

**Our Lady of America, The Immaculate Virgin, Patroness of our Land
and Sister Mary Ephrem ‘the little white dove’ the ‘sign of peace’**

*April 8, 2024 – Total Solar Eclipse
on the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord*



Map includes the steps of Sister Mary Ephrem/Mildred Marie Neuzil throughout her life (blue), plus Apparitions and mystical experiences she received (red), notably from:

Brooklyn, NY (born and Baptized); Cleveland, OH (raised and Confirmed); Dayton, OH (entered the convent); Cincinnati, OH (met spiritual director and later many Apparitions); Washington D.C. (early station); St. Louis, MO (stationed); Denver, CO (stationed); North Dakota (stationed); Ottawa, OH (mystical experiences of Our Lord and St. Michael); Phoenix, AZ (mystical experience of St. Gabriel); Rome City, IN (Initial Apparitions of Our Lady of America); Colledgeville, IN (Apparition); New Riegel, OH (mystical experiences of Our Lord, Our Lady, St. Joseph, St. Bernadette, Mother Brunner and later dispensation from the Order); Fostoria, OH (private life); and Carey, OH (funeral).

Our Lord Jesus said to Sister Mary Ephrem on July 1, 1955

Feast of the Most Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ:

“Thou thyself, shall be the sign, the sign I will give to the world.

A little, white dove, a sign of peace, yes, the reign of peace in the world.”



Link to view animation of eclipse path:
<https://c.tadst.com/gfx/eclipses2/20240408/anim2d-380.mp4>

Interestingly, the crossing of the two eclipses is in the vicinity of St. Louis. While stationed in St. Louis, Sister Mary Ephrem did not receive Apparitions, yet this was the recent diocese of Archbishop Raymond Burke (now Cardinal). It was Archbishop Burke who, on May 31, 2007 – *Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*, wrote to the Bishops of the United States in defense and promotion of Our Lady of America and Sister Mary Ephrem. Archbishop Burke included the following:

“A specific request of Our Lady of America was that her statue be placed in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. There is a providential connection between Sister Mary Ephrem and the late Archbishop Bishop John Francis Noll of the Diocese of Fort Wayne, who is celebrated as the Apostle of the National Shrine. The original apparitions of Our Lady of America to Sister Mary Ephrem took place in the chapel of the Precious Blood Sisters Convent in Kneipp Springs Sanitorium, near Rome City, Indiana. Archbishop Bishop Noll, who died in 1956, maintained a summer residence at the Sanitorium, within a few hundred feet of the place of the apparitions. While the National Shrine is the largest shrine in the world at which there was not a previous apparition, the private revelation to Sister Mary Ephrem very much confirms the mission of the National Shrine.”

Additionally, Archbishop Burke stated:

“The prayer attached to the devotion also received the imprimatur of the then Monsignor Leibold, Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Archbishop Leibold was Sister Mary Ephrem’s spiritual director from the time that he was Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati until he died in 1972. Archbishop Leibold was always clear that the approved devotion had its origin in private revelation received by Sister Mary Ephrem over many years. What can be concluded canonically is that the devotion was both approved by Archbishop Leibold and, what is more, was actively promoted by him. In addition, over the years, other Bishops have approved the devotion and have participated in public devotion to the Mother of God, under the title of Our Lady of America.”

*“As one deeply devoted to fostering the devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe in our nation, I have wondered about the relationship of the devotion to Our Lady of America to the devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe. Archbishop Leibold, in fact, raised the question with Sister Mary Ephrem. Sister Mary Ephrem responded that Our Lady of Guadalupe is Empress of all the Americas, whereas **“Our Lady of America, The Immaculate Virgin,”** is the Patroness of our nation, the United States of America. The two devotions are, in fact, completely harmonious. As our late and most beloved Pope John Paul II reminded us, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of America and Star of the New Evangelization, draws all of the nations of America into unity in carrying out the new evangelization. Our Lady of America calls the people of our nation to the new evangelization through a renewed dedication to purity in love.”*

***“The heavens are telling of the Glory of God;
and their expanse is Declaring the Work of His Hands.”*** Psalm 19:1

August 21, 2017 marks the most recent total solar eclipse across the United States of America. 33 days later, that is, September 23, 2017, the *Revelation 12* event took place as seen by all in the heavens. On November 20, 2016, *Feast of Christ the King* and last day of the *Year of Mercy*, an astronomical event began that lasted nine and a half months, culminating in startling concurrence with the vision of Revelation 12, an event unique in the history of man. On November 20, 2016, Jupiter (the king planet) entered into the body (womb) of the constellation Virgo (the virgin). Jupiter, due its retrograde motion, spent the next 9½ months within the womb of Virgo. Jupiter exited out of the womb of Virgo. Upon Jupiter’s exit (birth), having occurred on **September 23, 2017**, we see the constellation Virgo with the sun rise directly behind it (the woman clothed with the sun). At the feet of Virgo, we find the moon. Upon her head a crown of twelve stars, formed by the usual nine stars of the constellation Leo, and with the addition of the planets Mercury, Venus, and Mars.

