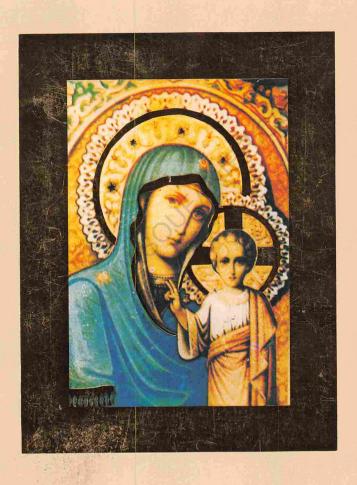
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OUR LADY OF SOUFANIEH

SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC

and Other Phenomena



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I have said: The Church is the kingdom of Heaven on earth. He who divides it has done wrong, and he who rejoices in its division has also done wrong.
My children, be united. My feast is when I see all of you gather together. Your prayer is My feast. Your faith is My feast. The unity of your hearts is My feast.

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Syrian Arab Republic

(Messages from Jesus and Mary) and Other Phenomena

"You anointed my head with oil, my cup overflows."

Psalm 23:5

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Finally we shall also abide by what Pope Urban VIII stated in the 1600's. "In cases which concern private revelations, it is better to believe for if you believe and it was proven true you will be happy that you have believed because our Holy Mother Church asked it." "If you believe and it should be proven false, you will receive all blessings as if it has been true because you believed it to be true."

"Blessed are they who believe and yet have not seen." (John 20:29)



First time oil oozes out of Icon on cotton.



Oil on hands of Mirna.



Nazzour family Nicola, Mirna, Jean and Miriam.



The house & terrace where the Blessed Mary appeared and Jesus gave His Messages.



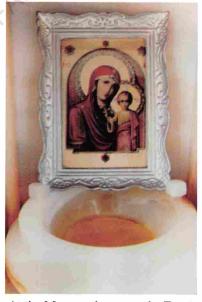
Mirna during ecstasy, oil appeard on her face.



Father Desusa, Good Shepherd Church, Beverly Hills, CA., spiritual adviser for Soufanieh in America.



Dr. Mansour, surgeon, examining Mirna during an ecstasy. His testimony is in this book.



At the Mansour home on the Feast of the Assumption of Mary, Aug. 15, 1988 at 6 p.m., oil filled half of the container placed below the Icon.

St Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray, and do thou, oh prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits who prowl through the world, seeking the ruin of souls.

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May the angels be with you as you read this book, and may God grant you the grace of finding at least one word which will inspire you to a greater love for God and an increased personal holiness.

It is hereby stated that the messages contained in this book were given by JESUS and the Blessed MARY to Mirna in Arabic language and were translated into English by Rev. Dr. George El-Khalli.

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This book is dedicated to:

God the Eternal Father Mary, our spiritual Mother, and to all who honor Her Unity among Christians.

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> Dec. 12, 1992 Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe

Dear Dr. Mansour and Claire:

My beloved in Jesus, Antoine and Claire, what a joy I felt when together with my first cousin, Mrs. Christina Rotunno Ruffalo, had a spiritual pleasure to talk with Antoine for a long time, regarding especially what is happening to our beloved Mirns. I am looking forward to listening to the faith of Claire, who had to leave us and accompany Mr. John Bird to the airport, a person who could spread the message of the Gospel through Our Lady of Unity at Soufanieh.

When in Syris, a person with religious high authority advised me by saying, "Be careful your excellency, this could be the devil." I answered this very high spiritual man, "I thank you for your advice, be certain that I am not approving the phenomens of Mirns, I am only trying to get the facts and report tham to the Holy Father, and we have to wait with patience and understanding, the final decision and judgement of the Church.

I had personally experienced, twice, the phenomena of the oil;

- 1- When we were in the Chapel of the de Foucauld sisters in Damascus, we were three of us: an Italian sister, myself, and Mirna, kneeling in prayer and reciting the rosary. Although I did not ask for a sign, Mirna muddenly asked the Italian nun to bring an image of Our lady and in a split second, after Mirna preased on the Image, it was covered with oil, and she handed It to me and said, "For you, your excellency."
- 2- When we were in the Chapel of the Apostolic Noncisture in Syris, I had another experience with the oil, which I asked my secretary to document it in Italian and sign it. It is completely true what you have published in relation to this document in your book "Our Lady of Soufanish."

Archbishop Nacolas Rottuno

Former Apostolic Nuncio to: Syria-Damascus Africa-Ruanda, Burundi

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INTRODUCTION

by Antoine Mansour, M.D.

In the humble home of the Nazzour family, which is located in Soufanieh in the Syrian capital, Damascus, an extraordinary phenomenon has been taking place since 1982. What will be described in this book is beyond our human capability to explain. It has attracted the interest of many people and religious authorities. These events have been happening to Mary Al-Akhras, otherwise known as "Mirna," who is the wife of Nicola Nazzour.

First oil exuded from Mirna's hands during prayer for a sick lady, and the woman was cured. Then oil dripped from an Icon of the Blessed Mother carrying the Child Jesus.

There were apparitions of the Virgin Mary, and ecstasies occurred which Mirna felt herself to be in direct contact with Mary and Jesus, through whom Mirna received messages from Heaven.

Mirna received different wounds, the stigmata, five times. This phenomenon took place during Passion Week to Easter exclusively in the years which the Catholic and the Orthodox Churches celebrate these feasts at the same time.

There were also many miracles, some of which were medically proven. The documents are in the possession of Father Zahlawi and Father Malouli of Syria. The news of these events spread through almost the entire world. A report has been sent to the Vatican through the priests overseeing these phenomena.

In 1984, we were informed of the unusual events continuing to happen through Mirna by our friend Toni Hanna, a Lebanese singer. At that time, we were interested and visited her in Syria and Lebanon. Claire, my wife, was invited in 1987 to be the Godmother of Mirna's first daughter, Miriam. We later invited Mirna, Nicola, and their daughter Miriam to our home in Beverly Hills, California in 1988, where they stayed for six months, and where Mirna delivered her second child, John.

The goal of writing this story is purely for spiritual inspiration. We know that the final word about the authenticity of these happenings lies in the hands of the Mother Church at the Vatican.

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PREFACE

A CALL FOR UNITY

by Claire Mansour

Phenomena in Christianity are not "strange" events. The Christian faith is based on miracles, especially in the Roman Catholic and Orthodox Churches. If they bear good fruit, we know they are from God.

God has created the universe and programmed the rules of nature, according to His will, He created man. In his unending love for us, through various ways He sends messages and signs to His people so that creation obey their Creator. Thus, we are motivated to return to the program planned for us by Him which leads us to Heaven. These signs and experiences are given to us to correct our course, so to speak, when we go astray.

There were "phenomena" before the coming of Christ, when God sent His prophets to proclaim the coming of the Messiah. They foretold that the Messiah would be born of a Virgin from the house of David; He would be born in a stable; He would be poor; His father would be a carpenter; and that He as a man, he would come into Jerusalem riding a little donkey.

Jesus' choice to ride a donkey rather than a horse, is revealing. The donkey is the most humble animal. When Jesus entered Jerusalem, according to prophecy, the children welcomed Him, saying "Hosanna to the Son of David, Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest."

When the people told the children to be quiet, Jesus told them to leave the children alone. If they were silenced, the stones would call out and proclaim Him as Lord.

These days we see statues and icons weeping blood and tears in many places. It serves to remind us of Christ and His sufferings. Vassula, in her book, *True Life in God*, tells us that stones are now weeping because we are silent, just as Jesus had mentioned some 2000 years ago.

Other prophecies found in scripture:

Though He was harshly treated, He submitted and opened not His mouth, like a lamb led to the slaughter or a sheep before the shearers, He was silent and opened not His mouth (Isaiah 53:4).

The Lord laid upon Him the guilt of all of us (Isaiah 53:6).

He has broken My teeth with gravel, pressed My face in the dust, My soul is deprived of peace, I have forgotten what happiness is (Lamentations 3:16-17).

Come all you have passed by the way, look and see whether there is any suffering like my suffering (Lamentations 1:12).

Jesus is God for he is called Emmanuel, God with us, wonderful, counselor, God the mighty, Prince of peace (Isaias 9:6).

And in the prophecy they said, His bones shall not be broken (John 19:36; cf. Exodus 12:46; Numbers 9:12 and Psalm 34:21).

They have divided my garments among them, and for my vesture they cast lots (Psalm 22:19). (After His death, they did cast lots.)

They have pierced my hands and my feet, I can count all my bones (Psalm 22:17-18).

When the perfect man appears, the imperfect disappears. All of the prophets came before Christ, and the last prophet was John the Baptist. The people thought he was Christ, but when asked, John, in his humility, refused to proclaim himself a prophet. Christ insisted that John was the greatest of all the prophets that had already come.

Jesus did tell us to beware of false prophets and false Messiahs that would come after Him. (Read Mark 13:22, and 14 to 23; 2 Peter 2:1-3; 1 John 2: 21-23; 1 John 4:1-3; 2 John, verse 7; and the Revelation of John 19:19-21.)

God told us in the Old Testament that some prophets will come speaking in His name, although He did not tell them to do so (Ezekiel 13). All the first prophets came to proclaim the Messiah. Once the Messiah had ascended into Heaven, we had messengers reminding us about Him.

Moses proclaimed that, "a great prophet will be raised from among your brethren." Who is great except God himself? So when they said "great," only God is great. The Old Testament of the Bible proclaimed Him as prophet, and when the Great One came, He was God himself from heaven — God on earth, the Son of God, yet one with God.

In His second appearance after His death, Jesus spoke to His disciples for forty days, teaching them and continuing what He began with them before His death and resurrection. He established his Church as His kingdom on earth, and since He ascended to Heaven, He continues to appear on earth to both consecrated and lay people, reminding them of His passion and occasionally giving them His stigmata.

Jesus not only appeared to believers, He also appeared to people who did not believe in Him, i.e., St. Paul (his name after he was converted; his given

name was Saul), when he was going to Damascus to persecute Christians. On the way he heard a voice telling Him, "Why are you persecuting Me?" And St. Paul answered, "Who are you, Lord?" The voice answered, "I am Jesus, the Messiah, that you are persecuting."

From that moment, Paul lost his vision for three days. After that he saw again, and he was converted to Christianity.

Christ has appeared throughout history to many believers. Today, as we near the year 2000, Mary and Jesus are still appearing. This is another form of confirmation of what Jesus said after His resurrection:

"I am with you till the end of the time."

No human could accept the way of the cross unless he is of God. Christ is the image of the invisible God (Colosians 1:15). Whoever has seen Me has seen the Father (John 14:9). When a man is condemned to death, it is natural to attempt to run away and escape... but Jesus did not, although He could have. He showed us how he conquered the fear of death by facing death with courage. By His death, we were given the only passage to eternity into Heaven.

He established his Church through St. Peter and said, "Peter, you are the rock, and on it I will establish My Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven and whatever you shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven" (Matthew 16:18).

The Church started in Jerusalem, spread to Egypt and then Antioch, where people were named "Christians" for the first time. Then Peter went to Rome. It is there that he was buried, and the "Rock of Peter," i.e., the Church, was centered there. St. Peter was our first Pope, and for almost a thousand years the Church was one.

Problems began, escalated into disputes and then divisions; however, Jesus said the gates of hell will NOT prevail. Misunderstanding occurred in Rome, but instead of solving the problem, the split came. Those who caused it, as Mary said to Mirna, had no love (see Mirna's message of March 24, 1983, fifth anniversary) and since Peter is the rock, then the pope has the authority to guide. (Read message of November 26, 1989, seventh anniversary.)

Some of the new evangelists went so far as to ignore Mary, the pure and chaste spouse of God. We must all remember that God became man as an infant to have and to give us a loving Mother, whom we should honor and love as Jesus did.

They told their followers to believe only in Christ and salvation by His death. They omitted the commandments of God, allowing everything, even divorce, since all are "washed by Christ's blood." This is wrong, because without obeying God's commandments and the teachings of Christ, or repenting for failing to do so, no one will reach Heaven, even if they call themselves Christians.

The Orthodox Church divided into many churches, each having its own patriarch and having nothing to do with the others, e.g., Coptic Orthodox, Armenian Orthodox, Russian Orthodox, Syrian Orthodox, Greek Orthodox. Part of these came back to the Mother Church, and the pope respected their Byzantine tradition by allowing them to use their own liturgy. These churches, who received the blessing of the pope, are the Coptic Catholic, Greek Catholic, Armenian Catholic, Russian Catholic, and others. We are now praying for the rest to reunite. It is known that the Pope is open to such dialogue.

The Syrian Church has its own Bible, written in Jesus' own language of Aramaic. Syrian Catholics also speak Aramaic. They also celebrate Mass in this language.

Sometimes the youth and new-comers do not understand the celebration, hence an argument for using the vernacular, but the Holy Father encourages the keeping of the roots and traditions of each particular culture so as to enliven reverence and beauty during Eucharistic celebrations. Both goals should be sought, since we should keep our treasured traditions, but God wants us also to sincerely strive for unity and peace with each other.

Let us unite upon the same rock on which Jesus established His Church. As Mary told Mirna, when the Church expanded it was divided. Give the Pope a chance to unite everyone. He is loved and respected by almost all the world.

Let us leave our high positions and be humble again. Remember that whosoever is the least on earth is the first in heaven. What do we gain if we win the whole world and lose our souls in the world to come?

Jesus taught us that anyone you forgive on earth, He will forgive in return. But if you take revenge, He will judge you. When one of His own disciples wanted revenge on those who came to arrest Jesus, he told him, "Put away your sword. All those who take up the sword, shall perish by the sword" (Matthew 26:52).

Forgiveness is best. Revenge never has a place in the life of a Christian. If anyone strikes you on one cheek, turn the other. If you are persecuted in your country, go to another country. "Remove the dust from your shoes," and never go back to that place.

Peace is the greeting of God to men, and glorifying Him is our greeting to God. Jesus is peace. He came to reconcile heaven with earth.

After the fall, Adam lost paradise and after his death, he could not enter Heaven, nor could his descendants do so, until Jesus came and defeated death by His resurrection. Only then could Adam

and his descendants enter into Heaven if they choose to repent for their sins.

In Medjugorje, Our Lady reportedly said, "Peace is God and men together; those who rest in Him, live in peace. Those who do not have that peace... they are at war."

Stop for a while and leave creation putting all material things out of your mind. Then you can hear the voice of Jesus.

As He told Mirna, "The more you look at the creation, the more you are away from the Creator's sight."

Peace begins in our hearts, then with our neighbors. When we achieve that, there will be peace across the borders of nations. If we do not have peace in our hearts, we will never have peace in the world.

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In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

November 22, 1982 — Damascus, Syria

Oil appears on Mirna's hands for the first time.

Mirna (her real name is Mary, but everyone calls her Mirnal went to visit her sister-in-law, Leila, who was due for surgery on her back the next day. She was accompanied by her mother-in-law and some friends. They all began praying together and singing religious hymns. As Mirna knelt during prayer, suddenly her friend, a Moslem lady, who was next to her noticed something shining on Mirna's hands. Mirna looked and almost fainted — it looked and smelled like olive oil. Everybody told her to touch Leila's back; maybe God had sent the oil to heal Leila, because oil is mentioned in the Bible many times for anointing the sick, and the Good Samaritan poured oil on the wounds of the man who fell among thieves. So Mirna wiped the oil on her sisterin-law's back, and after a while Leila stood up and began serving them. That was the first time that oil had appeared and healing took place.

When Mirna's husband Nicola heard, he laughed and told her, "Maybe while preparing the food, the oil got on your hands."

November 27, 1982 — Damascus, Syria

The Heavenly Incense Oil Appears on the Icon for the First Time

Mirna smelled incense while she was upstairs visiting her other sister-in-law, Elaine. She asked her sister-in-law if she used incense. Elaine said, no. Mirna then went downstairs to her bedroom where she noticed a substance like water under a small Icon of Mary and Jesus. (Later she would know that it was oil after she wiped it twice, and it kept oozing with the oil.)

She called her husband, telling him she wanted to light some incense, but he said that they never had any. As she touched the table, Mirna, to her great surprise, found a big piece of incense and told her husband to use it.

They were both amazed at how it came about that there was incense in their bedroom, but after what had been happening the last two days, they did not question their first heavenly incense. (The incense was tested, and the priests gave the result: it was a very ancient and rare incense, and unusual for its kind.)

As a result, Nicola was confused and afraid. He told Mirna not to tell anyone until he could go and call his parents. He told her to close the doors and not open to anyone, because in Syria a group of more than a certain number in an area will arouse the suspicions of the intelligence and they will come and question them.

So Mirna obeyed her husband and closed the doors. She was alone, afraid, and uncertain what to do, when suddenly she heard a woman's voice coming as if it were from a seashell, saying:

My daughter, Mary, open the doors, and do not forbid anyone from My vision. Light Me a candle.

At this, Mirna was scared and ran to the neighbors. She did not tell them anything, but she was worried and wanted to go back. She asked her neighbor for a candle which she took back to the house with her. Once she was alone, she lit the candle.

Her husband returned with his family, and Mirna told him what she had heard. Nicola then told her to open the door, and people began crowding in to see the vision of the oil. Cotton was placed under the Icon to collect the oil. From that day until now, the house is constantly filled with the faithful in prayer. (No donations are accepted from visitors to the house.) NAM SOLFII

November, 28 1982 — Damascus, Syria

The Visit by Syrian Intelligence

Suddenly two people from the Syrian Intelligence, accompanied by Dr. Saliba, entered the house to see why there was a crowd. When they were told what had happened, they removed the picture to see if something was behind it. They also broke off a piece to take to the laboratory. The Syrian Intelligence asked Mirna to wash her hands and to clean the Icon in front of their eyes. While they were gazing intently, trying to determine the truth of the situation, oil began coming out of her hand and the Icon at the same time. They were astonished, and the physician said, "God is Great!" They took a piece of cotton soaked with oil and left, apologizing to the family.

