

Peace Is Not the Absence of War But the Presence of God!
All Hail to Jesus, Prince of Peace,
King of the Universe!



I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. (Daniel 7:13-14.)

For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts

will do this. (Isaiah 9:6-7.)

In these days, the news media bombards us constantly with heartrending visual details of war, violence, hate, suffering and death. Terrorists threaten the destruction of nations; divisions and false teachings are tearing apart our Church; and our homes suffer the consequences of so much confusion and unrest. Peace? What is it, and when will it come? Can any man bring peace to our sick and troubled world?

Daniel's prophecy speaks of one like a son of man Who stands before the Ancient of Days and is given dominion over a kingdom in which all peoples and nations must serve him. Isaiah identifies that son of man as the child who would be given to us, born of a virgin, whose name is Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, Jesus, Son of the Most High. In the fullness of time Archangel Gabriel announced this good news of King Jesus' birth to Mary of Nazareth. Jesus is king of the Universe by **natural right** in His divine nature and essence because He is God, consubstantial with the Father and Creator of the Universe. He is king of the Universe by **acquired right** as son of man in His Incarnation in the Hypostatic Order of Grace. He is the long-promised Messiah and Savior of the world Who alone can bring true and lasting peace to our world. Revelation 19:13,16, speaks of the price Jesus paid to claim us as His own and for the Father, the price of His Most Precious Blood which mystically now runs through our veins as His Mystical Body, His Bride, His Church. *He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood!*

Although we have been familiar with the above passages for years, it was not until December 11, 1925, after World War I, that Pope Pius XI issued the encyclical **Quas Primas** establishing the feast of Christ the King. The encyclical called for the restoration of the Empire of Christ to heal the ills of society and reaffirm the truth that all mankind, every individual, each family, every State, collectively and individually, are under the dominion of Christ. There is no other name under heaven by which we can be saved, no other person or ruler who can guarantee peace on earth.

...these manifold evils in the world were due to the fact that the majority of men had thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law out of their lives; that these had no place either in private affairs or in politics: and we said further, that as long as individuals and states refused to submit to the rule of our Savior, there would be no really hopeful prospect of a lasting peace among nations. ...in the Kingdom of Christ, that is, it seemed to us that peace could not be more effectually restored nor fixed upon a firmer basis than through the restoration of the Empire of Our Lord. (Quas Primas, #1.)

Pope Pius XI reminds us that the Church was founded by Christ as a perfect society and has a natural and inalienable right to perfect freedom and immunity from the power of the state and from all external power. How many nations today legalize laws contrary to God's, blaspheme Him, and deny religious freedom to God's people? The Pope reminds nations and rulers that they owe public honor and obedience to Christ, who on the last day, having been cast out of public life, will most severely avenge these insults. Jesus told Pilate that His kingdom is not of this world, but it certainly is over this world, and must reign in every heart. **"The kingdom of God is within you."** (Luke 17:21.)

On November 8, 1954, Our Lady spoke about peace to Sister Mildred Neuzil.

"As in our little home no sin was to be found, so it is the wish of the Heart of my Son and my Immaculate Heart that sin should, as far as possible, be unheard of in the homes of our children. The Divine Trinity will dwell in your midst only if you are faithful in practicing the virtues of our life at Nazareth. Then, you also, my children, you also will become another paradise. God will then walk among you and you will have peace. I need your help to bring peace into the world. Do not disappoint me."

(Sister Mildred (Mary Ephrem) Neuzil, The Diary, OUR LADY OF AMERICA, Page 8.)

In January of 1957, Our Lady spoke of the darkest hour, for suffering and anguish as never before experienced was about to overtake a sinful and ungrateful mankind. If we go to her Immaculate Heart she promised to make the world bright again with the mercy her Son will rain down through her hands. She asked us to help her save those who will not save themselves and help her once again to bring the sunshine of God's peace upon the world. She bid Sister Mildred to tell the Bishops of the United States of her desires and how she wishes them to be carried out. **"Will my loyal sons carry out my desires and thus help me bring the peace of Christ once again to mankind?"** (Diary, Pg. 15.) On February 3, 1957, Our Lady admonished us that peace must first reign in our own hearts before it can reign in the world.

