

Consecration Is Not Enough

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is Reformation of Life
Sanctification from Within

“My heart, my Immaculate Heart, is the channel through which the graces of the Sacred Heart are given to men.

O my sweet child, time passes and with it wasted graces and constant refusals on the part of man to co-operate with me in the accomplishment of the Divine Will for his own sanctification and salvation.

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. They think they have done enough in consecrating themselves to my Immaculate Heart. It is not enough. That which I ask for and is most important many have not given me. What I ask, have asked, and will continue to ask is reformation of life. There must be sanctification from within. I will work my miracles of grace only in those who ask for them and empty their souls of the love and attachment to sin and all that is displeasing to my Son. Souls who cling to sin cannot have their hands free to receive the treasures of grace that I hold out to them. ... The Will of the Father must be dearer to you than all else. This is the lesson every soul desiring intimate union with my Son must strive to learn. [August 22, 1957, Feast of the Immaculate Heart.]

(Sister Mildred (Mary Ephrem) Neuzil, Diary, OUR LADY OF AMERICA©, Fostoria, Ohio, Pgs. 18-19.)

With Pope Francis' renewal of the consecration of the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, our last newsletter focused on understanding the importance of consecrations and what they mean, their objective aspect, the anointing from God, and our subjective response, our consecration to His purpose for us. Now we must question why evil is overwhelming the world in spite of these consecrations. Our Lady clearly states above that consecration is not enough to overcome evil; we need **deep and permanent conversion!** We must live what the consecration signifies!

Blessed John Paul II called the 20th century the most evil in the history of mankind, with two world wars, the increasing depersonalization of people, the rise in atheism, materialism, rationalism and relativism, the absence of God and persecution of the Church, the glorification of self and science and the resulting terrible weapons of mass destruction. Our Lady said at Fatima that war is punishment for sin, but Christian theology tells that God's mercy is greater than His justice, as long as there is time. Thus, while society was breaking down, Our Lady, Mother of Mercy that she is, was appearing in unprecedented numbers around the world during this period. We know Mary comes to earth when heresy and sin abound and force the hand of God's justice, but she comes offering with her hand Christ's mercy to spare us the terrible

consequences of our sins if we would only seek her aid in reforming our lives. Her messages are always the same, pleading for us to listen to her, to live the required chastity and duties of our vocation in life, to do penance in reparation for sin and for the conversion of sinners, to pray for the salvation of souls and for world peace, to see the Trinity in every person, and to seek holiness within through union with the Divine Indwelling God. **First, we must listen; then we must obey and co-operate with grace in doing the Will of God in reforming our lives.** While every message carries a responsibility for the Church hierarchy, it also carries one for all of us, universally, -- repentance and continual and permanent conversion!

In 1917 Our Lady came to **Fatima in Portugal** as **Our Lady of the Rosary**, asking for devotion to her Immaculate Heart, to pray the rosary, and for the consecration of Russia to her Immaculate Heart to prevent the spread of atheism, war and persecution of the Church. In 1932-33 Mary came as **Mother of God, Queen of Heaven** in **Beauraing, Belgium** where she appeared with a gold heart and said, **“I am the Immaculate Virgin.”** She asked us to pray a lot, especially for our loved ones. In 1933 Our Lady came to **Banneux in Belgium** as the **Virgin of the Poor** and as **Mother of the Redeemer, Mother of God** asking for **faith first**. She led the visionary to a stream where suffering would be relieved through her miraculous intercession. Beginning with locutions in the 1940's and her apparitions in 1956, Mary appeared in various places **in the United States**, first as Our Lady of Lourdes, then as **Our Lady of America**,[®] and later as Our Lady of the Divine Indwelling. She called herself Mother of the Sacred Humanity and Co-redemptrix with Christ. She asked for reform of life, a return to faith and purity and for sanctification from within through the Divine Indwelling. She mandated the United States to lead the world to peace, promising protection for our nation against evil if we would enthrone a statue under this new image in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., honoring her there as **Our Lady of America, the Immaculate Virgin**.[®] In **Cairo, Egypt** in 1968-71, Our Lady appeared as **Our Lady of Light** above the Coptic Church in Zeitoun. Our Lady never said a word but spoke volumes to peoples from all nations with her silent but powerful maternal presence. How important silence is to our union with God! In 1973 Our Lady came to Akita in Japan and warned of the Great Chastisement of all mankind, worse than the deluge, in which a great part of humanity would be annihilated. In 1976-84 Our Lady came to Betania in Venezuela as Mary, Virgin and Mother, Reconciler of all peoples and nations.

