

## Why Did Our Lady Come to America and Why on the Day That She Did?

We will use Our Lady's own words to answer these questions.

**"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." [It was May 1847 that our bishops chose The Immaculate Conception as our Patroness.] Our Blessed Mother called herself Our Lady of America in response to the love and desire that reached out for this special title in the hearts of her children in America. This title was the sign of her pleasure at the confidence our land places in her and as a reward for its staunch and childlike devotion to her.**

**"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. ... I desire through my children of America, to further the cause of faith and purity among peoples and nations."**

**"I come to you, O children of America, as a last resort. I plead with you to listen to my voice. Cleanse your souls in the Precious Blood of My Son. Live in His Heart, and take me in that I may teach you to live in great purity of heart which 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." ... "I desire to make the whole of America my shrine by making every heart accessible to the love of my Son."**

**(Sister Mildred Mary Neuzil, The Diary, OUR LADY OF AMERICA©, Fostoria, OH, Pgs. 10-11, Feast of the North America Martyrs, September 26, 1956, and Pg. 12.)**

In January of 1957 Our Lady spoke of our sinful and ungrateful generation and warned that her Son's anger is about to overtake mankind with suffering never before experienced. If we would come to her Immaculate Heart we would obtain the mercy Jesus offers through her hands. She needs our help to save those who will not save themselves and to bring the sunshine of God's peace once again to our world. (The Diary, Pg. 15.)

**"Do not disregard the voice of your Mother. It is the voice of love trying to save you from eternal ruin." ... "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 punishments hitherto unknown to them." (The Diary, Pgs. 16, 21.)**

**"Reform of life is what I ask..." "What I ask, have asked, and will continue to ask is reformation of life. There must be sanctification from within." [Sister notes that by reformation of life Our Lady means union with the Divine Indwelling Presence of the Most Holy Trinity in the soul through sanctifying grace.] (The Diary, Pgs. 16-18.) "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." (The Diary, Pg. 37, July 18, 1980.)**

**"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. ...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.” (The Diary, Pg. 38.)**

Recently politicians declared that America is not a Christian nation, but the people of America hold fast to their Christian heritage rooted in the blood of martyrs and the faith of our Founding Fathers. That leads us to explore why Our Lady chose the feast of the North American Martyrs as the day to come to America. These Jesuit missionaries, 6 priests and 2 lay brothers, came from France to the Huron and Mohawk Indians of New Amsterdam, now New York, and New France, the area of Canada around Quebec and Lake Ontario, with the zeal of the apostles to preach the Good News of the Gospel and to baptize in the name of Jesus. Three of them, Rene Goupil, Jean de Lalande and Father Isaac Jogues were martyred by the Mohawks, part of the Iroquois nation, near Auriesville, New York. In spite of conversion the Indians retained their superstitions and blamed “The Black Robes” as evil shamans when great disease and crop failure hit their village. Renee Goupil, the first to be martyred, was tomahawked to death on September 29, 1642, feast of St. Michael, the angel protector of the Church and later of Sister Mildred herself, for making the sign of the cross on a boy’s head. Jean de Lalande and Father Jogues were clubbed to death and beheaded on October 18, 1646, which may explain the post Vatican II change of their feast here in America from September 26, the day on which Our Lady of America first appeared, to its present feast of October 19<sup>th</sup>. The five priests working in Canada were martyred in 1648 and 1649 and the whole group was canonized by Pope Pius XI on June 29, 1930. Canada celebrates their feast on September 26<sup>th</sup>.

<http://www.jesuits.ca/Ania2002/English/martyrs.html#jogues>  
<http://catholicism.org/eight-na-martyrs.html>

Scripture confirms that Mary, like Jesus, does only what the Father wills her to do; we must conclude then that God willed her appearance on September 26, feast of the North American Martyrs, for His purpose. Let it be noted that they had great devotion to Mary and she honors that devotion even as she honors our choice of her as our Patroness under her singular privilege of the Immaculate Conception. Let it also be noted that the Church has always held that the blood of martyrs is the seed of Faith and is the inspiration for more martyrs. With these martyrs’ blood, Faith prospered in America, giving root to our Christian heritage long before we were established as a nation. Quite simply, it seems Our Lady chose the feast of these martyrs, priest and lay martyrs, because our present day needs so desperately a new age of holy priests, new martyrs, and chaste, humble and obedient men and women willing to fight to retain and enrich our Christian heritage! At the time of Fatima in 1917 the Russian Revolution and the rise of atheism in various dictatorial ideologies was underway. Our Lady warned of its errors spreading around the world, fomenting wars and persecution of the Church if mankind did not repent of its sins. In the 1940’s as World War II was taking shape, Our Lord gave Sister Mildred a mission for the renewal of the family for war always takes its toll on marriage and family life. When Our Lady appeared in 1956, we were sinking into the sexual revolution and drug culture that would wreak havoc on the dignity of the person and the sacredness of life and would change the moral fiber of our society to one seeking freedom without responsibility, the denial of God’s Authority and the denial of the reality of sin. In 1984 when Pope St. John Paul II finally met Our Lady’s demands for the consecration of Russia to her Immaculate

Heart, after the attempt on his own life, it was too late to avert World War II but explosions in Russia did destroy much of Russia's nuclear arsenal and killed some of its top scientists, setting its war effort back by years. On January 3, 1984, Sister Mildred asked Our Lady if there would be a nuclear war, likely the Third World War warned of at Fatima, to which Our Lady responded:

**“My faithful one, if my warnings are taken seriously and enough of my children strive constantly and faithfully to renew and reform themselves in their inward and outward lives, then there will be no nuclear war. What happens to the world depends upon those who live in it. There must be much more good than evil prevailing in order to prevent the holocaust that is so near approaching. Yet I tell you, my daughter, even should such a destruction happen because there were not enough souls who took my warning seriously, there will remain a remnant—untouched by the chaos who, having been faithful in following me and spreading my warnings, will gradually inhabit the earth again with their dedicated and holy lives.”** (The Diary, Pg. 45.)

Being the Mother of God and of the Church Our Lady shares in the omniscience of her Divine Son and foresees the dangers to her children before they happen. She appeared in unprecedented numbers around the world during the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the most evil in modern history as voiced by Pope St. John Paul II. In spite of its evil and in addition to Our Lady's appearances, there were an equally unprecedented number of new saints in the Church. Pope St. John Paul II alone beatified 1,340, many of them martyrs whose blood would again nourish the Faith in our land and around the world. He spoke often of evil times as paving the way for a new springtime in the Church. In the 20<sup>th</sup> century we had the powerful apparitions of Fatima and the Divine Mercy, and now Our Lady of America in which Our Lady said all her other apparitions were converging in this one because of this great mystery of the Indwelling Most Holy Trinity which would crush the head of Satan. Her message gives us also a deeper understanding of the role of the Holy Family, the earthly trinity, in the work of redemption and renewal of the Christian family as the vital unit of human society. With favor comes responsibility. Let us heed Mary's voice and the promise of the Angel Protector of the United States of America who was 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 the 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.”** (The Diary, Pg. 41, August 22, 1981.)

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