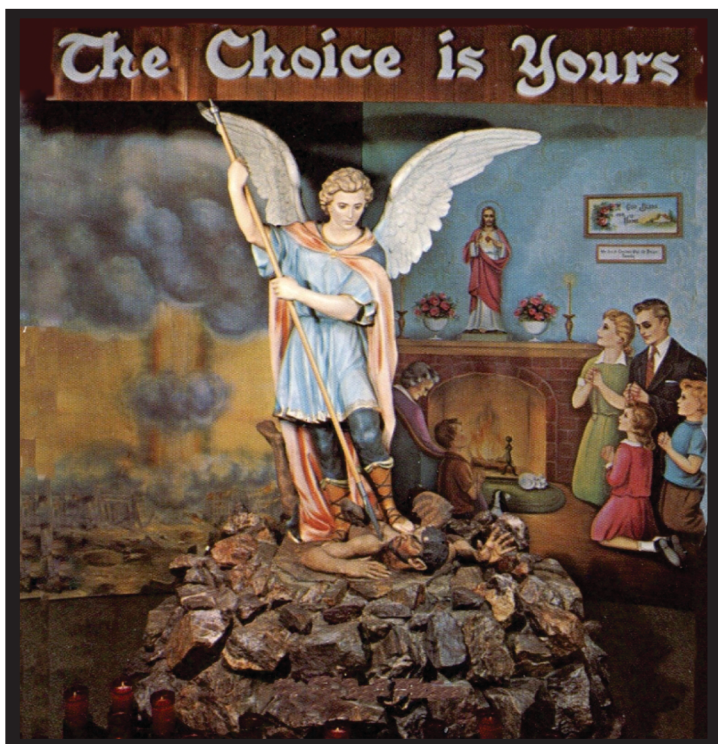


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St. Michael's Shrine

About The Cover

It is important in these last days of this apocalyptic age to preserve the family in a true Christian manner. Let us petition St. Michael to protect and preserve our families. May we use our daily prayers as a family, especially the family Rosary, for this purpose. It is said, “The family that prays together, stays together.” We need to model our families after the Holy Family as the **Message from Our Blessed Mother at Necedah pointed out on June 16, 1968:** *“Bring back the ways of the Holy Family. Live the life of the Holy Family, and invoke into your hearts God the Father...”*

Saint Michael’s Prayer

St. Michael the Archangel defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. Protect our children from the pitfalls Satan opens to them. We humbly beseech Thee, My God, to command him, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by Divine Power, cast into hell Satan and all evil spirits who roam through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Prayer given by St. Michael the Archangel, June 4, 1968, at Necedah, Wisconsin, through Mrs. Mary Ann Van Hoof

A PROMISE

Mary Ann Van Hoof (seer, stigmatist, and mystic) was given the following promise before she was taken to her heavenly reward on **March 18, 1984:**

“When we take your sister home, I will be with you on all the Anniversary Days to bless these grounds. You will not see Me or the celestials with Me. I will not abandon you, unless you abandon Me. Is that understood?”

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St. Michael just said that if we intercede to him, call his name, remember him after Mass, say the prayers after Mass he will guide and protect us.

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OUR PLEDGE

To stand firmly for God and for Country;
To bring the truth to all people;
To bring peace and unity between home, school and church;
Thus bringing everlasting peace to the nation.

Vigil Schedule at the Shrine

October 2015

4th **Saint Francis of Assisi**—8:00 p.m. Vigil
7th **Anniversary of 1950—Feast of Holy Rosary**
12:00 Noon Procession—1:00 p.m. Vigil
11th **Maternity of Blessed Virgin Mary**—8:00 p.m.
Procession and 8:15 p.m. Vigil
16th **Our Lady of Purity**— 8:00 p.m. Procession and
8:15 p.m. Vigil
21st **Saint Joan of Arc**— 8:00 p.m. Vigil
25th **Christ the King**— 12:45 Procession and 1:00 p.m. Vigil

November 2015

8th **Louis Heitzman Death Anniversary** 8:00 p.m. Vigil
12th **Anniversary of 1949**— 8:00 p.m. Candlelight
Procession and 8:15 p.m. Vigil
21st **Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary**— 8:00 p.m. Vigil
24th **Harold Sauter Death Anniversary**—8:00 p.m. Vigil

December 2015

5th **Nativity Pageant**— 7:00 p.m.
8th **Immaculate Conception**— 8:00 p.m. Vigil

OUR LADY'S MESSAGES

The Revelations and Messages shared at the Queen of the Holy Rosary, Mediatrix of Peace Shrine came from the Blessed Mother, or one of the Saints who assisted Her; such as: St. Therese *The Little Flower*, St. Francis, St. Joan of Arc, and others.

Pilgrims who have visited the Shrine on Anniversary Days when the Revelations were given have seen Mary Ann in a state of ecstasy, noticing that she was not conscious of anything or anyone around her as she spoke. These Messages were taken down on a tape recorder and in long hand by at least two people. Some Messages were repeated word for word as given by the Blessed Mother; however, in most cases Mary Ann was inspired to speak using her own language, grammar and expressions. Many Messages were also given during suffering periods in her home, especially during Advent and Lent.

In a more general sense, the Revelations and Messages came from the Triumphant Church in Heaven, who used the voice of Mary Ann Van Hoof as a human transmitting device or instrument.

HEAVEN'S MESSAGES IN REVIEW

Coming Chastisement

On February 16, 2008, Cardinal Carlo Caffara (Archbishop of Bologna) granted an interview to Tele Radio Padre Pio, which was also printed in the monthly magazine "Voce di Padre Pio", March 2008. During this interview, the Cardinal speaks of a conversation he had with Sister Lucy of Fatima in which she told him, *"...the final battle between the Lord and the reign of Satan will be about marriage and the family. Don't be afraid because anyone who works for the sanctity of marriage and the family will always be fought and opposed in every way, because this is the decisive issue."*

On June 16, 1950, Our Holy Mother at Necedah spoke to Mary Ann Van Hoof the following: *"So Fathers, Bishops, remember my warnings of Fatima, Lipa and LaSalette. Remember them to your people. Remind them! And those of you that fail to do these things are hurting yourselves as well as your people. We must remember the time is drawing very close. The black clouds are coming over, not to Europe, Asia, Australia, Africa, but to America – South and North America."*

"Remember – the Pacific Coast! Remember – the Pacific Coast! We have no time to lose. We must carry out now, at once; for prayer only will save us."

