



Star of the Stormy Sea

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“... When your souls suffer temptations and are immersed in grief ...turn to her with confidence and say,
‘Star of the stormy sea of my mortal life, May your light shine upon me so that I do not stray from the path that leads me to heaven.’” (Taken from “The Testament of Mother Mariana de Jesus Torres” January 16th, 1635)



“Contemplate His most dolorous Passion; analyze it in your prayers; penetrate that suffering tormented Heart and see a model of humility, patience, tolerance, silence and heroic generosity amid the most arduous sufferings, which no mortal creature can ever equal.

(Taken from “The Testament of Mother Mariana de Jesus Torres” January 16th, 1635)

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Dear Apostles of Our Lady of Good Success:

For a couple of years now we have tried to spread devotion to the Holy Face in Quito, Ecuador. We have sent thousands of holy cards and medals on the Holy Face (in Spanish) to our dear sisters in both the Carmelite and Conceptionist convents to help

spread the devotion in Quito, Ecuador. They have told us that they are honored to help us in our work to spread this devotion. As a result of a recent unfortunate occurrence, we now feel that promoting the devotion to the Holy Face in the United States by the Apostolate should begin.

In July, the month of the Precious Blood of Our Lord, our family experienced a great loss in the death of a dear relative, a true friend and member of the Apostolate, David R. Heckenkamp. With this sudden and tragic loss, we felt a great urgency to promote this devotion as David was an “Apostle for the Holy Face.” David died unexpectedly in his sleep at the age of 49. He spent his last years spreading devotion to the Holy Face by handing out this particular image printed here and the book, *“The Holy Man of Tours.”* He was in the process of ordering medals and holy cards on the Holy Face to distribute when he passed away.

David was born on **July 8th**, 1958 and died on **July 26th**, 2007. The dates bear an interesting significance for us as they are connected in a certain way to the two most popular devotions of the Holy Face. In the 19th Century, a devotion to the Holy Face known as “The Golden Arrow Devotion” was promoted by a **Carmelite** Sister from Tours, France, Sr. Marie of St. Peter, who died on **July 8th**, 1848. Then in the 20th Century, the Holy Face devotion was promoted by a **Conceptionist** Sister in Buenos Aires, South America, Sr. Maria Pierina de Micheli, who died on **July 26th**, 1945. Was it a coincidence that David’s Birthday and Death day coincided with the deaths of these sisters? We don’t know. However, as we were doing the research on the Holy Face to write this article, we found these striking facts that gave us the encouragement and that little “extra push” to feature this subject in this issue as we felt perhaps Our Lord truly wanted us to write about His Holy Face Devotion at this time. We will not eulogize about Dave but will only say that Dave lived his life as all Catholics should live it. One of his nephews said about David, “He truly practiced what he preached.” We need not say any more. We kindly ask all members of the Apostolate and readers of our newsletter to pray for the repose of the soul of David R Heckenkamp. *“Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.”*

Since we assist the **Carmelite** and **Conceptionist** Convents in Quito, we find it very appropriate to write about these two sisters and the two different yet very similar devotions to the Holy Face that they were ordered by Our Lord.

At the very core of both of these devotions are Our Lord’s words to both of these sisters who had a desire to fulfill the wishes of His Sacred Heart. He explained to these sisters that no one should fear that this devotion will take away from the devotion to His Sacred Heart but to the contrary the devotion of the Sacred Heart is *“completed and augmented”* in the devotion to the Holy Face since *“in contemplating My Face, souls will share in all My gifts and will feel the need for love and reparation.”*

We have not found the history behind this particular version of this Holy Face painting that you see printed on this page, but it is similar to the image on the Shroud of Turin. If anyone recognizes this rendition of the Holy Face and knows the history of it, please contact us as we are eager to learn of it. The print seems to have come from Barcelona, Spain.

Devotion to the Holy Face—Why and How? It is written that in 1623, on Feast of Corpus Christi, Our Lord made known to Mother Mariana de Jesus Torres that **devotion to the Passion of Our Lord, the Holy Eucharist and Our Lady “constitute the support and the mainstay of religious institutions and her Convent in particular.”**

Mother Mariana spent many hours in prayer contemplating the Passion of Our Lord before the Blessed Sacrament. She performed many austere penances that reflected Our Lord’s own instruments of Passion such as flagellation. However, lay people certainly cannot perform the same kinds of offerings that the cloistered religious do. Yet, surely, we can imitate them as closely as our own personal lifestyles can afford. So how can we honor Our Lord in His Passion? We will discuss here two devotions sent from Heaven by Our Lord, Himself, to two cloistered sisters living in two consecutive centuries. It is important to recall as well, that Our Lord asked Mother Mariana if she would be willing to suffer as a victim soul for the three major sins of the 20th Century that offended God the most which were **Blasphemy, Heresy and Impurity.**

