

**“I Am Our Lady of America. I Desire that my Children Honor Me,  
Especially by the Purity of Their Lives.”**

**On the eve of the feast of the North American Martyrs, September 25, 1956, as I was making the Holy Hour from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., I was conscious of the distinct and special feeling of the presence of Our Lady. She stood by my side and spoke to me. I felt, rather than saw her, though I did see a part of her white gown and a small portion of her blue sash. I was under the impression that she came as Our Lady of Lourdes, and she herself confirmed this. Our Lady promised that greater miracles than those granted at Lourdes and Fatima would be granted here in America, the United States in particular, if we would do as she desires. (Sister Mildred Mary Neuzil, The Diary, OUR LADY OF AMERICA©, Fostoria, OH, Pg.9.)**

There are no accidents with God; everything He does is done with order and purpose. The same is true of Mary, for she comes from Heaven at God’s bidding. While we may be familiar with the The Diary, **OUR LADY OF AMERICA©**, we must remember its wording was given to Sister Mildred Neuzil over a span of 40 years, from the 1940’s to the 1980’s, and its message reaffirms our Catholic Faith and doctrine and addresses so many dangers to our salvation in this modern era, spanning from the 19<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Note how Our Lady connected this American apparition to her apparitions at Lourdes where she had identified herself to Bernadette Soubirous on the feast of the Annunciation, March 25, 1858, as “I am the Immaculate Conception.” While Mary’s singular privilege of the Immaculate Conception was part of the Oral Tradition of the early Church, it wasn’t until December 8, 1854 that Pope Pius IX issued *Ineffabilis Deus* declaring it a dogma of Faith. But, in May of 1847, prior to both events, the bishops of the United States had chosen the Immaculate Conception as Patroness of the United States of America. Heaven always prepares and confirms what is the will of God for our good. This divine connection of Our Lady of America with Our Lady of Lourdes is further evident in the transport of Sister Mildred to Lourdes for an encounter with the young Bernadette on her stairway to heaven. At this time when Our Lady appeared to Sister Mildred as Our Lady of Lourdes, she acknowledged the devotion of her children in America and promised us miracles, particularly of the soul. As we honor her Purity as our Patroness under the title of her Immaculate Conception, she responds by asking America to be **The Nation dedicated to her Purity.**

**“I am pleased, my child, with the love and honor my children in America give to me, especially through my glorious and unique privilege of the Immaculate Conception. I promise to reward their love by working through the power of my Son’s Heart and my Immaculate Heart miracles of grace among them. I do not promise miracles of the body but of the soul.” Our Lady emphasized this very much. She is anxiously concerned about our inner life. (The Diary, Pg. 10.)**

Our Lady also connected her American apparition to Fatima and echoed Fatima’s warnings when she said the Forces of Evil are enveloping the world and are focused particularly on the United States because of the mandate given to it to lead the world to peace. [See Diary, Pgs. 35-46]. As noted above, Our Lady promised us, particularly in the United States, miracles greater than those granted at Lourdes and Fatima if we would do as she asks. As at Fatima she continues to ask for prayer and penance for the conversion of sinners and the salvation of souls, for reform of life, by which she means holiness from within, and prayer for world peace. She

again warns of the dangers of disobedience to God's laws and Christ's Church. She repeats her request that we pray the rosary, especially as a family. **"They who are found in the circle of my rosary will never be lost."** (Diary, Pg. 21.)

These messages are spoken in the historical context of our times. World War I was raging at the time of Fatima, after which Communism came to power in Russia. Our Lady warned its errors of atheism would spread throughout the world, fomenting more wars. She warned of World War II, which did occur around the same time Sister Mildred was having locutions with Jesus in the early 1940's regarding the sanctification of the family. Warnings of a third world war still loom over the horizon because mankind continues to sin even more grievously against God, even blatantly glorifying sin in our laws and parading it in public celebration. Our Lady of Fatima warned of persecution of Christ's Church, which is so vicious today, but we have Christ's Word that His Church will always prevail. When showing the Fatima children a glimpse of hell Our Lady said that more souls go to hell for sins against purity than any other sin. America must lead the world back to Faith and Purity, which ensures the peace of Christ which lasts forever.

Against this backdrop and knowing what is yet to come, Our Lady appeared to Sister Mildred the following day, the feast of the North American Martyrs, September 26, 1956, resplendent with all the purity of heaven, honoring the blood of the martyrs who nourished the seed of Faith in America. She identified herself at this time as "Our Lady of America." Again, she connects this feast with her favor to America, an invitation to imitate their sacrificial love.