On the Anniversary Vigil Day, October 7, 1968, Our Holy Mother's Message through Mary Ann Van Hoof stated, *"My child, evil forces have gone rampant over this beautiful country; and will become much worse as darkness, corruption will befall your nation. They seek rather things of worldly pleasures than the Kingdom of Heaven. They heeded not My warnings. They turn their backs on My pleas. My child, wake up before it is too late! Laity must work to save souls of the youth and their elders who are so negligent with the souls of their children. Pray, pray much my child. The darkness is upon you."*

Another Message at Necedah, this time from St. Therese of Lisieux, given on July 16, 1970 stated, *"The chastisement is coming; hunger and starvation. The Black and the Yellow giant will come with complete control of the white people. The only salvation, Sister, is true devotion to Our Holy Mother and Lord and God, with a true effort with Constant Vigil all over thy country; and turning back to the True Church. What is now, they do not believe will affect them; but Sister it will worsen to such an extent than many will not be able to take it. Then God in His Mercy will strike down; many will be lost, laymen as well as High Officials of the Church. Divide and Conquer is the rule now, my sister; as a divided nation will fall."*

The Message of July 26, 1973, explains, *"The Chastisement will hit thy Nation, thy Country. First, for the dreadful destruction of the unborn; second, for the blackest of sins they have wallowed into; third, for the lack of Christian duty by the Priests, the Religious, and my children, the laity."*

We have been given warnings upon warnings. Have we changed our lives? Have we increased our prayers? Holy Mother promised one day She would save the world through the Rosary and Brown Scapular. She loves us dearly and wishes us to depend on Her; and through Her learn to love Her Divine Son. This must be our goal now. And through our sufferings trust in Holy Mother; trust in Our Divine Savior. Our attitude toward the evils and future of this world must not be one of fear, but of total trust and love in Divine help. May we daily strive towards a greater spiritual perfection.



#649 Traditional Family Customs for Christmas:

This booklet includes: Advent Wreath Customs, Blessing of a Christmas Tree for the Home, Prayers to be said for Christmas, Hour of Grace, Blessing of the Crib, Christmas Eve Program for the Home, The Gospel Story of the Birth of Christ, and Christmas Carols. 22 pages.

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SHRINE NEWS



Shrine History Effort Update

As mentioned in our last Newsletter, an effort is in progress to build a more complete Historical Account of the Apparitions of Our Blessed Mother here at Necedah. A big “Thank You” is in order to those who are sharing their letters of correspondence dating back to 1950; as well as, sending us pictures that were taken throughout the years. Along with the Testimonials that have been sent, these items are building a very impressive Story.

We again are going to thank you in advance for your help and support in this effort. God bless you all!

Shrine News

We are continuing to work on The House of Prayer by setting up the shoring and installing the forming needed. The shoring is the metal structure needed to support the wooden forming required to hold the reinforcement steel and the concrete that we pour. We are working on the northeast side which will be the fourth concrete pour of the upper mezzanine area. Local volunteers and volunteers from Illinois and Minnesota have been helping with this project and other projects.

Many other projects must also be completed. With some of the shrines being over 50 years old, they are now in need of painting and repairs.

Each week many hours are being spent cutting the grass and weeding the flowerbeds to keep the shrine grounds beautiful for our pilgrims. Volunteers are always welcome to help with the work around the shrine grounds. This work will continue until the winter weather prevents us from doing so. Then there will be the snow plowing and shoveling sidewalks.

God bless the VOLUNTEERS that help with this work throughout the year!



Volunteers Building Forms for Concrete

Update on Anniversary Day Observances

The Anniversary Day Observances during May, June, and on August 15th were very successful. Visitors came from all of our surrounding states; plus some from as far away as Nebraska, Virginia, and Canada.

It was inspiring to see their prayerful attitudes and their devotion to Our Heavenly Mother. Everyone shared our desire to thank Our Lady for warning us of what is coming because of our sinful nation. They also shared our desire to pray harder and work harder for bringing about the changes needed to be more pleasing to Our Heavenly Father; and thus merit His help and protection.

We are again looking forward to another opportunity to honor Mary on Her next Anniversary Day, October 7th . Please join us if you can.

Spiritual Bouquet For The Holy Father

The brash apostasy permeating Christ's Church is a weighty burden upon the Pope. He urgently needs our continued prayers to lighten that overwhelming burden. This is the 58th year that the Necedah Shrine devotees have gathered a Spiritual Bouquet for the Holy Father. It has never been more crucial for us to do it than at this present time. The time is NOW! Join us by filling out the spiritual bouquet form and mailing the totals to us. Please encourage others to do like-wise, so we can mail the bouquet during the Christmas Season.

_____ *Holy Masses*

_____ *Holy Hours*

_____ *Angelus*

_____ *Stations of the Cross*

_____ *Ejaculations*

_____ *Days of Fasting*

_____ *Holy Communions*

_____ *Spiritual Communions*

_____ *Rosaries*

_____ *Acts of Penance*

_____ *and Sacrifice*

(Please send in your anticipated totals for the coming year.) *Mail to:*
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MARY ANN'S STORY

August 15, 1950

From "My Work With Necedah"

By Henry Swan

(Continued from Summer Newsletter)

(The following Message was spoken by Mrs. Fred Van Hoof to an estimated crowd of 100,000 people gathered around the Shrine on her farm at Necedah, Wisconsin on August 15, 1950. After careful perusal, this text in circulation accurately reproduces her words, pauses, and emphasis. It corresponds exactly to a recording of her voice which was made at the time. The reader is advised to concentrate on the ideas contained in the Messages. Mrs. Van Hoof has stated that she tried hard to repeat the sentences which the Mother of God dictated to her, but did not always succeed in doing so exactly. "The mistakes in grammar belong to me, not to the Blessed Mother," she said. "It was the first time I ever spoke to a crowd of people through a microphone.")

"Dear children of God, all those who are gathered here; some of you very faithful, some of you very curious, but the majority of you are here with God in your hearts."

"The time has come, dear children of God, you must all remember your prayers. You must pray, pray; and, pray hard and devotedly! You must do penances and sacrifices daily! You must attend your Masses and Churches regularly!"

"Those of not the Catholic Faith, those that's just Christians, remember your Lord in your way."

"All Religions must go together against the Enemy of God, for he is very strong right now. The time is here when we must save ourselves. Save yourselves!"

"My dear Children, Sisters and Priests, remember your Commandments Our Lord has given you. Live them up daily! Do not forget them! Remember them!"

"Many of you only think of prayer in time of illness."

"The time is here now. We cannot forget God."

"Only Our Lord can save you. Nothing else will. So you must pray, pray, pray hard!"

"You must all remember your Commandments, the Rosary, the Way of the Cross; for the enemy of God is all over America. You'd be surprised if the sheep's clothing were taken off and how they'd spring up all around you, which would be the Enemy of God; even some that act like Christians, tend to Churches, but still they have not God in their hearts. They have Satan in their hearts, ready to pounce upon you unless you watch your ways!" "Pray for your Priests.

“Pray hard and devoutly for your Priests; for they need your help. They cannot carry on alone.”

“Nor can the Catholics carry on alone. That’s why all religions must work together; not in jealousy and hatred, but in Love. Love thy neighbor! Love thy neighbor!”

“Profanity and blasphemy hurts Our Lord, Thy God!”

“Pope Pius XII is in danger now by the Enemy of God unless we pray. Pray, and pray hard! His life will not be spared him, only through prayer.”

“The beginning of a more horrible time is right now, and it’s approaching the Americas right now. Your papers, your press, they do not give you the facts. The Enemy behind your so-called Iron Curtain is mighty powerful; more powerful than any Nation here now; more powerful than America! They have not been sleeping as we Christians are sleeping.”

