

“The Most Important Person on Earth is a Mother” Especially the Mother of God!

“The most important person on earth is a mother. She cannot claim the honor of having built Notre Dame Cathedral. She need not. She has built something more magnificent than any cathedral—a dwelling for an immortal soul, the tiny perfection of her baby’s body— The angels have not been blessed with such a grace. They cannot share in God’s creative miracle to bring new saints to Heaven. Only a human mother can. Mothers are closer to God the Creator than any other creature; God joins forces with mothers in performing this act of creation... What on God’s good earth is more glorious than this; to be a mother?” (Cardinal Mindszenty)

Cardinal Mindszenty was born Jozsef Pehm on March 29, 1892 in Csehimindszent, Austria-Hungary and was ordained a priest on June 12, 1915. In 1917, as the Fatima apparitions occurred and World War I ended, he published his first book entitled **MOTHERHOOD**. In 1941, he adopted his new name honoring his home village. He became bishop of Veszprem in 1944; Primate of Hungary and Archbishop of Esztergom in 1945; and a cardinal in 1946. When the communist government took over Hungary two years later, it banned religious orders and imprisoned and tortured Cardinal Mindszenty. In a 1949 show trial that generated worldwide condemnation because of its fabricated accusations and confessions obtained through torture, he was given a life sentence, whereupon Pope Pius XII announced the excommunication of all persons involved in the trial and conviction of Cardinal Mindszenty. When freed in the 1956 Hungarian revolution, the Cardinal was granted political asylum in the U.S. Embassy in Budapest where he remained until allowed to leave Hungary in 1971. He died in exile in Vienna, Austria, May 6, 1975, at the age of 83. Cardinal Mindszenty planned to write two more books on motherhood but imprisonment made that impossible. In 1991, with a new democratic government, his remains were repatriated to Esztergom and buried in the basilica there. How blest we are for his life, his witness and his words. Ref: <https://grateful-for-life.blogspot.com/2010/01/cardinal-mindszenty-s-message-on.html>

Last month part of the 850-year-old Gothic Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris, one of the world’s great works of art, caught fire. It had taken years and a multitude of human hands and resources to build, yet it fades in comparison to the “cathedral and sanctuary” of a mother’s womb wherein a unique and irrepeatable new life, which will last forever, is formed by the hands of the Almighty God and Creator of life, completed in seconds, not centuries, by the simple Word of His Will written in the law of human nature. A mother is the most important person on earth because she is God’s instrument in the procreation of human persons made in God’s image to populate both earth and heaven for the service and glory of God. Without a mother, none of us would exist. Without God’s Mother, the Sacred Humanity would not have come into the world to save us from our sins and to open to us the golden gates of the City of God. Like the cathedral in Paris, all things man-made and material can be destroyed, but nothing made by the hands of God and of His Spirit can ever be destroyed.

Our beloved Saint John Paul II also held deep convictions about this truth about mothers, especially the Mother of Jesus, the Mother of God. He consecrated himself to her totally, *Totus Tuus*. In May of 1997, Robert Moynihan wrote in ***Inside the Vatican*** about the

Pope's grave concern for the moral and spiritual crisis in America and in Western culture, especially as regards sexual morality. He pleaded for a return to previous Christian discipline and idealism and a rejection of contemporary indulgence, hedonism and perversities. **The Pope used the term "fairest love" to mean that beautiful, ideal and selfless love that the world most needs at this point in history if it is to avoid catastrophe. For the Pope, Mary, Daughter of Sion, is the perfect example and embodiment of "fairest love," for it was through such love that the Son of God took on human flesh.** Thus, in 1984, St. John Paul II completed the 1929 Fatima request to consecrate Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for its salvation. Our Lady had warned the errors of atheism would spread from Russia throughout the world, fomenting wars and persecution of the Church. Pope Paul VI warned that the "smoke of Satan" would enter into high places in the Church, as it had already done so in world governments. Could the horrors of World War II and our increasing descent into the abyss of darkness and nuclear annihilation have been avoided if Our Lady's request had been fulfilled in a timelier manner? In 1997, Pope John Paul II may not have been aware that "fairest love" had come to America in 1956 as Our Lady of America® who pleads again, as in all her apparitions, for reform of life, repentance for sin, a return to Faith and Purity, and for sanctification from within through union with the Indwelling Most Holy Trinity as modeled for us in the simple virtues of the Holy Family of Nazareth. In the year 2000, the same year visionary Sister Mildred Mary Neuzil died, the Pope called for a great jubilee within the Church. Thereafter, he especially entrusted the Third Millennium to Mary in these words:

