

MEDIATRIX OF ALL GRACES

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JUST as at Fatima when an angel appeared to the visionaries and introduced prayers in preparation for the apparitions of the Queen of Heaven, so, too, here at Marienfried, Germany, an angel appeared to the amazement of twenty-two-year-old Barbara Reuss. The event took place in Marienfried, near Paffenhofen, on the twenty-fifth day of April, May and June, 1946.



AN ANGEL AND THE BLESSED MOTHER APPEAR TO BARBARA REUSS

In the first apparition in April, an angel appeared calling himself “the Angel of the Great Mediatrix of Graces.” He instructed Barbara to kneel while he addressed a prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary. This was his prayer: “Act as the Mother of Grace; act as the thrice miraculous Mother; the thrice admirable Mother of Grace, Thou Great Mediatrix of Graces!” As the angel recited this prayer, the Blessed Virgin appeared in a brilliant light. She was “unspeakably beautiful, brilliant, a blinding vision of the most pure light and radiance ... Above her head were brilliant rays forming a three-tiered crown.” As the Immaculate Queen raised her hand in blessing, she became as transparent as crystal, and so bright that Barbara was unable to look at her.

THE SECOND AND THIRD APPARITIONS

Many people accompanied Barbara for the second apparition, and for the third visit, the pastor, Fr. Humf, and his sister were present. The messages almost repeat those of Our Lady at Fatima in which she requests the recitation of the Rosary, devotion to the Holy Trinity and consecration to her Immaculate Heart. The Virgin also warned of future events. Her messages were lengthy, but here is a compilation of some of her wishes: I am the powerful Mediatrix of Graces. As the world can find mercy only through the sacrifice of the Son with the Father, so can you find favor with the Son through my intercession. Christ is unknown because I am not known. It is true that the world was consecrated to my Immaculate Heart, but this consecration has become a fearful responsibility for many men. I demand that

the world live the consecration.

I am the sign of the Living God. I place my Sign on the foreheads of my children (those who consecrate themselves to my Immaculate Heart). Lucifer will persecute the sign, but my sign will conquer.... Substitute my Immaculate Heart in place of your sinful hearts.... Fulfill my request so that Christ may reign as the King of Peace.

The world will have to drain the cup of wrath to the dregs because of the countless sins through which His Heart is offended. The devil of the infernal regions will rage more violently than ever and will cause frightful destruction because he knows that his time is short, and because he sees that already many have gathered around my sign. Over these he has no spiritual power, although he will kill the bodies of many; but through these sacrifices my power to lead the remnant host to victory will increase.

Pray, make sacrifices for sinners. Pray the Rosary. Pray not for external things—weightier things are at stake in these times. Expect no signs and wonders. I shall be active as the powerful Mediatrix in secret.

The devil will be possessed of such power that those who are not firmly established in me will be deceived.... You should establish everything in confidence to my Immaculate Heart. The devil has power over all people who do not trust in my heart.

In secret I shall work marvels in souls until the required number of victim souls will be filled. Upon you it depends to shorten the days of darkness. Bishops and priests should consecrate themselves to me.... Pray always. Pray the Rosary. Keep the Saturdays which have been dedicated to me.... If you consecrate yourselves without reserve, I shall take care of all the rest.... The Father pronounces a dreadful woe upon all who refuse to obey His Will.

A PRAYER GIVEN AT THE THIRD APPARITION

After the Blessed Mother stopped speaking, she was suddenly surrounded by an immense number of angels wearing long white garments. Kneeling on the earth they bowed deeply and recited a homage to the Holy Trinity. On its completion, the angel, who had been present during the first apparition, asked Barbara to repeat the prayer. Suspecting that a message, or a special prayer, would be given during this third apparition, Father Humf was prepared to write down what was said. Although he did not

know what was taking place during the vision, he wrote the following prayer as Barbara repeated it and as requested by the angel. In a soft, rhythmic voice, Barbara began:
Praise to You, eternal Ruler, living God, always Being, fearful and righteous
Judge, always kind and merciful Father. Your radiant Daughter will always
worship, praise, honor and obey you.

The Bishop of Augsburg, after reviewing all aspects of the apparitions, rendered a decision in March 2000, in which he declared that the faithful are free to conduct pilgrimages and services at the Marian Shrine.