In 1982-83 Our Lady appeared as the **Mother of the Word** to school children in **Kibeho, Rwanda in Africa**, suffering from the negation of Marian devotion and God in the schools, like so many nations. Our Lady asked for the study of the Word, God's revealed Truth. She again asked that we pray the rosary, especially the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows, and meditate on the Passion of Jesus to obtain repentance for our sins. Statesmen were asked to uphold respect for life and human rights and to rule with

charity and justice. Our Lady said ***the world is in revolt against God and is on the edge of catastrophe***. The seers were given a vision of a river of blood, a prophecy of the genocide that would occur 12 years later in 1994. In 1982 Our Lady came as **Mother of the East** at **Soufanieh in Damascus, Syria** and asked for prayers for peace and the unity of Christian churches and unity in the family. In 1989 Our Lady came to **Cuapa, Nicaragua** as **Our Lady of Nicaragua**, asking heaven and earth to unite to **make peace**. Sometimes she appeared as **Our Lady of Fatima**, repeating its message; other times as **Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal**, ready to pour out Christ's grace on us in return for our devotion and response to her pleas and warnings. She said she did not wish for a temple built there made of earthly material but wished we ourselves would be **living temples of God**. Our Lady of America® calls for the same, that we be **living tabernacles for the Indwelling God**, the very heart of her message. Reference: <http://campus.udayton.edu/mary/resources/aprtable.html>

The same thread of universal pleas and warnings runs through all these apparitions even while they take on a particular favor and responsibility to the nation in which they occur. Sister Mildred told those near her that Our Lady said all her apparitions were converging in this one, Our Lady of America®, because it places the triumph of her Immaculate Heart over Satan and evil in that central mystery of our Faith, the Most Holy Trinity, and that sanctifying grace within of the Divine Indwelling, encountered most deeply in the Sacred Humanity offered for our sins on every Eucharistic table. With how many of these apparitions are we familiar, knowing their message and their warnings? As a result of them, have we changed our lives for the better and fulfilled any of Our Lady's requests? As we study them we see the arm of God's justice chastising the world to draw it to its knees in repentance, back to faith and to Him, while both arms of our Mother of Mercy reach out in a desperate grasp to save us from the judgment our sins so rightly deserve and to hide us in the shelter of her Immaculate Heart. Why has Our Lady appeared so often, repeating the same message and warnings? Why is evil enveloping the world and trying to choke the life of God out of His beloved creatures, threatening the end of the world as we know it in spite of these visits from heaven and our consecrations to Mary? The answer is simple: **we are NOT co-operating with the grace being offered; we are NOT listening; are NOT amending our lives in any lasting way; are NOT atoning for our sins and the sins of others; are NOT living by Faith in acknowledging God's authority over us as Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier, Lord of Life and Ruler of the Universe**. We lack obedience, adoration, faith and gratitude and fail to recognize evil for what it is and God for Who He is! The message of Our Lady of America© states this answer quite clearly. On July 11, 1954, Our Lord spoke inwardly to Sister Mildred (Mary Ephrem) Neuzil, the visionary:

“My Heart grieves over My children in the world. Their hearts are being drawn farther and farther away from Me. They will not even listen to My Mother, because they have never been taught to listen.” (Diary Pg. 5.)

If we do not listen, we cannot obey and if we do not obey, we cannot please God nor fulfill His will for our happiness which is eternal union with Him. **Evil is overcome by good**; the more good there is in the world, the less evil there will be and the less powerful it will be. Can anything touch our mediocre hearts more deeply than Our Lady's own passionate words? Let us plead for those miracles of the soul, greater than those granted at Lourdes and Fatima, which Our Lady offers us if we do as she asks. Let us beg Her Divine Spouse to change and sanctify us!