Part 1 The Golden Arrow Devotion It is also called **“The Work of Reparation”** for the sins against **Blasphemy and the Profanation of Sunday.**

Our Lord appeared to a cloistered sister of the **Carmelite** community of Tours, **Sister Marie of St. Peter**, on August 26th, 1843. This convent was specifically chosen by God to spread devotion to the Holy Face due to the fact that the Reverend Mother had made a special vow promising God that for a whole year two of the religious in her community would offer their Communion for the special intention that the designs of the Sacred Heart should be accomplished. Through Sr. Marie of St. Peter, the world would one day come to know that the designs of the Sacred Heart were to be accomplished through **“The Work of Reparation.”**

It was during a terrible storm on that August 26th that **Sr. Marie of St. Peter** was praying offering Our Lord Jesus Christ to the Heavenly Father in expiation for her sins and the needs of the Church and felt the anger of God through this storm. She asked God if she was imagining this feeling. Our Lord replied in this way, **“My Name is everywhere blasphemed! There are even children who blaspheme!”** Sr. Marie of St. Peter writes in her autobiography *“The Golden Arrow”*: *Our Lord made me visualize the act of blasphemy as a poisoned arrow continually wounding His divine Heart. After that He revealed to me that He wanted to give me a “Golden Arrow” which would have the power of wounding Him delightfully, and which would also heal those other wounds inflicted by the malice of sinners. The following is the formula of the “Golden Arrow” which is an Act of Praise that our Lord Himself dictated to me, notwithstanding my unworthiness, for the reparation of blasphemy against His Holy Name.*

The Golden Arrow Prayer

May the most holy, most sacred, most adorable, most incomprehensible and unutterable Name of God be always praised, blessed, loved, adored and glorified in Heaven, on earth, and in the hells, by all the creatures of God, and by the Sacred Heart of Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. Amen.

What is particularly noteworthy is the phrase **“in the hells”** as Sr. Marie of St. Peter was **“astonished”** at this terminology but Our Lord explained to her that Divine Justice was also glorified there where not only the reprobates reside but the souls of the just who are being purified. Thus, this devotion is a reminder to all Catholics that there is truly a place called hell and a place called purgatory. On Feb 2, 1844 Our Lord spoke to Sr. Marie of St. Peter to mention that this **“Work of Reparation”** was also to include reparation for the profanation of Sundays. On January 5, 1846, Sr. Marie of St. Peter writes, *“...this Work included not only reparation for what is generally called blasphemy, ... but that it also embraced reparation for all of the attacks against Religion and Holy Church, since these also constitute a form of blasphemy.”* **So perhaps this “Work of Reparation” then could be considered an act of reparation against heretical attacks against the Church which are so numerous and vicious in these times.**

Our Lord said, as well, that only Reparation could disarm the Justice of God because the guilt of men had provoked His anger. On October 4, 1846, Our Lord foretold to Sr. Marie what chastisements of God’s Justice would be felt because of the profanation of Sunday. There had been a terrible flood caused by the overflowing of the River Loire that had been unprecedented for many centuries. Sr. Marie was told that God **“wielded the elements”** because of the profanation of Sunday. On this day, Sr. Marie was given to know that in the future (perhaps because He was largely ignored) **“God’s Justice would use as the instrument of punishment, not the elements, but the ‘malice of revolutionary men- that is the Communists.’ ”** (This was the first revelation from heaven concerning Communism. Our Lord said that this devotion would defeat it. It is, therefore, the sister-devotion to the Fatima devotion--necessary to save the world. It is interesting to note that Communism was at its very beginning stages as Karl Marx, the father of Communism, had not even published his **“Communist Manifesto”** until 1848.) Our Lord then ordered Sr. Marie to wage war against the enemies of the Church, the Communists, through her prayers and the instruments of His Passion which would be her only weapons against them and the devil himself.

Our Lord also requested that an Archconfraternity be established. Several attempts were made unsuccessfully, but there was one man whose work for the Holy Face was crowned with success. His name was M. Leo Dupont. Leo DuPont was a fervent Catholic and benefactor of the Carmelite Convent of Tours. Sr. Marie asked Leo DuPont for assistance in spreading the devotion to the Holy Face by the printing a small work on the Holy Face. The Carmelite Prioress also gave him a copy of the Holy Face of Veronica’s Veil which had been touched to the original in Rome on the very evening of a Miraculous occurrence that involved the Veil. (**“The miracle of the Vatican”** happened in 1849 at a time when Pope Pius IX had fled to Gaeta before the Revolution. To appease the anger of Heaven and to obtain an end to the evils devastating the Church, he permitted the Holy Face Effigy and a Relic of the True Cross to be publicly venerated in Rome from the Feast of Christmas to the Epiphany. It was during this time that the Holy Face, though covered with a silk veil, could be seen to become lifelike, change color and expression. This event lasted for three hours in front of a great crowd.) Upon receiving such a gift and great honor, Leo DuPont placed it on a prominent wall in his drawing room with a lantern of oil that he burned day and night in the spirit of reparation. People who visited him were drawn to this **“shrine”** in his home and asked about it. He was very happy to use this way as a means to teach people about the devotion to the Holy Face and **“the Work of Reparation.”** Many conversions and cures were obtained from prayers said before this little shrine and the application of the oil from the lamp that constantly burned before the Holy Face.. For thirty years, Leo DuPont carried on his mission in hopes that this devotion would eventually be officially approved by the Church. Shortly before his death his hope was realized. He died in the odor of sanctity. His home became a public oratory and a place of pilgrimage. It remains so even to this day. On October 1, 1885, Pope Leo XIII established the Archconfraternity in this public oratory as Our Lord had demanded. **“The most beautiful work under the sun”** had officially begun! It is