**The next morning, the feast of the North American Martyrs, Mass had just been concluded and the Community thanksgiving was almost over. There were a few minutes left when suddenly Our Lady appeared before me, enveloped in a soft glow of light. I knew with unmistakable certainty that it was she, though she did not speak immediately. What I noticed was the smile on Our Lady's beautiful countenance and the lily she held in her right hand. She wore a white veil reaching almost to the waist and a mantle and robe of pure white with not a single decoration of any kind. An oblong-shaped clasp or brooch held the ends of the mantle together at the top. It was all gold, as was the high and brilliant crown which she wore. Her hair and her eyes seemed of medium brown. Her feet were bare, but these I did not always see, as they were sometimes covered by the moving clouds on which Our Lady stood. She continued to smile. Then I saw her heart appear, encircled with red roses, the symbol of suffering as it was revealed to me, and sending forth flames of fire. With her left hand Our Lady seemed to be holding up slightly the upper part of her mantle, so that her Immaculate Heart could be seen.**

**Then solemnly and distinctly, in calm yet majestic tones, I heard these words: "I am Our Lady of America. I desire that my children honor me, especially by the purity of their lives." ...**

**"My child, I entrust you with this message that you must make known to my children in America. I wish it to be the country dedicated to my purity. The wonders I will work will be the wonders of the soul. They must have faith and believe firmly in my love for them. I desire that they be the children of my Pure Heart. I desire, through my children of America, to further the cause of faith and purity among peoples and nations. Let them come to me with confidence and simplicity, and I, their Mother, will teach them to become pure like to my Heart that their own hearts may be more pleasing to the Heart of my Son." (Diary, Pgs. 10-11.)**

The following day, September 27, Our Lady appeared holding the world in her hands as she wept over it, as if to cleanse it of its sins. She said she had come to her children in America as a last resort and begged us to cleanse our souls in the Precious Blood of Jesus. She bid us come to her to learn great purity of heart that is so pleasing to God.

**“Be my army of chaste soldiers, ready to fight to the death to preserve the purity of your souls. I am the Immaculate One, Patroness of your land. Be my faithful children as I have been your faithful Mother.”** (Diary, Pg. 12.)

Our Lady of America has a special call to the youth of America to lead the world in this movement of renewal but says they must be prepared with the knowledge of the Divine Indwelling. Their ranks will swell with the youth of other nations. (Diary, Pg. 24-25.)

**“America, the United States in particular, is being given the tremendous, yet privileged, opportunity to lead all nations in a spiritual renewal never before so necessary, so important, so vital.”** (Dairy, pgs. 24-25.) [Sister Mildred expressed her fear the burden of leadership might be too great for the United States.] **Our Lady assured me that Michael and the whole army of Blessed Spirits will give their assistance at all times. As the Queen of Angels she has loving command over them and they accomplish whatever she wishes.** (Diary, Pg. 38, Nov. 22, 1980.)

To this promise of Our Lady’s we add the pledge of the Guardian Angel of the United States of America, sent by God to help the people of God in their hour of need.

**“I have been appointed guardian, protector and defender of the United States of America whose people honor and love the Immaculate Virgin, the Queen of Angels and have dedicated their land to Her. If the people of this Land carry out faithfully the instructions and pleadings of the Lord Jesus and the Virgin Mother then they will be following me to the hour of peace. With this sword of the Divine white flame of Love and the lightning bolts of His infinite Justice God will strike down his enemies and heal the repentant sinner. This Nation and all who follow in the pursuit of peace will know the protection of God and the destruction of those who fight and seek to destroy them through the evil powers of the infernal spirits of darkness and hate. Follow me, people of God, brothers and sisters, as our Queen paves the way and the peace of the Lord will reign once more upon the earth.”** (Diary, Pg. 41, August 22, 1981.)

May we read the message of Our Lady of America© often and pray that the Holy Spirit will give us a deeper understanding how it pertains to the spiritual challenges within our Church and our society, seeing how the evil forces of which Mary spoke have infiltrated our Church to destroy us from within.

**We gather about you, O chaste and holy Mother, Virgin Immaculate, Patroness of our beloved Land, determined to fight under your banner of holy purity against the wickedness that would make all the world an abyss of evil, without God and without your loving maternal care.** (From the Prayer to the Immaculate Conception.)

**“By thy Holy and Immaculate Conception, O Mary, deliver us from evil.”**

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