

## When Two Hearts Became Three By Divine Decree - God's Peace Plan for the World



As he had promised, St. Joseph came again on March 30. His requests were similar to those of Our Lady and the First Saturday. The Sacred Hearts of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph have been chosen by the Most Holy Trinity to bring peace to the world; hence, their request for special love and honor, also reparation and imitation. [Following are the words of St. Joseph.]

**“I am the protector of the Church and the home, as I was the protector of Christ and His Mother while I lived upon earth. Jesus and Mary desire that my pure heart, so long hidden and unknown, be now honored in a special way. Let my children honor my most pure heart in a special manner on the First Wednesday of the month by reciting the Joyful Mysteries of the rosary in memory of my life with Jesus and Mary and the love I bore them, the sorrow I suffered with them. Let them receive Holy Communion in union with the love with which I received the Savior for the first time and each time I held Him in my arms. Those who honor me in this way will be consoled by my presence at their death, and I myself will conduct them safely into the presence of Jesus and Mary.”**

(Sr. Mildred (Mary Ephrem) Neuzil, OUR LADY OF AMERICA, Tiffin, Ohio, Pgs. 31-32.)

At this March 30, 1958 appearance, St. Joseph effectively completed a trinity of devotions every sincere Catholic must practice: the First Friday, the First Saturday and the First Wednesday devotions in honor of the earthly trinity, the Holy Family by which God ordained to have our Savior enter our world, lay down His life to atone for our sins, and to lead us as brothers and sisters home to His Father to be our Father. This is the



millennium of St. Joseph. **“Thus should he be honored whom the King desires to honor.”** (Diary, Pg. 30.) Jesus appeared this day as a teenager and, with Mother Mary and St. Joseph, spoke about the need for the sanctification of the family and the need for personal holiness through union with the Divine Indwelling of the Most Holy Trinity in every soul. Our Lady of America's message clearly convinces us that we can no longer separate these three hearts which were ordained from eternity in the Decree of the Incarnation to be essentially intertwined in the work of our redemption in the Hypostatic Order of Grace: Jesus, the Redeemer; Mary, the Mother of the Redeemer, and Joseph, Guardian of the Redeemer and His Mother until the appointed time for the fulfillment of that redemptive mission on Calvary. In

the Incarnation, God's love was enfleshed in the Prince of Peace Who was sent into our world to reconcile us to God and to ransom us from the power of the evil one so we might be welcomed into God's house, His family, and enjoy everlasting peace and happiness. Scott Hahn, noted Scripture scholar and convert to the Catholic Faith, speaks incessantly of God as family, trinity, a communion of persons. God created mankind in His image as a family, founded on the marriage of a man and a woman whom He commanded to increase and multiply and to establish a new, stable family protected by His laws of love. Adam and Eve, heads of the first human family, sinned and brought darkness and death to all their posterity. God, in His goodness, re-created the human family in the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph to be that most perfect model of His own inner family life in the Trinity, and He blessed them with such fullness of grace that they could never lead us astray nor away from the very source of our life and its fulfillment. **SALVATION WILL COME BY WAY OF THE FAMILY!** Sister Mildred Mary Neuzil has made clear to us that her mission was for the sanctification of the family, for this was she born!

The first millennium of human history was dedicated to understanding the revelation of Christ as the only Savior of the world and the only way to lasting peace and eternal life, the promised reward for those who accept and love Him. Love in human

terms is best expressed with the image of the heart. Thus, devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus flourished during these centuries. Certain saints in particular give us deep insight into the intimacy that Jesus calls us to in our union with Him. In the sixteenth century, St. Francis de Sales urged his spiritual daughters to forever lodge in the pierced side of the Savior, next to His Heart. He urged them to rest their heads, as the beloved disciple John had done, on the breast of Jesus, and to lose themselves in that sweet ecstasy of silent contemplation of, and holy communion with Jesus. St. Catherine of Siena, during meditation, felt Jesus touch her side and remove her poor heart and then replace it with His own luminous Heart with these words: **"My daughter, I have thy heart and I give thee Mine, that thou mayest forever live in Me."** St. Gertrude prayed to the lance-pierced Jesus to pierce her heart with darts of love. Jesus appeared, showing His open side and said, **"Look at My Heart. I wish it to be thy temple."** When complaining to Him about her distractions, He said, **"Behold my Heart, the delight of the Holy Trinity. I give it to thee that it may supply for what is wanting to thee."**



But it was to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, "Apostle of the Sacred Heart," that Jesus gave three profound revelations about His Most Sacred Heart. In the first revelation He said