“Do not disregard the voice of your Mother. It is the voice of love trying to save you from eternal ruin.” (Diary, Pg. 16.)

“My beloved daughter, what I am about to tell you concerns in a particular way my children in America. Unless they do penance by mortification and self-denial and thus reform their lives, God will visit them with punishment hitherto unknown to them.” (Diary, Pg. 21.) **“I come to you, O children of America, as a last resort. I plead with you to listen to my voice.** (Diary, Pg. 12.) **“If my desires are not fulfilled much suffering will come to this Land.”** (Diary, Pg. 36.)

“Will my children in America listen to my pleadings and console my Immaculate Heart? Will my loyal sons carry out my desires and thus help me bring the peace of Christ once again to mankind.” (Diary, Pg. 15.) **“O my sweet child, when will my desires be realized? ... Has ever a mother shown more love and interest in her children's welfare than I have done.”** (Diary, Pg. 17.) **“Will you do as I wish at last, my children?”** (Diary, Pg. 21.) **“...either you will do as I desire and reform your lives, or God Himself will need to cleanse you in the fires of untold punishment. You must be prepared to receive His great gift of peace.”** (Diary, Pg. 21.) **“... 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.”** (Diary, Pg. 21.)

“Oh, penance, penance! How little my children understand it! They give me many words, but sacrifice themselves they will not. It is not me they love but themselves....Weep, then, dear child, weep with your Mother over the sins of men.” (Diary, Pg. 34.) **“Help me hold back His anger, which is about to descend on sinful and ungrateful men. Suffering and anguish, such as never before experienced, is about to overtake mankind. It is the darkest hour. But if men will come to me, my Immaculate Heart will make it bright again with the mercy which my Son will rain down through my hands. Help me save those who will not save themselves. Help me bring once again the sunshine of God's peace upon the world.”** (Diary, Pg. 15.)

[June 25, 1967] **“My child, I come again for men have not changed their lives. Their sins cry to heaven for punishment. I hold out help, they will not receive it. I show them the way to peace but they only spurn the efforts of my love. It is late, sweet child, oh how late.”** (Diary, Pg. 36.) [July 18, 1980] **“...My message has not been heeded nor have I yet 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. From this will spring a deep life of prayer and a love for penance as the discipline needed to convert all peoples to a serious preparation for the coming of my Son and His Kingdom.** (Diary, Pg. 37.)

Our Lady speaks of the insidiousness of evil that passes itself off as good and how only the pure of heart are able to discern the spirits and know which are of God and which are not. She shows us the surest way into the Heart of Jesus.

“It is through my Son, the Only-begotten of the Father, that souls attain perfect union with the Divinity, as perfect as human nature is capable of, aided by divine grace. But my children will not heed; they will not listen. Every other way they will take, but not this one.” (Diary, Pg. 23)

On November 22, 1980, page 38 of the Diary, Our Lady told Sister Mildred that **it is the United States that is to lead the world to peace, the peace of Christ which He brought from heaven.** She warned that if we do not carry out this mandate from heaven, there will come upon us and all nations a havoc of war and incredible suffering, but if the United States is faithful to the mandate but fails because the rest of the world will not co-operate, the United States will not be burdened with the punishments about to fall. On page 39 of the Diary Our Lady says the Forces of Evil are enveloping the world and their hatred is now particularly focused on the United States because of this Divine Mandate given to it to lead the world to peace. In 1984, just before Blessed John Paul II made the consecration of the world and Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary in collegiality with all bishops, Sister Mildred asked Our Lady if there would be a nuclear war. Our Lady replied that **if we take her warnings seriously and strive to reform our inward and outward lives, there will be no nuclear war. What happens to the world depends on us. There must be much more good than evil in the world to prevent the holocaust that is so near approaching.** (Diary, Pg. 45.)

Our dear Mother of Mercy has spoken to her children over and over again, and now to her children in America, the United States of America, in particular. **Let us never forget: God is God and always has the last word! His word is that Mary’s Immaculate Heart will triumph over Satan, over evil through the Divine Indwelling!**

Will we be part of Our Lady’s triumph? Will we listen at last and do as she asks?

What happens in the world depends on us!

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