interesting to note that Our Lord asked that every Confraternity member should wear a special cross called , “The Holy Face Protection Cross” The Cross bears the words on the front, “**Sit Nomen Domini Benedictum**” (Blessed Be the Name of God). On the reverse side of the Cross, “**Vade Retro, Satana**” (Begone, Satan) The Crossbeam shows the Sacred Heart on the right and the Immaculate Heart on the left and in the center is the reproduction of Veronica’s Veil, reminding wearers to run to Jesus and Mary in time of temptation. This emblem of the Immaculate Heart present in this cross is yet another sign of this devotion being a sister devotion to Fatima. Unfortunately, this devotion was neglected and forgotten by the beginning of World War I (World War I being a just chastisement for this negligence). For an in depth study of this devotion read the books by Dorothy Scallan, “**The Holy Man of Tours**” and “**The Whole World Will Love Me**”. Also the book called “**The Golden Arrow**” is the autobiography of Sr. Marie of St. Peter. Also, John Vennari of **Catholic Family News** has an excellent talk on the Holy Face which is on audiotape. In our next issue, we will discover how Our Lord once again came in the 20th Century to revive this devotion to His Holy Face but this time using a Conceptionist sister and the Holy Face on the Shroud of Turin.

PROMISES OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST TO SISTER MARIE OF ST. PETER

1. By offering My Face to My Eternal Father, nothing will be refused, and the conversion of many sinners will be obtained.
2. By My Holy Face, they will work wonders, appease the anger of God and draw down mercy on sinners.
3. All those who honor My Face in a spirit of reparation will by so doing perform the office of the pious Veronica.
4. According to the care they take in making reparation to My Face disfigured by blasphemers, so will I take care of their souls which have been disfigured by sin. My Face is the Seal of the Divinity, which has the virtue of reproducing in souls the image of God.
5. Those who by words, prayers or writings defend My cause in the Work of Reparation, especially My priests, I will defend before My Father, and will give them My Kingdom.
6. As in a kingdom they can procure all that is desired with a coin stamped with the King's effigy, so in the Kingdom of Heaven they will obtain all they desire with the precious coin of My Holy Face.
7. Those who on earth contemplate the wounds of My Face shall in Heaven behold it radiant with glory.
8. They will receive in their souls a bright and constant radiation of My Divinity, that by their likeness to My Face they shall shine with particular splendor in Heaven.
9. I will defend them, I will preserve them and I assure them of Final Perseverance.

October 13, 2007 –In honor of the 90th Anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun

Some time ago we had written an article about the Rosary and the Scapular. We had used a common quote attributed to the Blessed Virgin Mary to Saint Dominic, “**One Day through the Rosary and Scapular I will save the World**” Upon reading this, a priest spoke to me about it and asked me to rescind this quote as he thought it was one of those pious sentimental quotes that no one could trace back to any official document and therefore it should go into the “nice legend” category. Since I had taken that quote for granted since my youth, I was a bit disheartened by his comment but quickly found my source. It happened to be the book “The Secret of the Most Holy Rosary” by St. Louis De Montfort. Upon telling the priest, his doubts were dispelled. However, I wanted to find “the original source”. When did Our Lady say this to St. Dominic and where? This was about a year ago now and up until this time I could not find anything- until the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. I came across a book called, “The Doorway to Heaven” by Catherine A. Moran. Chapter Three is titled “The Brown Scapular”. The author stated that she had found a story in a book on the scapular by Fr. Marianus Ventimiglia, published in 1773 in Naples which stated: “*In the early part of the thirteenth century, St. Dominic, St. Francis of Assisi, and St. Angelus the Carmelite accidentally met one day on a street corner in Rome (a chapel still stands at the spot to commemorate this event). St. Dominic then uttered a famous prophecy: 'To my Order, the Blessed Virgin will entrust a devotion to be known as the rosary and to your Order, Angelus, she will entrust a devotion to be known as the scapular. One day, through the rosary and the scapular, she will save the world.'*” Coincidentally, I also found the reference in “The Fatima The Great Sign” on page 111 in “Notes”. As well, I did a search on this Italian author, Fr. Marianus Ventimiglia. He appears to be truly authentic as an Italian Library has his writings from 1773 in their library.

