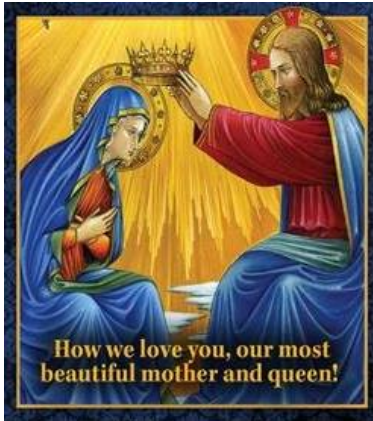


Sixty-six Years Ago Our Queen Asked to Be Enthroned in Her Shrine

Esther was led to King Ahasuerus in his palace in the tenth month, Tebeth, in the seventh year of his reign. The King loved Esther more than all other women, and, of all the virgins, she won his favor and benevolence. So he placed the royal diadem on her head and made her queen in place of Vashti. Then the king gave a great feast in honor of Esther to all his officials and ministers, granting a holiday to the provinces and bestowing gifts with royal bounty. (Esther 2:16-18.)

So the king and Haman [chief courtier of the king] went to the banquet with Queen Esther. Again, on this second day, during the drinking of wine, the king said to Esther, "Whatever you ask, Queen Esther, shall be granted you. Whatever request you make shall be honored, even for half the kingdom." Queen Esther replied: "If I have found favor with you, O king, and if it pleases your majesty, I ask that my life be spared, and I beg that you save the lives of my people." [for Haman had plotted the destruction of the Jews] (Esther 7:1-4.)

We have been overwhelmed these days with stories of Queen Elizabeth II and her 70+ year reign over 15-32 sovereign states. Great honor and ceremony surrounded her funeral services. We can quickly see the contrast between Our Blessed Lady's queenship



in fulfillment of the prototypes of women in the Old Testament to that of this highly esteemed woman of the world. The role of Queen Esther in the Hebrew Testament speaks to Mary's redemptive role in the Christian Testament as the one who walked alongside her divine King-Son. She is the solitary boast of our nature, the most beautiful among women, the most highly honored and the most powerful in interceding with the King of kings for her subjects, all God's children. She was chosen by the Father as His most favored daughter to be the beloved Mother of His only Son and Spouse of their Holy Spirit, giving her the singular most intimate relationship with the three persons of the Most Holy Trinity. No woman deserves more honor than she who was predestined to plead the salvation of all God's people, of every race and nation, both as Queen and as Mother. She is Mediatrix of the bountiful gifts the King bestows upon His people to honor her.

In the Jewish tradition, that special place at the right hand of the King is given to the king's mother, and great power is attached to that position of Queen-Mother. For Mary, Mother of King Jesus, there were no earthly honors for her at His side, for He was not declared King of the Jews until seated upon His cross-throne. When that inscription was nailed to the cross and proclaimed Jesus King of the Jews, Mary was inherently proclaimed the Queen-Mother, too. Christ's entrusting His Mother to John, a figure of the Church, and John to His Mother confirmed Mary's role as Queen and Mother of the Church. John understood well the meaning of that inscription, both for Jesus and Mary and for himself as a member of that Mystical Body of Christ. Queen Esther and Queen Elizabeth received great glory in this world; Queen Mary received little until she was

crowned Queen of Heaven where she reigns over earth from her glorious throne next to that of her divine Son.

On October 5, 1956, just days after Our Lady's first appearance as Our Lady of America, Sister Mildred (Mary Ephrem) Neuzil suddenly felt urged to write a prayer to Our Lady as The Immaculate Conception, Patroness of our land. As she knelt by a small table Our Lady came and stood close by on her right side. The thoughts poured into Sister's mind as she wrote without stopping until the prayer was done. Truly, this prayer was composed by Our Lady herself who calls herself our Mother and Queen.

O Immaculate Mother, Queen of our Country, open our hearts, our homes, and our Land to the coming of Jesus, your Divine Son. With Him, reign over us, O heavenly Lady, ... We consecrate our hearts, our homes, our Land to your Most Pure Heart, O great Queen, that the kingdom of your Son, our Redeemer and our God, may be firmly established in us. ... Then when our work is over, come, Holy Immaculate Mother, and as our Victorious Queen, lead us into the eternal kingdom, where your Son reigns forever as King. Amen.

Sister Mildred's diary of messages from Our Lady is filled with references to her role as our mother—my child, my daughter, my little one, my children of America, her children of all nations. Not only does our Mother plead **for us** with her Divine Son, but she pleads **with us** to heed her voice for our salvation. So like Rachel does she weep over her children, especially for so many who are lost forever.

"Behold, O my children, the tears of your Mother! Shall I weep in vain? Assuage the sorrow of my Heart over the ingratitude of sinful men by the love and chasteness of your lives. Will you do this for me, beloved children, or will you allow your Mother to weep in vain? I come to you, O children of America, as a last resort. ... Be my faithful children as I have been your faithful Mother." (Sister Mildred (Mary Ephrem) Neuzil, The Diary OUR LADY OF AMERICA, Tiffin, Ohio, Page 14.)



Our Lady is the New Eve, the new mother of all the living. She weeps for all her children throughout the ages, throughout the world. Although she favored America for our devotion to her in this image of Our Lady of America, she came for her children everywhere. Sister wrote on the day of that first appearance: **"Though she came in this manner as a token of her love for us, nevertheless Our Lady of America welcomes her children of all nations to her feet, for there will be found true peace. So she has given me to understand, and such are her desires as she revealed them to me."** (Diary, Pg. 12.) Our Lady is Mother to all God's children, those in free lands, those under dictators, those persecuted and trafficked, those ill and imprisoned; all God's children are hers, purchased with His Blood, which is also hers.