The following are the steps of the life of Sister Mary Ephrem. Note: According to the letters of Sister Mary Ephrem and her spiritual director, Archbishop Paul F. Leibold, dates are generally accurate, yet locations where Sister Mary Ephrem was stationed are approximate with each instance.

1. August 2, 1916 - *Feast of Our Lady, Queen of the Angels* - Sister Mary Ephrem/Mildred Marie Neuzil was born in Brooklyn, NY, and Baptized at Holy Trinity Catholic Church {Diocese of Brooklyn}. That same year the addition of the chapel was built at the convent of the Sisters of Precious Blood in Rome City, Indiana, place of the beginning of the Apparitions of Our Lady of America.
2. December 9 - *Anniversary of the first Apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe and Feast of St. Juan Diego* - Mildred Marie Neuzil received the Sacrament of Confirmation while being raised in Cleveland, Ohio. {Diocese of Cleveland}
3. September 12, 1930 – *Feast of the Most Holy Name of Mary* – Mildred Marie entered the Convent of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Precious Blood in Dayton, Ohio, at the age of fourteen, taking the name Sister Mary Ephrem. {Archdiocese of Cincinnati}
4. August 15, 1933 – *Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary* – Sister Mary Ephrem took first vows, and final vows also on August 15, 1939 in Dayton, Ohio. {Archdiocese of Cincinnati}
5. 1933 – same year as first vows, Sister Mary Ephrem was sent to Washington D.C. {Archdiocese of Washington} From Sister to Archbishop Leibold (Letter 1.20.59) “I hope you enjoyed your stay in Wash. D.C. I’m sure the Shrine is everything they say it is. I was stationed in Wash. my first five years as a professed Religious. We often went to the Shrine for Mass and Benediction.” After her earliest years with the Sisters of Precious Blood, Sister was moved many times around the country to the congregation’s different convents.
6. 1937 Sister was sent to the Chancery in Cincinnati, Ohio, and there God gave her a holy Priest and later Archbishop, Rev. Paul Francis Leibold. Sister entrusted her mystical experiences to him until his death June 1, 1972. He had the Our Lady of America medal struck, provided the Imprimatur for prayers and Sister’s diary, and had the first images of Our Lady of America statue fashioned, based on Sister’s drawings. {Archdiocese of Cincinnati}
7. 1947 – Sister was assigned to Kneipp Springs Sanitarium in Rome City, Indiana. This was 100 years after Pope Pius IX proclaimed Our Lady ‘Patroness of the United States’ and 9 years before the Apparitions of Our Lady of America. {Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend}
8. 1948 – Sister assigned to Missouri {possibly Archdiocese of St. Louis} then to Denver {Archdiocese of Denver}
9. 1949 – Sister assigned to North Dakota {Diocese uncertain}
10. 1950 – Sister assigned to St. Mark’s in Cincinnati, Ohio.
11. 1953 - 1955 - Sister assigned to Ottawa, Ohio – From a Feb. 20, 1954 letter of Sister Mary Ephrem to her confessor, Rev. Leibold, quoting a **Message from Our Lord Jesus**, Who gave Sister the name, “**little white dove**”: “*My Heart is a refuge for all sinners. If only they would come to me, I would enclose them in My Heart... My little, white dove, tell your spiritual Father, him whom I have placed over you to guide and direct you, tell him that My Heart is pleased with his efforts to make Me loved... I seek always the humble and lowly of heart and since I have found two such, so I have entrusted to them a great Mission... You are poor instruments in My hands, but through you a Great Work will be accomplished. I am the Great Sculptor of souls... Be pliant in My Hands, oh My two lowly ones, My chosen Priest and My little, white dove, and then will you be formed into My Likeness and through you I will be formed in souls.*” {Diocese of Toledo}
12. 1954 – Ottawa, Ohio - **St. Michael Appeared** to Sister Mary Ephrem: “*...Then you will accept the palm and the sword. With it (the sword) the saints conquered themselves, the world and the devil. I am the Angel of Peace ...I do not always come in the armor of war. Sometimes I come in the garments of peace.*”

He called me *“little maid” and “little Joan”*. He told me the “Big Maid” the “Big Joan” [St. Joan of Arc], as he called her had a great battle to fight, but though it was very great, that which I must fight is yet greater as it is mainly against the powers of evil and besides the forces against all good are much greater now than they were then. {Diocese of Toledo} Sister wrote in April 1956 that St. Michael “has come to me many times since that day when he told me that our Lord had sent him to protect me against the powers of evil...”