This “trio of saintly religious” holds a little extra interest in regards to the Fatima message. For in this story, the Rosary then is represented by St. Dominic, the Scapular is represented by St. Angelus the Carmelite and Penance represented by St. Francis. In these three we find the “Trinitarian requests of Fatima” – as Our Lady asked for Prayer, Penance and Consecration to Her Immaculate Heart.

According to Father Rafferty who interviewed Sr Lucia in 1950, these are the Requests made at Fatima:

First of all, we are to say the Rosary every day.

Secondly, we are to offer the sacrifices of our daily lives.

Thirdly, we are to make communions of reparations on First Saturdays.

Fourthly, we are to consecrate ourselves to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Sr Lucia then confirmed Fr. Rafferty’s thoughts about the Brown Scapular with this words on August 15, 1950. Sr. Lucia said, “there is one more condition-- the wearing of the scapular--the symbol of our consecration.” Then she said, “... you could not follow the message of Fatima unless you add also the fifth condition which is the wearing of the brown scapular of Our Lady... Father, the rosary and the scapular are inseparable. ”

So it seems that the prophecy Our Lady gave to St. Dominic may be realized through the complying with the requests Our Lady of Fatima made to the three Fatima Children. For Sr Lucia is reported as saying that, “*God will only permit the grace of the*

Collegial Consecration [of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary by the Catholic Bishops together with the Pope] "when a sufficient number (of people) are complying with the message of Fatima." (Fatima The Great Sign-pg 89).

Thus if we obey Our Lady of Fatima through the rosary and her scapular – her Immaculate Heart will Triumph and she “will save the world” However if we don’t... “Sr Lucia herself told Dr William Walsh, the eminent American historian, that unless the Fatima message was complied with by a sufficient *number* ‘**every nation in the world without exception will eventually be enslaved and scourged by Communism**’.” What are we waiting for?

Ninety years ago on October 13th, 1917, Our Lady of Fatima did not say much. She had already told the children in July, 1917 of the three secrets entrusted to them. However, this last apparition was a solemn and beautiful act of God. Demonstrated through Our Lady of Fatima, 70,000 people witnessed His Power, His Justice and Love for us all. For in that miracle, God showed His might over all things. He reminded the Faithful that He had the power to end our world as quickly as He had created it. Yet, He also demonstrated His mercy in the returning of the sun to its rightful spot in the universe. Many theologians look at this event as a prelude to Apocalyptic events in the future - a nuclear bomb or a meteor of some kind. Was it a warning of what is to come in the Future if we do not heed the words of Our Lady of Fatima on that particular day? Perhaps. On that miraculous day in October, 1917, Our Lady of Fatima gave her name and her last request, **“I want a chapel to be built here in my honor. I am the Lady of the Rosary. Continue to pray the Rosary every day. The war will end soon and soldiers will return to their homes. People must amend their lives and ask pardon for their sins. They must not offend Our Lord any more for He is already too much offended.”** Again we find the three-fold request of Prayer, Penance and Consecration to her. In addition, as the sun danced, the children saw Our Lady represented in the Three Mysteries of the Rosary- the Joyful, the Sorrowful and the Glorious Mysteries. The Glorious Mysteries were represented by Our Lady of Mount Carmel holding out the scapular to us as a visual reminder to us. Let us then, heed her call before it is too late for our country and the world.

October - Month of the Guardian Angels By Heidi Knuth

“Each Archangel fulfills a mission in assisting decadent humanity. And even if other mortals neglect the invocation and veneration of these Princes, I desire that you and your present-day daughters, as well as those to come, should do this so that they might receive graces and favors – material and moral – for themselves and for their Convent. I also counsel that they might always take care of my Statue and of this beloved Convent so favored by the goodness of God”

(Our Lady of Good Success to Mother Mariana on devotion to the Archangels)

The traditional image of a guardian angel is that of a luminescent winged being guarding two small children as they cross a rickety bridge. Angels have always served as guidance and protection during the perilous journey through this world to heaven, as well as during more temporal trips. Yet guardian angels are not the protectors of the weak and innocent alone. Each immortal soul created by God is entrusted to its own heavenly being. As St. Thomas Aquinas notes in his Summa Theologica, (Question 113; Articles 2-6) the angel guardian is appointed by God from birth and will never entirely forsake the soul that it has been appointed to safeguard. While some have questioned whether non-Christians, heathens etc. are given guardian angels, both St. Jerome and St. John Chrysostom contend that each human soul is given an angel guardian.