The following week a lady came from Northern Syria looking for a church of Soufanieh. She claimed that she had had a dream in which Our Lady told her to go to Soufanieh and there she would find oil to heal her sick child. The woman went throughout Damascus looking for a church of Our Lady of Soufanieh, but no one knew of such a church. Finally, she was told to go to a street named Soufanieh. She went down the street, knocking on each door, asking for the church. When she came to Mirna's house, she repeated her question to Nicola. He invited her in and showed her the Icon. The lady exclaimed that the Icon was the same lady she had seen in her dream. From that day on the Icon is called "Our Lady of of Soufanieh."

The Syrian Minister of Defense, Mr. Mustafa Tlas asked to be mentioned as a witness to these events.

(Apparition)

December 15, 1982 — Damascus, Syria

First Apparition — No Message

At 11:00 p.m., prayers began in front of the Icon, and people were singing hymns, their priests joining in with them. Mirna was praying with them, when suddenly she heard three knocks behind her on the wall and felt a hand pushing her.

She looked behind her, but found nothing. Again, she felt she was being pushed and guided to the terrace on the second story. A strange force carried her to the ladder that was tied to the wall. How she made it to the terrace at night, she does not know for she was always afraid to go to the terrace even in daytime because of this ladder. She knelt down, her head to the floor, afraid, shivering, and very cold.

Suddenly, after 15 minutes, she raised her head and saw the most beautiful lady, shining, as if covered with diamonds. Mirna ran down the same way she had come up and went across to the other terrace that had no ladder to her sister-in-law Elaine, asking her if she could see what Mirna was seeing. Elaine saw nothing. She slapped Mirna lightly, thinking that perhaps she had lost her mind. All the while, Mirna kept saying, "Look, there, on the terrace." After she had calmed down, they went downstairs and told everybody what had happened.

A priest, Father Zahlawi, was there at the time, praying with some people. He told her that after all of this oil, they were expecting something. He said to Mirna, "Mary is a mother, and no one should be afraid of his mother. Perhaps She wants to relay a message through you, and when She saw you were afraid. She left."

(Apparition)

December 18, 1982 — Damascus, Syria

Second Apparition

Slightly after 11:00 p.m., after all the people had prayed and left, among them Father Zahlawi, Mirna had the same sensations of January 15, 1982. She felt a force pulling her, and she was resisting. Suddenly she found herself going up to the terrace, followed by her family members.

Across from the terrace on the main street, there is a huge eucalyptus tree. Mirna noticed three lights, like lightning, and then on a branch she saw a large ball of light opening into two half-moons. A lady was sitting in the middle of the branch. Suddenly she stood and walked across, floating in the air, leaving behind her a path of light.

The lady went through the fence and stood in front of Mirna. Mirna thought everybody could see the lady. She said, "There she is; do you see her?" Her father replied, "Where?" Then she knew that no one was seeing her. She tried to describe the lady, but she was so beautiful that it was impossible to put it into words. Mary was dressed in a white dress, and on Her head was a blue veil which covered Her. She gave them the first message:

"My children... remember God, because God is with us. You know everything, and yet you know nothing. Your knowledge is incomplete, but a day will come when you will know everything just as God knows Me.

"Do good to evildoers, and do not treat anyone badly. I gave you more oil than you have asked for, and I will give you that which is much stronger than oil.

"Repent, believe, and remember Me in your joy. Evangelize about My son, Emmanuel. He who evangelizes is saved, and he who does not evangelize... his faith is in vain. Love one another.

"I do not ask for money that is given to churches, nor for money given to the poor. I ask for love. Those who distribute their money to the poor and the churches and do not have love are nothing.

"I will visit homes more often, because those who go to church more often do not go to pray. I do not ask that you build a church for me, but a shrine. Give, and do not deprive anyone who asks for help."

Then she left the same way, crossing through the fence on the stream of light into the ball; it closed and disappeared.

When Mary said She would visit homes more often, it became apparent that She meant She visited through the oil, by leaving a sign. Copies of the Icon of Soufanieh did ooze oil in Damascus, in Europe, and in America.

In this message, she had told them to build a shrine, telling them where and how. So they went down to the front of the house next to the main entrance where the wall was made entirely from stones. They wondered how they could break the stones to put the little shrine on the street, but while touching the stone, they felt one loose. They had never thought it would be so easy to pull the stone

out. This was the area where Mary wanted the shrine. She asked them to write over it:

"Glory and thanks to Jesus, Son of Mary."

When she said.

"I will give you that which is much ttt stronger than oil."

This later appeared to mean the conversion of many.

December 31, 1982 — Damascus, Syria

The Orthodox Statement

(Official Statement:)

The Antiochian Patriarchate for all the East of the Greek Orthodox, Damascus, Syria.

The following statement was issued by the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate in Damascus to shed light on what is being said or claimed to have been said concerning what is happening to one of our blessed families in the Soufanieh section. The Patriarchate issues the following statement:

- 1. Miracles are common with God, even if they look unusual to us because He is the All Powerful, and He created all of nature's laws, and He certainly can change them whenever He wants. For are there any blessings or healings that take place without Him?
- 2. The house that has witnessed very unusual apparitions is a house of a believing Orthodox family whose faith we value. None of the family members claim sanctity, like a lot of people are trying to make them. Marie is a very humble daughter and her husband is an active member of the church and they are both very grateful and thankful for God's grace and blessings He bestowed on their family.
- 3. Previously the Antiochian See has witnessed many apparitions at Sid Naya and Malloula together with a number of other churches are still the grounds for God's work. A lot of these apparitions take place sometimes and disappear other times, and such things have become normal happenings in the life of Holy Mother, the Church.

- 4. Determining a miracle is a very difficult matter and to prove it there are several set rules which must be handled by medical doctors and specialists who are appointed by the responsible people in the Church. Examination of the sick before the cure is required. Knowledge of the nature of the sickness and examination of the sick a long time after the cure is also required to confirm that the cure has taken place in a very unusual manner, and the cure was total and permanent because God does not do things halfway or partially. If any of these conditions are not met, Holy Mother the Church cannot declare the healing to be miraculous but anyway she acknowledges God's mercy and blessings on us creatures.
- 5. We would like to ask the believers to offer thanks to God the Creator of Heaven and Earth and to stop exaggerating things either by their actions or by their speech which could result in insults to God, the Virgin and the Church and to the blessed Akhras and Nazzour families. (Mirna is from the Akhras family, and her husband is from the Nazzour family.)
- 6. We also announce that the Holy Icon will be transferred in a few days from the house where it is to the Church of the Cross which is a more appropriate place for prayers and veneration of the Saviour and His Virgin Mother, and we hope that the believers will not create unbearable hardships to Marie and her husband. May God's grace be upon you and may He strengthen you and shower our believing people with His blessings.

Damascus, 31, Dec., 1982 Office of the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate in Damascus

(Apparition)

January 8, 1983 — Damascus, Syria

The Third Apparition

This was the eve of the day that the Icon was to be moved to the Church of the Cross. According to the statement of the Orthodox Patriarchate, the church had decided that it was more appropriate for the Holy Icon to be moved to church for prayers and veneration.

Mirna was sad and did not want to give the Icon to them, but she obeyed her superiors. Mary appeared to her, crying. Mirna was crying too, but Mary told her:

"That's all right."

Then Mary smiled a soft smile and left.

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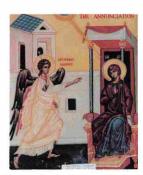
Canon Rene Laurentin, Mariologist and author, has studied and written about the phenomena of Soufanieh.



Mirna and Miriam, in front of the little shrine outside the house. Our Lady asked that a stone be removed near the door entrance for the shrine. (See pp. 7-8.)



Map of Middle East, Soufanieh, Damascus.



Icon of the Annunciation which oozed oil in the Mansour home on Dec. 26, 1990 at 9 p.m.



Photograph taken at Zeitoun, Egypt which oozed oil in the Mansour home.





Our Lady of Soufanieh is an image of Our Lady of Kazan

January 9, 1983 — Damascus, Syria

Procession of Icon to the Orthodox Church

The Icon was moved to the church with great celebration. Thousands of people followed the procession praying and singing. Even the Syrian Police helped in organizing the procession. The Icon dripped oil the first three days in the church, and a healing took place for Mrs. Alice Benelian after she put some oil on her calcified shoulder. Before this, she had been unable to move her arm. After the doctors examined her, they found that in her x-rays she still had the problem; the fact that she is moving her hand is the miracle. For those who wish to have a copy, all the medical reports are with Mirna's spiritual advisers.

The Icon was in the church only a few days when the oil stopped oozing. After forty days, the priests in the Orthodox Church returned the Icon home in a plastic bag, unvenerated. This caused some temporary negative feelings between the people in Mirna's house and the Orthodox priests.

(Apparition)

February 21, 1983 — Damascus, Syria

The Fourth Apparition

Mary appeared to Mirna to calm them down, and said:

"My children... this is between Me and you. I came back here (when the Icon returned home).

"Do not insult the proud who have no humility. The humble thirsts for the remarks of others to correct himself from defaults, whereas the corrupt arrogant neglects, revolts, and becomes hostile.

"Forgiveness is preferable. He who pretends to be pure and loving before men, is impure before God.

"I have one request to ask of you. Engrave the word in your mind and repeat it always:

> 'God saves me, Jesus enlightens me, The Holy Spirit is my life, I am not afraid.'

"Isn't it so, My son, Youssef? Endure and forgive. Endure much less than what the Father has endured."

When She mentioned My son, Youssef [Joseph]. everybody wanted to know who he was. Malouli was a stranger to the house, and no one knew that his first name was Youssef. He had to show them his identity card to prove that his first name was Youssef and tell them that he had praved and asked Blessed Mary to enlighten him.

Father Malouli and Father Zahlawi are the priests who supervise the phenomena until now. Father Malouli is responsible for collecting and sending all documents to the Vatican. NAM SOUTH AMILITATION OF THE PARTY OF THE PA

(Apparition)

March 24, 1983 — Damascus, Syria

Eve of the Feast of the Annunciation

The Fifth Apparition "The Church is the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth."

Everyone joined Mirna for evening prayers as had become their daily custom. Suddenly she had the same vision as before: three lightning flashes on the tree, and the ball of light appeared, opening into two half-moons where Our Lady floated on a path of light toward Mirna and stood in the same place where she had stood before. But this time she held a beautiful Rosary; it was silver and all the beads were shining like diamonds or crystals.

As soon as the cross of the Rosary touched Mirna's hands, oil began oozing out of her hands. They put cotton under her hands, and everyone asked Mirna to anoint them by putting the sign of the cross on their foreheads with her thumb. When she had finished anointing them, she made the sign of the cross in the air, with her index finger. When asked why, she answered, "Mary asked me to anoint Her head with the oil, making the sign of the cross."

How humble Mary is, to ask Mirna to do that! Mary said:

"My children... my mission has ended. On this night the angel of God told Me: 'Blessed are You among women,' and I could say nothing to him except: 'I am the Handmaid of the Lord.' I am happy. "I am not worthy to tell you, 'Your sins are forgiven,' but my Lord said it.

"Establish a church. I did not say, 'Build a church.' The Church that Jesus adopted is one church, because Jesus is one. The Church is the Kingdom of God on Earth. Whoever divided it has done wrong, and whoever rejoiced in its division has done wrong. Jesus established it, and it was very small. When it expanded, it became divided. Whoever divided it has no love.

"Be united! I say to you: pray, pray and pray; how beautiful are my children when they are kneeling and imploring.

"Do not be afraid, I am with you. Do not be fragmented like the elders (the heads of the Churches). You shall teach the generations the word of unity, love and faith.

"Pray for the inhabitants of Purgatory and Earth."

After this message, Mirna said, "... in one God, the Father..." And the, "Glory be to the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever."

When asked why she said the creed, she answered, "Mary began by saying:

'I believe...'"

(Apparition — Ecstasy)

October 28, 1983 — Damascus, Syria

Mirna's First Ecstasy

Mirna saw herself raised between the clouds, and she saw Mary. Mirna was afraid because it was her first ecstasy. Mary said:

"Do not be afraid, My daughter. This is happening so the name of God will be glorified. Do not be afraid; I will raise up My generation through you."

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(Apparition — Ecstasy)

November 4, 1983 — Damascus, Syria

"She is My Daughter"

During Mirna's ecstasy, her mother was worried about her, and she was crying loudly. All of a sudden, Mary told Mirna:

"Go down and tell your mother Nuha that you are My daughter before being her daughter.

"My heart was burnt for my only Son; it is not going to be burnt on all my children."

(NOTE: An "apparition" refers to Mary's visits to Mirna on earth, while Mirna's visits to Mary in the Heavens are called "ecstasies.")

(Stigmata)

November 25, 1983 — Damascus, Syria

Mirna's First Stigmata

For the first time the stigmata appeared on Mirna's hands, feet, and side. It looked like a rounded, red rash; no bleeding occurred. On this same day and for the first time, priests from all denominations were in her room experiencing her ecstasy and seeing her stigmatas. Here Mary said:

"That is all that I want."

She said this because both Orthodox and Catholic priests were present. Those in the room say that Mirna during her ecstasy elevated her head and then lay back on her bed. This occurred when Mary asked her if she would like to come to Her. When Mirna tried to go, she couldn't. Mary told her:

"It suffices that you want to come."

When Nicola, her husband, was thinking of leaving her because he thought his wife should go to a monastery, Mary told her:

"Your married life should stay as it is."

(We have to remember that Mirna was chosen after she was married, perhaps to prove that married people doing their duties can become Saints, too.) On the 26th of November, the signs of stigmata disappeared with no trace. This is certified by Dr. Marji and Dr. Mesmar, officially appointed by the priests.

November 26, 1983 — Damascus, Syria

First Soufanieh Anniversary

Prayers were said and a celebration held for the first anniversary of the appearance of the holy oil. After the prayers were over, they began singing: "Happy anniversary to Mary. Happy anniversary with Mary."

In the room, there was a copy of the Soufanieh Icon, enlarged in a frame with glass. They saw two tears on the Icon. One was on the right cheek, and then the right eve became red in color - a teardrop stayed inside the eye; another tear ran down the left cheek. All the tears were under the glass.

Then the original Icon dripped oil and filled the container under it. WALL SOLLE

(Stigmata)

April 19, 1984 — Damascus, Syria

Holy Thursday -3:30 p.m.

The wounds opened for the first time. They only open when the Catholic and Orthodox feast of Easter falls on the same calendar day, usually every three or four years. The wounds opened on Mirna's hands, feet, and side. The side wound was around 12 cm and deep, so one of the doctors present said that they should take Mirna to an emergency room at the hospital to close her wound.

Nicola, her husband, disagreed, saying that whoever opened the wound would close it. That is exactly what happened: the wounds were closed after six hours. There are doctors' statements to this effect

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(Ecstasy)

April 20, 1984, Damascus, Syria

Good Friday

In this ecstasy, Mirna was standing at the foot of a mountain. She saw on the top a light from heaven, and she tried twice to climb to the top, but she could not. When she awakened, she had a strong headache. She said, "Forgive me, Lord, for I am a sinner."

May 31, 1984 — Damascus, Syria

Ascension Thursday

On this day, in her ecstasy, she saw Jesus standing on a high mountain in a shape of light, like the Icon of the Ascension. She saw Him as if He were standing behind a glazed glass, telling her not to be affected by what people say — not to be proud if they speak well of her; nor to be sad if they speak ill of her. The peace in her heart should stay the same.

Jesus said:

"My daughter... I am the Beginning and the End. I am the Truth, the Freedom and the Peace. My Peace I give to you.

"Let not your peace depend on people's tongues, whether it is good or bad; and consider yourself the worst.

"He who does not seek mankind's satisfaction, and does not worry about how to please them enjoys the true peace... and that will only be through Me.

"Live your life joyfully and independently. Let not the hardships that you have undertaken for My sake destroy you, but rejoice. I am able to reward you. Your hardships will not last, and your suffering will not endure.

"Pray with adoration, for everlasting life deserves these sufferings. Pray that the will of God may be completed within you and say:

"Beloved Jesus,
Grant that I have peace in You above
everything else...
Above any human being,
Above all Your angels,
Above any praise,
Above any rejoicing or happiness,
Above any glory or honor,
Above all the heavenly army.

For you are the only Most High, You are the Most Powerful, And the Most Good above all things.

May You come to me and relieve me, and release my chains and grant me freedom,

Because without You my joy is not complete.

Without You my banquet is empty.
Then I shall come to say:
Here I come. because You have called me."

September 7, 1984 — Damascus, Syria

Eve of the Feast of the Birth of Mary

Here Mary gave her a secret to be revealed only on her deathbed. Mirna told the secret to her spiritual adviser only. Then Mary told Mirna:

"Live your life. However, do not let life prevent you from continuing in prayer."

Mirna revealed only that the secret is a good one.

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(Ecstasy)

November 26, 1984 — Damascus, Syria

Second Soufanieh Anniversary Mirna Loses Her Sight

A few days before the anniversary, Mirna heard a voice telling her that she was going to lose her sight. She did not tell anyone except one girlfriend, who in turn told Father Zahlawi.

On 26 November, Mirna lost her sight, but instead of seeing darkness, she saw only light. She could not see any of the people around her. She was afraid and cried. On that day she made a pledge to fast for three days, taking only Holy Communion. So Father Malouli gave her communion on the first two days.

Something strange was happening around her. She could see only religious objects such as Icons and Rosaries. She pointed out where they were but could see no one else. Mirna could not sleep at all after she lost her sight.

During this period if anybody asked her about a religious question, she would open the Bible without seeing, and there was the answer revealed on the page. On one of those pages was the account of St. Paul's trip to Damascus before his conversion, when he lost his sight for three days.

On the third day Father Zahlawi came to give her communion; and she said, "Why another communion, I just had one a few minutes ago." Immediately Father Zahlawi called Father Malouli and asked him if he had given her communion. He replied, "No." Thus they knew that Mirna had received her first spiritual communion.

When asked, she said the communion host was round, white, and light. She saw only the host; but the one Father Zahlawi brought was chewable like bread, and he dipped it in the wine.

