

## **Our Lady of America's Mandate to the US Hierarchy and to the United States**

**"I am pleased, dearly beloved sons, by the honor and love you have until now accorded me. Will you now go further and honor me yet more by taking my words to your hearts and doing what I ask?"**

**(Sister Mildred Mary Neuzil, The Diary, OUR LADY OF AMERICA©, Lodi, OH, Pg. 20.)**

On September 26-27, 1957, Our Lady exhorted her beloved sons, the priests, to uphold the sanctity and dignity of their calling to imitate the Eternal Priesthood of Jesus in their exalted vocation. She bid them be modest in dress and manner and not take on the manners of a man of the world, to practice self-denial, and to be a light to the faithful by their own sanctification from within. On February 11, 1958, Our Lady said: **"I ask greater sacrifices of the most favored and beloved of my children. ...If I ask for reform of life, it is first from the chosen that I look for it."** (Diary, Pg. 24.)

On April 4, 1960, Our Lady asked Sister to write the Archbishop to have struck and distributed everywhere the medal of Our Lady of America® which she had designed under Our Lady's direction. Our Lady promised that through the medal he would receive not only the one sign for which he had asked but so many that he would be astonished. Our Lady spoke further:

**"My child, God works often through little and humble things and such instruments should never be despised but accepted and used with love and gratitude. It will be through the medal that God's Will will be manifested and glorified and my desires carried out to the very end. I place my confidence in my faithful sons, the Bishops, who will not fail to take up my cause and make it bear much fruit for sanctification among so many and countless souls. Send this word then to my beloved son, the Archbishop, and have no fear sweat child for I will keep my promise for I am the ever faithful Virgin."** (Diary, Pg. 35.)

The archbishop Our Lady referred to was Karl J. Altar, Archbishop of Cincinnati, Ohio, the diocese of the motherhouse for the Sisters of the Precious Blood, the active community to which Sister Mildred belonged at that time. The Auxiliary Bishop was Paul F. Leibold, Sister's spiritual director. We now quote directly from Sister's letter.

**And now, your Excellency, not only do I feel it necessary to write to you, but I know that I must. Something within compels me to do it, a Power so strong that I cannot resist its impelling force. It is to the Hierarchy, especially of the United States, that Our Lady is making her pleas. They are her favorite Sons, placed in high offices in order that they might do the most good. ...**

**Our Lady has made known to me how pleasing to her has been the devoted service with which the Hierarchy has so ardently loved and honored her, especially in this country. So she is making her final appeal to them for the carrying out of this crying need of world-reform. God, dwelling in the soul through grace will sanctify it if the individual makes the right use of His Presence. This is Our Lady's concern. Souls, redeemed by the Precious Blood of her Son, must become holy through living with Him Who dwells within them. In order for this to grow and become more and more fruitful, of course, there is the necessity of frequent and devout attendance at**

**the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and the reception of the Sacraments. Without these, there cannot be any advancement in union with God or any kind of reform whatsoever. If reform does not come from within, of what value is outward reformation?...I repeat, this is Our Lady's main concern, namely, sanctification from within. Peace will not be given us until we have purified ourselves enough to receive it. If we fail to do this, God Himself will be obliged to do so in His justice and mercy, but the purifying punishment that He will send will be most terrible. It is from this Our Lady wishes to save us. She keeps warning me that the time is short. The longer we hold back, the longer will peace be denied us.**

**Our Lady has asked that a statue be made as she appeared on Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>, 1956. After being solemnly carried in procession to the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., she desires that there it be enshrined in the place of honor and venerated in a special way as Our Lady of America, the Immaculate Virgin.® It is at this shrine she has promised to work wonders. She desires also that a small statue or picture of this same likeness be honored in every home.**

Our Lady could not be clearer; her first and most important request is a reform of life, prayer and penance and sanctification from within. We must turn away from sin and commit our lives to Jesus, to God. This requires teaching about the Indwelling of the Most Holy Trinity through sanctifying grace, and the practice of living in that Holy Presence. When we recognize God's Presence within ourselves, we will more easily recognize Him in others. This is holiness, union with God, and this will give us the peace of Christ, the only true and lasting peace. If we have His peace, we can give it to others, to the world.