A belief in individual guarding spirits is one that can be observed throughout history, extending even into pagan cultures which are unaware of the greater mysteries of Faith. While not an official doctrine, this pious belief has persisted throughout the centuries, been promoted by saints and scholars and held in high esteem by laypeople and Church Fathers alike. Angels are shown as guardians in the Bible as well, leading numerous Old and New Testament characters to turning points in their spiritual and temporal lives. From the Archangel Raphael’s guardianship of Tobias to the angel who advises St. Joseph to take the Holy Family into Egypt, angels are a recurring presence in Scripture. In addition, Our Lord Himself makes reference to angels’ guardianship of individuals when He says that each little child has its angel in heaven. (Matt. 18:10) Therefore, a belief in guardian angels is one that has been handed down through both tradition and scripture, further cementing its importance as a tenet of faith.

Devotion to the angels, especially in their roles as guardians, is a hallmark of many saints as well. While many saints possessed a special affinity for Our Lady or some aspect of Our Lord’s life, devotion to the guardian angels is almost as common among those destined for sainthood. St. John Mary Vianney, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, St. Gregory of Tours, Padre Pio, St. Gemma Galgani, St. John Marie Vianney and St. John Bosco are just a few of these saints. Each of these saints had a special devotion to his guardian angel, often being granted the vision of or conversations with their heavenly being. St. Gemma Galgani was permitted nearly constant visibility of her angel, who would admonish her with a look when she had committed even the smallest offense. Padre Pio would not only speak with his own guardian angel, but had influence over the guardian angels of all his spiritual children. He would often tell his followers to send him their guardian angel, and his own angel would often make trips to do his bidding with regards to the spiritual or temporal welfare of his “children”. Mother Mariana was granted numerous visions of angels, from the Archangels Michael, Raphael and Gabriel, to the entire celestial choir of angels in one particular vision. Angels also attended Mother Mariana and the sisters during their imprisonment in the convent.

Scripture, Tradition and the example of the saints urge us to have devotion to our guardian angels and make use of their special abilities, yet we seem to take them for granted, if not forget them altogether. While many people have devotion to a particular patron saint that they share with millions of other people, how often do we neglect our guardian angel, our very own protector and patron, more unique to us than fingerprints or DNA? In 1579, the Feast of the Guardian Angels was first instituted after centuries of being celebrated as simply an extension of the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel. October 2 was chosen as the official date by Pope Clement X. The entire month of October is dedicated as the month of the guardian angels. We should strive during this month to make reparation for this forgetfulness and resolve to have greater devotion to that heavenly being who was created solely for us, will continue to guide us and be our champion in this life and remain our companion for eternity. The Feast of the Holy Angels is in the same month of the Miracle of Fatima, we should reflect on this heavenly coincidence. Contemplate the fact that before the three Fatima children were graced with the presence of the Holy Mother of God, an angel came to educate and prepare them for this great favor. This angel, introducing himself as "The Angel of Peace and The Angel of Portugal" taught the children how and what to pray when contemplating the good God especially in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Listed below are the prayers the Angel of Portugal taught the children of Fatima.

Pardon Prayer of Fatima - My God, I believe, I adore, I trust and I love Thee! I beg pardon for all those that do not believe, do not adore, do not trust and do not love Thee.

Angel of Fatima Prayer - O Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, I adore Thee profoundly. I offer Thee the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifferences by which He is offended. By the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary I beg the conversion of poor sinners.

Badge of the Sacred Heart

The good sisters of Quito make our Badges of the Sacred Heart. The following is another interesting quote from "The Doorway to Heaven" by Catherine A. Moran (mentioned before in the Fatima article) from the section on scapulars. Note: Garcia Moreno consecrated Ecuador to the Sacred Heart and was Pope Pius IX 's special friend.

"There is one other scapular that needs to be mentioned. It is the Scapular of the Sacred Heart, better known as the badge of the Sacred Heart. The scapular was presented to Pope Pius IX by a lady who had made it. He looked at the scapular and said, "Madame, this is a thought from heaven." He stopped, reflected for a while and then added: "With all my heart I bless this little heart, and I will that all those which may be made after this model, shall receive my blessing, without it being necessary for any other priest to give it. Moreover, I will that in no way shall the devil have power to hurt those who shall wear this little heart."