“We must pray, pray, and pray hard. The time is very short. Very short!”

“We can save all the horrors. We can save Pope Pius XII if we get onto our knees now and pray like we’ve never prayed before.”

“Only prayer, My dear children, will win your way. Bullets will not win your Peace. Bullets will only destroy and keep destroying. Prayer only will win your Peace.”

“So those of you, that is, the most of you here, are devoted and very sincere people. There is some here, as I’ll repeat it, are just curious. But all of you must remember My warnings of Fatima, Lipa, and La Salette. I warned you then; I’m warning you again.”

“I’m asking you a very few simple things to do to save yourself:

Prayer, prayer, prayer.

A few sacrifices daily.

Penance.

Receive your Holy Sacraments as often as you can; but if you can daily, do it daily.

Your First Saturdays.

And the First Fridays.

Listen to your Priests. Obey your Priests and your Ministers of God.”

“Remember, the time has come that the destruction is right above us. More than two-thirds of the Nations is now covered with the Enemy of God. And the Pagan part of this America is startling.”

“America must pray right now; now, not tomorrow. Beginning is now in Korea; it will not end there unless we pray. It’s only beginning.”

“Half of America is involved with the Enemy of God. Some are innocent; they’re just stumbling in the darkness. You Christians here, wake those up! They do not know what they are doing. They are listening to Satan, who is wrapping himself around so many of you.”

“So Fathers, Bishops, remember My warnings of Fatima, Lipa, and LaSalette. Remember them to your people. Remind them! And those of you that fail to do these things are hurting yourselves as well as your people.”

“We must remember, the time is drawing very close.”

“The black clouds are coming over; not to Europe, Asia, Australia, Africa, but to America - South and North America.”

“Alaska is the first stepping stone.”

“Remember - the Pacific Coast!”

“We have no time to lose. We must carry out now, at once; for prayer only will save us.” **(End of Message over the microphone.)**

I then turned back to Our Mother, and She again reminded me of my obedience to Her; and, how urgent it was for us to pray and to get this Message to all people. She then told me something very startling, which disturbed me greatly and left me crying.

“Your Country is in grave danger from the Enemy of God. Much of your trouble will rise from within. Then through this, the Enemy from without will strike causing much suffering. If enough prayers are said, destruction of your Vital Points and most important Cities will not happen. But, through the many black sins, much suffering and hardship will still befall your country.”

“Pray for your Catholic Senator. His life is in grave danger. He needs much prayer. Child, you never liked or believed in him. He has and can do much good. Yet, he has made big wrongs. His good can outdo the wrong if enough prayers are said for him. Self-glorification and pride is his weakness. Pray for him and your Leaders in Government. Only through prayer can evilness be lessened and the good come forth. The Laity must work.”

She then asked me why I didn't give Father the Message She gave me to give him on the Feast of the Sacred Heart. *“Do not let your love for him harm him. Obedience, My Child. Be true to him no matter how much it hurts and grieves you.”* She then told me some of the reasons why he is being removed. This could have been delayed. Here I feel I was to blame. Oh, I felt so bad. I was crying and She called to me so kindly, with such a sweet voice. She smiled to give me strength, I am sure.

She then left with the promise that She would be with me October 7th at the same time. *“Bless you, My Child”* were Her last words. I felt very bad because I had failed Father because of my lack of courage; and, with this failure, I failed Our Lady.

It seemed now for the first time I was aware of the Priests that had been in the house before twelve. Father Wagener walked by and I said a prayer for him; and tried to steady myself, as I felt so weak. I felt so shaky I thought I would never make it. It felt like my knees would give away any minute. A Cop and Fred helped me back to the house. I went directly to the bedroom with Fred and tried very hard to get control of myself, for I shook. I tried to rest but

someone was at the door. Fred told whoever it was, I wanted to rest.

It was but a few minutes when there was someone again. Father Wagener wanted to see me. "Please," I said, "a little later;" but he was persistent. "Oh," I said to Fred, "I better go and see what he wants." He said I was to go to the Rectory for questioning by the Committee. "Father, can we wait for an hour?" I said, "You cannot get out now anyway." Oh, he will get through. "Father, please. I'm all in and shaky."

"Your Pastor wants you there right away. That's the Order he sent for you." (Later I asked Father about this, and he said he did not send for me to come out at once.) "You said, 'obey your Priest, listen to your Priest.' " Father Eddy wanted to give me an hour but Father Wagener said, "Now."

"But Father we cannot get through the crowd." Oh, he would get through.

Well, Fred and I left; and you should have seen the swarm of people at the back door. The Priests and Cops tried to keep the people back as I was pushed into a car. There was Bob Broderick, Father Eddy, Father Kennedy, Fred, and myself. We drove over the spur track into our lane and there we sat for the crowd was so heavy. I saw Mr. and Mrs. Gene Thoma walking. I imagine towards their car parked in the Press Section. I could feel there was something wrong with them.

Father Wagener was behind us with Father Duffy and some other Priest; Father Agnew, I believe. Father Wagener tooted his horn for us to move, but we could not move unless to drive into our cornfield. People noticed me in the car. They came pushing to our car and wanted me to open the window and door. The Priest reached back and put the lock on the door. With all this heat, one had to sit in the hot car, windows closed. and car locked. I had a terrible headache and felt so sick; but, this Penance I must do for the Cause. This was my only consolation. We sat for one and a half hours in the lane until we finally made Highway G. Then we were stalled. Finally, one of the Priests walked ahead to a Cop and said we wanted to go through. I believe they said, "Bishop's Orders." But even at that we had to wait our turn until we reached Highway G and 21.

Then a Police Squad car siren was heard and we had clear sailing, as the cars all stopped to the side of the road letting us through. Boy, what a way to get to the Rectory? Instead of going to the Rectory, we went to the house Father Kennedy had rented. I was so dizzy and my head just about split from the heat. They gave me a cold lemonade to drink which helped. All the Priests filed in, except Father Fled; we waited for him for a few minutes. Father Lengowski came also. When Father Flad arrived I was surprised; Father Eddy, as we called him, took over the questioning.

Father Wagener told me, "You know your foolishness caused a person to die."

I said, "I didn't hear of it, and I don't believe Our Lady would let that

happen. That was probably just a false rumor, Father.”

With that he was quiet, and Father Eddy wanted to know what the Message was. I said, “Our Lady told me to give this Message to my Bishop and Pastor; then, give to the people no matter what happened, and that is what I will do.”

What did She give for the Bishop?” he wanted to know. I said, “This I will write up for him; and, I’m too tired now and my head aches to think.” I noticed a couple of the Priests whispering to each other. Father Wagener asked if there was any other Message. “Yes, for my Spiritual Director, Fred, and myself; besides what was given to the people.”

“You won’t tell us any more; you refuse to talk?”

“No, Father, I just can’t.”

So Father Duffy said, “We better let her rest.”

Then Father Eddy said, “You let the Bishop know.”

“Yes, I will, Father.”

“How soon?”

“After resting a day or so.”

