



Star of the Stormy Sea

Quarterly Newsletter of the Apostolate of Our Lady of Good Success Fall, 2011

“... 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)

Dear Friends:

Happy Advent and Blessed Christmas to everyone!

It’s that time again -Time for our annual fundraiser for the Conceptionist Convent in Quito, Ecuador!

This year we had the double duty of raising money for not one, but two fundraisers as the Mother Abbess of the Conceptionist Sisters appealed to the Apostolate for assistance. When Mother Inez calls the Apostolate for a special request such as this, one can’t help but feel honored to be chosen to help the spiritual descendant of the saintly Mother Mariana de Jesus Torres ... and so it was with great joy, reverence and trepidation that the Apostolate took on this project. The request was for the redesigning of the medallions that they wear on a chain over their habits. A medallion that has been worn by the

Conceptionists worldwide for 500 years. We were quite elated to accept this project for a number of reasons. The most important reason is obvious -- that is due



Our Lady of Good Success Feb. 2, 2011

to our continued financial and moral support of this faithful foundation – the foundation that Mother Mariana de Jesus Torres helped to establish with her Aunt Mother Maria Taboada and the other Spanish sisters. The second reason being that we have wanted to design a medal like this for the sake of the devotees of Our Lady of Good Success who would like to wear one in imitation of those sisters who are victim souls - most especially Mother Mariana who herself had offered so much for sinners during this calamitous era that we are currently living. And lastly, because this medal is quite beautiful and extraordinary.



**Final Draft of the
Conceptionist medallion
The Apparition of Beatriz de Silva**

In fact, over the past ten years since the founding of this lay apostolate, we have had many, many requests for a replica of this exquisite medal. And now, our dream was finally realized this year with this request. Thanks to all of your prayers and donations for this cause – the Apostolate was able to raise the money to cover the cost of replicating this medal. We consigned an artist to draw a replica of the 500yr. old depiction of St. Beatriz de Silva’s vision of Our Lady and the Christ Child slaying the Evil Serpent with a lance. It bears the coat of arms of the Franciscans and the royal crest of St. Beatriz de Silva’s family below this histrionic art. The artist who accomplished this feat is a very devout Catholic 26-yr. old woman who just happens to be our niece, Monica Heckenkamp. As you can see by the drawings on page 1 and 2, she is a very skilled artist. She was able to draw the medal to the Mother Abbess’ specifications. (Please remember her in your prayers in thanksgiving for the completion of this project. If anyone needs a sketch or other artwork her website is: www.memoriesinpencil.com)

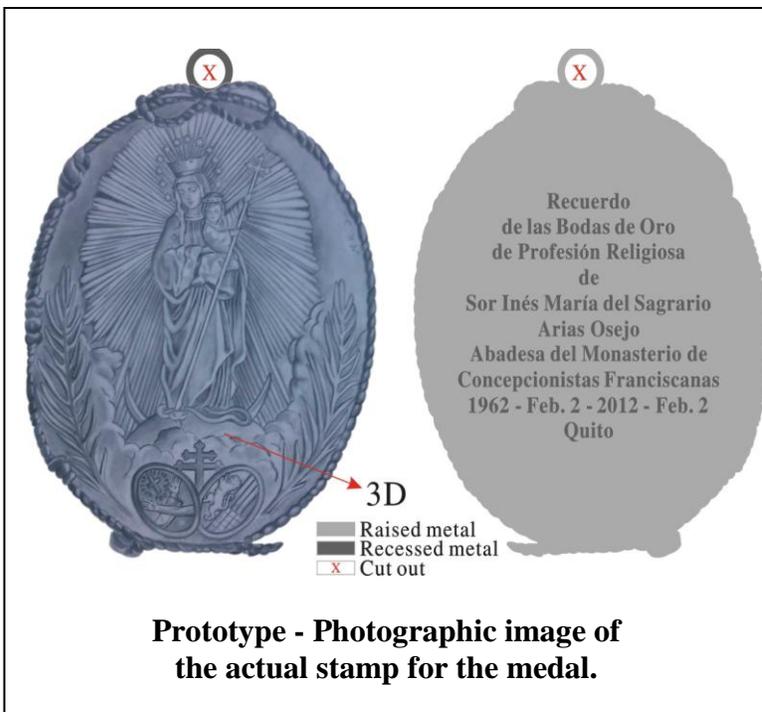
When the sketch was finally completed, we then sent it to Ecuador with a priest who was going to visit this past May. The Mother Abbess readily approved it and asked that we engrave the medallions on the back with the remembrance of her 50th anniversary of the recital of her final and perpetual vows on Feb 2, 2012.

These drawings were then sent to a medal-making company and proofs were made for us to approve. Then, special stamps had to be made in order for the medals to be cast (see image below on the left)..

Finally, we received a sample of the 3-in. medal which was immediately sent to the Mother Abbess in August via Fed Ex for her seal of approval. Receiving her approval, the stamps could be made.