"If men truly loved my Son, they would not quarrel with each other and they would have peace in their own hearts. Peace is from within, not from without. If mankind were at peace with itself, there would be peace in the world. Man will only have peace if he has in his heart that true love of neighbor that springs from a whole-hearted love for my Son. ... O child of my Pure Heart, tell my children to come to me and learn this true love of my Son, which is so necessary for their peace of soul. ...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 upon earth." (Diary, Pg. 16.)

On the feast of her Immaculate Heart Our Lady said: **“What am I to do, child of my heart, when my children turn from me? The false peace of this world lures them and in the end will destroy them.”** Our Lady reiterates her words that consecration to her Immaculate Heart is not enough, that what she has asked and will continue to ask for is reformation of life, sanctification from within, living in the state of grace, communion with the Divine Trinity dwelling within. She calls for an army of brave lovers who will bear the torch of Divine Love to all mankind, will bear, not the sword of destruction, but the sword of fire, the flaming torch of Divine Charity. (Diary, Pgs. 18-19.)

On the feast of the Holy Rosary, October 7, 1957, Our Lady appeared with a blue rosary hanging from her right hand, with special warnings to her children in America that if they did not do penance and reform their lives, God will visit them with punishments hitherto unknown to them. She gives this strong exhortation to all of us.

“My child, there will be peace, as has been promised, but not until my children are purified and cleansed from defilement, and clothed thus with the white garment of grace, are made ready to receive this peace, so long promised and so long held back because of the sins of men. My dear children, either you will do as I desire and reform your lives, or God Himself will need to cleanse you in the fires of untold punishments. You must be prepared to receive His great gift of peace. If you will not prepare yourselves, God will Himself be forced to do so in His justice and mercy. (She then asked that we pray the family rosary which is so pleasing to her.) (Diary, Pg. 21.)

On July 18, 1980, Our Lady lamented to Sister that her message has not been heeded nor has she found one to further the cause of renewal within.

The Presence of the trinity within every human being is the focal point, the basis of interior holiness. ...there must be more of such self-sacrificing souls, many, many more. Until this comes to pass, peace will not come, rather, much more of suffering will encompass the world.... You must try to make my people understand that the life of God within them is the source of their peace and happiness. There is no other way. This is what my Son came to teach and bring and it was for this He lived and died. Unless this mystery of God’s Presence within is accepted and lived, peace will not come. It is the only way, believe me, my daughter. (Diary, Pg. 37.)

The image celebrating Christ’s kingship over the universe at the beginning of this newsletter is the mosaic of Christ in Majesty. It is the centerpiece of the great Upper Church in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., our patronal Church. A jeweled crown represents Christ’s divinity and the cross of fire represents the glory of God’s Presence. Christ is master of the universe symbolized by the signs of the zodiac on the arch above. Though not easy to see in this view, Jesus is master of the angels, depicted by nine who surround him. The three red robed angels are dominations; the four white robed angels are Guardians, one of whom holds the National Shrine, much like Our Lady of America



appeared holding a replica of the Shrine back on October 13, 1956, thanking us for it and asking us to hurry and finish it and to make it a place of pilgrimage and she will make it a place of wonders. The final two angels are Seraphim, depicted as wheels of fire. This mosaic is not only a picture of Christ's power and might; it also portrays His profound mercy and sacrifice. While one of His eyebrows is raised in judgment, the other is relaxed, revealing his mercy and kindness to His children. Additionally, artist de Rosen's design shows Christ on a rainbow throne, a symbol of pardon and reconciliation, harkening to the Lord's promise to Noah in the Old Testament. His right shoulder is bare to show His wounded side, demonstrating His humanity and the blood of His sacrifice. <https://www.nationalshrine.org/blog/basilica-insider-the-christ-in-majesty-mosaic/>
Would that we all would make a pilgrimage to our National Shrine to ponder upon this image!

**To Jesus Christ, our Sovereign King, King of the Universe,
be all honor and glory, praise and adoration,
now and forever. Amen.**

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