Father Wagener suggested August 16th, that I should rest first. I looked at him when speaking and he said, “It’s getting late, I better beat it back to La Crosse.” He and the other Priest, whose name I never caught when introduced at the house, left.

Then Father Kennedy brought me some more iced lemonade, for it sure was a hot day. They had electric fans going. A Father Leonard from Canada came; and he was going to Rome. He said you sure drew an awful crowd. Heard the Cop say there were over 100,000 people. One Priest said, “How do they draw that conclusion?” By counting the cars. There were 101 buses and 8 or 9 trains. For a few minutes they were debating the figures of the crowd. In my estimation there were 125,000. Then Father Val come in. Father Heithaus joined us from the other room. Father Eddy was kidding Father Lengowski and Father Val about going fishing. Also, Father Schultz came and they had their jokes about fishing. But I noticed they were watching me, especially my Spiritual Director. I later learned I looked very pale. That must have been his concern.

Father Kennedy told me that I could come here; and be by myself and write up the Message. I didn’t answer him on that. Father also said that he was my Pastor for a week, as Father was going away for a much-needed rest. Fred wanted to go back home, and so did I. Bob took us back. We drove in the front way as the other way there was plenty of traffic still leaving the parking lot. It was now 5 P.M. Oh, what a horrible and messy yard; papers, boxes, napkins, newspapers scattered all over. It looked terrible. Ray Schelfhout and several other people were touching people’s Rosaries to Our Lady’s Statue. The yard still had hundreds of people praying. Bob took me to the door and I thanked him. He said, “You better get some rest. You look like you need it.”



FOOD FOR THE SOUL



Benefits of Holy Mass

In our busy world with all its distractions and efforts to meet the needs of our body, we often fail to put forth the effort to meet the needs of our soul. The following quotes regarding the importance of the Mass and Holy Communion are well worth our time and reflection.

St. John Vianney:

“When we receive Holy Communion, we experience something extraordinary - a joy, a fragrance, a well-being that thrills the whole body and causes it to exalt.”

“If we really understood the Mass, we would die of joy.” “There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, He would have given it to us.”

“When we have been to Holy Communion, the balm of love envelops the soul as the flower envelops the bee.”

Padre Pio:

“It would be easier for the world to survive without the sun than to do without Holy Mass.”

St. Gertrude the Great: (as revealed by Christ)

“For each Mass we hear with devotion, Our Lord sends a Saint to comfort us at death.”

St. Mechtilde: (as revealed by Christ)

“He who is in the habit of devoutly hearing Holy Mass shall in death be consoled by the presence of the Angels and Saints, his advocates, who shall bravely defend him from all the snares of infernal spirits.”

St. Leonard of Port Maurice:

“What graces, gifts, and virtues the Holy Mass calls down : repentance for sin ... victory over temptation ... holy inspirations which dispositions to shake off tepidity ... the grace of final perseverance, upon which depends our salvation ... temporal blessings, such as peace, abundance, and health ...”

St. Augustine:

“He who devoutly hears Holy Mass will receive a great vigor to enable him to resist mortal sin; and there shall be pardoned to him all venial sins which he may have committed up to that hour.”

“He who attends Mass with all possible devotion shall be freed from sudden death, which is the most terrible stroke launched by the Divine Justice against sinners. Behold a wonderful preservative against sudden death.”

St. Gregory:

“The heavens open and multitudes of Angels come to assist in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.”

“It is most true that he who attends Holy Mass shall be freed from many evils and from many dangers, both seen and unseen.”

St. John Chrysostom:

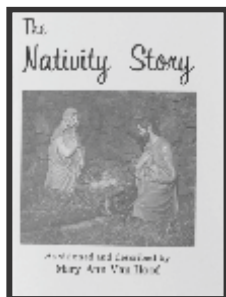
“When Mass is being celebrated, the sanctuary is filled with countless Angels who adore the Divine Victim immolated on the altar.”

St. Jerome:

“Without doubt, the Lord grants all favors which are asked of Him in Mass, provided they be fitting for us; and, which is a matter of great wonder. Off-times, He also grants that which is not demanded of Him, if we, on our part, put no obstacle in the way.”

St. Anselm:

“A single Mass offered for oneself during life may be worth more than a thousand celebrated for the same intention after death.”

**661 The Nativity Story:**

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Feature Article

We so seldom truly appreciate the gift of the Holy Eucharist for the strengthening of our souls. We could fill volumes with facts about this wondrous mystery, yet it is only by faith and contemplation that we begin to value this Sacrament to any great extent.

In “The Catechism Explained” Copyright 1921 from the original of Rev. Francis Spirago and edited by Rev. Richard F. Clarke, S.J., we find a beautiful explanation of this Sacrament that might help us learn to appreciate it to a greater degree. **The following thoughts are taken from this book:**

Our Lord promised the Jews at Capharnaum that He would give them His flesh to eat and His blood to drink (John vi.). After the miraculous multiplication of the loaves and fishes, the people went in search of Christ and found Him in the synagogue. They wanted Him to give them bread again; but He promised to give them the bread of immortality. When they asked Him for it, He answered: ***“The bread that I will give is My flesh.”*** And when they refused to believe His words, He added: ***“Except you eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink His blood, you shall not have life in you. He that eateth My flesh and drinketh My blood, hath everlasting life, and I will raise him up at the Last Day. For My flesh is meat indeed; and My blood is drink indeed”*** (John vi. 52-56).

Our Lord fulfilled this promise at the Last Supper. He changed the bread into His body and the wine into His blood; and gave it to the apostles. The body of Christ under the appearance of bread, and the blood of Christ under the appearance of wine, is called the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. Here again we find the three essentials of a sacrament. The visible sign is the form of bread and of wine; the audible sign is the words of Christ; and the invisible grace is the reception of the body and blood of Christ.

The visible form portrays the invisible grace. The bread prepared with water and the flour of wheat when baked with fire, represent the body of Christ which was subjected to cruel suffering. The wine, the juice pressed from the grapes, represents the blood of Christ which flowed from the wounds of His sacred body. The bread is unleavened, to denote the purity of Christ’s body. It is round in shape, because it conceals Him Who is without beginning and without end. Water is mixed with the wine, to signify the intimate union of the Godhead and manhood in His person. Bread and wine being the principal means of nourishment for the body, signify that the body and blood of Christ are the chief sustenance of the soul.

This Sacrament is called the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar, because the priest, standing at the altar, does the same by Christ’s command which He Himself did at the Last Supper. Our Lord commanded the apostles: ***“Do this in commemoration of me”*** (Luke xxii. 19). On this account the priest pronounces

exactly the same words over the bread and wine which Our Lord spoke at the Last Supper; thereby changing the bread into the body, and the wine into the blood of Christ.