When Sister felt unworthy and poorly suited to the task, Our Lady replied that she does not come to the worthy but to the lowly and humble of heart. When Sister expressed concern that the United States was not up to the task, Our Lady said:

**Beloved daughter, the United States is a small one among nations, yet has it not been said that 'a little child shall lead them'? It is the United States that is to lead the world to peace, the peace of Christ, the peace that He brought with Him from heaven in His birth as man in the little town of Bethlehem. The Savior did not come to enter this world in a big city but a small town, again, a little one among many. Dear child, unless the United States accepts and carries out faithfully the mandate given to it by heaven to lead the world to peace, there will come upon it and all nations a great havoc of war and incredible suffering. If, however, the United States is faithful to this mandate from heaven and yet fails in the pursuit of peace because the rest of the world will not accept or co-operate then the United States will not be burdened with the punishments about to fall. (Diary, Pg. 38, November 22, 1980.)**

Our Lady urged Sister to tell those working for her cause that the danger is imminent and they must do all in their power to continue, in spite of suffering and sacrifice. She assured Sister that she, Joseph, Michael and all the holy angels and saints will assist us. Since the time is shorter than ever, we must remain steadfast in her cause. We have used many direct quotes from Sister's Diary and letters because it is important to hear Our Lady's own words. The following are recorded in Sister's Diary from 1982-1983.

**O my children, you still aren't listening. I see the destruction coming but you do not believe me. You can stem this tide of suffering if you at last do as I've been asking of you for so long. Renew your hearts, your spirits, by seeking and following**

**the light of the Holy Spirit within yourselves and in the teachings of Holy Church. The Divine Spirit is there but you are continuing in your blindness and so blotting out the Divine Light and closing your ears to eternal truth. I beg of you to heed my voice or there will be no more time for you to turn back the Divine Wrath. (Diary, Pg. 45.)**

On January 3, 1984, when asked if there would be a nuclear war, Our Lady said that if enough of her faithful ones took her warnings seriously and strove to reform their lives inwardly and outwardly, there would be no nuclear war. But, if not enough people listened and there was a nuclear war, there would remain a remnant of those who have listened and spread the warnings who would be untouched by the chaos.

**“These will renew the earth in the power and light of the Holy Spirit. These faithful ones of my children will be under my protection and that of the Holy Angels, and they will partake of the life of the Divine Trinity in a most remarkable way. Let my dear children know this, precious daughter, so that they will have no excuse if they fail to heed my warnings.” (Diary, Pg. 45.)**

Numerous bishops have been familiar with the apparitions of Our Lady of America and Sister Mildred’s Diary since the 1950’s. How can America, in its present state, afford to ignore such an awesome favor, with its protections and promises, miracles greater than those granted at Lourdes and Fatima? After Sister’s death in January of 2000, packets of information were sent to 350 of the US Bishops and Auxiliary bishops. Only 10 acknowledgements were received. September will mark the 63<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the apparitions and still Our Lady’s requests and warnings are not being sufficiently heeded, nor fulfilled. Understandably, while alive, Sister complained to Our Lady of her frustration with the lack of acceptance and response from the Hierarchy to Our Lady of America’s urgent pleas and requests, especially that of the enthronement of her statue in our National Shrine, but Our Lady calmed Sister’s fears with these words:

**Beloved daughter, you are not being accepted because you are a small one. But in the end all will come as I desire. Those who oppose you will receive light to understand. These good people mean well and if they are in authority it is for you to listen respectfully and obey. I will speak to them in their hearts and the Divine Spirit who makes all things clear will give them wisdom and understanding. In the end they will do as I wish. So, have patience, dear one, it will happen as I have said and those who have opposed me will become my most ardent and courageous supporters. Until this comes to pass, wait in trust, knowing that I never fail those who place their confidence in me. My Son blesses you, be at peace. (The Diary, August 14, 1980, Page 37.)**

**“What I ask, have asked, and will continue to ask is reformation of life. There must be sanctification from within.” (Diary, Pg. 18.)**

**The Hierarchy must lead the people in this reformation of life!  
The United States must lead the world to peace!**

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