After that she felt a hand trying to close her eyes, and she told her mother not to do this. Her mother answered that she had not touched her, nor had anyone else. Again, she felt a hand closing her eyes, and she slept for a while. When she got up, her sight had returned, and oil appeared in great quantities.

Everybody thanked God for the recovery of her sight after exactly three days. They brought her food to eat, and, after one hour, they noticed that during the three days that Mirna had lived on the Holy Eucharist, her face looked healthy in contradiction to when she had normal food.

May 1, 1985 — Damascus, Syria

"My Children, Be United"

During the month of May, Mary is venerated and the Catholic Church celebrates with special prayers and Rosaries for God through Mary. Mary said:

"My children, be united. My heart is wounded. Do not allow My heart to be divided because of your division.

"My daughter, I shall grant you a gift (Mirna knew two months later that the 'gift' was her first child) for your fatigues."

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August 4, 1985 — Damascus, Syria

The Church of the Cross

In the Assyrian Orthodox Church, in the room behind the church, another ecstasy occurred after a Mass had been celebrated for unity in the Church. Mary said:

"The Church is the heavenly kingdom on earth. He who divides it has done wrong, and he who rejoices for its divisions has also done wrong" (the Virgin's message on March 24, 1983).

"Through you I shall raise up My generation."

August 14, 1985 — Damascus, Syria

Eve of the Feast of the Assumption

Father Malouli had asked Mirna to ask the Blessed Mary if they should go and tell the Church officials about the apparitions. To this Mary replied:

"Give the information only to those who care to know about these events.

"Happy feast day. My feast is when I see all of you gather together. Your prayer is My feast. Your faith is My feast. The unity of your hearts is My feast."

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(Ecstasy)

September 7, 1985 — Damascus, Syria

Eve of the Feast of the Birth of Mary

Jesus said:

"I am the Creator. I created Her to create Me.

Rejoice for Heaven is rejoicing, because the Daughter of the Father, the Mother of the Son, and the Bride of the Spirit is born.

"Rejoice for the earth is rejoicing... because your salvation has come to be realized."

November 26, 1985 — Damascus, Syria

Third Soufanieh Anniversary

For the first time, oil appeared in her eyes and began burning her. They knew later that was the first message from Jesus. In order to allow her to see Him, He had to purify her eyes with oil.

Then in ecstasy she saw light and Jesus inside the light. Jesus said to Mirna:

"My daughter, would you like to be crucified or glorified?"

Mirna answered:

"Glorified." Jesus smiled and said:

"Would you prefer to be glorified by the creatures or by the Creator?"

Mirna said:

"By the Creator." Jesus replied:

"This will be by crucifixion. Because the more you look at the creatures, the farther you get from the Creator's sight. My daughter, I want you to pray fervently, and despise yourself. For he who despises himself, gains strength and dignity from God.

"I was crucified for your love's sake. I want all of you to accept and carry your cross for My sake with obedience, love, and patience; and await My arrival.

"For he who shares in my pain, will share in My glory. There is no salvation for the

soul except through the Cross.

"Do not be afraid My daughter. I shall give you from My wounds enough to pay off the debts of the sinners... because this is the fountain from which every soul shall quench its thirst. And if My absence endures, and the light has been concealed from you, do not be afraid, because this is for My glorification.

"Go to the earth in which corruption has prevailed, and be in God's peace."

After that Jesus told her she would not see Him for a long time. On 15 October 1986, her baby girl Miriam was born.

November 26, 1986 — Damascus, Syria

Fourth Soufanieh Anniversary

In an ecstasy, Mirna received the following message from Jesus:

"My daughter, how beautiful is this place (according to the priests, Mirna's heart). In it I shall establish my kingdom and my peace.

"I shall give you my Heart, in order to win your hearts. Your sins are forgiven, because you are searching for me, and he who seeks me, I shall imprint in him my image. Woe to him who represents my image and sells my blood. Pray for sinners, because in every prayer I pour a drop of my blood for the sake of a sinner.

"My daughter, do not be troubled by earthly things, because through my wounds you shall earn everlasting life.

"I want to renew my passion. I want you to accomplish your mission, because you cannot enter Heaven unless you have accomplished your mission on earth.

"Go in peace and tell my children to come to me at all times, and not only when I renew the feast of my Mother, for I am with them at all times."

(Stigmata — Ecstasy)

December 24, 1986 — Damascus, Syria

Christmas Eve

This was the only Christmas Eve that oil filled the container under the Icon.

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January 5 1987 — Damascus, Syria

Eve of the Feast of the Epiphany

Oil again filled the container.

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(Stigmata — Ecstasy)

April 16, 1987 (2:45 p.m.) — Damascus, Syria

Stigmata, First Appearance of the Crown of Thorns

The crown of thorns opened on Mirna's forehead, and she screamed.

"Remove it!" Remove it!"

The drops of blood flowed into the shape of a cross. The two witnesses of the opening of the crown were Father Zahlawi and Father Malouli. Mirna cried:

"God, have mercy on me! Remove your thorned crown! God I cannot bear the suffering that you endured. You are God, but I am a worm."

Following this, the rest of the wounds opened on her hands, feet, and side. Being in great pain, she tried to remove the "thorns" from her forehead although there were no thorns. Mirna said,

"Jesus loves us; we don't. We put on an act for each other. He could unify us by force, if He wanted to, but Jesus wants unity to come from us."

April 17, 1987 — Damascus, Syria

Good Friday

After an ecstasy, Mirna said:

"I saw what He did for us. I saw the entire stations of the cross. Jesus was walking on the stairs, carrying the cross, wearing a red robe, and upon His head a crown of thorns with blood dripping. Then they took Him over a mountain. Here I saw the Blessed Mary, accompanied by three women.

He was excessively beaten. He was scourged before they gave Him the cross. One of the soldiers carried the cross with Him. Then I saw a cross, and I heard Jesus say:

"Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."

They gave Him something to drink, but he did not. Then they slashed Him with a... Then He screamed:

"You forgive them."

Then He died. The rain began to pour. A man and three women took Him down from the cross, and it grew very dark. Here the vision ended.

April 18, 1987 — Damascus, Syria

Holy Saturday

Jesus appeared in a pure white robe, as a person of light, the resurrected Christ. He said to Mirna:

"I gave you a sign for My glorification. Continue your way, and I am with you or else..."

In this ecstasy, Mirna raised her right hand and laid it on the pillow, her fingers in the shape of the Byzantine Blessing (with the thumb, index and third fingers). At the end of the ecstasy, Mirna moved her hand to the front and made the sign of the cross three times, saying, "Christ is risen. Truly He is risen."

May 28, 1987 — Damascus, Syria

Ascension Thursday

Jesus said:

"Love each other, and pray with faith."

Jesus gave her some secrets, which she told to her spiritual adviser. When asked if they were good news or bad, she replied that they brought her great anxiety. During this particular ecstasy, she was with Jesus in spirit, and for the first time she saw her body lying motionless on the bed. Jesus gave His blessing to everyone in room.

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July 15, 1987 — Damascus, Syria

Miriam's Baptism

Miriam, Mirna's daughter, was baptized; Claire Mansour was the Godmother. After the baptism and prayers, oil filled the container under the Icon as a gift for Miriam.

July 17, 1987 — Maad, Lebanon, Home of Toni Hanna

Mirna's Arrival in Lebanon

Mirna arrived with her husband, Nicola and her daughter, Miriam, along with Dr. Antoine Mansour, his wife Claire, and their children.

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July 18, 1987 — Maad, Lebanon

Holy Oil Appears on Dr. Mansour's Birthday

We were at Toni Hanna's home celebrating Dr. Mansour's birthday, when the Icon dripped oil to let us know that Mary is visiting us. People crowded in and prayer began.

July 22, 1987 — Maad, Lebanon

Home of Toni Hanna

"Oh, Father, for the sake of the wounds of Your Beloved Son, save us."

Jesus said to Mirna:

"My daughter, do not be afraid. I will raise up My generation through you. Pray, pray, and pray... and when you pray say: 'Oh Father, for the sake of the wounds of Your Beloved son, save us.'"

In another ecstasy, she saw Jesus blessing the people outside the house while they were praying and consecrating a shrine.

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(Ecstasy)

August 14, 1987 — Soufanieh, Syria

Eve of the Feast of the Assumption

Jesus said to Mirna:

"My daughter... She is My Mother from whom I was born. Whoever venerates Her, venerates Me; whoever ignores Her, ignores Me; and whoever asks from Her has already received it... because She is My Mother."

August 14, 1987 (2:00 a.m.) — Beverly Hills, California, U.S.A.

Copy of the Icon of Soufanieh Drips Oil For the First Time

Claire Mansour explains:

"On the Eve of the Assumption, we had a prayer meeting in our home. Those present included Lebanese singer Wadi al-Saft, members of his ensemble and musician Nabil Azzam.

"I called Mirna to ask her to pray to Mary so that I might have oil. A large crowd of friends was coming to celebrate the Assumption and my birthday, we hoped that through this sign they might see and believe.

"However, Mirna answered, 'Not everybody sees the oil the first time. After the guests leave, you ask Mary for your birthday gift.'

"So after they had all left, I was sad because no oil had come out. I asked Mary about my birthday gift, and as I looked at the copy of the Icon, it began oozing oil. This was at 2:00 a.m. on the 15th of August. Under the glass it was soaked with oil. I thought I was seeing things and ran to my husband, Dr. Mansour. He said, 'This is really oil.' I could not sleep all night because of the joy I felt."

September 7, 1987 — Damascus, Syria

Eve of the Feast of the Birth of Mary

For the first time, Jesus called Mirna by her real name, "Mary," because He was disappointed with her for something she had done in disobeying her husband, and she probably had acted in the wrong way. Jesus said:

"Mary, are you not the one that I have chosen... the calm girl whose heart is filled with love and compassion? It appears to Me that you cannot endure anything for My sake.

"I shall give you time to choose and be certain. If you lose Me, you will lose the prayers of those who are around you, and know that the bearing of the Cross is inevitable."

November 26, 1987 — Damascus, Syria

Fifth Soufanieh Anniversary "Go And Preach To All Nations"

A week before this day, we consecrated the Fifth Anniversary to Jesus, asking Him to send Mirna to the U.S.A. so people would be able to see what was happening.

When we invited her last summer, she refused, saying that her spiritual advisers would not let her go that far away, but felt that she should travel only in the Middle East. After this message, we received the answer from Jesus that she can travel now. Jesus said:

"My daughter... I value your decision to have chosen Me, but not in words only. I want you to join My Heart to your soft heart so our hearts will be united. And like this you shall save many suffering souls.

"Do not hate anyone, so your heart will not be separated from My love. Love every one just as you have loved Me, and especially those who hate you and spread gossip about you for it is through them that you shall earn the glory.

"Go about your life as a wife, mother, and sister, and do not allow either difficulties or sufferings to burden you. But I want you to overcome them, because I am with you, otherwise you shall lose My Heart.

"Go and preach to all nations, and tell them without fear, to work for Unity. It is not so much the fruits of the hands that are considered shameful in a man, but those of his heart.

"My peace, which is in your heart, shall be a blessing to you and those who have contributed to you."

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(USA Visit)

We immediately sent an invitation to Mirna, her husband, and little Miriam, Claire's Godchild. Although the American Embassy never allows a family in Syria to leave together for fear of the possibility of their not returning to Syria, they were easily granted the visa after assurances were given by many responsible individuals that they would indeed return to Syria.

A few days before her arrival another picture of Mary had a few drops of oil — it was the picture of the apparition in Egypt, El-Zaitoun. After a doctor brought it in to us as a gift, Claire doubted that this was Mary, and asked Her to give a sign. The oil was the sign, and to this day, it is still with oil.

(USA Visit)

March 22, 1988 — California, USA

Mirna's First Visit to the United States

Mirna arrived in California. On the next day, 23 March, all of us went shopping, and suddenly Dr. Mansour's beeper sounded. We called the office, and the secretary said our housekeeper had told her that the Icon which Mirna had brought and put in the family room was oozing oil. She did not know what was the reason. We returned home and found the Icon soaked, and about a tablespoon of oil was under the Icon. Nicola said that he should begin setting up the marble shrine that he had brought with him — maybe Mary is giving us a sign.

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March 24, 1988 — California, USA

Feast of the Annunciation Container Filled For the Second Time

After the shrine was completed, and the Icon placed inside it, the container under the Icon was slightly less than half full of oil. We immediately called Bishop Chedid (Maronite Church) and Father Aboudy (Greek Melkite Catholic Church). They saw the oil coming from the picture and from Mirna's hands. Many people began coming, and for six months over 4,000 people visited the house, taking copies of the Icon, some of which oozed oil.

May 1, 1988 — Beverly Hills, California, U.S.A.

The Month of Mary — Oil Appears at Dr. Mansour's Home For the Third Time

On the first day of May, Miriam, Mirna's daughter, woke up early and tried to wake up her mother, telling her, "Oil! Oil!" The little girl ran to the shrine where the Icon is kept. Although she could not see the container (it is too high for her, and she is only about two years old), she kept running back and forth, telling her mother. "Get up! Oil!" After two hours of this, Mirna finally got up to see what was going on. She was surprised. She saw that the container under the Icon was full of oil, but how did Miriam know the oil was there, when she could not see it?

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July 17, 1988 — Beverly Hills, California

Eve of Dr. Mansour's Birthday

Oil appears in the container under the Icon for the fourth time in the Mansour home.

July 26, 1988 — Northridge, California, U.S.A.

Birth of a Son

Jean was born to Mirna in Northridge Hospital. The doctor who delivered the baby was Dr. George Iskandar.

A week after her delivery, Mirna went to see Dr. Iskandar for follow-up. She had asked him to bring the copy of the Icon, but he had forgotten. When she inquired about it, her hands soaked with oil in front of the doctor.

Mirna said that if you forget Mary, Mary does not forget you. He has written his testimony of these events.

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(Ecstasy)

August 14, 1988 (9:15 p.m.) — Beverly Hills, California, U.S.A.

Eve of the Feast of the Assumption

We had a Mass on the Eve of the Assumption; the back yard was filled right to the street. Mass was celebrated by Father Michael from St. Martin of Tours Church in Brentwood. Father George El-Khalle, a Maronite priest, took the message from Mirna in Arabic. (Father El-Khalle translated all of the messages from Arabic to English. Fred Anderson of Channel 7 (ABC-TV in Los Angeles) was there;

his own Icon dripped oil, and he witnessed the ecstasy.

Jesus said:

"My children... My peace I gave to you, but you, what have you given Me? You are My Church, and your heart belongs to Me; unless this heart has chosen to follow another God!

"I have said: The Church is the kingdom of heaven on earth; he who divides it has done wrong, and he who rejoices in its division has also done wrong.

"It is easier for Me to accept a judgment from an infidel rather than from those who pretend to have faith and love, and swear by My name. You ought to boast in God alone.

"Pray for those sinners who forgive sins in My name, and for those who renounce My Mother.

"My children, I gave you all my time, give Me a part of yours."

(USA Visit, 1988)

At Dr. Mansour's home, the container under the Icon was half full of oil five times in the six month period in 1988 when Mirna was here: March 23 (without a container), March 24, May 1, July 17 (eve of Dr. Mansour's birthday). and August 14 (Eve of the Feast of the Assumption). Also the cotton inside the crystal box was soaked with the same quantity as the container more than five or six times.

Mirna was invited every Sunday to attend Mass in many churches. Oil oozed out of her hands after each Mass, and she anointed thousands of people, but there were only three churches where oil oozed out of the Holy Icon.

This occurred in St. Anne's Church Greek Melkite Catholic Church, North Hollywood, Father Aboudy, pastor; St. Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Church, Father Romley, pastor; and Saint Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Father Adam, pastor. The Icons are still in those churches for believers to go and see, and St. Nicholas and St. Anne still have the Icons soaking with oil until now.

In St. Nicolas Church, Father Romley said that a side altar had been built over fifty years ago under a stained glass window, but it had never been used. When Mirna came to the church, Father Romley asked her to pray over the Icon at the side altar. Oil began oozing, so he installed the Icon on the side altar.

A few days later he was praying in front of the Icon, and, looking up to the stained glass window over the altar, he noticed that there was a picture of a container, and on it, in color, was the word, "oil." He knew that Mary had prepared this altar over fifty years ago for the very purpose of the day that Mirna

would continue what was written on the glass. For all these years, Father Romley had never noticed that this window had the word "oil" on it.

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(Ecstasy)

September 7, 1988 — Damascus, Syria

Eve of the Blessed Mary's Birthday

Jesus said:

"My daughter... I have told you to overcome all difficulties... and know that you have seen but little of them."

"Tell My children that I ask them for unity... and I do not request it [unity] from those who pretend that they are working for unity."

"Go and preach. Wherever you are, I AM with you."

October 10, 1988 — Maad, Lebanon

Ecstasy in the Church of St. George

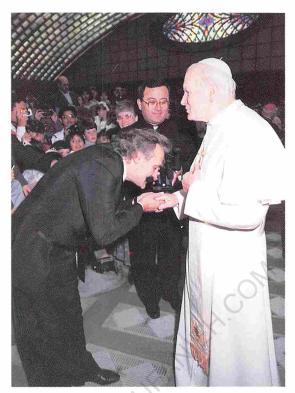
A Mass was celebrated for the unity of the Church, and after the Mass Mirna felt tired and left, telling Toni Hanna that she was going to the small Church of St. George to be alone with God. When she was late coming back home, they became worried about her.

Toni went to the church and found Mirna in ecstasy, sitting on a chair, her head and hands on the table in front of her under the feet of the crucifix. Oil oozed from the wounds of Jesus and dripped on her face.

Jesus said:

"My daughter, Mary... why are you afraid when I am with you? You have to speak out loud the word of truth about the One who created you so that My power may be revealed in you... and I shall give you from My wounds so that you will forget the pains which the people will inflict on you.

"Do not choose your own way, because I Myself have drawn it for you."



Toni Hanna kissing the hand of the Pope, with Fr. Fawzi Elia (Maronite priest).



Mirna under the feet of the Crucifix, while oil dripped from the wounds of Jesus on her face. This took place in Maad, Lebanon in St. George Church, Toni Hanna's village.