**Final Draft of the back side of 1 inch medal
Our Lady of Good Success
as portrayed by Monica Heckenkamp**



Prototype - Photographic image of the actual stamp for the medal.

Additionally, we asked Monica to draw a sketch of Our Lady of Good Success so that we could place Her image on the backside of a smaller 1in. medal (see sketch above).

Next we had the 1inch medal with the dual images of Our Lady made. We are happy to announce that these medals are now in our office and ready to be distributed to any that would like to purchase them.

Unfortunately, there was not enough money

raised for the CD recording of the Sisters but perhaps there will be help in the future.



*Front side
of both the 3 in. and 1 in. medals*

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF GOOD SUCCESS

**Taken from "Our Lady of Good Success Chaplet" Imp. Bishop
of Quito, 1947**

Oh! Mary Immaculate of Good Success, holy mother, through the special and singular love that thou givest us, protect and defend us from the enemies, both visible and invisible, of our salvation. Come to our assistance, so that the virtues of charity and humility may rule in us, and that we may enjoy thy maternal protection and be thy dignified children. Thou hast never denied us any grace suitable for our sanctification and salvation, which we ask of thee and which you kindly anticipate to provide for our own good. Holy Virgin of Good Success, with this confidence, we present ourselves to thee in need of the graces of conversion, sanctification, and perseverance in the service of Jesus and thee (Mary). We implore thee that, thou piously grant us chastity, charity and humility; so that adorned with these virtues we manifest ourselves as thy children and be the testimony of how thou dost never abandon those that, with faith, have recourse to thee. Amen

Oh Mary Immaculate of Good Success, pray for the Church, pray for our country! Three Hail Mary's.

What's New?

**On the left – Vision of St. Beatriz de Silva
(A.k.a.– Apocalyptic Virgin or Immaculada)**

Below – Our Lady of Good Success

Cost per medal :

1 inch medal = \$6.00

3 inch medal = \$20.00 (official replica of the medals the Conceptionist Sisters wear over their habit

Limited Quantities – in time for Christmas

Available:

250 of the 3-in. replicas of the Sisters' medals.

1,000 of the 1in. medals.

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A wonderful gift for devotees of Our Lady!

Statues available before Christmas. Limited quantity as well. 15in - \$150 plus shipping 24in - \$300 plus shipping.



Back side of the 1inch medal

(The Senior Bishop of the diocese [of Quito] concedes 50 days of indulgence to those who devoutly pray this prayer and ejaculation)



**CONCEPCIONISTAS FRANCISCANAS
DE QUITO**

*Franciscan Conceptionists of Quito
Celebrating 500 yr. of the founding of the Order of the Immaculate Conception
1511- 2011*

**Solemn Pledge to Mariana de
Jesus Torres**

by Mons. Dr. Luis E. Cadena y Almeida,

Postulator for the Cause of Beatification

of the Servant of God Mother Mariana Francisca de

Jesus Torres y Berriochoa. Quito, March 1, 1987

(The Book, in which this prayer was found, has an
Imprimatur).

Blessed be thee, Mariana Francisca de Jesus Torres! Thy warnings of justice have struck our very bones.

We acknowledge that we are in kinship with thee for having sown in these Andean Mountain ranges the white and blue lilies of the Immaculate Conception; for having won for us the gift of the Christian Faith and love for Mary; and for having sprinkled in our lives the iridescent gold of hope engendered by the **devotion to the Mother of Good Success**, the certain anchor of salvation.

By the example of thy life, resplendent with virtues; by the fulfillment of thy prophecies and the Divine message that thy hands placed in our consciences; by all the marvels of sanctity, love and graces worked by God to form

thee, educate thee, and perfect thee; and by thy sacrificial and permanent self-surrender for our conversion and salvation; for these and all that we owe thee, we offer to thee our undying gratitude.

As pledge of this we also offer:

- To be faithful to the **devotion and propagation of the cult of Our Lady of Good Success.**
- To form a stronghold with our hearts, our minds and all our human and superhuman efforts in order to **defend the interests, ideals and purposes inherent to the existence of thy foundation of the Royal Convent of the Immaculate Conception.**
- To join prayers and efforts of every kind to achieve from the ecclesiastic authorities the **acknowledgement of the sanctity of your life and thy work so that thou might be crowned with the honor of the altars for the glory of God, the Church and Ecuador [and the world]. Amen**

If you wish to help support the Foundation of the Conceptionists in Quito in honor of the feast of Our Lady of Good Success on Feb. 2, 2012 (which also happens to be Mother Inez's 50th anniversary)

Please send donation to: The Apostolate of Our Lady of Good Success, 1288 Summit Ave Suite 107, Oconomowoc, WI. 53066 Phone: 262-567-0920 Website: www.ourladyofgoodsuccess.com