The presence of the Body and Blood of Christ under the appearance of bread and wine is a mystery, because our feeble reason cannot comprehend it. Our Lord conceals Himself under the appearance of bread and wine in order to test our faith, whether we believe His words rather than the testimony of our senses. If we saw what we believe, faith would have no merit. Moreover, if we were to behold Our Lord in all the majesty of His glorified body, radiant with light, we should be struck with alarm, and dazzled, as those are dazzled who look with the naked eye on the noonday sun. Even the Apostles could not bear the unveiled brilliance of the glorified body at Our Lord's transfiguration, for they fell to the ground upon their faces. And Moses covered his face, when God appeared to him in the burning bush. Faith teaches us to believe that as the food we eat is assimilated to our body, as the moisture of the earth is changed into the sap of the vine and juice of the grape, even so, and far more, by the power of His word, can Christ change bread into the substance of His body, and wine into His blood. He, Who by His almighty power can create things out of nothing can surely effect a change in what already exists. He Who can cause the earth to bring forth bread, can change that bread into His own body. But in the course of centuries Almighty God has worked many striking miracles in confirmation of the truth. Consecrated Hosts have remained unconsumed in the midst of fire; they have remained suspended in the air without support; the place where they were concealed has been disclosed by a bright light hovering around it; blood has flowed from the sacred Host during Mass; Our Lord has appeared in it in the form of an infant; etc.

It is most true that under the species of bread, as also under the species of wine, Christ is present, God and man, whole and entire. St. Augustine said, *"Our Lord held Himself in His own hands, when He gave His body to the disciples."* Our Lord's words: *"This is My body which is given for you,"* and *"This is My blood, which shall be shed for many,"* demonstrate that it is His living body, His living blood, that are present under the appearance of bread and wine; and therefore the living Christ, not the dead Christ, Who is present upon the altar.

Our Lord is present in every particle, however minute, of the consecrated bread and wine. Christ is present in every Host; and when the priest breaks the Host, He is equally present in every fragment of it. If a magnet be broken in pieces, each part forms a separate magnet with the property of pointing to the north. And if a mirror is broken, in each portion one's face is reflected. But the body of Christ is not multiplied. His body is but one; animated and pervaded by His divinity, which fills all space. Our Lord's body suffers no diminution when it is given to thousands of communicants.

Christ is present in the consecrated elements as long as the elements of bread and wine remain. Thus, after Communion we physically bear in our

body the very Body of Christ until the Sacred Host is consumed. After that, Christ continues to be with us spiritually as long as we remain in the state of Sanctifying Grace.

Christ invites us to receive the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar when He says: *“Except you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you shall not have life in you”* (John vi. 54). The Holy Sacrament of the Altar is the nourishment of our souls. Consequently the reception of this Sacrament is an indispensable means whereby to attain spiritual perfection or sanctity here, and eternal life hereafter. Holy Communion is essential to our progress in sanctity, and to the final attainment of eternal life. As bodily health cannot be maintained without nourishing food, so spiritual health cannot be acquired and preserved without Holy Communion.

St. Francis de Sales tells us that there are two classes of men who need Holy Communion. The first is the perfect, that they may not decline in perfection vs the imperfect, that they may become perfect. The second is the strong, that they may maintain their strength vs the weak, that they may acquire strength. The early Christians communicated daily; and this it was that gave them constancy and fortitude to suffer martyrdom. Yet it must not be supposed that frequent Communion is in any way a mark of sanctity, or the reward of sanctity; it is only a means of acquiring it.

The consciousness that even after confession we are unworthy to receive Our Lord, ought not to deter us from going to Communion. No mortal can ever be worthy to receive a God. Yet it must be remembered that Christ did not institute the Holy Sacrament of the Altar for angels, but for men. Those who are conscious of their own misery, and desire to remedy it, will feel the need of frequent Communion. Holy Communion purifies the soul from venial sin, and weakens the force of evil concupiscence.

The soul cannot live without food any more than the body. Thus we are bound under pain of mortal sin to communicate at least once a year at Easter; also in case of dangerous illness. The Council of Trent encouraged the faithful who are present at Holy Mass to communicate, not only in spiritual desire, but also by sacramental participation of the Eucharist; so that a more abundant fruit might be derived to them from this holy sacrifice. *“We give our bodies nourishment several times a day,”* says St. Charles Borromeo, *“and shall our souls receive nourishment only once a year?”*

By Holy Communion we are united most closely to Christ. Our Lord says: *“He that eateth My flesh and drinketh My blood, abideth in Me, and I in him”* (John vi. 57). Holy Communion is a continuation of the Incarnation. By His incarnation Our Lord united Himself to mankind in general; by Holy Communion He unites Himself to each individual member of the human race. As two pieces of wax melt together, so completely does Our Lord make Himself one with us in Holy Communion. He is in us and we are in Him. St. Augustine

says that those who receive Our Lord frequently assume His nature; are, as it were, transformed into Him. By Communion Christ changes our nature into His own, as leaven changes a quantity of flour. Our nature is ennobled by Communion, as a wild tree is ennobled by being grafted with a cultivated tree.

Holy Communion also united us to one another; for all Catholics by means of it are made one body, as St. Paul says: *“For we, being many, are one bread, one body, all that partake of one bread.”* The Fathers speak of Communion as the general union of all the faithful in Christ and with one another. Hence it is called the sign of unity, the bond of charity, the symbol of concord. (from the Council of Trent).

Holy Communion imparts actual graces; and also maintains and increases sanctifying grace in the soul. At each Communion fresh actual graces are obtained, that enlightens the understanding and strengthens the will. Holy Communion acts like the rising sun, dispelling darkness and bringing light. It imparts strength, as did the bread of which Elias partook, and power to withstand temptation and to practice virtue. Holy Communion gives to the timid the courage of lions. Those who have great trials and sufferings to endure ought to communicate often to acquire strength. Holy Communion preserves the life of the soul, as bread and wine do that of the body; for it maintains within us sanctifying grace, which gives vitality to the soul. Those who communicate frequently persevere in grace; for where God is often present, the enemy of God can find no permanent abode.

The force of evil concupiscence is lessened by Holy Communion; and we are freed by venial sin by means of it. It cleanses us from venial, but not from mortal sin; like fire which consumes wood and straw, but does not burn stone or iron. It is the food and the medicine of the soul. Now food and medicine are beneficial to the sick, but do not aid the dead. Therefore if after confession we commit some venial sin, it is not necessary to go to confession again before approaching Holy Communion.

The graces named above are the portion of those who receive Holy Communion frequently, and prepare themselves carefully for it. The best means of learning to receive Our Lord well is to receive Him often; for as in everything, it is practice that makes perfect. We must endeavor, before approaching Holy Communion, to render ourselves as much like Our Lord as possible; for unless we resemble Him spiritually no union between Him and us will be practicable. The better our preparation for Holy Communion, the more plentiful the graces we receive from it. We must cleanse our souls from mortal sin by confession, perform good works, and adorn ourselves with the virtues.