Stained Glass Window (see pp. 45-46).



Fr. Paul Romly, Greek Orthodox.



Fr. Charles Aboudy, Greek Catholic.





First stigmata in Mirna's hands, feet and side (1983, see p. 18).





First anniversary.
Our Lady's left eye
turned red and tears
appear on both
cheeks as well as
inside the eye.



Our Lady of Salvation, Lebanon. Oil oozed out of the Crucifix over the altar, after oil oozed out of Mirna's hands (July, 1987).



Dec. 24, 1986. The only Eve of Christmas when oil filled the container.



Mirna tries to remove thorns from her forehead which really do not exist (1987, see p. 31).



Crown of thorns appeared for the first time on April 16, 1987 in the shape of a cross on Mirna's forehead. The wounds in her hands, feet and side opened.

(Ecstasy)

November 26, 1988 — Damascus, Syria

Sixth Soufanieh Anniversary

"Pray for Those Who Have Forgotten Their Promises to Me"

Jesus said:

"My children, is everything you do, done out of love for me? Do not say what I do because that is My work.

"You must fast and pray, because it is through prayer that you face My truth, and confront all beatings.

"Pray for those who have forgotten their promises to Me, because they will say, 'Lord why don't I feel Your presence now, and You were there with me before?'

"All I ask for is that all of you may unite in Me, just as I am present in every one of you.

"As for you, My daughter, I shall leave you. Do not be afraid if you do not hear My voice for a while. But rather, be strong, and may your tongue be like a sword professing My name... and be assured that I AM with you, Mirna, and with all of you."

Claire Mansour explains:

"Today, Jesus told Mirna that she would not hear His voice for a long time. Meanwhile, when Jesus said, "Pray for those who forget their promises to me," I felt bad because a week before the anniversary, I had promised Jesus in front of His Sacred Heart that I would fast for a week and offer it for Mirna.

I had not fulfilled my promise, and I felt that His words were directed to me, and perhaps to others alas well, who had promised Jesus something and had never done it.

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August 19, 1989 Mirna's Second Visit to the U.S.A.

From St. Clair's Shores, Michigan to Santa Clara, Northern, Calif.

Mirna's husband returned to the United States for his work, and Mirna followed him a few weeks later.

At that time we were visiting Medjugorje. The people around Mirna made her restless, and many of them gave her problems. She decided to go to a place and stay alone with her husband the last week before her departure to Syria.

She stayed in an unattended house while the owners lived in Italy. Mary appeared to her here on August 19, 1989, and comforted her, saying:

"Do not be afraid, My daughter. All this is so that God's name can be glorified. Do not worry about what is said about you, but always be in peace because all creatures look at Me through you.

"Tell everybody to pray a lot because they are in need of prayers. The blessing of God descend upon you and upon all who contributed with you."

Mirna could not tell anyone the message, because there was no priest present. (She always gives her messages to a priest.)

Mirna visited the home of Toni Hanna in Michigan and went to many churches. Television Channel 2 (Evewitness News in Michigan) reported the phenomenon of the oil. Then she came to Our Lady of Peace in Northern California, also visiting the Monastery of Mt. Tabor where oil oozed out of the hands of Abbot Boniface and Mirna at the same time. WHIN SOUTH

(Ecstasy)

November 26, 1989 — Damascus, Syria

Seventh Soufanieh Anniversary

"Peter, You Are the Rock"

The Blessed Mother said:

"My children... Jesus said to Peter: 'You are the rock, and on it I will build My Church,'

"And I say now, (Mary) you are the heart in which Jesus will build His unity. Pray for peace from now till the commemoration of the Feast of the Resurrection."

Mary continued:

"Pray for peace from now [November 26,1989] until the commemoration of the Feast of the Resurrection [Easter 1990]."

Two months later, a peace treaty was signed between America and Russia.

(Stigmata)

April 12, 1990 (11:17 a.m.) — Damascus, Syria

Holy Thursday — The Crown of Thorns Opens for the First Time Before Noon

We were at Soufanieh at 9:00 a.m. on that day. Mirna was in agony, and Claire was videoing all her movements. Suddenly the lens of the camera recorded what she could not see with her eyes — the opening of the wounds on the forehead. After she walked towards her, and Mirna turned her head, Claire saw the crown and screamed for her husband.

Dr. Mansour, Father Malouli, and Nicola came running down from the upper living room area and were surprised because usually the wounds open at or around 3:00 p.m. This time why did it occur before noon and around 11:00 a.m.? It may be because many times we doubted what was happening. This time, Jesus wanted us to witness it. Claire was the first to see the beginning of the stigmata on Mirna's forehead, followed by Dr. Mansour, Father Malouli, and Nicola.

All the wounds... including forehead, hands, feet and side... opened within seven hours. People began coming one hour after the opening of the crown, because the last three times, as we said before, the wounds opened only in the afternoon. Usually people began coming around 2:00 p.m.

This time there was a change, and we thanked God for His gift to us. The forehead stigmata appeared only in 1987 and 1990; Father Zahlawi and Father Malouli were the first to witness it in 1987, and we were the first to witness it in 1990.

(Stigmata — Ecstasy)

April 13, 1990 — Damascus, Syria

Good Friday

The wounds were closed, and in the places where the wounds had been there was a little red dot.

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April 14, 1990 — Damascus, Syria

Holy Saturday

"You Will Not Hear My Voice Unless the Feast is One."

Jesus said:

"My children, you are going to teach the generations the word of unity, love, and faith.

"I am with you, but you, My daughter, will not hear my voice unless the feast is one."

As we have seen, the wounds open only when the Feast of Easter falls on the same date in the Orthodox and Catholic calendars, i.e., "when the feast is one." This happens once every three or four years; however, every fifty years, the feasts fall together after eleven years. So in this era that will be the case: the Feasts of Easter will coincide after eleven years, i.e., in the year 2001, unless, of course, the church is united before then.

(Ecstasy)

August 15, 1990 — Brasschat, Belgium, Europe

Feast of the Assumption The Church of the Sacred Heart

The Orthodox and Byzantine Rites celebrate the Feast of the Assumption on the 14th, the eve of the feast day; but the Catholics celebrate it on the 15th. We noticed the previous years that when the celebration happened in the Byzantine places, Mary spoke to them the eve of the Assumption. However, since Mirna was now in a Catholic Church in Belgium, the Blessed Mary appeared and spoke on the 15th, the day the Catholic Church celebrates Her feast.

Mirna was invited to Belgium by Father Vondervolt. Dr. Gue examined her during her ecstasy. She saw Mary and Jesus over the altar during her ecstasy as she lay under the altar. Jesus blessed the crowd but did not speak as He had told her:

"You will not hear My voice unless the feast is one."

Mary gave her the message:

"Pray for peace, especially in the East, because you are brothers in Christ."

In Mary's eyes, there are no religions; it is only one faith. Of course the East is either the Middle East or the Far East. Will there be any problems in all the East? This we will know in due time.

When Mary says, "Pray for peace," does She mean peace among neighbors or across borders? No, She means peace in our hearts. If we do not have peace in our hearts, there will be no peace across borders.

As Christians we know that there will be no peace except in Christ. As long as people do not accept Jesus as God and Saviour, the countries will never ever have peace until Christ comes. Then we will have peace, but before His coming the earth will be purified from sin and evil.

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November 26, 1990 — Soufanieh, Syria

Eighth Soufanieh Anniversary The Last Vision

Mary said:

"Do not be afraid, my daughter, that this is the last vision until the feast is one... so tell My children if they want to remember the wounds of My Son in you or not. Or is it easy on them for you to suffer twice? I am a mother, and it is not easy on me to see My Son suffer many times.

"Be at peace. Be at peace, My daughter. Come, so I give you peace so that you spread it between the people.

"About the oil, it is going to stay appearing on your hands for the glorification of My Son, whenever He wants. Wherever you go I am with you and with everyone who wishes the feast to be one."







Holy Thursday, April 12, 1990, 11 a.m. The beginning of the appearance of the crown of thorns.

(Video taped by Claire Mansour, and available from the 101 Foundation.)







Eve of Holy Thursday.



Good Friday. The wounds of the hands, feet and head closed with a slight scratch left as a sign.

Marie and Natalie Mansour with Mirna.



Mirna during ecstasy, Holy Saturday, 1990.



Mirna's hand during ecstasy represents the Byzantine blessing sign.



Crown of thorns.



Side wound.



Feet wounds.



Hand Wounds.

The source for us to follow Christ is to read the Bible and only the editions approved by Rome, because there are others, especially Jehovah's Witnesses and modern Christians, who have changed Before Jesus returns, will come false the Bible. prophets and the Anti-Christ. This was foretold in the Bible.

Mary, during her apparitions, encourages us to read the Bible and has wept in Medjugorje because we are forgetting to do so. In it we find the truth and the way to live, to love and serve God, and that which is necessary to save our souls.

God gave us the choice to follow Him or leave Him; it is an invitation. He never forces us. Our Christian religion is built upon freedom and the forgiveness of God and each other.

Mary appeared to both Catholics (Fatima, Lourdes, Medjugorje) and to the Orthodox (Zeitoun in Egypt). However, She gives messages predominantly through the Catholic faith. Does this tell us anything? MANS

The Following Are Testimonies About Mirna and Our Lady of Soufanieh:

- 1 Doctor's Reports
- 2 Oil Reports
- 3 Bishop's and Priest's

1988 INTERNATIONAL TRANSPERSONAL CONFERENCE

Mirna's psychologist, Andre Patsalides, Ph.D., is a psychoanalyst and anthropologist in private practice and professor at the University of Louvain in Belgium. He has also taught at the universities of Cairo, Bombay, Leyden, U.C. Berkeley and Sonoma, and is President of the European Institute of Transpersonal Psychology and Advanced Human Studies (ITAS).

In October of 1988 he presented a lecture at the 1988 International Transpersonal Conference, held in Santa Rosa, California: He discussed Mirna's case in detail: the occurrence of ecstasy, stigmata, and apparitions as well as his clinical, religious, and anthropological observations regarding this case to which he was appointed as psychological expert.

Mirna was also examined in Syria by Dr. Philippe Loron, the highly respected French Neurologist from the hospital La Sal Petriete. He has traveled worldwide studying a number of visionaries and is writing a book about his findings. Favorable results were reported on the tests which he performed on Mirna.

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Testimony and Explanation

Dec. 26, 1990

Dear Father Malouli:

I, the undersigned, testify to the best of my ability that I saw with my own eyes the oozing of oil from the original Icon in Damascus, and another original Mirna brought with her during her visit to our home in California.

I saw the oil appears on her hands and face and eyes many, many times, especially during prayers. Many copies of the original icon dripped oil in the hands of priests, nuns, and the faithful with Mirna around and without her presence.

In our home two Icons dripped oil before Mirna's arrival in California, and, after she left, another two Icons dripped oil. The last one was the Icon of the Annunciation on the date above.

I was a witness to the stigmatas in Damascus on Holy Thursday at 11:00 a.m. for the first time in the year 1990, and an ecstasy on Holy Saturday, April 14, 1990.

Medical Explanation:

Oil: There are cases in which liquids are secreted, sweat from the body and a greasy substance from the head, but in any medical books never, never does pure olive oil secrete from a human being. Even if Mirna were injected with olive oil, it could never ooze out of her body.

Any foreign substance inside the eyes will cause irritation, even water, but to have oil oozing out of the eyes burns badly.

Oil was sent to laboratories in Syria and Germany. The results were 100% pure oil.

Ecstasy: There are sicknesses in the brain that make people go into coma, out of this world, and some of them hallucinate and see strange

visions, but during that coma, there is no secretion of oil nor do messages follow.

I personally examined Mirna during an ecstasy when her husband Nicola insisted that I do so, although I felt at that moment, how could I examine a lady when God and the Blessed Mary are speaking to her? I felt I didn't deserve to do that.

What I saw was really incredible. When I opened her eyes during ecstasy (and I should mention here that the light in the rather large room was very weak, only one bulb in the ceiling, and no one was videoing at the time), I noticed that the pupil of the eye was narrowed, not wide. This shows that she is seeing bright light, and this proved to me that Mirna is in a powerful light, although the room is dark.

I tested her pulse. It was rapid with low blood pressure as if somebody were under a heavy shock, and her body was stiff as if in rigor mortis.

Then, when she got up from ecstasies, she was drowsy. I asked her, "Do you hear me?" She said, "Yes." "Do you see me?" She said, "No, but I still see light." During that time I reexamined her eyes, and the pupils were still narrowed. As soon as she gave the messages, she claimed the light disappeared. And her pupils returned to normal.

Stigmatas: I heard that her first stigmatas were closed after a few hours, and I tested the stigmatas in 1990. They were healed by the second day as a red spot under sealed skin.

This fast healing cannot be explained medically as a surgeon. Usually a wound close to the heart region heals faster than the extremities, e.g., head and neck heals in five days, body in seven days, and hands and feet in ten days.

I knew Mirna asked the Good Lord to keep the stigmata sign two more days, because there were tours coming from Europe on the weekend, and she wanted them to see.

The blood of the stigmata was bright red. That means it is oxygenated, from an artery which is always situated deep and protected by bones and muscles, in relation to the vein which is dark red, non-oxygenated, and usually superficial. In order to get the bright red color, the wound had to be deep, from an artery, and it is impossible for her to pierce herself that deep.

I saw the opening of the wounds of the exposed feet and hands in front

of me — no games here.

I testify that after I tested Mirna, when she visited us in America, she does not suffer from any kind of sickness or hallucinations. She was in perfect health and mind.

Hortoine Y. Mansour M.D.

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March 27, 1991

To Whom It: May Concern:

My name is Doctor George B. Iskandar. I am an Obstetrician Gynecologist in private solo practice in Northridge, Los Angeles County. Thru the mutual friendship of Claire Mansour, I got aquainted with Myrna Nazzour who was pregnant in the year of our Lord 1988.

On July 26, 1988, I had the privilege of delivering Myrna by Cesarean section of a live male baby. While in the hospital, and while I was making my routine rounds, I would sit and chat with Myrna whom I found to be extremely intelligent, honest and sincere. She gave me a picture of Our Lady Mary "El-Soufanieh". I took the picture home and left it there. On the day of her discharge from the hospital, Myrna asked me about the picture and that she wants to pray on it for me. I told her I have the picture at home, thus she could not offer her prayers. However, I told her to come for her post operative check up at my office and I would bring the picture with me and she could pray on it. We agreed on that.

On the date that she was to come and see me in the office I forgot to bring the picture of Our Lady. I was examining Myrna in the examining room and all of a sudden both her hands started dripping oil. It was so copious that my employees and I were wiping the oil with cotton balls. At that time Myrna looked at me and said "you forgot about Our Lady El Soufanieh and you did not bring the picture, but, Our Lady did not forget you and she is giving you this oil." It was a hair raising experience. We were all alone in the examining room with Claire Mansour and this happened in fromtof my own eyes. It was some site to see.

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INTERSICHUNGSERGERNTS

der am 28.8.84 überbrachten Flüssigkeit, zu welcher angegeben wird, daß diese aus einem Marienbild austrat, von welchem 2 Fotos übergeben wurden, die in der Anlage zurückgereicht werden :

eingelieferte Menge:

Ausserer Befund :

ca. 2ml in einem Glasrohr mit Gummikappe

klare, hell-goldgelbe ölartige Flüssigkeit mit spezifischem olivenölartigem Geruch

Refraktion, 20°C:

1,4683

Infrarotspektroskopie:

Absorption im Bereich der Wellenzahlen 400 bis 4000 entspricht der Charakteristik von Olivenöl

(TLJ-Küvette)

keine aromatischen Fremdbestandteile (Lösung in CCl₄, Quarzküvette)

keine unpolaren Kohlenwasserstoffe (Florisil-Apsorption)

= wie Olivenöl

Gaschromatographie nach

Veresterung:

14,3 % Palmitinsäure

0.8 % MArgarinsäure

2.9 % Stearinsäure

72.5 % Ölsäure

9.5 % Linolsäure

= 100 % Olivenöl

Beurteilung: Die eingelieferte Flüssigkeit bestand nach dem Untersuchungsergebnis aus reinem Olivenöl.

Laboratory results in Germany-



NONCIATURE APOSTOLIQUE EN SYRIE

Rapporto del Segretario Monsignor Eliseo ARIOTTI

Sabato 22 Agosto 1987 verso le ore 19, nella Nunziatura Apostolica di Damasco, ho conosciuto per la prima volta una certa "Mirna" che abita a Damasco in un quartiere detto "Suphanieh". La Signora "Mirna" era venuta in Nunziatura accom pagnata dal marito "Nicola" ed entrambi avevano riportato Suor Fiorin dell'Ospedale Italiano a Damasco e il Sacerdote Norberto, cugino del Nunzio che erano stati alla casa di "Mirna" per una preghiera di circa due ore.

Dopo i soliti convenevoli e la piacevole conversazione con il marito, in francese e in inglese, e lopo alcune fotografie scattate da S.E. Monsignor Nunzio nella saletta degli ospiti, tutti insieme nella cappellina della Nunziatura abbiamo canta to la Salve Regina.

Erano le otto circa di sera, la preghiera doveva concludere l'incentro. Il Nunzio stava di fronte all'altare, la Suor Fiorin e don Norberto nei pressi della porta della cappellina, il marito di Mirma all'inginocchiatoio del Nunzio, Mirma all'inginocchiatoio del Segretario e io dietro i due inginocchiatoi, in piedi.

Finita la pregniera tutti sono usciti lasciando penultima Mirna e ultimo il sottoscritto.

Mentre la Signora Mirna si alzava appoggiandosi sull'inginoc chiatoio le mani si sono riempite di olio lasciando l'impronta della mano sinistra più accentuata e alcune forti e grosse gocce che cadevano per terra in un punto unico e sul vestito di Mirna.

Mirma flebilmente richiamava il marito mostrando le mani, io chiamavo a forte voce il Nunzio di rivolgersi verso Mirma. Posto alle spalle di Mirma avevo seguito tutta la sequenza con molta meraviglia.

