

“O Mary Conceived Without Sin, Pray For Us Who Have Recourse to You.”

In 1830 a very special series of events happened at the motherhouse chapel of the Daughters of Charity. Blessed Mother came to visit a simple Daughter of Charity who was still a seminary sister (Novice).



During this apparition, Mary stretched out her arms and asked Catherine to have a medal made. On the front side, there was Mary with rays of light flowing from rings on her fingers, the earth and serpent at her feet, stars around her head and outlining the medal the words,

On July 18, 1830, Mary invited Catherine to the chapel for a time of sharing and “missioning.” Mary talked with Catherine about her Son’s love for all, the hardships that were about to fall upon France and the world. In that July visit, Mary also asked Catherine to implore her confession to begin an association for children – “The Children of Mary.” (This was in the days long before youth ministry was a practice.) We know it today as the Vincentian Marian Youth – an international organization with over 100,000 members.

On November 27, 1830 Mary came once again to visit Catherine. This time she continued to share the message of her Son’s love, our duty to pray...but she also gave the world a special gift.



*“Have a medal made
according to this model;
all who wear it
will receive great graces,
especially if they wear it
around the neck.
Graces will be abundant
for those who have confidence.”*

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Mary claims her title – encouraging the Church to do the same. In 1854, over twenty years later, the Church declared Mary’s Immaculate Conception a Dogma of our Faith.

Mary stands on the serpent that brought sin into the world. She reminds us of the ongoing struggle to follow her Son – always remembering that we were made to be united with him, not divided from him.

Her hands have those beautiful rays of light flowing outward – graces from her Son – graces that we must ask for. She reminds us that in order for all the rays to be fully extended we need to participate in the mission of intercessory prayer. WE NEED TO ASK! We are not simply recipients of a fate that is beyond us. We live and participate in the mission of her Son. We acknowledge that by asking for his grace to come into our lives, the lives of those we love, the lives of those who hurt us and others...into the whole world.

On the back of the medal is the image of the Cross over and woven through the “M.” There are two hearts toward the bottom of the medal – the sorrowful hearts of Jesus (with the crown of thorns) and Mary (the sword piercing her heart). These remind us of their unending love and generosity in giving it ALL.

The twelve stars we see on the back of the medal, were around Mary’s head – as a crown – in the apparition. It wasn’t possible to depict them on the medal at the time. So, the stars were added to the back. They represent so many things – the twelve apostles, the twelve tribes of Israel...they represent those of us living on earth – always striving to hold all that Mary and her Son have for us. Their mission is our mission.

By Name You Are Remembered in our Prayers

My name is Sister Margaret Mary Robins, a member of the Daughters of Charity for 75 years who has answered God's call to serve the poor. My first year was a period of training for my future mission of serving the poor. Then, for 65 years I have worked for the young (and not so young) teaching and supervising in elementary schools, high schools, summer camps, and adult education centers here in the United States and in the mission fields of Puerto Rico for 9 years. Now that I am retired, my ministry is mainly praying for all who request prayers. I pray especially for the sick and for those deciding their future in life. We have made cards with your first names on it and each day every sister takes a card which contains the first name of a discerner.

Reading the name on the card, I pray for you that day in all that I do and especially at Mass time. I ask God to lead you in recognizing His call and responding (no matter what it is) knowing He will help you. I'm happy when I pull out the same card 2 or 3 days later. I'm sure God will answer our prayers. I hope you will be as happy as I have been in fulfilling what I felt was God's call for me. If you have a special intention you would like me to pray for let me know, and I will pray. I ask too for your prayers for me. God bless you each day.

Sr. Margaret Mary

(Send special prayer request to our praying sisters: go to our Facebook: Daughters of Charity Vocations U.S. send a post/ message or email our vocation team.)



Dear Discerning Friends,

Let us pray for one another! Intercessory prayer (a prayer to God on the behalf of someone else) is key to our lives as children of God. The most famous prayer intercessor of all time would be Blessed Mother of course. Our Sisters regularly pray for our regular discerners by name (first name). The Sisters receive a card with the names of our newest members, the postulants, prepostulants and the first names of the regular discerners with the Daughters of Charity. These names are also individually on small papers to be used in different ways by the local communities to pray for you by name. Some examples would be each DC at a house would choose a name to mention during morning prayer or in another house the Sisters each pick a name and pray for the same person all week.

In November we celebrate the feast of the Miraculous Medal and of St. Catherine Labouré. We would like to send your prayer requests to our mother house in Paris, France. This is where Blessed Mother appeared to St. Catherine Labouré, Daughter of Charity, and requested that she have the medal struck and asked that people, particularly young people, be encouraged to bring their requests to her.

So, we would like you to email your prayer requests to us at dcvoc@doc.org. We will send these to our American Sisters at the mother house and ask that they place them in prayer onto the chair upon which Blessed Mother sat during the apparitions. You can send them throughout the month of October and the beginning of November. You can also posts your prayer requests on our Facebook page post regarding the prayer intentions. We will send the prayer on November 15th.

Plan to attend one of our Holy Hangouts. Our November 3rd, Holy Hangout will be filmed from our mother house in Paris, France. See details below.

Know you are held in prayer by our Sisters during this time of challenge with discerning God's dream for you!

Sr. Lisa, Sr. Theresa, Sr. Denise, Sr. Pat, Sr. Honora and Sr. Virginia Ann

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Come & See Retreats

Religious Vocation Discernment Retreats
Contact: Sr. Denise LaRock @ dcvoc@doc.org
Or Phone: 410-646-2074

November 15-17
Emmitsburg, MD

December 14, 2013
Jacksonville, FL (with multiple communities.)

April 4-5, 2013
Emmitsburg, MD

Online Retreats

Attend This Advent Retreat At Your Leisure

Contact: Sr. Virginia Ann Brooks
@dcvocations2@doc.org Or Phone: 812-963-7563
December 1-5, 2013

Nun Runs

Visit & Learn About Other Religious Communities
Contact: Sr. Theresa Sullivan @ dcvocations2@doc.org
Or Phone : 812-963-7563

October 5, 2013
Detroit, MI

October 11-12, 2013
Evansville, IN

November 1-3, 2013
Chicago, IL

February 21-22, 2013
Indianapolis, IN

SEARCH & SERVE

Vocation Retreat and Service Weekend
Contact: Sr. Theresa Sullivan @ dcvocations2@doc.org
NOVEMBER 16, 2013
CHICAGO, IL

Holy Hangout is Back!

Join Us Live as We Hangout on Youtube and Celebrate the Internationality of the Community

November 3, 2013 ~ 1:00 pm cst
www.youtube.com/daughtersofcharityus

VISIT Us At:

www.daughters-of-charity.com