So, what have we done these sixty-six years since Our Lady's first appearance on September 26, 1956, to fulfill her requests? Obviously, Sister Mildred's Diary of the messages is being distributed, as is the medal of Our Lady of America and the two prayers essential to the devotion. A statue was made and processed in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception for the National Rosary Congresses in 1988 and 1989. A smaller statue traveled all over California and

was carried in a Peace Flight to China, Russia, Japan, the Philippines, the Holy Land, Fatima and elsewhere in 1994. A statue was again at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception for the 1994 Year of the Family. A large statue was made for World Youth Day 1993 in Denver and carried to other WYDs. The Sacramento Torchbearers of the Queen carried a statue to many events in California, and in 2001 the Frank family did a 3-month tour of America with the large Pilgrim Statue, ending at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception for the Week of Prayer, and then at Mother Angelica's convent. Smaller statues have been made for home enthronement. Several people carried a small statue via Amtrak from California to our Patronal Church in Washington, D.C. Another couple traveled the West reclaiming former holy spots and historical locations for Our Lady of America. A first study of the messages has been done and endorsed by six bishops from places where apparitions occurred. That study, however, has been called into question by internationally renowned Mariologist and Josephologist, Msgr. Arthur B. Calkins, who says the study is itself flawed, and St. Joseph's role in the redemptive mission of Christ needs further study by those renowned in the field of Josephology. The nature of the mystical phenomenon of Sister Mildred Neuzil also needs further study.

As for home enthronements, how many of us have put a picture or statue of Our Lady of America in a place of honor in our homes, for the protection of our home and for peace in the world? **"When a picture or statue of myself as Our Lady of America is placed in the home and honored there, then will my Son bless His people with peace. Believe in me dear child, believe in me [and] my love will never fail you."** (Diary, Pg. 36, February 22, 1972.)

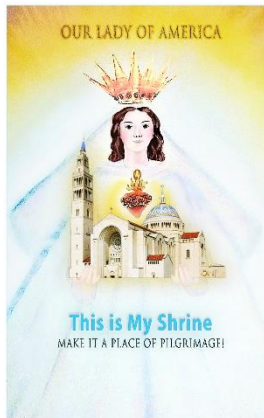
What is lacking all these years is attention to the whole message. Even after the death of Archbishop Paul F. Leibold, Sister Mildred's spiritual director for 32 years, on June 1, 1972, Our Lady continued to speak and to appear to Sister. On **November 22, 1980**, Our Lady called the United States a small one among nations but reminded Sister 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 a man in the little town of Bethlehem." ... "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 punishment about to fall." [Our Lady promised her help and that of the army of angels under St. Michael.] (Diary, Pg. 38.)

On **February 11, 1981**, she warned that **"the Forces of Evil are enveloping the world. Their hatred, however, is now particularly focused on the United States because of the Divine Mandate given to it to lead the world to peace."** (Diary, Pg. 39.)

The Study that was concluded with the endorsement of six pertinent bishops completely ignored the messages in the Diary of Sister Mildred from December 20, 1959 to January 3, 1984. Why, when they are so urgent for our country and our

lives? These pages address: Home enthronement; the importance of the medal in discerning the will of God; our failure to heed Our Lord and Our Lady's warnings and to understand the mystery of God's Presence within as the source of peace and happiness;



Our Lady's promise to speak to the hearts of those in authority who fail to accept Sister because she is a little one; our mistake in being led by human wisdom instead of divine wisdom; the importance of the family rosary and praying the Prayer to the Immaculate Conception every day. Our Lady warns that we have lost the deeper meaning of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and that we fail to see the insidiousness of evil that often passes for good. On **July 13, 1981**, Jesus said many profess belief in Him but do not know Him. Jesus warned even some of his priests and consecrated souls are falling into a web of evil, the error of calling unnatural acts done in the name of love intrinsic rights like any other. He warns of false prophets when He alone is the Christ, Savior of the world. These pages also give us

the magnificent promises of the guardian angels over America and the United States, pledges of help and protection if we do as Our Lord and Our Lady have asked, especially by embracing the reform of life by which is meant interior holiness through imitation of the virtues of the Holy Family and union with the Indwelling Trinity! The later messages also relate Our Lady's answer to the question: **"Will there be a nuclear war?"**

The people of America have risen to the occasion in responding to Our Lady and her Divine Son, but more prayer and sacrifice are needed to bring this message to fruition for the conversion of America and all the world. The hierarchy lags behind in failing to study the entire message so it can issue a truly complete and full canonical approval of the apparitions and of Sister Mildred's supernatural experiences. Until that is done, we cannot proceed with Our Lady's final and most urgent request to be enthroned in our Patronal Church for the protection of our land. Only with such approval can the Church choose an official image for the statue to be made by an American artist, per Our Lady's request to Sister Mildred, in accord with the requirements of the Board of Directors and the Iconography Committee at the National Shrine. Then the solemn procession and the enthronement of Our Lady's statue in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, honoring her as Our Lady of America, the Immaculate Virgin, can take place. There is much yet to do. Let us not waste any more time!

"Dear child, the danger is imminent, there is no time to lose. Tell my faithful ones who are working so diligently for my cause that I am most grateful but urge them to do all in their power to continue even in the midst of sacrifice and suffering. They will not be alone in their struggle. Myself, with the holy angels will always be with them to help, fight and encourage. Get this message to them quickly as the time is shorter than ever." (Diary, Pg. 39, January 23, 1981.) [That was 40+ years ago!]

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