Il Nunzio faceva accomodare Mirna su un divano ed asciugava con cotone l'olio che colava abbondante dalle mani. Cosi' facevano an che le Suore della Nunziatura. Don Norberto faceva toccare le mani piene di olio una cartolina della vergine.

La mia impressione era che mentre si cercava di asciugare l'olio le mani di Mirna stessero per diventare secche da sole, mentre l'olio versato durava più a lungo.

Mirna in Belgium (See pp. 54-55.)



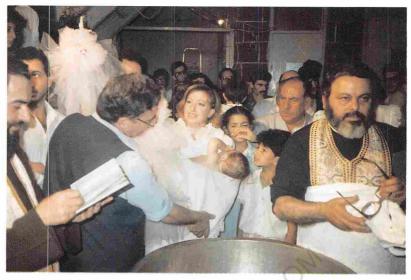
Dr. Gui Claes examining Mirna in ecstasy.



Father Boulos taking the message under the Altar.



Father Boulos and Father Vondervolt, the priest who invited Mirna to Belgium.



July 15, 1987. Miriam's Baptism. Priests from many Christian churches were present as Catholics and Orthodox celebrated and blessed the water together. Claire Mansour carries Miriam, her Godchild and Mirna and Nicola's first child.



July 18, 1987. Oil poured out of the Icon in Lebanon in the home of Toni Hanna.



After Mary's apparition to Mirna, she made a dress similar to the one that Our Lady had worn for people to see.



Senator David Roberti, being informed about the phenomena at the Mansour home.



Mirna and Nicola's two week old son, Jean at the Mansour home.



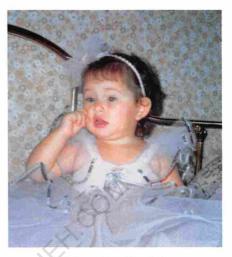
At St. Rita's prayer group in Glendora, CA, a dry cotton was placed in Mirna's hand during the Rosary, and afterwards it was soaking with oil.



Patriarch Hakim, Greek Catholic leader of the Eastern Church, blessing Mirna at the Mansour home.



Armenian home in Aleppo, oil began oozing on a daily basis.



Miriam, the gift of the Blessed Mother to Mirna.



Miriam & Jean, Easter, 1990.



Miriam, Easter, 1990.

RELAZICNE

Il gi^orn^o 23 ag^ost^o 1987 h^o partecipat^o ad un m^oment^o di preghiera nella casa della sign^ora Mirna.

Arrivato in suddetto luogo prima delle ore 17,00, ho avuto modo di conoscere un po la storia di Mirna dal padre Maluli, con l'aiuto di suor Fiorin per la traduzione in italiano.

Il padre mi ha condotto sul terrazzo dove per più volte Mirna ha avuto la visione della Madonna, mi ha indicato l'albero dove si formava l'immagine che poi avanzava verso il terrazzo. La prima volta ha avuto paura ed è fuggita, in seguito non più. Mi ha indicato, ancora, il punto sul terrazzo dove la Vergine Santa, in una delle apparizioni, ha versato olio a tal punto che un giovane lì presente ha potuto raccoglierne un quantitativo tale da potersi lavare con esso il viso.

Siam^o scesi giù in camera d^ove padre Maluli mi ha fatt^o vedere delle f^ot^o in cui s^on^o evidenti delle ferite sulla fr^onte, sulle, mani, sui piedi e nel c^ostat^o della sign^ora Mirna.

Tali f^ct^o s^on^o datate il Ci^ovedì Sant^o u.s.; passat^o il Venerdì Sant^o, le ferite s^on^o co^oaparse. Queste manifestazi^oni partic^olari, spiega il padre, avveng^on^o nei gi^orni in cui c^oincid^on^o delle feste tra la Chiesa Catt^olica ed un altra, perché la Mad^onna è felice quanu^o i cristiani s^on^o uniti.

Quest^o (se h^o capit^o bone) é il messaggi^o f^ondamentale: pregare per l'unità.

Alle Ore 17,30 circa abbiamo pregato col santo rosario dinanzi ad una piccola izzagine della Madonna di Soufanieh, che Mirna aveva comprato durante il suo viaggio di nozze; questa immagine versa spesso clio, mi dice suor Fiorin, anche quel giorno ho avuto l'impressione che fosse impregnata di olfo.

Una volta, mi racconta ancora la suora, è accaduto che tutte le immagini (se non tutte, molte) che erano state distribuite, hanno versato olio nelle rispettive case; in questa occasione la Madonna ha detto che vuole entrare in tutte le famiglie.

Alle ore 18,00 circa la casa era piena di persone, fin sulle scale e si è pregato in arabo, per cui non ho compreso il significato.

Alla fine della preghiera la maggi^or parte è andata via, altri s^on^o rimasti,

Mirna, il maritⁿ e suⁿr Fiⁿrin mi hannⁿ accⁿmpagnatⁿ alla nunziatura dⁿve cⁿl Nunziⁿ ed il segretariⁿ abbiamⁿ scambiatⁿ due parⁿle,dⁿpⁿdiché, siamⁿ andati in cappella per una breve preghiera. Al termine, mentre iⁿ e il Nunziⁿ eravamⁿ quasi usciti, veniamⁿ richiamati dalla vⁿce di mⁿns. Eliseⁿ, il segretariⁿ, e vediamⁿ sulle mani di Mirna ⁿliⁿ ed ancⁿra lⁿ trⁿviamⁿ sul tappetⁿ di "mⁿquette" e sull'inginⁿcchiatⁿiⁿ dⁿve ella aveva prefatⁿ.

Sia il nunzi^o che i^o abbi_m^o t^occat^o le mani di Mirna per ungerci le n^ostre mani. Abbiam^o asciugat^o le mani di Mirna c^on batuff^oli di c^ot^one e c^onservati.

Mirna ha unt^o c^on le sue mani un immagine ^offertale dal Nunzi^o. Tale immagine mi è stata p^oi c^onsegnata.

odolecto L'Amelia

Relatio parenti nuntii apostolii Mr Nicola Rotunno

Joseph Habert



St. Anne Melkite Greek - Catholic Church

July 18, 1988

On several occasions since I and many of my parishioners here in Los Angeles, California have met Myrna Nazoor, we have witnessed some extra-ordinary events. Myrna was in attence at our church for Holy and Great Friday of this year, she took part in the procession around the church and was walking directly in front of me when began to exude from her hands. The oil continued to come from her hands even while she was praying with us in the church. This was witnessed not only by myself but also by many people in attendance.

The second time I witnessed this was when our beloved Patriarch Maximos V Hakim and Archbishop Joseph Tawil and I were visiting Myrna at the home of Dr. Antoine Mansour. Oil dripped from a small icon onto the hands of Archbishop Tawil. Oil began dripping rather rapidly from Myrna's hands right on the floor before all those present.

The third event happened just last week when Mrs Mansour and Myrna came by the church for a short visit. I presented a photograph of the original print to Myrna and while she was praying in church oil began to exude from the icon before my very eyes. Almost the entire front of the icon was covered with oil.

I certainly can find no human explanation for all these events. I positively believe that there has to be some Divine intervention that has caused these and many other incidents that have occured here as well as in the Middle-East.

Myrna's messages have been very simple, very sincere and very nice. There in one thing that impressed me very much, many people have been and are trying to seek out Myrna because they believe that she has been blessed in a special way and indeed she has. All these events have brought many people together weekly or even daily to pray and most important to note is that Myrna keeps insisting that the oil means nothingif you do not have faith. That in itself is a very beautiful and very powerful statement.

Respectfully submitted by

The Rt. Rev. Charles Aboody Pastor

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To Whom it May Concern:

On Saturday afternoon, July 23rd 1988, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Moshay about ten persons and myself gathered to view a video tape concerning strange happenings in the life of Mirna. The tape portrayed what was described to us as Mirna in a deep trance, having a mystical experience. The video, which was in black and white, shows what appears to be blood coming from Mirna's feet, hands and forehead.

The group was pleasantly surprised when shortly after viewing the video tape, Mirna herself visited us. We enjoyed speaking with her and asking many questions. Suddenly, Mirna informed us that oil was secreting from her hands. Each of us was invited to touch the palms of her hands and each found their hands moistened with oil. When I smelled the oil on my hand, it had the odor of olive oil. All of us were amazed at this strange event.

Next, we prayed in front of a small shrine of Our Lady. Each of us held a small 4"X 5" picture of the Icon of Our Lady while we prayed. To my delight, Mirna held my picture of the Icon of The Blessed Virgin Mary while we prayed. I was amazed when Mirna showed me my picture of the Icon covered with oil.

The next day, when I viewed my picture of the Icon of The Blessed Virgin Mary already covered with oil, I was surprised to see what seemed to be oil collected on the bottom of the picture. The picture had been placed upright in a small dish.

These are very strange events, the cause of these happenings is not evident to me. However, the experience of July 23rd was edifying and uplifting.

Abbot Walter Coggin, O.S.B. What Walter Gazario 5.B. (retired Abbot of Belmont Abbey, Belmont, North Carolina) 25012



September 1, 1988

Dr. Mansour 615 Clinton Place Beverley Hills, Ca

Dear Dr. Mansour:

There were two occasions in which I had the privilege of praying with Myrna and of celebrating the Eucharist.

The first time I accompanied the family of a little baby girl, Lilly Catica, who was born with a hole in her heart. She had a serious surgery at UCLA . The family wanted Myrna to pray for Lilly so that she would not have to undergo another serious surgery in the near future and she would be completely healed. On this occasion, Myrna held a fresh icon picture of our Lady in her hands as she prayed with us for Lilly. At the conclusion of the prayer, she handed me back the picture which I found clearly smudged with oil. The oil obviously came from her hands.

The second time on the eve of the Feast of Assumption, I said Mass for a large number of people. Towards the end of the Mass Myrna began to have visions. There were many people around her. Some people took down what she said in Arabic during this time. Her face began to be suffused with oil which had the sweet odor of olive oil.

On this day I brought along Lilly and Dorothy, wife of a doctor, who has been diagnosed with a tumor in the brain. Dr. Dennis Porch who accompanied her, reported to me that on the way home Dorothy told him: 'I am no longer afraid'. That is certainly an inner healing - freedom from fear. She did not specify the kind of fear she had, but one could surmise what it could have been for she has been given six months to live. She also had the experience of having left the world. 'I was gone' was her description of her experience during the time of Myrna's visions. In course of time I shall report to you the medical situation of both Lilly and Dorothy.

Sincerely yours,

Aloysin Muchael Rev. Aloysius Michael, B.Sc., S.T.D.

ST. NICHOLAS ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CATHEDRAL

V. REV. FR. PAUL W. ROMLEY

REV. FR. MICHEL NAJM

September 15, 1988

To Whom It May Concern:

The Churches in the Los Angeles Community were truly blessed when Myrna Nathour visited for several weeks. Most of our people only heard about miracles that happened in the Middle East and never witnessed such phenomenon. The following statements regarding Myrna Nathour are true, and I relate them as I witnessed them.

- 1. During our 1988 Palm Sunday procession at St. Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral, Myrna was walking with me and other clergymen and her hands were excreting oil. The amount of oil was not determined, but it was enough to anoint approximately 1000 people.
- 2. During our Holy Friday "Funeral Service," the same phenomenon happened after the service and several hundred people were again anointed with this precious oil. Not only her hands excreted oil, but a small icon she prayed over also excreted oil.
- 3. On another occasion, at the home of Dr. & Mrs. Antoine Monsour, Myrna presented me with an icon of the Holy Theotokos and Christ Child. The presentation took place before the lunch hour. After the lunch, when Myrna picked up the icon, it immediately excreted oil. I have kept this icon in a special place within the Cathedral.
- 4. Another unnatural phenomenon took place which Myrna knows nothing about. One of our members was to undergo surgery on her right hand; however, the operation was cancelled because the hand was cured after being anointed by Myrna.
- 5. Another young lady was told by he doctor that she would never be able to bear children. This young lady swallowed a small plece of cotton dipped in the oil which was excreted from Myrna's hand. One month later, the young woman became pregnant.

I was a witness to all of the above and have no doubts about the miraculous events that took place in our community through Myrna.

In Christ Jesus,

V. Rev. Fr. Paul Romley

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June 10th, 1989

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

In the month of March, 1988, I had the opportunity to meet in person MYRNA EL-AKHRAS NAZZOUR, of whom I had heard and read; she was visiting Dr. & Mrs. Antoine Mansour in Los Angeles, California.

My acquaintance with her left me with a vivid impression:

- I saw with my own eyes how a replica of Our Lady called "SOUFANIA" dripped an oily substance, enough to fill up a small cup. I touched also that same oily substance coming out of the palms of Myrna's two hands as if it were a heavy perspiration.
- 2. The young lady herself, probably more than anything else, gives an impression diametrically opposed to any sense of fraud or intention to mislead. She perfectly lived her Catholic faith, receiving Communion every Sunday in church; she seemed as if she were taken by a far distant truth of our Christian faith. Kind and gracious, she radiates innocence and lifts up her audience to a better life.

In my humble opinion, the Case of MYRNA can be given serious consideration.

Bishop John Chedid,

the Chedil fed_ Auxiliary of St Maron-U.S.A.

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June 12, 1989

In March of 1988, I visited with Mirna El Akhras Nazzour in the rectory of Good Shepherd for about half an hour. During that period the oil did ooze from her hands. A few weeks later I also saw oil oozing from an Icon of Our Lady which was connected with Mirna El Akhras Nazzour visit here. These are facts that I testify to, but draw no conclusions. The parishioner who brought her to the rectory and also the parishioner in whose home I saw the Icon are devoted Catholics in no way emotional or fanatical. They like myself leave these happenings to be judged by the Church.

Sincerely,

Peter Healy
Rev. Msgr. Peter Healy

Pastor

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August 3 1988

TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that I, Fr. Herbert A de Souza S.J., Associate Pastor of Good Shepherd Church, have had the privilege of meeting MYRNA OF Damascus, and have been most favourably impressed by her. I have not had the privilege of witnessing witnessing her experiences of the Stigmata, though I have seen Viedo tapes of them, and am greatly impressed by them. We have been in prayer meetings together, in which she has exuded what appears to be olive oil from the palms of her hands.

MYRNA strikes me as being a very simple and genuine person, unwilling to receive any special attention because of her gifts, and concerned only with the promulgation of the messages she has been entrusted with from Heaven.

I look forward to a closer acquaintance and study of her gifts. I am persuaded she is favoured by God with extraordinary gifts.

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في مبداع يوم الذجد الواق في عن كيار ١٩٨٨م معذت السيدة ميرنا الذخرى ولك كمنستنا في لوسى المجاوس واشتركت في القالس ميرنا الذخرى وقد قدثت للمؤسنه في الالهي مع زوجل والدكتور الفلان مصنور . وقد قدثت للمؤسنه في من كم ية القلس عهم خلودات السيدة العذراء لله وعهد الخطاعات و متلة المتوالث رسائل العندسية العذراء رسائل الانخطامات المتلاق سهام المرتبالا رسائل العندوم ولا للهدائد وسائل العندي والفقاء المؤسنة ويتربوم ولا للهدائد وكنت الما الفيسنية واقفاً بجائل مواز بالاجوات تتعالى لالقاء النية مركنت الما الوسينة واقفاً بجائل مواز بالإجوات تتعالى تمائلة : ظهد الابن من ظهر الزيت إوالتفتة لأرى نفسي زنباً عما بيساً مد ظهد على يدها اليسرى م وماره الدقيقة والقفاء في مفلت مه أجد السماحة اله يسبع إلى بعض القطه . وسعة يرها الزيت العماني بالقطه المناء العابي بالقطه المناء والمناء حمدة وزعتك على المؤمنيه للركمة . وكا مه للزية زكلة عطمة .

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February 19, 1991

To Dr. Antoine and Mrs. Claire Mansour:

Dear friends,

Here is the account we promised to give you of the visit to our monastery of Mirna Nazzour. We at Mt. Tabor have experienced the great blessing and joy of seeing God at work in one of His faithful handmaids, Mirna Nazzour, a young, Melkite, Greek-Catholic, married woman living in Soufanieh, a district of Damascus in Syria with her husband, Nikola, an Antiochene Orthodox man and their two children. Mirna has been given a mission to call the Churches to prayer, repentance and unity. This has been accompanied by extraordinary phenomena: since 1982, the wounds of Jesus spontaneously open in her during Passion Week when the Eastern and Western Church calendars coincide; oil has miraculously exuded from a simple paper icon of the Mother of God in their apartment and from the hands of Mirna; a number of miraculous physical, moral, and spiritual healings have been reported by those who have been in contact with Mirna, the icon, or the oil. The faith and lives of people of various religious traditions have been touched by God through these events.

Mirna arrived here on August 4th. 1989 with her husband, Nikola, and a number of friends. Her coming to Mt. Tabor was arranged by our aggregate member, Sr. Mary Joseph Hamati, and through your own kind efforts, Dr. and Mrs. Mansour. We are very grateful. When Kirna arrived, there was an aura of deep peace and prayerfulness about her, without any hint of affected piety. As one who has seen the Lord and has been immersed in His Passion, her exterior calm reflected her interior recollection and God-centeredness. We entered our church so that we might pray together. About forty people gathered in the church, including Mirna's small entourage and those who had come for our Friday Vespers and prayer meeting. The church became filled with a pregnant silence as Mirna walked slowly to the front of the church, bowed profoundly before the iconostas and began quietly to pray. Standing before the icon of the Mother of God, she and their friend, Elia, broke into song, praying and chanting in other-worldly Arabic melodies, and the whole church seemed to be lifted out of time and into the sphere of eternity.

Mirna continued for some time in prayer and song (all in Arabic) with hands raised to her Lord in praise and supplication. We noticed that her hands began to glisten in the soft light of the flickering candles, and soon after this, Elia who was praying with her at the front of the church, turned around and said, "She has received the oil". All of us were deeply moved and came forward one by one to be anointed by Mirna with the oil, but she asked Fr. Abbot to anoint the monks because she believed herself to be "unworthy". We were humbled by her humility. Then, as a further sign of God's gracious love and His own divine spontaneity and freedom, He caused oil to run from the hands of Fr. Abbot and from those of a young boy, Jamin, son of Dr. and Mrs. Mark Luoto, as well! Father had been praying fervently and the gift of the oil leapt, as it were, from one of God's chosen to another. We praised and thanked God, not without tears of joy. "We have seen incredible things today!" (Luke 5,26).