To receive Holy Communion when one is conscious of having committed a mortal sin, is to incur the guilt of sacrilege. He who receives Holy Communion in a state of mortal sin profanes the Holy Sacrament; he is guilty of the body and blood of the Lord (1 Cor. xi. 27). His sin is the same as if he had put Our

Lord to death. Holy Communion is like the light, which is salutary to good eyes, but hurtful to those that are diseased; so the Lord's body is a medicine, giving spiritual health to the pure of heart, but spiritual death to the unclean and evil. The consequences of a sacrilegious Communion are very terrible; it produces blindness, obstinacy of the heart, and brings the sinner chastisements both temporal and eternal. Satan enters into the unworthy communicant, as he did into Judas after his sacrilegious Communion (John xiii. 27). Terror, despair, hatred of God, the torments the lost suffer in hell, begin now on earth for the unworthy communicant. He who comes to the marriage feast (Holy Communion) without a wedding garment (sanctifying grace), shall be cast into exterior darkness. (Matt. Xxii). St. Paul warns the Christians of communicating unworthily when he says: *"He that eateth and drinketh unworthily eateth and drinketh judgement to himself, not discerning the Lord's body"* (1 Cor. xi. 29).

With the upcoming Synod we wish to understand the Church's position on marriage, divorce, remarriage, and the Sacraments. According to the ordinance of Christ, Christian marriage, strictly a union of one man and one woman, is indissoluble. Neither husband nor wife can contract a second marriage during the life-time of the other. The principal object of matrimony is for procreation and to provide for the proper bringing up of children, an object which could not be attained if the nuptial tie were dissoluble. What would become of the children if parents were free to separate at their pleasure? Our Lord strictly forbids any one to marry again as long as the partner of his or her first marriage is living. *"What God hath joined together, let no man put asunder"* (Matt. Xix. 4-9). If either party contracts a second marriage while the other is still alive, he or she commits a mortal sin and the second marriage is invalid. It is however possible for a married couple to be separated, provided there are sufficient grounds.

Our Lord said to the multitudes, *"Come to Me...and I will refresh you"* (Matt. 11:28). And again, *"Without Me you can do nothing"* (John 15:5). We need the Eucharist in our daily lives to strengthen us, especially in these troubled times. St. Augustine stated, *"It is not a case of us transforming Christ into ourselves, as we commonly do with food; but it is Jesus who transforms us into Himself."*

Souls filled with the love imparted by the Eucharist are moved by Christ to accomplish His work on this earth. St. Francis de Sales encouraged all to receive and adore the Eucharist as often as possible, because *"by adoring and partaking of His beauty, His goodness and His purity in this Divine Sacrament, you will become all beautiful, good and pure."*

St. Pius X said, *"If the angels could envy, they would envy us for Holy Communion."* St. Madeleine Sophie Barat described Holy Communion as *"Paradise on earth."* We must ardently love to receive Our Divine Lord, adore Him, and carry Him within us like Our Holy Mother. We pray that each

Holy Communion will increase our fervor and love for the God who created us!

One beneficial way of preparing for Holy Communion is to invoke the Immaculate Mary for aid in receiving Our Divine Lord with Her humility, purity, and love. This was a practice of many of the saints, including St. Louis de Montfort, St. Alphonsus de Liguori, and St. Maximilian Kolbe.

In the Eucharist, Jesus repeats to us, “*Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy burdened, and I will refresh you*” (Matt. 21:28). And with Jesus, “*I can do all things in Him who strengthens me*” (Phil. 4:13).

Let us go then and take refuge in His Sacred Heart, bearing Him within us, strengthening and guiding us in His will. May we be totally dependent on Him, our Eucharistic Love, in the days ahead. “*Now not I alone, but Christ within me!*”

PRO-LIFE NEWS

Planned Parenthood Reveals Possibility of Babies Being Born Alive and Killed

The Center for Medical Progress announced that StemExpress, a biotech company working with Planned Parenthood, admitted to receiving “fully intact fetuses,” and is seeking to suppress video releases.

The Center for Medical Progress also said that Dr. Savita Ginde of Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains (PPRM) admits that about 10 percent of their second trimester babies are born “intact” before the abortion procedure is done.

Then in an interview with CNN, CMP leader, David Daleiden, explained why StemExpress, a biotech company that partners with Planned Parenthood, is trying to suppress the release of more video tapes: “*Their leadership admitted that they sometimes get fully intact fetuses shipped to their laboratory from the abortion clinics they work with, and that could be prima facie evidence of born alive infants. And so that’s why they’re trying to suppress that videotape and they’re very scared of it.*”

CMP also stated that, “*Since PPRM does not use digoxin or other feticide in its second trimester procedures, any intact deliveries before an abortion are potentially born-alive infants under federal law.*”

Because PPRM does not use digoxin, this would mean women who are dilated, but have not had the abortion procedure, actually go into labor and deliver—potentially a live baby. **Continued on page 26.**

SAINTS IN REVIEW

St. John Bosco

(The Mother of God appeared to Mary Ann Van Hoof back in 1950 expressing great concern for the Youth of our day because they were being neglected by their elders and were being led astray by the evil forces in our world. St. John Bosco, a saint for the youth, was one of the saints that appeared to her. The following review of his life is being presented in his honor.)

John Bosco was born into a poor farm family on August 16, 1815 in Becchi, a small town near Turin, Italy. His father, Francesco, died when he was two years old; and he was raised with tender love, yet firm discipline, by his mother, Margherita.

His mother taught her children how to pray, which meant speaking to God. For John, it often took place on his knees on the kitchen pavement or while seated on the grass as he gazed at the heavens.

From his mother, John learned to see God also in the faces of others; those of the poor, those of the miserable ones who came knocking at the door of the house during winter, or those to whom Margherita gave hot soup or even mended shoes.

At the age of nine, John had his first great dream which marked his entire life. He saw a multitude of very poor boys playing and blaspheming. He also saw a 'Man' of majestic appearance who told him, "*With meekness and charity you will conquer these your friends;*" and, then a 'Lady' just as majestic added, "*Make yourself humble, strong, and robust. At the right time you will understand everything.*"

John tried immediately to do good for boys. When visiting performers came to town, he studied the jugglers, the tricks, and the acrobats' secrets. One Sunday evening, John gave his first performance in front of the kids from neighboring houses. He performed balancing miracles with pots and pans on the tip of his nose. Then he jumped up on a rope strung between two trees, and walked on it while being applauded by the young spectators. Before his grandiose conclusion, he repeated for them the sermon he heard at the morning Mass, and invited all to pray. The games and the Word of God began transforming his little friends, who willingly prayed in his company.

Little John understood that to do good for so many boys he needed to study and become a priest. But his brother, Anthony, already 18 and an unlettered peasant, did not want to hear of this; so he threw away his books and belted him.

On a cold morning in February of 1827, John left home and went to look for work as a farm-servant. He was only 12, but life at home was unbearable on account of the continuous quarrels with Anthony. John found work on a

farm near the town of Moncucco. During the long nights of winter, and during the summer sitting under the trees while the cows stripped their leaves, he went back to his books and studies.

Three years later Anthony married and moved off the family farm; so John returned home and resumed his schooling, first at Castelnuovo and then at Chieri. To provide for his needs he learned different trades: tailor, blacksmith, barman, and even coached students after classes. He was intelligent, and even some of the best students of the school flocked around him. At 20 years of age, John took the most important step of his life; he entered the seminary.