He then directed the following prayer to be written and especially prayed in times of great distress. "Open to me thy Sacred heart, O Jesus! Show me its charms, and unite me with it forever; may every breath and every pulsation of my heart, which cease not during my sleep, be to Thee a testimony of my love, and say to Thee unceasingly, 'Yes, Lord I love Thee.' Accept the little good that I do; grant me grace to repair my evil ways, that I may praise Thee in time and bless Thee for all eternity

Status of Our Charities in Quito As this issue goes to press, a priest friend of ours is visiting the Carmelites and Conceptionists and other places we like to visit this week to see how they are doing. We do speak with the good sisters quite often via telephone and both convents are faring well. The Conceptionist Convent is still in the midst of Renovation. The Church has been closed to the public for this past year. It is expected to be open by January, 2008.. The Carmelites have recovered from their illnesses. Sr Fanny who was to have surgery on a cancerous tumor was what the Mother Superior called "miraculously cured" as the doctors realized the lump was shrinking and is now gone. They will be watching her for the next several months so please pray for her! **We will be beginning our annual fundraiser this Fall for the Sisters of both convents and orphanages so please be generous as they do not have much but a little goes a long way (well at least "longer" than in the USA).**

New Carmelite Novice enters Carmel in August. On August 9, 2007, our friend, Sr Marie officially entered Carmel and is now known at Carmen Alto as Sr . Maria de Jesu del Crucificado. (In English Sr Marie of Jesus Crucified.) Please be assured of her prayers for all of you. So many of you made it possible for her to enter. We thank you and plan on sending each of you something special. Sr. Marie tells us of her constant prayers and sacrifices for us all. She is very happy. She asks your prayers from all of you as well. Please pray for her and all of the intentions of the Apostolate members especially those suffering from physical, mental or spiritual maladies.

GREAT NEWS!!! Latin Tridentine Mass Returns to Quito, Ecuador: *We have been told that as a result of Motu Proprio, the Conceptionist Church in Quito will have the Latin Tridentine Mass starting in January, 2007. The sisters are currently practicing their Gregorian Chant. As well, we have been told that at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart a Latin Tridentine Mass will be offered on Sunday afternoons beginning on September 14th, 2007.*

What's New?- Remember October is the month of the Holy Rosary – Great aids to help you in your daily rosary devotion

- ❖ ***St Mariana badges, prayer booklets, holy cards and relic cards are here!*** H.C. \$.50 RC \$2.00 Booklets/badge \$4.00
- ❖ ***The Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary-Recited in Eng. And Latin*** Inspiring and enlightening Audio CD presentation. \$13.00

- ❖ *The Scriptural Rosary DVD* - \$23.00
- ❖ *The Sing-along Songs for Catholic Children DVD* - \$23.00
- ❖ *The Way of the Cross for Children*- A combination of beautiful prayers, traditional music, and sacred images on DVD. \$23.00
- ❖ *Pilgrimage of Good Success 2007* – DVD video of the some of the highlights of the January 2007 tour. View historical Quito with all of its grand churches, monasteries and historical sites while listening to Gregorian chant background music. 1 hr. \$10.00

Future Projects

- ❖ *Documentary on Our Lady of Good Success and Quito, Ecuador --- Coming Soon from Pro Multis Media*
- ❖ *Traditional prayers and booklets -- We are looking for benefactors to assist us in our future printing projects. Please call.*
- ❖ *Pilgrimages to Our Lady of Good Success – SEE BACK PAGE!!!*

Testimonials:

- ❖ **Jersalem- Israel** Received your package yesterday and will start giving your well written material out and around here in Jerusalem. Have made 4 novenas since receiving your booklet a short while ago...and my memory has shown a noticeable pick up! Thank God... memory and energy are the two "aids" I'm seeking. God bless you all Fr. H
- ❖ **Philippines** - During the Feast of OLGS in February 2005, Bro B and I decided to bring Holy Mary of Good Success to the palace. So we wrote letters and President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo approved it at the last minute! It was really a miracle! But she moved it to February 6, a Sunday. And she attended! It was a beautiful Latin Tridentine Mass, the first Latin Mass said in Malacanang in a long time, with clearance from Monsignor Josefino Ramirez, the priest who baptized me to be a Catholic 20 years ago (I was Presbyterian). Because it was approved the last minute, we had no Latin priest who would take it. After frantic phone calls to the different islands, we were able to get Fr. Joesilo Amallah in Mindanao Island to consent. He arrived at the Manila airport at 8 am Feb 6, Sunday, took a cab and arrived at Malacanang Palace just before the 9 am Mass, where I was frantically waiting for his arrival. Bro. B had trained six altar boys for the Latin rites from his province of Bulacan outside Manila (the parents had traditional habits sewn for their boys). It was a wonderful, wonderful Mass! The Palace did everything -- prepared the Hall, the flowers, and a feast of delicious food for the guests. They even had an envelope prepared for the priest's stipend. Bro. Mark had a tarpaulin of OLGS made since we do not have a lifesize statue, and it was placed in front of the makeshift altar. OLGS is really so miraculous! Did I tell you the image of OLGS I pass around weekly for two months going the rounds of the various departments/employees of the Batansan Pambansa/House of Representatives? Some of them took the image home for a week, even to the provinces. Couldn't do it publicly as Born Again Groups are in control there. However, I gave a short talk at the start in one of the board rooms to the employee/Marian groups who started the ball rolling. Whatever, OLGS has surely scored a victory in some unquantified way there!