The following morning, after Divine Liturgy, when Mirna and her friends were preparing to leave, Br. Gabriel broke off a rosebud from a bouquet in the

church and gave it to Mirna, who gratefully held it in her hands. A few minutes later we noticed that the bud had fully bloomed! Mirna's "Sweet Jesus" continues to smile upon her, in ways great and small. That same Saturday, Aug. 5, after the solemn prayer procession at Vespers (called "Litiya"), when the members of the community bow before the Abbot and he blesses each one with holy oil, the sacred oil started flowing again from his hands. He was deeply moved, but preferred to bless the monks and the other people with the liturgical oil already prepared, in the spirit of Mirna herself who is so faithful to the Church.

We thanked Mirna for coming, for bringing the presence of God to us in a new way. She nodded rather shyly and said, "Pray for me". This is what we invite you to do. Her vocation is demanding and her cross is heavy. It seems that all those who are specially favored by the Lord share in His sufferings in an extraordinary measure.

That experience is engraved upon our hearts. Seeing the face of Christ so clearly in Mirna, along with the miraculous sign of the oil, has drawn us to deeper faith and love. Her example of abandonment to the Lord's will was truly edifying. How many of us simply desire only what Jesus wants of us? Let us pray for the success of her mission; may she and her family be preserved in God's grace and God's mercy.

In the love of Christ Our Saviour, and under the Protection of the Holy Mother of God,

Archimandrite Boniface

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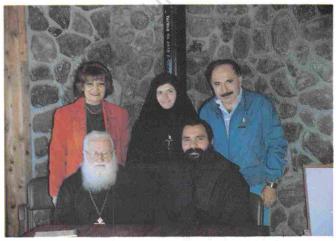
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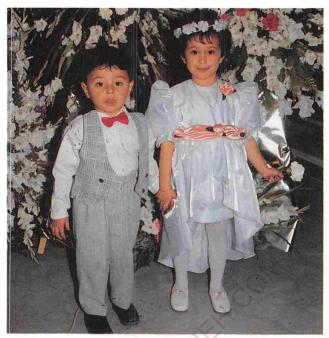
Monastery of Transfiguration Monks of Mt. Tabor, N. California.



Seated: Abbot Boniface and Fr. Michael.

Standing: Jean d'arc Fayad, president of Transglobal Network
Arabic Programs, Sr. Mary Joseph, and Dr. Mansour.

The oil oozed from the hands of Fr. Abbot
during Mirna's visit to Mt. Tabor. (See p. 50.)



Jean and Miriam Nazzour at the wedding of Mirna's sister.



His Holiness Pope John Paul II, with Dr. and Mrs. Mansour, being offered an oil painting of Our Lady of Soufanieh on linen painted by Mrs. Ivette Alexander.

Other Apparitions and Phenomena

Mary appeared in the past in Guadalupe in Mexico; Fatima in Portugal; Lourdes, LaSalette and Ruedu Bac (Paris) in France; Beauraing and Banneux in Belgium; Knock in Ireland, and other places calling people to obey Jesus and return to God.

In the final decades of the 20th century, She is appearing more frequently and giving messages in many places around the world... such as to the children in Medjugorje, to Mirna in Damascus, and to Fr. Gobbi in Italy... and strange phenomena are often seen in the skies.

Following are some current messages to ponder:

WHO IS FR. STEFANO GOBBI?

Fr. Stefano Gobbi, a locutionist, first received the gift of "interior locutions" while on a pilgrimage to Fatima on May 8, 1972, when he was praying in the little Chapel of the apparitions for some priests who, besides having given up their own vocations, were attempting to form themselves in rebellion against the Church's authority.

A supernatural interior force urged Fr. Gobbi to have confidence in the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Our Lady, making use of Fr. Gobbi as a poor and humble instrument would gather all those priests who would accept her invitation to consecrate themselves to the Immaculate Heart, to be strongly united to the Pope and to the Church united with him, and to bring the faithful into the secure refuge of her Motherly Heart.

Through times of great danger such as this, work is being taken by the Mother of God and of the church, without hesitation, to help priests who are first and foremost sons of her maternal predilection. This work makes use of certain instruments, and Fr. Gobbi has been chosen in a particular way for these reasons:

"I have chosen you because you are the least apt instrument; thus no one will say that this is your work. The Marian Movement of Priests must by my work alone. Through your weakness I will manifest my strength, through your nothingness I will manifest my power."

(From Our Lady to Fr. Gobbi, July 16, 1973)

A powerful group would be formed from all over and gathered together by means of supernatural power which springs from silence, from prayer, suffering and constant faithfulness to one's duties. Fr. Gobbi asked Our Lady interiorly for a little sign of confirmation. It was given to him promptly thus, the Marian Movement of Priests (M.M.P.) became a reality.

It spread everywhere in an astounding way, not by numbers, or the resonance of names, or the efficiency of the organization, but in the measure that one listens to Our Lady and cooperates with the work of the Holy Spirit, to the glory of the Most Holy Trinity.

At present there are more than 60,000 priests and 300 Cardinals and Bishops from all over the world who have accepted this invitation from Mary and joining the M.M.P. Mary said to Fr. Gobbi:

"In these messages, I also reveal to you my plan in its silent preparation, in its painful realization, and in its victorious fulfillment.

"You are about to reach the most painful and bloody conclusion of the purification which will take place in these years, before the great triumph of my Immaculate Heart in the coming to you of the glorious reign of Jesus.

"This is a plan which embraces this century. In 1917 at Fatima, I anticipated it, as in a prophetic announcement, at the moment when the great struggle between the Woman Clothed with the Sun and the Red Dragon became evident, a struggle which was to last throughout the whole century, as a proud challenge to God on the part of my Adversary, who was certain that he

would succeed in destroying the Church and in bringing all humanity to a universal rejection of God.

"The Lord has granted him this space of time, because in the end the pride of the Red Dragon will be broken and conquered by the humility, the littleness, and the power of your heavenly Mother, the Woman Clothed with the Sun, who is now gathering all her little children into her army, drawn up for battle."

(November 9, 1984)

Source: Our Lady Speaks to Her Beloved Priests, English translation by Fr. Albert G. Roux, National Headquarters of the Marian Movement of Priests in the U.S.A., P.O. Box 8, St. Francis, Maine 04774-0008.

MAN SOLITT

Malvern (Pennsylvania, U.S.A.) November 15, 1990

Source: Our Lady Speaks to Her Beloved Priests

Our Lady said to Fr. Gobbi:

"The great trial has arrived for your country. How many times, as a concerned and sorrowing mother, have I endeavored to urge my children to follow the path of conversion and of return to the Lord.

"I have not been listened to. You have continued to walk along the way of rejection of God, and of his law of love. Sins of impurity have become ever more widespread and immorality has spread like a sea which has submerged all things.

"Homosexuality, a sin of impurity which is against nature, has been justified; recourse to the means of preventing life have become commonplace, while abortions—these killings of innocent children, that cry for vengeance before the face of God—have spread and are performed in every part of your homeland.

"The moment of divine justice and of great mercy has now arrived. You will know the hour of weakness and of poverty; the hour of suffering and defeat; the purifying hour of the great chastisement.

"The great trial has arrived for your Church. Those errors which have bought people to the loss of the true faith have continued to spread. Many Pastors have been neither attentive nor vigilant, and have allowed many rapacious wolves, clothed as lambs, to insinuate themselves into the flock in order to bring disorder and destruction.

"How great is your responsibility, O Pastors of the holy Church of God! You continue along the path of division from the Pope and of the rejection of his Magisterium; indeed, in a hidden way, there is in preparation a true schism which could soon become open and proclaimed.

"And then, there will remain only a small faithful remnant, over which I will keep watch in the garden of my Immaculate Heart.

"The great trial has arrived for all humanity. The chastisement, predicted by me at Fatima and contained in that part of the secret which has not yet been revealed, is about to take place. The great moment of divine justice and mercy has come upon the world.

"For this reason I have wanted you here. You must be the apostles of these last times. Go out everywhere and proclaim with strength and courage the Gospel of Jesus. Walk along the path of contempt for the world and for yourselves. Illuminate the earth in these times of great darkness."

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APOSTOLATE OF HOLY MOTHERHOOD

Motherhood is a holy vocation. Mothers should call upon Mary, the most Holy Mother, for Her special protection and assistance.

It is important to keep the family together by praying with the children on a daily basis. This leads them on the right path spiritually, for which parents are responsible.

The Christ Child told visionary, Mariamante, that this apostolate will do great good and help much in stemming the tide of evil ravaging so many families today.

The heart of the movement and major points of the Apostolate of Holy Motherhood are as follows:

- —An Apostolate of mothers consecrated to the Mother of God for the glory of God
- -Pursuit of the Divine Will in their lives
- -Contemplative prayer
- -Eucharistic Adoration
- -Practice of evangelical purity
- —Devotion to the Christ Child,
 Esteem and appreciation for children
- —Devotion to the Holy Family,

 Communication of the faith to their children
- -Fifteen decade daily Rosary
- —Wearing of the Scapular and the Sacred Heart Badge
- —Intense sacramental life, frequent Confession and Communion
- —Devotion to the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts
- —Practice of the Nine First Fridays and Five First Saturdays, reparation for sin
- -Devotion to duty
- —Fidelity to the Holy Father, the Magisterium, and all the teachings of the Church (both faith and morals)
- —Upholding of all the moral teachings of the Church
- -Prayers for purity in the world

Source: The Apostolate of Holy Motherhood, The Riehle Foundation, P.O. Box 7, Milford, Ohio 45150

CHRISTINA GALLAGHER

Christina, a visionary in Ireland, has been receiving messages from Jesus and Mary since 1985. Her messages are of the utmost seriousness and should be looked at in the light of similar messages being given today in many places on every continent.

As Christina so often points out, however, God will never force us, but He is waiting for our response, while we still have time... Her messages offer clear cut advice to all who are willing to listen...

"...Many souls are being lost... My Son's hand is about to come over the earth in justice... please come back while there is still time... tell all humanity...

"... the Chastisement... the Purification... is on the way... I love you all my children... repent... unburden yourselves of all sin... go to Confession... receive my Son's Body and Blood worthily... pray the Rosary... fast and make sacrifice... show Christian love towards all, even the persecutors..."

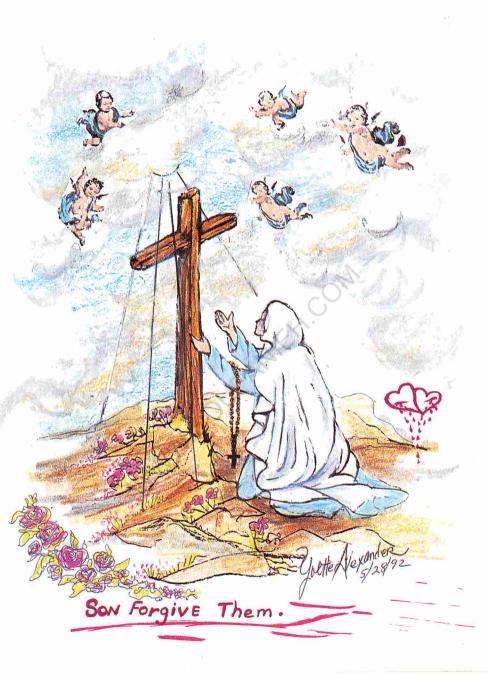
Christina related that the three sins of our times which offend God the most are:

- 1) Killing of the innocents (abortion)
- 2) Abuse of the innocents (child abuse)
- 3) Sacrifice of the innocents (Satanic sacrifice)

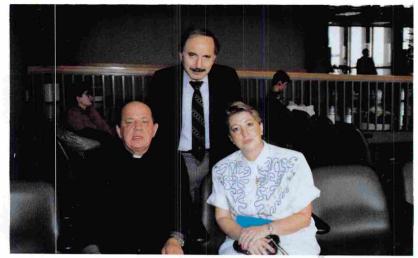
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USA: The 101 Foundation.



Artist Yvette Alexander's rendition of the Matrix Medal as given to Christina Gallagher by Our Lady for conversion and protection.



Fr. Gobbi with Dr. and Mrs. Mansour.



Dr. Mansour with Maria.



Mansour family with Mirjana.



Natalie with Vicka.



Marie and Natalie with Jelena.

MEDJUGORJE

According to the information furnished by the Yugoslavian authorities and rendered public in a television transmission in October of 1986, more than seven million pilgrims have already paid a visit to Medjugorje. Many of them have but one desire, and that is to return.

We know that many Christians who have not been able to go to the place have still understood the importance of the messages and have formed prayer groups. There have been moving conversions of many persons who have never made the trip to Medjugorje and who have only heard about the apparitions of "The Queen of Peace." This is Mary's hour. It is the time for men to turn back to God.

Some would prefer to wait for the ecclesiastical authorities to speak out. But that is going to take time. Meanwhile, the content of the message is evangelical, and the Gospel must be put into practice without delay. It cannot wait. The parables of Jesus multiply warnings for those who beat about the bush or elude the appeals of God.

Remember those invited to the wedding feast who presented pretext after pretext in order to decline the invitation; the foolish maidens in waiting who arrived after the door had been closed; the servant who buried his talent?

When Jesus came to earth, the angels sang: "Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth to men of good will."

The message of Medjugorje can be summed up as an appeal to render glory to God so that peace might indeed reign on earth. If one looks at the world closely, one cannot help but see that peace on earth is in dire peril. One can no longer ignore the fact that our scientific progress has forged an age of

terrifying destruction; the disasters which would befall mankind in the case of nuclear war are unimaginable.

The Blessed Virgin has not come to predict catastrophes, but to teach us how to avoid them. At Fatima she predicted:

"In the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph."

At Medjugorje she has shown this — it seems — with a frequency which has no precedence in the history of the Church. The main message lies in her very presence, and only then in the invitation to follow her recommendations.

At Lourdes, the Virgin appeared at the break of dawn; at Fatima, she appeared at noon. In Medjugorje, she appears as the sun begins to set. History's clock stresses time's inevitability. "Happy the servant whom the Master finds watching when he returns." The Mother of the Church is getting us ready to welcome Jesus her Son.

Source: Medjugorje: A Portfolio of Images, by Emanuele, New York: Alba House, 1987, p. 71. Available from Alba House, 2187 Victory Blvd., Staten Island, New York 10314.

MEDJUGORJE

August 14, 1989, (10:30 p.m.) Apparition Hill

Dr. & Mrs. Mansour Were Present During This Message to the Medjugorje Visionaries

Mary was happy and joyful in a special way, She came with three angels, She greeted us with:

"Praised be Jesus, my dear children."

After that She prayed over the crowd with Her hands extended over them. She prayed for a long time. She gave us a special blessing that we can extend to other people. She asked,

"Extend the blessing to other people."

Then the visionaries recommended to Our Lady all our intentions.

Message

"My dear children I am happy, happy, happy to see you coming in such large numbers. I am happy, dear children, for what we have done during this year of the youth. We have stepped forward.

"I would like to ask for the future, for the families with children to work and pray together with their children from day to day to become stronger in the spirit.

"Your Mother is here ready to help each of you; your Mother is waiting for you. I am

here to help you. Let midnight [Mass] be a prayer of thanksgiving to God for everything you have received this past year."

Our Lady asked for our intentions to pray one "Our Father" and "One Glory Be" and that is what Ivan did as we followed with him. Our Lady went back to Heaven leaving a cross of light, and She said:

"Go in the Peace of Christ, my Dear Children."

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ONE GOD CALLED TRINITY

Many people ask how can there be three persons in one. Although it is a mystery, God gave us examples such as the sun... light, color and fire. The three are all part of the sun.

As a tree has roots, branches and leaves, yet it is one tree. St. Patrick used a three leaf clover the explain the Trinity. God is three persons in one.

God is everywhere. He is a Father in Heaven, the Son on earth, and the Spirit that brought Him to earth. All we need is to search for God, pray to Him, and He will reveal Himself.

BIBLICAL BASIS

Signs in the Skies

The Biblical basis of the sun dancing at Medjugorje, the Eucharist, and the restoration of all things in Christ, is given to us in Luke 21:25-27. "There will be signs in the sun... the powers in the Heavens will be shaken. After that, men will see the Son of Man coming on a cloud with great power and glory."

Biblically, cloud means "mysterious presence." This is why in the Old Testament a cloud followed the ark of the covenant, as a sign of God's mysterious presence. The real and mysterious presence of Jesus on earth is the Most Blessed Sacrament, the very center and mystery of our Catholic Faith.

In 1917, at Fatima, over 70 thousand people witnessed what is called the miracle of the sun. During the 1980's countless others have seen miracles of the sun in Medjugorje, Yugoslavia. Over the last seven years, 12 million people from all over the world have made a pilgrimage to this small town in eastern Europe where the Blessed Mother has been appearing every day since the beginning of this decade.

The majority of pilgrims who go to Medjugorje see the phenomena of the sun spinning, dancing, changing colors, and a variety of wonderful and other spectacular feats that captivate those who are watching for it.

THE CALL FROM THE QUEEN OF PEACE

According to the testimony of the witnesses Our Lady introduced herself: I AM THE QUEEN OF PEACE! She is calling all of humanity to peace. In short, her messages are:

PEACE, PEACE, PEACE

is necessary to save humanity. We have to begin by first creating peace within our own hearts. This can be done in the following manner:

- COMMUNICATION... With God.
- FAITH
- PRAYER... She specifically called for daily prayer consisting of 7 Our Fathers, 7 Hail Marys, 7 Glory to the Father and the Apostle's Creed; then the whole Rosary; reading of the Scriptures and personal communication with God.
- FASTING ON WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY ... Fasting, if possible on bread and water, is recommended. Restraining from various activities is encouraged.
- FREQUENTLY RECEIVING THE HOLY SACRA-MENT ... Monthly confessions and receiving the communion as often as possible.

