecration Of A Diocese Or Parish To The Immaculate Heart Of Mary

O Mary Immaculate, we beg You today to take into the Flame of Love of Your Immaculate Heart this diocese (parish) and each person belonging to it.

We make this consecration in the same spirit in which the Pope, in union with all the bishops of the world, consecrated the world to Your Immaculate Heart, thus recognizing Your role as Queen of Peace and Mother of the Church.

Keep each of us, dearest Mother and Queen, in that Flame of Love, so that our thoughts, like Yours, may be ever turned to God, Who is Love Itself, in union with the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Your Son.

Help us, dearest Mother, to live this consecration through the Morning Offering, by wearing the sign of consecration to You which is the Scapular of Mount Carmel, by devout recitation of the Rosary, and by fulfilling the conditions of the Five First Saturdays. Thus practicing our consecration to Your Immaculate Heart, may we obtain from God the turning back of the tide of evil and obtain, through Your intercession, the promised era of peace.

## Petitions

#### R. Hear us, O Lord.

That each member of our diocese (parish) will, in keeping with the words of Jesus on the Cross, accept Mary as Mother in a special way,

Let us pray to the Lord.

That our Immaculate Mother, because of this Act of Consecration today, will accept each and every member of our diocese (parish) as Her special child, Let us pray to the Lord.

That the Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Spouse of the Holy Spirit, may inflame our entire diocese (parish),

Let us pray to the Lord.

That through this Flame of Love, all may be drawn in a new and more profound way to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament,

Let us pray to the Lord.

That the conditions which Our Lady gave us at Fatima for world peace as confirmed by the Miracle of Fatima and which we have pledged to Her today in this Act of Consecration, may be fulfilled in the manner desired by God,

Let us pray to the Lord.

That devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, as desired by Our Lord, be placed alongside devotion to His own Sacred Heart throughout our diocese (parish),

Let us pray to the Lord.

For our bishop(s), pastors, and all appointed by God to help us to our eternal destination,

Let us pray to the Lord.

That the Holy Spirit may be drawn to them as to Mary at the moment of the Incarnation,

Let us pray to the Lord.

That this Consecration of our diocese (parish) to the Immaculate Heart of Mary may result in an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life from among our young people,

Let us pray to the Lord.

For all our unborn children, that they may be protected by the Flame of Love of Mary's Heart, Let us pray to the Lord.

That God be praised and thanked for giving us not only the saving and Eucharistic Heart of Jesus, but also the intercession of the Heart of His Mother,

Let us pray to the Lord.

#### FOOTNOTES:

- 1. Pope John Paul II in Tertio Millennio Adveniente.
- 2. It is not meant to be a substitute for reading the book *The Woman Shall Conquer*, which contains the words of Our Lady in all the major apparitions up to and just after Fatima. Only by reading the book itself will one be able to grasp the lines of the great spiritual battle which will end when "Finally My Immaculate Heart will triumph."
- 3. See the book *Her Glorious Title*, by John M. Haffert, published by the 101 Foundation.
- 4. Quoted from Osservatore Romano in Voice of the Sacred Hearts, October, p. 17.
- 5. See Her Own Words to the Nuclear Age, by J. M. Haffert, published by the 101 Foundation.
- 6. Finally Russial, by John M. Haffert published by the 101 Foundation.
- 7. Her Glorious Title, by John M. Haffert, 178 pp, published by the 101 Foundation.
- 8. Book of Kings, I, ch. 18:19-46. It is important to read this entire passage carefully.
  - 9. Her Glorious Title, by J. M. Haffert, p. 121
- 10. The change in Russia took place almost at once after the 1984 consecration. Only nine months later (December, 1984), U.S. Intelligence Officer Vincent Allen (as reported by him in *Florida Today*, Dec. 28, 1991, p. 11): "Suddenly I was electrified by what I was hearing on

Radio Moscow. I had been monitoring Radio Moscow for thirty years and that night was the beginning of the end of a system that had made promises, destroyed lives, and consigned millions to either prison, labor camps, or unmarked graves." See the book *To Prevent This*, by John M. Haffert, published by the 101 Foundation, p. 37.

- 11. The Bishop of Akita quoted here is the Most Rev. John Ito, who approved the apparitions of Akita and was mentioned by Our Lady in the apparitions. Shortly before his death, the Bishop wrote an article from which this quotation is taken. The full article, which is MOST worth reading, appeared in Voice of the Sacred Hearts, May 1994, p. 8.
- 12. Also Pope John Paul II, Encyclical letter, Dominum et Vivificantem, n. 25
- 13. Mary, Coredemptrix, Mediatrix, Advocate by Mark Miravalle, S.T.D., Queenship Publishing, 1993, p. 52.
- 14. Cardinal Ratzinger revealed this to the Bishop of Akita and later confirmed it to the Honorable Howard Dee, who published the Cardinal's words in his book, *Mankind's Final Destinu*.
- 15. Despite much opposition, even in Rome, the Holy Father took a leading role in promoting the request of Our Lady of All Nations for a new dogma affirming Her role as Coredemptrix, Mediatrix, and Advocate.
- 16. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, truly present in the Holy Eucharist, I consecrate my body and soul to be entirely one with Your Heart, being sacrificed at every instant on all the

altars of the world and giving praise to the Father, pleading for the coming of His Kingdom. Please receive this humble offering of myself. Use me as You will for the glory of the Father and the salvation of souls. Most Holy Mother of God, never let me be separated from Your Divine Son. Please defend and protect me as Your special child.

- 17. Akita, The Tears and Message of Mary, by Fr. Teiji Yasuda, published by the 101 Foundation.
- 18. Three years later Pope Pius XII used almost these very words in his encyclical establishing the feast of Our Lady Queen of the World, another title of Our Lady of All Nations. The Pope added that in this doctrine and devotion "lies the world's greatest hope."
- 19. It helps in reading these messages to substitute the title "Lady" with the synonym "Queen."
- <sup>20.</sup> This is why we have urged the reading of Sharkey's book, *The Woman Shall Conquer*.
- 21. Once again we note the importance of ALL the messages of Our Lady which began in 1830 (as set forth in Sharkey's book) and which are reaching their climax now. This is unique in the history of the world. That is why this has been called "the Marian Age."
- 22. "So far," She said at Akita in 1973, "I have been able to hold back the chastisement by offering to the Father, the Sufferings of the Son on the Cross, His Precious Blood, and beloved souls who console Him and form a cohort of victim souls."

- 23. A video of this jubilee celebration, *Great*Signs of Her Triumph in 1996 was made in the Philippines where on one single day over a million participated in a ceremony of crowning the Pilgrim Virgin in recognition of Our Lady's Queenship. Other major celebrations were at the Shrines of Knock (Ireland), Beauraing (Belgium), and Fatima's castle of Ourem in Portugal.
- 24. Please read the book, You, Too! Go into My Vineyard, for a unique, up to date look at lay involvement in the life of the Church and for speeding the triumph.
- <sup>25.</sup> Information on both of these approved messages may be obtained from the 101 Foundation.
- 26. See books, Night of Love and To Prevent This, both available from the 101 Foundation.
- <sup>27.</sup> The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, offering the Precious Blood of Jesus from all the altars throughout the world.





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