On June 5, 1841, after six years of intense studies, the archbishop of Turin ordained John Bosco a priest. Now “Don Bosco” (in Italy the family name of a priest is preceded by “Don”) was finally able to dedicate himself full time to the abandoned boys he had seen in his dreams. He immediately went to look for them in the streets of Turin. On those first Sundays - says Michael Rua, one of the first boys he met in those first months, Don Bosco went through the city to become aware of the moral conditions of the young. He was shocked! The outskirts of the city were zones of turmoil and revolution; places of desolation. Unemployed, sad, and ready to do anything, adolescents caused problems on the streets. Don Bosco could see them betting on street corners, their faces hard and determined, to get their way at any cost.

But Don Bosco met the most dramatic of all situations when he entered the prisons. To see so many boys from 12 to 18 years of age, all healthy, strong, intelligent, insect-bitten, but lacking in spiritual and material food, was something that horrified him. In face of such a situation, he made his decision: *“I must by any means prevent boys from ending up here.”*

Turin had a population of 117,000 and there were 16 parishes. The parish priests were aware of the problem of the young, but were expecting the boys to come to the sacristies and churches for the required catechism classes. They did not realize that it was necessary to try new ways; to invent new schemes; to try another form of apostolate by meeting the boys in shops, offices, and market places.

Don Bosco met the first boy on December 8, 1841 and took care of him. Three days later there were nine; three months later there were twenty-five; and by summer there were eighty. They included pavers, stone-cutters, masons, plasterers; and some came from far-away towns. Thus was born the youth centre which he called Oratorio. For Don Bosco the Oratorio became his permanent occupation. He looked for jobs for the ones who were unemployed, tried to obtain fairer treatment for those who had jobs, and taught those who were willing to study after their day's work was finished.

Some of the boys did not have sleeping quarters and slept under bridges or in bleak public dormitories. Twice he tried to provide lodging in his house. The first time they stole the blankets; and the second time they emptied the

hay-loft. But Don Bosco did not give up, being the obstinate optimist that he was. In the month of May, 1847, he gave shelter to a young lad from Valesia; in one of the three rooms he was living in with his mother. *"I had three lira when I arrived in Turin,"* said the boy, *"but I found no work and had no place to sleep."*

After the lad from Valesia, another six boys arrived that same year. In the first months, money became a dramatic problem for Don Bosco. It would remain a problem throughout his life. His first benefactor was not a countess, but his mother. Margaret (Mamma Margherita), a 59 year old poor peasant, had left her house at Becchi to become mother to these poor boys. To be able to put something on the table for them to eat, she sold her wedding ring, her earrings, and her necklace; things which she had kept jealously until then. The boys sheltered by Don Bosco numbered 36 in 1852, 115 in 1854, 470 in 1860, 600 in 1861, and 800 as a maximum some time later.

Some of these boys decided to do what Don Bosco was doing; that is, to spend their lives in the service of abandoned boys. And, this was the origin of the Salesian Congregation. Among the first members we again find one of his first boys, Micheal Rua; plus John Cagliero (who later became a Cardinal); and John Baptist Francesia.

In the archives of the Salesian Congregation some extraordinary documents are to be found, such as: a contract of apprenticeship on ordinary paper, dated November 1851; another one on stamped paper costing 40 cents, dated February 8, 1852; and others with later dates. These, however, are among the very first contracts of apprenticeship to be found in Turin. All of them are signed by the employer, the apprentice, and Don Bosco. In those contracts Don Bosco touched on many sore spots, as some employers tried to make servants and scullery-boys of the apprentices. He obliged them to employ the boys only in their acknowledged trade; make corrections only through words; demand that they be given rest on feast days; and be given time off for annual holidays.

Because the situation of the apprentices still remained very difficult, in 1853 Don Bosco set up his own shoe-making and tailoring shops in the Oratory at Valdocco. After these shops, he built other shops aimed at training book-binders, carpenters, printers, and mechanics; plus six shops reserved for orphans, the poor, and the totally abandoned boys.

To take care of these shops Don Bosco invented a new type of religious: the Coadjutors, or Salesian Brothers. The Salesian Brothers would have the same dignity and rights as those of the Salesian Priests, but they would be specialized people for professional schools.

This effort now provided young people with opportunities in which to develop the skills needed for a job that would help guarantee a more secure future for them. It also provided a place where boys could let loose their desire

to run and jump in open spaces, instead of feeling sad beside city sidewalks; plus a place to meet God and discover how to live according to their dignity.

In the following years of working almost to exhaustion, Don Bosco accomplished many imposing works. Besides the Salesians, he founded the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians and the Salesian Cooperators. He built the Sanctuary of Mary Help of Christians at Valdocco; and founded 59 Salesian Houses in six nations. He started the Salesian Missions in Latin America where he sent his Salesian priests, brothers, and sisters. He published a series of popular books for ordinary Christians and for boys. His System of Education was founded on three values: Reason, Religion, and Loving Kindness.

When people saw that he had the ideal system to educate the young and tried to give him credit for what he had accomplished, Don Bosco would immediately interrupt them and say, *“I have done nothing by myself. It is the Virgin Mary who has done everything.”* This is because She was the one who had traced out his road in the famous dream he had when he was just nine years old.

On January 31, 1888 at the age of 72 with his Salesians keeping vigil around his bed, Don Bosco whispered these parting words before he died, *“Love each other as brothers. Do good to all and evil to none. Tell my boys that I wait for them all in Paradise.”*

Over a hundred years later, Don Bosco’s message to us all would be: Life, this great gift which comes from God, is to be spent well. You will spend it well if you do not hide egotistically in your shell; but open yourself to love and committing yourself to the good of the one who is poorer than you.

Pro Life, continued from page 22.

PPRM may have babies being born alive because it does not use the digoxin injections some late-term abortion providers use. Digoxin is sometimes inserted into the woman’s abdomen to kill her baby before delivery.

The induction abortion with the use of digoxin injection was pioneered by late-term abortionist George R. Tiller of Wichita, Kansas, and is now widely used throughout the United States by the few abortionists who are willing to admit they do the late-term procedures. It has replaced the live partial-birth abortion method since the Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act was upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court in April, 2007.



DIAMOND STAR RESEARCH NOTES



INCURRING GOD’S WRATH

[Author’s Note: In our previous article, *Punishment or Peace?* – we pointed out that there is a definite cause and effect principle that brings about a predestined consequence to our actions. We elaborate further on that concept here.]

On June 26, 2015 the Supreme Court of the United States handed down its decision in the case *Obergefell versus Hodges*. The 5 to 4 decision made sodomy (same-sex “marriage”) the law of the land, bringing this nation to a new low. This decision is not all that unexpected given the fact that the groundwork for it has been laid down by introducing movements in previous years pushing feminism and so-called equal rights; the obscuring of genders via the uni-sex look in fashions; and much more.

With the weakening and watering-down of the Catholic faith and Christian principles via the liturgical, educational, and cultural revolutions, moral behavior has sunk to the lowest level ever.