Letters of petition, thanks and encouragement:

- ❖ **Ireland** - Dear Apostolate: Our Lady of Good Success Statue was solemnly blessed today before the Traditional Latin Mass celebrated by Fr. P in the oratory of his own home. His first cousin Mary and three other people were there. It was just beautiful thank God. Tomorrow is Fatima day in our Parish Church so I am taking Her there for the day of Prayer. Fr. P celebrated all of the Masses as he always did before he got sick, he couldn't believe he was so well. He was able to stand up through all of the Mass. We are thinking of you all in your time of bereavement, and also remembering your mother, hope she is doing well. I will keep you posted. God Bless
- ❖ **Australia** – I am sorry for not being in touch with you as frequently as I used to. I have been taking care of my 86 yr. old mum and in between going and helping my daughter who had her 6th baby late in March keeps me quite occupied. However the pledge I made to my Dear Mother of Good Success whilst kneeling at her shrine to send up a Bi-annual collection for the needs of the convent still holds very strong and dear within me. I make her known as much as I can wherever I go. I got three more new donors to add onto the list of my collection and am happy with what I could send you... I hope this comes in use for the untold work you so generously do for the Apostolate.
- ❖ **USA** - ... I am so very happy that we now have some new items to promote devotion to our dear St. Mariana of Quito. I look forward to getting the relic cards and the new badges as well. God bless you. [Ed. Note-Happy to report- St. Mariana holy cards, relics, booklets and badges are now in stock]
- ❖ **Ireland** – I have been previously in touch with you by e-mail. As I told you I am very drawn to this wonderful devotion and I got a very special request through the intercession of Mother Mariana. I therefore wish to spread some information on this devotion and the wonderful story of Our Lady of Good Success. I enclose a bank draft and I leave it to your discernment what materials I need... I look forward to hearing from you.
- ❖ **USA** – It is hard for me to express how grateful I am for the honor given me, first of all from the Lord Above, to be alive and then to you and all who helped me or are inspired by my story. You have told it in a most truthful and uplifting way... I enjoyed motorcycling on my Harley very much and I lost much on that fateful October night. However, it is a small price to pay, if by having the story of the miracle I was granted told in your newsletter, through Our Lady of Good Success, Faith will be instilled in others and they will be helped too. Perhaps this is why it happened to me, so that I can have a chance to do something useful in my life. The Lord had said we shall be returned 1,000 times over for sacrifices made for Him. This shall be a Great Success. And with Our Lady of Good Success helping us how can we go wrong? Please send me at least 200 copies of the June newsletter. I'll hand them out to others and leave them in churches. Also I will do this with future issues..... God bless you and Our Blessed Mother help you. Tony Resch (Ed. Note: Tony paid us a visit in August. He picked up 1500 June Newsletters to spread devotion to OLOGS- Thanks Tony!)

Five minutes at the feet of Mary

(Ed Note: On our 2007 Pilgrimage of Good Success, we found this beautifully poetic prayer to Our Lady of Good Success on an old holy card left at the altar rail by the good Conceptionist sisters. It appears to have originated around the same time as the Novena – early 1940's. Our translation is here and we plan to have it on a card sometime in the near future for the spread of this devotion. It is written as Our Lady speaking to a sinner and, then the sinner responding- We wish to dedicate it to the loving memories of Richard Zibolski and David Heckenkamp RIP- KMH)

Come, my child, open thy heart to me for I am thy Mother, and want thee to tell me, one by one, thy hardships, thy sorrows, thy agonies; thy distresses that thou endures daily; these needs that disturb the peace of thy home.

I know everything because my maternal eyes can see even the least desires of the heart of my poor children exiled in this vale of tears; but I desire for thee to tell me, without hesitation, without doubts. I desire to hear from thy lips, the sad story of thy own heart.

I would not be the Mother of Mercy, as you call me, if my poor unfortunate children would not have the right to place their pains and sorrows of the storm of life's tears into my hands to hide them inside my mantle.

There are miseries in the world, sorrows of the soul, torments of the conscience. Here I am the Mother of Counsel and Clemency, to be a light and hope in the darkness of this world and in the anxiety of the spirit...

I especially assumed my place at Calvary, Mother of all who weep, in order that they may be blessed.

If thou suffer and weep, thou also will be blessed, for my shadow will shelter you always and my blessing will never fail you.

My child, if the memory of a guilt-filled past disturbs thy mind and diminishes thy trust in my immense mercy, look at me... I am thy mother, nothing more than thy mother... forget the past and only think that thou art kneeling in front of thy Only Consolation and thy Last Hope...

My sweet Mother, truly, thou alone can be my only consolation and my last hope....