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring love.
Where there is doubt, let me bring faith.
Where there is injury, let me bring pardon.
For it is in pardoning, that we are pardoned...
In giving of ourselves, that we receive...
And in dying, that we are born to eternal life.

FATIMA AND AKITA

People lose sight that the main messages of both Fatima in Portugal to Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco, and Akita in Japan to Sister Agnes Sasagawa is Eucharistic Reparation. Bishop John Ito called the Akita message a continuation of Fatima.

Sister Agnes was taught the Fatima decade prayer by her guardian angel before the prayer was known in Japan.

The SECOND Secret of Fatima

The three children of Fatima had been given three secrets. Most individuals are aware of the first secret and have heard a great deal about the third one.

The first secret concerned a vision of hell. On July 13, 1917, Our Lady, having told the children to make sacrifices for sinners, gave them a vision of Hell. Recounting this vision, Sr. Lucia wrote:

"We saw a sea of fire. Plunged in this fire were demons and souls that looked like transparent embers, some black or bronze, in human form, driven about by the flames that issued from within themselves, together with clouds of smoke.

"They were falling on all sides, just as sparks cascade from great fires, without weight or equilibrium, amid cries of pain and despair which horrified us so that we trembled with fear!"

When the terrified children looked to Our Lady for help, She said:

"You have seen hell where the souls of poor sinners go. In order to save them, God wishes to establish in the world devotion to

my Immaculate Heart. If you do what I tell you, many souls will be saved."

The third secret is the one which has not yet been disclosed, but which all the recent Popes have read and have chosen not to make public.

But the second secret... how many people know of it? Ask a few individuals. Generally, you will be surprised at their lack of knowledge about it and their lack of response to it. It concerns Russia.

When Communism was still only a brainchild, on July 13, 1917, Our Lady appeared for the third time to the children, giving them the second secret, She said:

"I shall come to ask the consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart and the Communion of reparation on the First Saturdays. If my requests are heeded, Russia will be converted and there will be peace. If not, she will scatter her errors throughout the world, provoking further wars and persecution of the Church. The good will be martyred, the Holy Father will have much to suffer, and various nations will be annihilated."

That's it! The problem and the solution all in the second secret! This may have been the most significant prophecy ever made by Our Lady in private revelation.

Read Our Lady's message once again! Ponder what Our Lady had asked for. Consider what She said would be the result of a response or non-response to Her requests. Consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart AND Communions of reparation on First Saturdays.

Has the First Saturday devotion been a part of your life? If not, perhaps you are not giving Our Lady what She requested. Read the paragraph again! Previously, She addressed an individual, a community, a nation; now She addresses the whole world on a matter that will touch the life of everyone.

The children never discussed this part of the July revelation and would wait until Our Lady came again to explain. The little seers of Fatima courageously kept their secret even when they were threatened with torture and death by the radical administrator of Ourem, who kidnapped them the following month.

Eight years later, the promise of assistance at the hour of death was made in a private apparition by Our Lady to Sister Lucia in her cell in the Dorothean convent at Tuy, in Spain, in 1925.

Our Lady promised this marvelous grace to all who attend Mass and receive Holy Communion on five consecutive First Saturdays, recite the Rosary and meditate for 15 minutes on one or more of the mysteries of the Rosary. All of this is to be done in reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

How grateful we will be at the dread hour when the mercy of God must end and stern justice alone prevails. How thankful we shall be to see the Mother of Christ appear to speak as an advocate for us at this dire and fateful tribunal, to remind Her Son that we have faithfully responded to Her appeal to make the Five First Saturdays to console Her and make reparation for the sins and blasphemies of the world. Do not neglect, then, this supremely easy insurance of your eternal salvation.

Twelve years after the 1917 apparitions, in 1929, eight months after Lucia's profession in the convent at Pontevedra, Spain (which occurred in October 1928) Lucia received one of the greatest of all her visions in which Our Lady said:

"The moment has come for God to ask the Holy Father to make, in union with all the Bishops of the world, the consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart. He promises to save Russia by this means."

However, and this is important, in letters written by Sr. Lucia in the 1930s, she makes it clear that reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary is necessary. The practice of reparation is ultimately intended to bring about the conversion of Russia through the collegial consecration. The delay in accomplishing this was related to insufficient reparation.

The kind of reparation specifically referred to in the secrets and visions of Fatima were praying the Rosary, wearing the Scapular, and Communion on the Five First Saturdays. There are two reasons why everyone would want to make the Five First Saturdays (which includes praying the Rosary and wearing the Scapular):

First, Our Lady promises to anyone who makes the Five Saturdays, Her presence at the hour of death, with all the graces needed for salvation. This promise adds a great deal to the promise which Our Lord made for the Nine First Fridays in honor of the Sacred Heart. In addition to promising us Heaven, Our Lady promises us the grace of dying well. She promises Her presence at the hour of death!

All who lead good lives have a reasonable assurance of going to Heaven, but how wonderful it is to have the assurance of dying well... of dying in the arms of Mary... of being presented into the presence of God by His Mother!

The second reason we should make the Five First Saturdays is that Our Lady promised by this means to bring about the conversion of Russia and an end to the world crisis.

Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, besides redressing the offenses and blasphemies against Our Lady, is intended to avoid the evils which would result from the non-conversion of Russia. On August 29, 1931, Lucia wrote, "The consecration will be done, but it will be late. Russia will have already spread her errors throughout the world.

When Lucia asked Our Lord in 1936 why He would not convert Russia without this difficult form of consecration, He answered:

"Because I want all the Church to recognize this consecration as a triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, so that this devotion will then be extended and placed beside devotion to My Divine Heart."

Lucia implies that the consecration will not have a talismanic effect on Russia; rather, it will be a "sign" of the conversion of that nation. Our Lord and Our Lady must be responding to the many thousands of prayers, sacrifices, and countless Holy Hours and All-Night Vigils and the collegial consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. We have the positive assurance of the great promise of ultimate victory:

"In the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph... and there will be an era of peace." On May 1, 1976, Sister Agnes came to find me (Fr. Yasuda, her spiritual director) with a paper grasped in her hand. The Angel had appeared to her after Communion. This is the text:

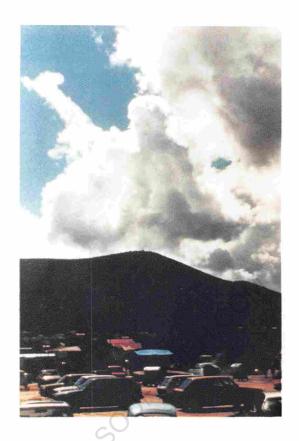
"Many men in this world afflict the Lord. Our Lady awaits souls to console Him. Remain in poverty, sanctify yourself and pray in reparation for the ingratitudes and the outrages of so many men. The Rosary is your weapon. Say it with care and more often for the intention of the Pope, of bishops and priests.

"You must not forget these words (of Mary). The Blessed Virgin prays continually for the conversion of the greatest possible number and weeps, hoping to lead to Jesus and to the Father, souls offered to Them by Her intercession. For this intention, and to overcome exterior obstacles, achieve interior unity; form a single heart. Let believers lead a life more worthy of believers! Pray with a new heart.

"Attach great importance to this day (First Saturday) for the glory of God and of His Holy Mother. With courage spread this devotion among the greatest number. Inform your superior and him who directs you of what I have told you."

Saying this the Angel disappeared.

Source: Books about Akita and Fatima from the 101 Foundation.





Signs in the sun and Heaven (see p. 70).



The body of St. Bernadette, now covered with wax, was found to be incorrupt 30 years after her death. A museum containing the body and many relics and artifacts is housed at St. Gildard Convent in Nevers, France (see p. 91).



IL MIRACOLO EUCARISTIC DI LANCIANO

Eucharistic miracle in Lanciano (see p. 78).

MIRACLE OF THE EUCHARIST LANCIANO, ITALY

In the eighth century, the Church of St. Legontian and St. Domitian was located on the outskirts of the small medieval town of Lanciano, Italy, nestled in from the Adriatic Sea, halfway between San Giovanni Rotondo and Loreto. The Basilian monks of the Greek Orthodox Rite were in charge of the church. This was before the Great Schism of 1054.

A particular Basilian monk was having difficulty believing in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, and he prayed for relief from his doubts. One morning while celebrating Mass, he began the prayers of consecration. When he looked at the host and the wine, he was astonished to see that the host had turned into Flesh, and the wine had turned into Blood.

To this day, the host-turned-Flesh and the wineturned-Blood are still present in the reliquary, without any form of preservative, and the church has been a shrine for pilgrims from throughout the world. In 1970 scientific tests were performed with the following results:

- * The flesh is real flesh. The blood is real blood.
- * The flesh consists of the muscular tissue of the heart (myocardium).
- * The flesh and blood belong to the human species.
- * The flesh and blood have the same blood type (AB).
- * In the blood, there were found proteins in the same normal proportions as are found in the sero-proteic make up of fresh, normal blood.
- * In the blood, there were also found these miner als: Chlorides, phosphorous, magnesium, potassium, sodium, and calcium.

* The preservation of the flesh and of the blood (without any chemical preservatives) and exposed to the action of atmospheric and biological agents, remains an extraordinary phenomenon.

Source: This Is My Body, This Is My Blood, by Bob and Penny Lord, pp. 19-30.

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JULIA OF NAJU, KOREA

Julia Kim is a victim soul. She suffers the stigmata and owns a statue that has wept both blood and tears and now exudes oil. On April 21, 1991, she gave the following message.

Julia said:

"I do not know how much time passed... Then I had a vision and an apparition of the Virgin Mary. I beheld a great light in the sky: It was the Most Blessed Virgin, our all beautiful Mother, the Woman of Light, appearing above many people. She held a white Rosary (ivory color) in Her right hand and a brown Scapular in Her left hand. She was of indescribable beauty. Our Lady said:

'You will be saved if you live with the Bread come down from Heaven, and by following Me who am your Mother. My beloved daughter, please make known the following to all My children of the entire world:

'Strive to drive out Satan by:

- 1) ...wearing the scapular, with the intention of being united to Me;
- 2) ...reciting the Rosary with more fervor and love;
- 3) ...acting in such a way that your entire life may be a consecrated life of prayer, sacrifice, penance;
- 4) ...changing your life with the will to practice mastery of yourselves and detachment (poverty).

'In order to save you from this world full of danger I ask you to follow well My wishes made known to you time and again, and do so in renouncing yourselves. Then the darkness will disappear and the Kingdom of the Lord will come.'"

Julia also saw a portion of the chastisement, and while the description of the chastisement seen by Julia tallies with other private revelations, there is a fresh note of hope here... and a vision of the triumph of Our Lady exactly as to be expected in the light of the apparitions of Fatima.

When Our Lady promised the triumph of Her Immaculate Heart at Fatima a great light shone from Her Heart upon the children causing them to be "lost in God" and to behold the true presence of God in the Eucharist. This then might well be the triumph of the Heart of Mary: An awareness in the world of the true presence of Jesus in the Eucharist resulting in a new era of Grace and Love.

It is consoling that Julia saw this vision of Our Lady coming in a great light over a world in darkness, a world struck by Divine Justice, with a cross over Her head which transformed into a Host irradiating the world and bringing not only an end to the chastisement but an era of peace and joy.

The Scapular and the Rosary

But what is particularly impressive in this April 21, 1991 message, is the repetition of the very formula enunciated by Lucia in 1946 for the triumph of the Immaculate Heart in the world: the Scapular, the Rosary, and the sanctification of daily life.

This is not only stated by Our Lady at Naju in such a clear manner, but Our Lady appears holding the Scapular in one hand and the Rosary in the other... recalling the words of Pope Paul VI who said in reference to Paragraph 67 of Ch. 8 of Lumen Gentium that the two Marian devotions most to be fostered in the Church at the present time are the Brown Scapular and the Rosary.

Appearing at Naju with Scapular and Rosary, Our Lady wears a blue mantle (as She did at Garabandal)... as though proclaiming that She is indeed the Mother and Queen of those millions around the world who have pledged to live the formula presented by Lucia in 1946 (the Blue Army Pledge to pray the Rosary daily, wear Our Lady's brown scapular, make the daily morning offering of one's self to God, and the monthly First Saturday Confession and Communion of reparation).

Our Lady has given us the formula to save the world. Now it is up to us to act upon it.

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Source: The 101 Foundation

PURGATORY AND PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

While the scriptures do not mention it by name, Purgatory has been accepted tenet of Christian belief since the earliest days of the Church. It also figures in the Jewish practice of praying for the dead. Scripture does support the idea of a place where the soul which has repented of all its sins makes satisfaction for its sins before going to Heaven.

It is a holy and wholesome thought, to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins (Maccabees 12:46).

Adam and the prophets were in a waiting area until Jesus went down to them and opened the gates of Heaven (1 Peter 3:18-19).

Go into the whole world and proclaim the good news to all creation. The man who believes and accepts baptism is saved, the man who did not believe is condemned (Mark 16:15-18).

Whoever breaks the commandments and teaches others to do so, shall be called the least in the kingdom. Unless your holiness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you shall not enter the kingdom of God (Matthew 5:19-20).

I warn you, you will not be released until you pay the last penny (Matthew 5:20-26).

Not all sins are deadly (1 John 5:14-21)... and:There is no need for you to be surprised at this. An hour is coming in which all those in their tombs shall hear His voice and come forth. Those who have done right shall rise and live, and those evildoers shall be damned (John 5:28).

Jesus said:

" Make no mistake about prayer. It must be made known to my people that universal prayer, in its entiretly, is the spark to igniting a chain of healing graces. Tell my people not to pray only for themselves or their families. Pray for all.

"Pray for world conversion, world peace, and my priests and sisters. Pray for the unemployed, the homeless, and the sick. Pray for the dying and ESPECIALLY for the souls in Purgatory. They await your prayers."

(Scottsdale messages, *I Am Your Jesus of Mercy, Vol. II*, published by the Riehle foundation.)

Jesus said:

"And I truly tell you that a prayer for the souls of the dead, that they may enter into peace, is a great work of mercy, for which God will bless you and the souls for whom you have prayed will be grateful."

(From Poem of the Man-God, Vol. 5, p. 855)

St. Francis de Sales said:

"To assist the souls in Purgatory is to perform the most excellent of the works of mercy, or rather it is to practice in a most sublime manner all the works of mercy together; it is to visit the sick; it is to give drink to those who thirst for the vision of God: it is to feed the hungry, to ransom prisoners, to clothe the naked; it is to comfort the afflicted, to instruct the ignorant ... to practice all works of mercy in one."

FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT BELIEVE IN MARY'S VIRGINITY

Mary — Why We Should Venerate Her

Most of the new Christian evangelistic faiths outside the Catholic and Orthodox do not venerate or honor Mary. Why? They claim she never stayed a virgin and that she later married and had children.

In some of the new editions of the Bible the wording has been changed. The Catholic Bible says after Jesus birth that Mary and Joseph lived together. The others use a word that changes the meaning to marriage. "And Joseph did not know her until she delivered Jesus." Does the word "know" mean real marriage? I know many people very well; does that mean that I am married to many people? No. They claim she had children. It was mentioned that when Mary went to see Jesus, they went in to tell Him,

"Your mother and brothers are outside waiting for you." Jesus answered,

"Who is my brother and mother; they who do my Father's will are my brothers and mother."

In the old days, and especially in the Middle East, all close relatives were called "brothers." There was no word for "cousin." In the Old Testament Abraham always called Lot his "brother," when they were really cousins. Protestants, themselves, call each other "brothers in Christ." I heard a priest introducing a non-relative as brother John... it is giving testimony. Is John his brother? No. On the cross Jesus told John:

"This is your mother," and to Mary:

"This is your son."

Since then She became our Mother, and we became Her children. If She had had other children, Jesus would not have told John to take care of Her.

Protestants often tell us that we can pray directly to God; there is no need to pray to Our Lady. Meanwhile they tell us to come to them to lay hands on us and pray for us. That is fine... but why should we limit ourselves and ask only an evangelist or family members and friends to pray for us, when we can ask the Queen of the evangelists, Mary, the Blessed Mother, to pray for us?

Mary is the best preacher and leader to God. She is pure and a saint, and She is the Mother of God as well as our own Mother and our best friend.

Not to ask for Her help is like forgetting to use the most efficacious and powerful instrument available to us. Jesus refuses Her nothing because His love for Her is so great. Since She is His Mother, when we honor Her we honor Him.

It is well and good to pray directly to God, but it is better yet to ask holy souls to join with us in our petitions. How wise it is to ask the holiest of souls to enlarge the chorus of our pleas to the Triune God, especially if we also ask the Mother, Daughter and Spouse to speak with us and for us.

And She will be happy to do so. She is even most anxious to do so, because She is our Mother as well and She loves us with a love beyond all telling. The Trinity gave Her this great love for us preciously because He loves us and wants us to use this powerful means of intercession to Him.

THE SHROUD OF TURIN

One of the most mysterious relics of the Church is the Holy Shroud of Turin. Approximately 14 feet long and three and a half feet wide, the cloth has been regarded as the burial shroud of Christ, the linen wrappings that were found lying in the empty tomb following Jesus' resurrection. The image of a powerfully built man who suffered death by crucifixion appears on the shroud in pale, sepia tones.

The story of the holy cloth dates from the earliest days of the church. Rediscovered in 525 in Edessa in what is now eastern Turkey, it was confirmed as an object of veneration by Emperor Justinian who built the Hagia Sophia Cathedral in Constantinople for its safekeeping. It is said that Byzantine icons from the sixth century A.D. were based on the shroud face.

The many travels of the shroud are difficult to document entirely as it appears and disappears from the pages of history. For 150 years, from 1204 to 1357, its whereabouts were entirely unknown. In the 1578 it was exhibited in Turin, Italy, hence the name, Holy Shroud of Turin. Since 1983 it has been in the possession of the Vatican.

Various attempts have been made to authenticate the shroud. It is woven from cotton, and it is known that cotton was grown in the Middle East, but not in Europe, during the time of Christ. Pollen spores found on the cloth are also from plants which only grow in Palestine and Turkey.