Today we wish to entrust to you the future that awaits us, and we ask you to be with us on our way. We are the men and women of an extraordinary time, exhilarating yet full of contradictions. Humanity now has instruments of unprecedented power: we can turn this world into a garden, or reduce it to a pile of rubble. We have devised the astounding capacity to intervene in the very well-springs of life: man can use this power for good, within the bounds of the moral law, or he can succumb to the short-sighted pride of a science which accepts no limits, but tramples on the respect due to every human being. Today as never before in the past, humanity stands at a crossroads. And once again, O Virgin Most Holy, salvation lies fully and uniquely in Jesus, your Son.
<https://www.ecatholic2000.com/docs/docs4.shtml>

In the message of Our Lady of America®, Mary calls herself the Mother of the Sacred Humanity and Co-redeemer with Christ in the work of our salvation. She refers to her role as Mediatrix of Grace when she says: **"My heart, my Immaculate Heart, is the channel through which the graces of the Sacred Heart are given to men."** Here, as at Fatima, she speaks of the Triumph of her Immaculate Heart. St. Louis de Montfort believed devotion to Mary was a necessity for salvation for these reasons. None could have said it as well as Venerable Mary of Agreda in **THE MYSTICAL CITY OF GOD** as she recounts her vision of the Coronation of Mary as the Queen of Heaven and Earth by the Most Holy Trinity:

Thou hast humiliated Thyself in thy own estimation to the lowest place; receive now the supreme dignity deserved by Thee and, as a participation in our Divinity, the dominion over all the creatures of our Omnipotence. ...and by the power We now give thee thou shalt subject hell with all its demons and inhabitants....Thou shalt be the Empress and Mistress of the militant Church, its Protectress, its Advocate, its Mother and Teacher. Thou shalt be the special Patroness of the Catholic countries; and whenever they, or the faithful, or any of the children of Adam call upon Thee from their heart, serve or oblige Thee, Thou shalt relieve and help them in their labors and

necessities. ...In view of all this we make Thee the Depository of our riches, the Treasurer of our goods; we place into thy hands the helps and blessings of our grace for distribution; nothing do We wish to be given to the world, which does not pass through thy hands; and nothing do We deny, which Thou wishest to concede to men. Grace shall be diffused in thy lips for obtaining all that Thou wishest and ordainest in heaven and on earth, and everywhere shall angels and men obey Thee; because whatever is ours shall be thine, just as Thou hast always been ours; and Thou shalt reign with Us forever.

(THE MYSTICAL CITY OF GOD, Vol. IV, Chapter XXII, #779, pg. 657.)

What a glorious grace it is for the United States of America to have Mary, Mother of God and Queen of Heaven and Earth for our Patroness under the unique titles of her Immaculate Conception and her Perpetual Virginity. Her visit is a favor in return for our childlike devotion to her as our Mother. Barely able to hold back the arms of God's justice upon this sinful generation, she is calling on America as a last resort to lead the world in a spiritual renewal **"never before so necessary, so important, so vital."** Because America is a small one among nations, it has been chosen to lead the world to peace, the peace Christ brought from heaven. Our Lady asks that we enthrone her image in our Patronal Church of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. as a protection for our Nation. She will work miracles of the soul for those who ask for them. Is there any Mother like this Mother? Who does not know the fierce love of a mother when her child is in danger? Sadly, today, many women and mothers are in the forefront of the genocide against children in the womb. How can a mother condemn her innocent child to torture in the womb and death at the hands of doctors who rip their little bodies apart and sell their organs? What gross violation of the child's God-given intrinsic right to life and the doctors' own Hippocratic oath to do no harm! How long will God hear the cries of these millions of innocent babies before He rains down His judgement upon those engaged in this evil business of abortion and unnatural deeds? We beg you, dear Mother, change the hearts of your wayward children who have swallowed the lies of Satan over the Truth of your Divine Son. Pray for us sinners lest we be judged according to the wickedness of our deeds! Per your promise to Sister Mildred Mary Neuzil, dear Lady of America©, Mother of Mercy, shield us beneath your mantle against the judgement we so rightly deserve. Reference: Sister Mildred Mary Neuzil, The Diary, OUR LADY OF AMERICA©, Lodi, Ohio.)

Our Lady showed herself to me today as the Mother of Mercy. With her arms extended, her blue mantle affording a safe refuge for the sinner, she said, "I am the Mother of Mercy. Under my mantle I will hide my children. The justice of God will not reach them if they seek refuge [be]neath the protection of my mercy. My Son gives to me all those souls who come to me with confidence, calling upon my aid. Their salvation is in my hands. I will obtain for them the necessary graces to save their souls. Come to me, poor, suffering and frightened ones. I am your Mother. Never will I forsake you. Only come to me with a wholehearted and loving trust. Place your souls into my keeping. I am that faithful Mother who never forsakes her children. Honor me by your confidence and love. This I desire and ask of you, my poor children. Do not deny the wishes of your Mother." (May 5, 1957 Letter.)

Copyright© Our Lady of America Devotion, Lodi, Ohio, Mother's Day, 2019. All rights reserved.