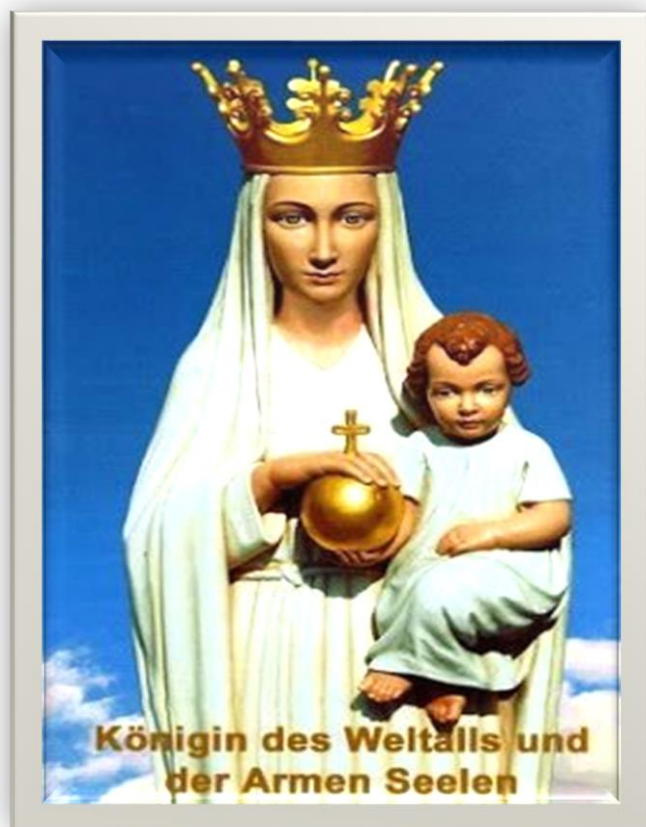


**OUR LADY OF HEEDE
(QUEEN OF THE UNIVERSE)
(QUEEN OF THE POOR SOULS)
HEEDE, GERMANY 1937**

THE FIRST APPARITION

TWENTY years after the dramatic apparitions at Fatima, Our Lady appeared to four young girls with almost the same message. The event first took place on November 1, 1937. The four girls were: Anna Schulte, Greta and Maia Gauseforth and Susanna Bruns who were on their way to church when they passed the church's cemetery and saw the Blessed Virgin who appeared to them with the Divine Child in her arms. This news coming from playful and usually giddy girls was accepted with the usual enjoyment, skepticism and laughter. But when all four girls changed their manner of living to a more serious demeanor with long and fervent prayer, the people began to wonder. Even so, the pastor and most of the villagers refused to believe in the apparitions for some time until they noticed how the devout girls waited nervously and expectantly for the next visit of the Mother of God.

News of the apparitions spread quickly to surrounding towns and villages with crowds converging at the apparition site. Many however were fearful of visiting Heede, since at the time Hitler ruled Germany and forbade participation in this "superstitious nonsense." Hoping to put a stop to the activities at Heede, the Gestapo forcefully took the children to a mental hospital and strictly forbade the pilgrimages. Soon after, the children were released, and, disregarding the orders of the Gestapo, they resumed their visits to the place of the apparitions.



THE BLESSED VIRGIN CONTINUED TO APPEAR

The Heavenly Queen was not subject to the Hitler regime and continued her appearances in secret locations. The Lady emphasized devotion to the Poor Souls in Purgatory and warned the children of the impending chastisement of God's justice. After being asked how she would like to be addressed, the vision replied, "As Queen of the Universe and Queen of the Poor Souls." She also indicated her love for the Litany of Loreto. It was only after many cures were reported and verified that the parish priests and other clergymen supported the visionaries. Like almost all her apparitions elsewhere, this vision consisted of only a few words being spoken—these being similar to the message of Fatima in which the Lady asked for prayer, repentance and conversion.

THE BLESSED MOTHER APPEARS FOR THE LAST TIME

The apparitions of the Blessed Mother came to an end on November 3, 1940, when she appeared for the last time in the church cemetery as she had done during the first apparition. The Lady at this time said to the children: "Be good and resigned to the will of God. Pray often, especially the Rosary. Now, farewell, my children, until we meet in Heaven."

OUR LORD APPEARS TO GRETA GANSFORTH

Following the last appearance of Our Lady, Our Lord then began His visitations in 1945, when He appeared to Greta Gansforth and gave a lengthy warning to the world. Men did not listen to My Most Holy Mother when she appeared to them at Fatima and admonished them to do penance. Now I Myself am coming at the last hour to warn and admonish mankind! The times are very serious! Men should at last do penance, turn away from their sins and pray, pray much in order that the wrath of God may be mitigated. Particularly the Holy Rosary should be prayed very often. The Rosary is very powerful with God. Worldly pleasures and amusements should be restricted. Men do not listen to My voice, they harden their hearts, they resist My grace, they do not wish to have anything to do with My mercy, My love, My merits; mankind is worse than before the deluge. Mankind is suffocating in sin. Hatred and greed rule their hearts. This is the work of the devil. They live in great darkness. Through the wounds that bled, mercy will again gain victory over justice. My faithful souls should not be asleep now like the disciples on

Mt. Olivet. They should pray without ceasing and gain all they can for themselves and for others. Tremendous things are in preparation; it will be terrible as never before since the foundation of the world. All those who in these grave times have suffered so much are martyrs and form the seed for the renovation of the Church. They were privileged to participate in My captivity, in My scourging, in My crown of thorns and My Way of the Cross

The Blessed Virgin Mary and all the choirs of angels will be active during these events. Hell believes that it is sure of the harvest, but I will snatch it away from them. I will come with My peace. Many curse me now, but these sufferings will come over mankind that they may be saved through it ... Many expiate all they can for those who curse Me now.

With a few faithful I will build up My kingdom. As a flash of lightning this Kingdom will come ... much faster than mankind will realize. I will give them a special light. For some this light will be a blessing; for others darkness. The light will come like the Star that showed the way to the wise men. Mankind will experience My love and My power.... My beloved, the hour comes closer.

Pray without ceasing! When the apparitions commenced, the bishop appointed a new parish priest to examine, with a committee, the details of the apparitions. In the end, the Bishop of Osnabruck declared the apparitions to be “undeniable proofs of the seriousness and authenticity of these manifestations ... In the apparitions and messages of Heede we find nothing contrary to the Faith; indeed, their similarity to the approved apparitions of Fatima, Lourdes and La Salette give good indications of their authenticity.”