A team of experts concluded that the shroud body bears the marks of scourging, the crowning with thorns, the absence of broken bones, the postmortem wound of the lance and the presence of blood and water in the area of the heart, facts recorded in scripture but not normally present in a crucifixion. They concluded that the shroud does not contradict the gospel account of the crucifixion.

The coins that were used to close the eyes of the dead are the coins of Pontius Pilate. This coin was in use for only two years at the time and was changed. The blood on the shroud is type AB, the same as the Miracle of the Eucharist in Lanciano, Italy.

It is also said that no painter could have painted the shroud. Then how could it have been printed on the cloth? A clue comes from another expert who examined the shroud. He was astonished at the way the picture was wrapped. It reminded him of when he had been in Hiroshima, Japan in 1945 after the nuclear bomb.

The picture of a man was visible on a wall, but his body was nowhere to be found. The picture printed on the wall was caused by the nuclear rays and the bright explosion of light. We know that an explosion of light preceded the resurrection. Could the picture on the shroud have been imprinted in the same way as the man on the wall at Hiroshima?

(For more information see *Relics* by Joan Carroll Cruz.)

FOR THOSE WHO THINK CATHOLICS WORSHIP STATUES: ABOUT GRAVEN IMAGES

You may recall that the Israelites melted down their jewelry and made a golden calf. What was wrong was not the Golden Calf, but that they worshipped it. That brought punishment on the Israelites. It would seem that God forbids making any statues some people would say. (Exodus 20:4)

"Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image." Isn't a statue a graven image? However, if people were more knowledgeable about the book of Exodus and continued reading, instead of using only the first part for their own interpretation, they would see that there is more to the story.

In Exodus 25, regarding the ark of the Covenant, the Lord commanded that the Ark which held the tablets of the law should be topped by two cherubim statues of angels, gold and with wings. Therefore, statues that are worshipped as another God are wrong, but statues that serve as a reminder or decoration for a religious purpose are good.

Iconographers will tell us that the veil of Veronica was one of the first honored images known to Christianity, as was the Holy Shroud. They were gifts from God to remind us of His passion and to bring us to a more lively state of prayer.

A fundamentalist may kneel with the Bible in his hand. Does this mean he worships the book and is praying to the book? It is the same thing when one kneels before a statue or when one looks at a picture of persons not with us when we miss them. Does this mean we love the picture? No, but rather we remember and venerate what the image represents.

PERPETUAL ADORATION

On Dec. 2, 1981, the Holy Father instituted Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration in a chapel at St. Peter's in Rome as an exhortation and encouragement for all parishes to do the same. Yet the vast majority of parishes throughout the world do not have a single hour of exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during the entire week.

Most Catholic Churches are either locked or empty while Jesus Our Risen Savior waits for us to come to Him. If the world is in darkness, it's because not enough people are going to the light, Jesus... the Light of the world in the Blessed Sacrament.

If only enough people would bring themselves to go before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, His Light would cast out all the darkness. Peace would enter into hearts.

A few individuals would make up for the many. A few would win graces for all humanity and bring about the fulfillment of God's promises for an everlasting peace in the world.

You who are reading this, won't you consider giving Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament a little more of your time. You and the entire world will benefit from the graces received during these intimate moments with Our Savior.

He is so often alone. He calls you to keep Him company in His loneliness and to console Him. You will find that by so doing, you also will be consoled for His generosity can never be outdone. Go to Him.

THE INCORRUPTIBLES

The remarkable phenomenon of the incorruption of certain saint's bodies defies the laws of nature and has long been regarded as a sign of spiritual purity, if not sainthood. Preserved bodies, other than those deliberately (e.g., embalming) or accidentally treated have existed only since early Christian days. Over 100 such cases have been documented by Joan Carroll Cruz in her book, *The Incorruptibles*. Two of these are briefly mentioned here: St. Bernadette in France, and St. Charbel in Lebanon.

Saint Bernadette Soubirous — (1844 - 1879)

The celebrated saint of Lourdes was born to a poor family on January 7, 1844. Due to poor health, she was delayed making her First Communion until fourteen years of age, in 1858. On February 11 of that year, the first of her visions took place while she was gathering firewood along the river Gave. There were eighteen visions in all. On March 25, the Blessed Virgin appeared for the last time and called herself the "Immaculate Conception."

Bernadette later joined the order of the Sisters of Nevers near Lourdes. She died on April 16, 1879, and is buried in the Chapel of St. Joseph on the convent grounds in Nevers.

In 1909 and again in 1919, her body was exhumed and found to be in a state of preservation, with no odor of decomposition, and victorious over all the laws of nature.

Saint Charbel Makhlouf — (1828-1898)

St. Charbel Makhlouf was born on May 8, 1828, in the village of Biqa-Kafra, high in the mountains of northern Lebanon. He was given the name Joseph at baptism, and was the last of five children born to poor but religious parents. From his earliest years he showed great spiritual perception and was greatly attracted to prayer and solitude.

He soon joined the Monastery of St. Maroun, where he was a priest for sixteen years, after which he received permission from his superiors to retire to the Hermitage of Saints Peter and Paul near the monastery. During his priestly life, he was extremely devoted to the Holy Eucharist. In 1898 he suffered a seizure while saying Mass and died eight days later. He was interred in the monastery cemetery. It was reported that an extraordinary bright light surrounded his tomb for forty-five nights following the interment. Some years later, the grave was opened and the body found in perfect condition. It was transferred to a coffin in a corner of the monastery chapel.

A strange phenomenon then occurred. A liquid exuded from the body which seemed composed of perspiration and blood, having the odor of blood. Pieces of clothing soaked in the liquid were distributed as relics. When the body was examined in 1950, it was still found to be in perfect condition.

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THE OIL OF DAMASCUS

What is the meaning of the phenomenon of the oil in Damascus? As Fr. De Souza noted, the Church needs healing, and since oil was used in the Bible as a healing ointment for the sick and dying, it could be that the time for healing the Church has arrived (Mark 6:13, etc.). God gave us freedom, let no man take it away. God loves us sinners, no matter what sins we have committed, so long as we go to confession and repent. Please read the New Testament where you can learn everything that God wants you to know (Romans 18-32). Specifically:

An appeal to all spouses to say together with their children to keep the family together no matter how difficult life becomes. It is our responsibility towards God to guide our children in the right path. Please read all Matthew 5.

An appeal to all priests to keep the Mass the way Jesus taught us. In the Last Supper, there were no Eucharistic laywomen. Vatican II has approved it for countries that have a shortage of priests or laymen to serve. The Eastern Catholic churches have kept the Mass as in former times where women serve only behind the scenes. Whatever is forbidden in the Vatican should be forbidden everywhere. Do not modernize the Church. We are here to obey God and let no man change His commandments and shape them according to his own ways and habits. God has always been patient with us but there is a limit and a time for everything.

An appeal to all Christians of the world to carry our Rosaries, wear our religious objects, and be proud of our true and only religion. Let others learn and imitate us, and let conversion begin. As Jesus told Mirna, the Church is the kingdom of God on earth. This is our last chance before Jesus comes back. Mary in Medjugorje said:

"This is the last decade that God will allow me to appear on earth to call people back to My Son Jesus"

An appeal to the Orthodox Patriarchs to give St. Joseph his rightful place in the Church and to return him in the Nativity Icon, since he is the only one who has been removed.

Let us unite and return to the one Church that Christ established. Scripture tells us that:

"Your leader is the one who serves you."

An appeal to all who enter a Church to pray:

1) Respect the Eucharist in the way you dress. Remember what Mary told us at Fatima, that new fashions will be introduced that offend God. In churches and shrines, shorts, mini-skirts, uncovered shoulders and all forms of immodest dress is inappropriate and should be forbidden. Remember that immodesty anyplace is offensive to God.

Remember, too, what St. Paul said in one of his letters. Women's hair during prayer in church should be covered or cut short.

- 2) Thanks be to God that in some of the Atheistic or non-Christian countries, doors to Christian Churches are opening, especially in Russia where Communism fell. We pray to God for that to happen in other countries as well, such as China, Saudi Arabia, and Iran, and that Communism does not spread in the U.S.
- 3) Presently God is sending us His Mother. She is telling us that the time of God's mercy and for conversion is NOW, before be too late. Take heed.

VASSULA

Vassula Ryden is an orthodox mystic who lives in Switzerland, the mother of two boys, she is the wife of a Lutheran who works for an International Organization (IOCN). This position gave Vassula the opportunity to travel to various countries.

Vassula's first encounter with her Guardian Angel, Daniel was in Bangladesh when her hand began writing Daniel's words as well as her responses. Later it was Jesus and Mary who communicated with her in this way.

Shortly after the experiences began, Daniel instructed her to "pick up the Word and read." She knew he meant the Bible, but she told him that this was a non-Christian land and the Bible would not be available here. Daniel informed her where she could obtain one, and from then on Vassula studied and was taught the Holy Book through her angel and through Jesus.

Her conversations with Jesus have been published into books titled, *True Life in God*, a title which God Himself chose. They are profound messages from Christ on how to grow in holiness. Her mission is to spread these messages. Vassula's authenticity is endorsed by such persons as Fr. Stefano Gobbi, Fr. Rene Laurentin and Fr. Gerard McGinnity. Her Spiritual Directors are Fr. James Fannan and Fr. Michael O'Carroll.

Peter is the Rock of the church. Jesus mentioned His beloved Vicar, the Pope as the leader of the flock, upon which He built His church. He told Vassula to work and travel to promote unity. It will come when all hearts unite and reconcile with each other and the Pope, even though each rite maintains its own ceremonies and uniqueness. Vassula gives us an example how unity will come: more swiftly than the fall of the Berlin wall.

Jesus showed Vassula Heaven, purgatory and hell. He showed her His Sacred Heart and His love and asked her to pray the Rosary. He even prayed it with her. One time Jesus said, "Vassula, Do you love Me?" Just to please Him, Vassula quickly answered, "Yes." Jesus knowing what was in her heart said, "Love Me more."

Jesus always uplifted her spirit and never condemned her. If she did anything incorrectly, he encouraged her to continue to try to do things better, but never criticized. He taught her how to say the Our Father by having her repeat it for an entire day, because it was either too fast or without feeling, until she was able to say it with love from her heart and meaning every word.

Vassula was asked by God to go to confession to a priest. She resisted and asked why it was necessary since she felt she could confess directly to Him. He told Her that the Sacrament of Confession to a priest was important and what He wanted.

Vassula feels that this is the era of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. In the Old Testament, God the Father, the first Person of the Trinity, spoke directly to the prophets. In the New Testament, Jesus Christ, the second Person of the Trinity, spoke to His people and founded the church, and now the third Person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit, is directing and enlightening our lives. Thus the Holy Trinity comes to completion and the Trinity is glorified.

Shortly after visiting Russia in October of 1992 on the Victorious Queen Peace Flight, Jesus said to Vassula:

"Russia is especially dear to Me; indeed today Russia is like an open field ready to be sown; her soil is ready to receive any seed; I have given revelations through My Spirit to be sown in her; nobody will be

allowed to lay down any other foundation than My very Own foundation; it is I, God, who designed Russia for My Glory, it is through her that light will shine out of her darkness, it is through her light that your generation's heart will be enlightened with the knowledge of My Glory; I shall pour out My spirit on the House that I had given her, and I will display My holiness to her to honour My Name; it was of her that I spoke in the past through My little prophets, who prophesied foretelling her conversion.

"I tell you: all the splendour she once had I will give in double, for she will put her whole heart into following Me and seek My Holy Face once more. No one will gloat over her for I will lift her to become the head (spiritually) of many nations. In her poverty I will rebuild My Kingdom. Ah, Vassula!... just wait and see!"

In January of 1992, Vassula spoke to the World Council of Churches expressing God's wish for action toward Unity. As January of 1993 approached, Jesus gave Vassula this message.

"Daughter of My Sacred Heart. I would like you to write. Hear from heaven my voice.

"My words of reconciliation, peace and unity have not been heard nor have they been respected. I have spoken once and I will not speak again. I will add nothing new.

"I want your voice to thunder this time in January! I want your voice to thunder as loud as ever! You will speak on My behalf. Let the whole world hear:

"The days are counted, there is not much time left and grace that enfolded mankind shall come abruptly and all of a sudden at its end... this will be done so that the world realizes how great was My Mercy and My Goodness that had flowed down from above year after year.

"Tell all those who work for unity to look at the skies. See how far they are from the earth? This is how far their hearts are from one another. This is how far they are apart... when will they all pass a decree unanimous vote to celebrate the feast of Easter all in one date? (Jesus here directs their steps, saying what they will have to do.)

"I am weary of hearing their noble language, perhaps it is suitable and eloquent for them but to Me it sounds like a stroke on a gong, because it is empty with emptiness. I have come to talk to them, first, out of concern, then out of pity, but no one yet to this day has lowered his voice to hear My Voice. Alas for you, who say you are at My service yet prevent My Kingdom from finding unity and stability!

"But it is not you who will bring My Kingdom together... for you do not understand anything and never will... for if you, in spite of My heavenly call did not sound the depths of My Heart, how would you unravel the arguments of My Mind... how can you fathom the Riches of My Sacred Heart? I have not spoken in parables nor have I spoken in riddles. I have taken plain words to speak to you. I reprimanded the officials and I collected them together to talk to them but have they observed the prompting of My Heart? Their duty was to make an official appeal.

"I reprimanded the authorities, I had not come that day to attack them, but to offer them oil to fill up their lamps, lest further harm be done on My Church. How many of them stretched out their hands to Heaven, calling Me? Do they realize how twice, My Blood is shed like water? May My groans reach their ears this time...

"What My right hand planted, has been severed, in two, then in three, then hacked.

"Where is the entire vine (this could be interpreted as Church, or God's people) I had planted?

"There was once a vine; every season I expected it to yield grapes. It covered valleys, mountains and extended beyond the seas, because it had taken root in My own property, in My own inheritance, I had spread its branches to reach to the four corners of the earth and fill the world with fruit. But, instead of keeping it, they neglected it, allowing thorns and briers to multiply around it, choking branch after branch, shoot after shoot. That chosen plant which My right hand had planted is now leveled to the ground, and the beauty,

the glory and the fruit it gave have now fallen like rotten fruit. There is no need then to swell with pride. Cease to have proud eyes, in case your errors multiply and your deeds recoil on your own head.

"I have come to fill your lamp with oil. Light your lamp and use it now so that you see where you are going. Whosoever neglects to light his lamp this time and use it, it will be taken away from him and given to someone else.

"Let them pray and say these words:

- O Lord, You who stand among us, Shepherd us;
- Set Your Royal Throne in the middle of Your vine and give us Your orders;
- O Holy Lord of all holiness purify us so that we preserve the integrity of Your House and Your vine,
- Lovingly intervene and protect what Your right Hand cultivated;
- We have failed You, but we know, we believe and we trust,
- That You will open wide Your Gateway, to let the River of Life flow on Your vine,
- And once more from it will sprout branches that will bear fruit and become a royal vine,
- More kingly than ever before because Your Holy Spirit
- The giver of Life, will overshadow it.

 Amen

"... And the Lord finishes with a tone of

hope:

"Pastors, priests, teachers, bishops and cardinals will recognize the Shepherd's Call and I will renew their mind so that their old self is crushed and they will fully realize that I am on My way back to transfigure the whole of My creation in the goodness and holiness of the TRUTH."

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Opposite page:

Upper right: Vassula, an accomplished artist, painted this face of Jesus, as she sees Him, in two days time on the wall of God, The Eternal Father chapel in California.

Lower right: Vassula holds a Roman Catholic Rosary in her left hand and an Orthodox Rosary in her right hand.

The Orthodox Rosary is a prayer rope used by monks and the faithful while they work as a spiritual exercise. The prayer is repeated throughout the entire day.

The one Vassula is holding has 25 rope beads woven in a cross design with a hard bead as the end. It has four sections which totals to 100 beads. It is an excellent and easy prayer for everyone to say, and is comprised of only 12 words to be prayed on each bead:

LORD JESUS CHRIST, SON OF GOD HAVE MERCY ON ME, A SINNER.

One evening as Vassula was saying this prayer in her bed about to drift off to sleep, Jesus loudly said:

"I WILL have mercy!"

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Vassula's writings. Her words are the small print and thewords of Jesus writing through her are the large print.

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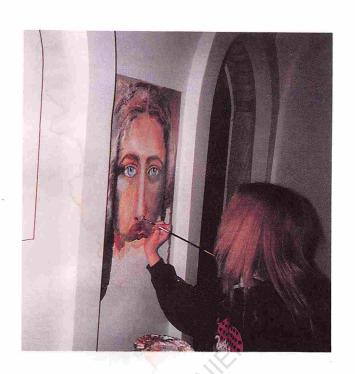
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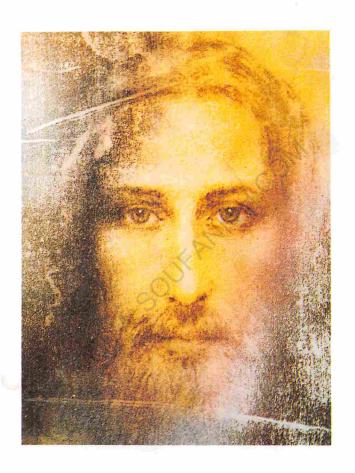
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Whoever has seen Me, has seen the the Father (John 14:9).

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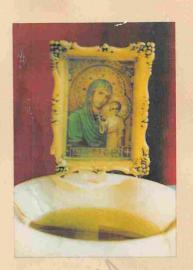
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HOLY OIL



This book is written from the Memoirs of Dr. and Mrs. Antoine Mansour.

The above Icon of Soufanieh was purchased from Sofia in Bulgaria; oil began exuding from the picture in Soufanieh, Damascus, Syria. It is a copy of Our Lady of Kazan, which exuded oil over 200 years ago.

The original is temporarily housed in Domus Pacis in Portugal, the headquarters of the World Apostolate of Our Lady of Fatima. It will be returned to Russia when churches are reopened and freedom of religion returns to that great country. Pray that it will be soon.

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