**"My Divine Heart is so passionately in love with men that it can no longer contain within itself the flames of its ardent charity. It must pour them out by thy means and manifest itself to them to enrich them with its precious treasures, which contain all the graces of which they have need to be saved from perdition. (Rt. Rev. Emile Bougard, THE LIFE OF ST. MARGARET MARY ALAQUOQUE, Tan Books, 1990, Pg. 164.)"**

When Jesus asked St. Margaret Mary for her heart, He placed it into His own adorable Heart and let her see it as a little atom being consumed in that flaming furnace of Divine Love. He then drew it out as a burning flame in the shape of a heart and replaced it where He had taken it from her breast, saying: **“Behold, My beloved, a precious proof of My love.”** (Bougard, Pg. 166.)

In the second revelation, Jesus appeared in glory. His five wounds shone like five suns and flames darted from all parts of His Sacred Humanity, especially from His adorable breast which resembled a furnace, and which, opening, displayed to her His loving and amiable heart, the living source of these flames. While the first revelation presented Jesus as a friend and Father making effort to save His children, the second conveyed more that of an outraged Spouse, unacknowledged King about to demand reparation. He said the ingratitude on the part of mankind was more painful than all the rest of His Passion. He asked for reparation by communing on the Nine First Fridays of the month and spending the 11-12 p.m. hour the Thursday night before prostrate on the floor in expiation for the sins of men, to console Him for that general desertion to which the weakness of the Apostles in the Garden of Olives was only a prelude. (Bougard, Pgs. 168-169.) In the third revelation, Jesus laments the ingratitude of mankind.

**“Behold this Heart which has so loved men that it has spared nothing, even to exhausting and consuming itself in order to testify to its love. In return I receive from the greater part only ingratitude, irreverence, sacrilege, and coldness and contempt for Me in this sacrament of love. And what is most painful to Me is that they are hearts consecrated to Me.”** Jesus then asked to have the feast to honor His Sacred Heart on the first Friday after the octave of Corpus Christi, which honors the Eucharist and the Blessed Sacrament. (Bougard, Pg. 176.)



At Fatima, when Lucia asked Our Lady to take her and her cousins to heaven, Our Lady replied that she would soon take Jacinta and Francisco but that Lucia must remain on earth for some time, for Jesus wished to use her to establish devotion to Our Lady's Immaculate Heart in the world. Our Lady promised salvation to all who embraced devotion to her Heart. She said these souls would be beloved of God and would be like flowers that she arranged to adorn His throne. She asked for the Five First Saturdays' devotion in reparation for sins committed against her Immaculate Heart, and she asked that we pray the rosary for peace in the world.

A March 3, 1957 letter of Sister Mildred Neuzil's recounts Jesus words about being a beggar for love.

**Oh My little white dove, bride of My Heart, I crave for love. I Who died that men might live am refused even a small corner in men's hearts. What have I done to deserve such ingratitude? Will men never understand the longing of My Heart for their love? Oh My little one, simple and most lovely in My sight because of the lowliness of your heart, help Me to gain for Myself the love of those for whom I suffered and died. Let My love, surrounding you and filling you, draw souls to me in great multitudes. Such is My will, oh My beloved one. Open then your heart that I**

**may pour into it without ceasing the sweet waters of My undying and saving Charity. For it is from this Fountain of Life, which springs forth from My Divine Heart that men will receive Eternal Life. It was to obtain this for them that I lived, suffered, and died.**

It is no accident that the Church established the feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary the day after the feast honoring the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Our Lady tells Sister Mildred: **“My heart, my Immaculate Heart, is the channel through which the graces of the Sacred Heart are given to men.”** (The Diary, Pg. 18.)

**But to make your hearts grow more and more like to the Heart of the Son, you must go to the Mother, whose heart is most like His. From this Pure and Immaculate Heart you will learn all that will make you more pleasing to the Divine Heart of the Son of God. The Holy Trinity looks down with infinite delight upon such souls and makes them Its heaven.** (The Diary, Pg. 16.)

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### **Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus**

Most sacred Heart of Jesus, pour down Your blessings abundantly on Your holy Church, on the Supreme Pontiff, and on all the clergy. Grant perseverance to the just, convert sinners, enlighten infidels, bless our parents, friends, and benefactors, assist the dying, free the souls in purgatory, and extend over all hearts the sweet empire of Your love. - *Indulgence of 300 days, once a day - Pope Pius X, 16 June 190*

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