One of the first steps towards the progressive homosexual degradation was pornography. Pornography and sexual promiscuity, no matter how it is manifested, leads to the eventual corruption of society where sodomy is finally accepted as “normal.” The sodomite (homosexual and lesbian) subculture is permeated with pornography in all its manifestations. Such action of a sodomite subculture corrupts society by focusing on the unrestricted pursuit of human pleasure while destroying the foundation of the family.

Nations (and the Church itself) are held accountable to God for the sin of sodomy. Saint Augustine stated, *“Sins against nature ... like the sin of Sodom, are abominable and deserve punishment whenever and wherever they are committed. If all nations committed them, all alike would be held guilty of the same charge in God’s Law; for our Creator did not prescribe that we should use each other in this way. In fact, the relationship that we ought to have with God is itself violated when our nature, of which He is Author, is desecrated by perverted lust.”* [Saint Augustine, Confessions, Book 3, chap. 8, p 65, apud atila S. Guimeraes.]

Enrique Rueda, who has studied the homosexual movement in depth, has stated that while the Church does not “officially” support the movement, the movement has however, *“been very successful in penetrating the Catholic*

Church and now derives considerable support from it.” [The Homosexual Network by Enrique Rueda, p 301.]

For this reason and more , we are now witnessing the complete and final corruption of a once Christian society and the final phase in the eclipse of the Church. (The above information from Rueda is over 30 years old; and it has systematically gotten much worse).

In Our Lady at Necedah’s Message to the Elect, it was prophesied, ***“My Child, of the Shepherds of the Church of God, My Divine Son wills that I tell you this. You, My Child, should tell the same words to all the Elect. They lay aside the Gospel of peace and love in favor of easier maxims, which My Child does not require that they do violence to their own will, or expose their negligence to the reproach of the flock. Worse still they pervert the scriptures, rather preach falsehoods and impossible doctrines which lacks spirituality; thus abandoning what is fundamental and life-giving in favor of what is superficial and secondary. For this reason, My Child, God will abandon them to the sorry consequences of their pride. The Church, My Child, will be sundered by heresy and schism. Bishops will adjure each other, clergy and laity will live in enmity, and GOD WILL BE FORGOTTEN. THE GOOD WILL BE ALONE WITHOUT JUST COUNSEL, SAVE FROM ABOVE; but God will never desert them My Child, for the good will praise God and He will be with them always.”*** [July 2, 1954.]

The above Message aptly describes the state of the Church today. ***“Rome has left the Church!”*** as Archbishop Marcel Lefbve put it; and as La Salette put it, ***“Rome will loose the Faith.”*** It most certainly has. So no wonder corruption we now see prevails.

Incredible signs of God’s Chastisement (His Wrath) and His Second Coming are manifest across the globe: The conjunction of Venus and Jupiter forming the Star of Bethlehem, last seen at the Birth of Christ, is now occurring (first conjunction was June 29 and 30 with more to come very soon); an unprecedented rise in sea levels, ocean incursions, and rip currents; a dramatic rise in the number of earthquakes worldwide, especially in the higher magnitudes; unprecedented volcanism including dormant volcanoes that have not erupted in recorded history; sink holes and landslides as well as firefalls (meteors) more frequent than ever before; Earth’s magnetic field weakening and fluctuating as never before; Earth wobble and axis shift now in the beginning stage of pole-shift; and seas, rivers, lakes, rains, and even the sap of trees turning to a blood red.

All the foregoing and more is indicating a magnetic and gravitational interference from an incoming celestial body into our inner solar system. This appears to be the “Great Comet” prophesied by Saint Hildegard (11th century) as well as other Catholic prophecy and Marian apparitions, indicating the wrath of God is imminent.

We know that we, God's children, are put on this Earth to be tried and tested. God in His Infinite Wisdom knows best and there is no reason to be discouraged; but rather trust in God and His Divine Providence and His Holy Mother's protection.

Concerning all these social upheavals and corruption incurring God's Wrath, we must turn to God's Word. Consider these words: *"...There is no reason to be discouraged or despair. On the contrary, judging from the viewpoint of Divine Revelation and prophecy, we could say that 'everything is going according to plan' – so to speak. While we must at all times fight for good morals, common decency, common sense, true justice, and religious truth, nevertheless we know that this world will at some point in the future be ruled by the Antichrist, not because God positively wills it so, but because He permits it as part of salvation history in order to draw a great good from it. This has been revealed to us in Holy Scripture by Almighty God Himself (e.g. 2 Thess. 2; 1 Jn 2:18; cf. Mt 24). Although the knowledge that it will and must happen is no excuse to surrender, to sit back and watch it all come about. It is cause to not despair; to not be dismayed, and to understand why all these frightening social upheavals against God's Law – both natural and revealed – are happening, and why God is permitting them. This, in turn, allows us to continue our trustful and loving surrender to Divine Providence, full of Faith and Hope, keeping in mind that even though the times in which we live are evil, nevertheless Almighty God, Who is all-knowing, all-good, and all-powerful, has chosen to place us into precisely this time of human history and no other – and He did so because He foreknew that this would be most conducive to our salvation."* [Why We Are Where We Are Today: Bp Sanborn explains the History of Christendom.]

MAIL CORNER

Wisconsin: Am writing to be put on the mailin list for the Shrine Newsletter. I have borrowed or from my sister. I did not know there was one unt I saw hers in a recent visit. I have known about the Apparitions in Necedah from the time I was 9 yrs.

old; but actually have forgotten about this place. My mother talked about it when I was little. She was a firm believer. I wish to be in touch and to learn all I can. I have never been to the Shrine, but hope one day to visit. I have just read the Summer 2015 Newsletter. It is amazing how much information is put in an issue. It was excellent in its content. Some articles should be read in church as a homily; in fact they really need to be read and heard by everyone. The freedom of man has become too free and even sinful. I don't mean to be



outspoken, but it is how I feel. Please add my name to the mailing list. I enclose a check to help pay for printing and postage. If there is a fee, please let me know. I know mailing is costly. Thank you very much! May Our Lady bless all the workers for their hours of hard work.

Wisconsin: My sister just called me and said she visited your Shrine yesterday and bought a book called “The Passion and Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ” in a hard cover. I would like to order the book. I’m sending money for the book and the rest is to go to building the church; for the time seems to get shorter in what is happening all around us. The Messages given to us since Fatima are about changing our life-style and stopping the killings of innocent children and people. The circle is closing faster and faster. Also, hope I get to see the church when it is done. God bless you all.

Texas: Grateful appreciation for the prayers answered. Please pray for me and my family thanks.

THE POOR SOULS

NOVEMBER - “THE MONTH OF THE POOR SOULS”

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Our Lady asks that we pray very much for the poor souls; that we pray:

5 - I believe in God . . .

1 - Hail Holy Queen . . .

1 - Our Father . . .

1 - Hail Mary. . .

1 - Glory be to the Father . . .

1 - Requiem

“Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.”

PRAYER FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY

O God, the giver of pardon and the lover of man’s salvation, we beseech Your mercy through the intercession of Blessed Mary ever Virgin and of all Your Saints, to grant to the souls of Your servants and handmaids who have passed out of this life, the companionship of everlasting bliss. Through the same Our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, world without end. Amen.

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