## Reclaiming America for God and The Immaculata Part I

"Modern times are dominated by Satan and will be more so in the future. The conflict with hell cannot be engaged by men, even the most clever. The Immaculata alone has from God the promise of victory over Satan. However, assumed into heaven, the Mother of God now requires our cooperation. She seeks souls who will consecrate themselves entirely to her, who will become in her hands effective instruments for the defeat of Satan and the spreading of God's kingdom upon earth."

(St. Maximilian Kolbe, OFM Conv, founder of the Knights of the Immaculata.)

On February 11, 1981, Sister Mildred Mary Neuzil, visionary for the Our Lady of America apparitions, spoke of the shortness of time we have to make the necessary sacrifices to bring about world peace. She sensed such urgency in Our Lady's warnings about the terrible purification that is about to fall upon all nations. The Forces of Evil are enveloping the world, she said, but their hatred is especially focused on the United States of America because of the Divine Mandate given to it to lead the world to peace. All day long the news bombards us with images of violence, hate, sacrilege, satanism, crime and the denial of our fundamental freedoms that come only from God. It is as though Satan has been unleashed upon the world with a fitfully desperate vengeance. The culture of death against a culture of life! Satan against Jesus and His Holy Mother who was proclaimed in the Garden of Eden as the one to lay the final blow upon the head of the ancient serpent, after her Divine Son struck the first blow from His triumphant throne upon the cross. There can be no doubt that America belongs to Mary, from its birthing moments until today when it has been placed under the Patronage of Mary, the Immaculate Conception.



Ave Maria...Save from evil 1362

History credits Norse explorer, Leif Erickson, himself a Christian convert, as the first European explorer to bring Christianity to America long before Christopher Columbus. He settled Vinland along the east coast of North America around 986 A.D. (Ref: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Leif Erikson) Interestingly, in 1898, a farmer in Minnesota found a slab of stone on which was carved in Swedish dialect a prayer pleading for Our Lady's protection from evil, dated 1362. It is known as the Kensington Stone, the authenticity of which is still being debated. (Ref: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kensington Runestone) It was in 1492 that Christopher Columbus set sail for the New World on behalf of Catholic Spain, Queen Isabella and King Ferdinand, who had just ended 800 years of Islamic occupation with their victory in the

Battle of Granada. Columbus and his crew received the Sacraments of Penance and Eucharist before they set sail. They sang hymns and recited the Salve Regina daily on ship. He renamed his ships Santa Maria (Holy Mary), Pinta (painted one), and Nina (little girl). Holy Mary painted little girl! Some believe Our Lady inspired these names to allude to her coming at Guadalupe in Mexico, South America, in 1532, where she would establish a culture of life and an explosion of Christianity. Juan Diego called Our Lady of Guadalupe la mia Nina. (Ref: <a href="https://catholicism.org/the-nina-the-pinta-and-the-santa-maria.html">https://catholicism.org/the-nina-the-pinta-and-the-santa-maria.html</a> While the English settled the thirteen colonies, the French explored Canada. In 1673, Fr. Jacques Marquette, a Jesuit, and Louis Joliet, went from Quebec to explore the Mississippi River, which they called "the River of the Immaculate Conception." It had previously been named the River of the Holy Spirit in 1541 by Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto. (Ref: <a href="https://catholicism.org/pere-marquettes-prayer-to-the-immaculate-conception.html">https://catholicism.org/pere-marquettes-prayer-to-the-immaculate-conception.html</a>

From 1642-1649, six Jesuit priests and two laymen would be martyred in Canada and upstate New York. "The blood of the martyrs is the seed of Christians." Kateri Tekawitha, a Christian convert who made a vow of virginity and was called Lily of the Mohawks, died near Auriesville, New York where two of the missionaries were martyred. She is the first native American saint in the United States.



The North American Martvrs

As America took shape, so did its Christian heritage. Back in England Henry VIII wanted a divorce from his wife, Catherine of Aragon.

When the Pope refused him, he had Parliament pass the Oath of Supremacy making him the head of the Catholic Church in England, precipitating the Protestant Reformation. Bishop John Fisher and Chancellor Thomas More were both martyred in 1535 for refusing to sign that oath. (Ref: https://www.catholic.org/news/hf/faith/story.php?id=77537 Hence, many

Catholics came to America to escape the religious persecution that followed. Others brought with them a great bias against Catholics. A group who revered the Faith and their devotion to Our Lady began a



settlement that they called Mary land and it would be the first colony to guarantee religious freedom. As the English and the French continued to war over these colonies, the colonists sided with the British. In one battle, only one man remained on his horse. The