Therefore, with the confidence that thy loving heart of a Mother inspires, in these moments of intimate confidence, I desire to join all my necessities into one solitary prayer and all my sorrows into a handful of tears...

How distant are the happy days of my childhood in which, my pure soul, and clear conscience began to love Thee, my Mother, reciting at thy feet the first Ave Maria's of life and giving thee the last flowers of a May... The years have passed. I am no longer a child... but I am a sinner...

The tempests of so many years have caused dust to accumulate in my soul and thorns to be strewn upon the path of life.

Burdened with fatigue, my heart is void of virtues; my hands are emptied of good deeds; my lips are slow to invoke thee. I fear to call thee "Mother" now...

But no, thy mercy calls me, thy goodness encourages me, thy look captivates me. I feel privileged, wretched, as I am, to call thee Mother, My Mother...

And since thou art a good Mother who tirelessly hears the countless complaints and filial sufferings of all, I come to recite my prayer to thee, My Lady, which flows from the depths of my soul. I come to ask thee for my loved ones, both living and dead. For those, in particular, whose memories are as vines that creep among the ruins of my heart.

I ask for my parents, my family and friends. Thou knowest very well, My Mother, their names and their necessities. without doubt, there are, in the heart of their homes, deep and hidden sorrows. Days without nourishment and nights without light... Perhaps the absence or the sickness of some of them has been causing them great anguish...

Together, we were all raised to stand at the foot of the Cross... and later, it is the same cross of obligation which separates us from the holy center of the home or friendship... Have pity on those dear absentees that labor and fight far away from the family, and perhaps even very far from thee. Have mercy on those who are oppressed from sicknesses, and hardly have strength to invoke thee... Take care of them and bless them with thy motherly love.

My Mother, poverty is a blessing from God; but sometimes how hard and bitter it is... Abide with the poor to sweeten that bitterness. Thou who art the Mother of the First Poor, who did not have a stone to rest His head, place into the heart of those in need, the happiness of resignation. May thy love be their only treasure.

I also ask Thee, My Lady and Mother, for my departed brethren, for those who heard the steadfast call of the Lord and have gone to eternity. Be, for them, the peace of the eternal beatitude through thy powerful intercession and thy immense mercy since at their death, they have left behind emptiness in the soul and a fountain of tears in the family...

For those who moan under the weight of tribulation grant them the grace of holy resignation and love of suffering that will redeem and save them... I know that thou art twice the mother of those who collapse at thy feet, clothed in mourning with eyes weary from weeping... fill them with thy tenderness and protect them from that profound emptiness that death bequeaths ... have pity on orphans and those who suffer.

I have not yet talked to thee about myself: hear my final prayer ... Thou knowest well, my Mother, the wounds that I bear in my soul; abandonment, deceptions, ingratitude, calumnies... Those I have loved have repaid me with forgetfulness; those who have received benefits give me thorns in return. I do not complain about the hidden plans of Divine Providence who hast made from the sorrows of exile, a crucible of expiation and a stairway to Heaven...

That is why; I do not ask Thee, Mother, to cure my wounds... leave them, as they are, bleeding and wide open. But draw my broken heart to thy Immaculate one... Detach it from the whole world. Fasten it lovingly to the Sacred Heart... I desire nothing in life, not riches, not glories, not pleasures; but only to be thine. Nothing more than to be thine... eternally thine, My Mother.

With Ecclesiastical Approval

Two upcoming Pilgrimages planned to Our Lady of Good Success....

ALL SAINTS AND ALLS SOUL'S DAY PILGRIMAGE

October 23rd to November 3rd - 12 days for a Traditional Pilgrimage to Quito, Ecuador with Father Lundberg from Massachusetts. Pilgrims will be visiting the miraculous statue of Our Lady of Good Success, Mass on November 2nd will be offered over the grave of Mother Mariana Torres at the Conceptionist Monastery. As well pilgrims will be visiting the Conceptionist Convents in Cuenca as well as Riobamba...where the Miraculous Image of Our Lord of Good Success resides.

ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE DURING THE NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF GOOD SUCCESS (FEAST DAY: FEBRUARY 2nd)

January 26th to February 3rd (if you would like -additional three days to Our Lady of Las Lajas, Colombia until February 6th.) Father Paul Sretenovic will return, as the spiritual chaplain for this Pilgrimage. Pilgrims will visit many miraculous Marian Shrines in Quito as well as other significant historical sights attached to the prophecies of Our Lady of Good Success. Pilgrims will be able to participate at the annual Mass on February 2nd inside the Conceptionist Monastery over the tomb of Mother Mariana Torres. This Mass will be offered after the "Rosary of the Dawn" procession in the streets of Colonial Quito where almost 3,000 Pilgrims from Ecuador joined us last year in showing their loving devotion for Our Lady of Good Success. This is truly an extraordinary time to be in Quito!

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