Bishop John Fisher

Indian chief, fighting for the French, ordered his braves to focus their attack on this soldier to kill him. They shot at him 17 times but could not

Chancellor Thomas More kill him. That young man was George Washington. Seventeen years later the Indian traveled miles to meet him again, "the man God would not let die in battle." We know George Washington as a man of God as well as a good soldier and statesman. He would be commander-in-chief of the colonial army in their fight for freedom from England in the Revolutionary War. Documents record his vision of a beautiful lady clothed in light during his dark days at Valley Forge. She called him, "Son of the Republic" and spoke of three great trials to the new republic. The first, of course, is the Revolutionary War. The second, the Civil War. The lady spoke of a third trial worse than the others, coming from Europe, Asia and Africa, but in this greatest conflict the whole world united

shall not prevail against the Republic. She said. "Let every child of the Republic learn to live for God, his land and the Union." (Ref: <a href="https://friendsofgod.org/Prophecy/george\_washington\_vision.html">https://friendsofgod.org/Prophecy/george\_washington\_vision.html</a> While many say this cannot be verified, two of the conflicts have already happened. We are on the verge of a third that well fits the vision.

Respect for the supremacy of God over our land is a deep part of our Christian heritage, recognized by our founding fathers. John Jay, the first Supreme Court Justice of the new Republic wrote, "Providence has given to our people the choice of these rulers and it is



George Washington

the duty as well as the privilege and interest of a Christian nation to prefer Christians for their rulers." In 1792, just sixteen years after our nation was established, Bishop John Carroll of Baltimore, the first Catholic diocese in America, placed this new nation under Mary's protection under the title of "the Immaculate Conception." In 1846, the bishops unanimously chose Mary under the title of her Immaculate Conception as Patroness of



Bishop John Carroll

these United States of America. On October 31, 1942, Pope Pius XII consecrated the whole world, which means America, to the Immaculate Heart of Mary as Queen of Peace. On November 29, 1959, with the completion of the upper church, the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, America's Catholic Church, was dedicated and the United States was re-dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of Mary, using the prayer that Bishop John Carroll had used in the first consecration of America to Mary. In 1976, Pope John Paul II prophesied of the rise of an "anti-Church' and an "anti-Gospel" within the highest levels of the

Catholic Church which would reverse both the Natural and the Moral Law and would exert the human will above the Divine Will. In 1979, he visited our National Shrine and said:

This Shrine speaks to us with the voice of all America, with the voice of all the sons and daughters of America, who have come here from the various countries of the Old World. When they came, they brought with them in their hearts the same love for the Mother of God that was characteristic of their ancestors and of themselves in their native lands. These people, speaking different languages, coming from different backgrounds of history and tradition in their own countries, came together around the heart of a Mother whom they all had in common. While their faith in Christ made all of them aware of being the one People of God, this awareness became all the more vivid through the presence of the Mother in the work of Christ and the Church. <a href="https://www.nationalshrine.org/blog/the-remarkable-history-of-americas-catholic-church/">https://www.nationalshrine.org/blog/the-remarkable-history-of-americas-catholic-church/</a>

On May 13, 1982, Pope John Paul II consecrated the whole world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary; he repeated the consecration on October 16, 1983 at the close of the Synod of Bishops, and did a third consecration March 25, 1984, for the errors of atheism had spread all over the world. On November 11, 2006, the Papal Nuncio of the United States of America, Most Reverend Pietro Sambi, re-dedicated the United States of America to the Immaculate Conception. On May 1, 2020, Most Reverend Jose H. Gomez, Archbishop of Los Angeles and President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, re-consecrated the United States of America to Mary, Mother of the Church. All prayer, all devotion, has a doctrinal foundation; hence, the practice of Marian Consecration is founded upon the doctrine of Mary's universal mediation. According to Maximilian Maria Kolbe, if Mary were not the mediatrix of grace, this form of devotion would make no sense!

On August 22, 1981, the original feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary established by Pope Pius XII, the Archangel..., Guardian and Protector of America, appeared to Sister Mildred Mary Neuzil with this beautiful exhortation and magnificent promise.

"I am the Archangel..., Protector, Guardian and Defender of America whose soil is saturated with martyrs' blood and honors so highly the Queen of Heaven and Her holy Spouse who work only to further the Kingdom of Jesus. With these shafts of light God seeks out and binds with eternal chains the evil powers and those who have sold themselves to these enemies of God and His people. ... Listen to the words and warnings of the Queen of Heaven and you will experience my protection and I will fight in your defense that with the people of all Nations you can at last come to the peace of the Kingdom which is within you." (Sister Mildred Mary Neuzil, OUR LADY OF AMERICA, Tiffin, OH, Pg. 42.)

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