13. July 1, 1955 New Riegel, OH - **Our Lord Jesus** said to Sister: *“Ask Me not for a Sign. Wouldst thou be as the Scribes and Pharisees or even as My Apostles, always seeking Signs? What I ask of thee is Faith, that deep, strong Faith that seeks no Signs but only Believes. **Thou thyself, shall be the Sign, the Sign I will give to the world. A little, white dove, a Sign of Peace, yes, the Reign of Peace in the world.**”* {Diocese of Toledo}
14. November 20, 1955 *Eve of the Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin* - Phoenix, Arizona – Sister experiences mystically the presence of St. Gabriel - *“**I am the Angel Gabriel.** I have come to tell you that Our Lord is pleased with your effort to do good. He asks that you go to His Mother and learn great purity of heart.”* Sister remained in Phoenix at least until April 1956. {Diocese of Phoenix}
15. July – August 1956 New Riegel, Ohio (not yet a Cloister) where **Sister sees Our Lord more than once.** “The other morning I was very weary and my head ached. After Communion Jesus took me in His arms and told me to rest on His breast and listen to the beatings of His Heart. O Father, the love of Jesus for us! He sympathizes with all our sorrows and smiles with us in our joys. We mean so much to each other, Jesus and I. And oh Father, how much He loves you. I know, because whenever I speak to Him of you He smiles.” As well as this encounter with Jesus, *“So I come with My Cross and My Crown (of thorns.) Will you accept Me, My spouse?”* You know the only answer I could give, Father. Who can refuse Jesus anything? During the night I awoke and Jesus said to me, and He said it with a profound emphasis, *“I have placed you upon the altar of sacrifice.”* “June 4th, anniversary of my perpetual union with Jesus, He asked me again, *“Bride of My Heart, do you still wish to suffer all things to give me to souls?”* I answered, *“Yes, yes, dear Lord, I am poor and wretched and unworthy but you know what is in my heart.”* Then He said, *“My little, white dove, will you then continue to wear the crown of thorns and permit yourself to be nailed to the Cross?”* I told Him in the best way I could how much I desired Him to do with me just as He desired. So in this way are my desires wholly united to His. *“I will be with you wherever you are, spouse of My Heart. You have nothing to fear.”* ... *“My Heart speaks to the humble. It is they who hear My Voice. “Be humble, My children, be humble and pure of heart. Then will I come and dwell with you.” “My little, white dove, how humility and simplicity are despised by the proud of this world. Oh what a loss they suffer. For despising the humble they despise Me and someday I, the humble Christ will judge them.” “By My humility and simplicity of Heart I glorified My Father more than all the Angels and Saints together. So it is that the humble soul glorifies God more than all the great of the world.”* (Letter 8.16.56) {Diocese of Toledo}
16. September 25, 1956 - *Eve of the Feast of the North American Martyrs* – Sister Mary Ephrem saw with certainty the lower half of **Our Lady of Lourdes** in the convent of the Sisters of Precious Blood in Rome City, Indiana. The waters at the convent were utilized by the Sisters of the Precious Blood for healing of the sick in the Sanitarium. Sister worked in the kitchen and taught kindergarten at nearby school in Ligonier. {Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend}
17. September 26 and 27, 1956 - *Feast of the North American Martyrs* - **Our Lady of America, The Immaculate Virgin, Patroness of the United States** first Appeared to Sister Mary Ephrem in the Sisters’ chapel in Rome City, Indiana. *“I am Our Lady of America, I desire that My children honor Me especially by the purity of their lives.” “My child, I entrust you with the message that you must make known to My children in America. I wish it to be the country dedicated to My Purity. The Wonders I will Work will be the wonders of the soul. They must have faith and believe firmly in My Love for them. I Desire that they be the children of My Pure Heart. I Desire, through My children of America, to further the cause of faith and purity among peoples and Nations. Let them come to Me with confidence and*

simplicity, and I, their Mother, will Teach them to become pure Like to My Heart that their own hearts may be more pleasing to the Heart of My Son.” “I Come to you, oh children of America, as a Last Resort. I Plead with you to listen to My Voice. Cleanse your souls in the Precious Blood of My Son. Live in His Heart, and take Me in that I may Teach you to live in great purity of heart which is so pleasing to God. Be My army of chaste soldiers, ready to fight to the death to preserve the purity of your souls. I am the Immaculate One, Patroness of your Land. Be My faithful children as I have been your Faithful Mother.” (Letter 2/20/60, plus additional references – combined quotes from Our Lady of America) {Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend}

18. October 13, 1956 - **Our Lady of America** Appeared a third time in Rome City, Indiana – anniversary of Apparition and Miracle of the Sun by Our Lady of Fatima. {Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend}
19. November 15, 1956 - **Our Lady of America** Appeared, dictating a prayer and requesting the procession of the statue of Our Lady of America, the Immaculate Virgin, Patroness of the United States in the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington D.C. (possibly) at St. Joseph College in Collegeville, Indiana. {Diocese of Lafayette}
20. December 1956 - **Our Lady of The Precious Blood** Appeared (possibly) while assigned to the Cincinnati Chancery. Sister belonged to the Order of Sisters of the Precious Blood. {Archdiocese of Cincinnati}
21. March 1957 **Our Lady of Perpetual Help** Appeared to Sister while at the Chancery in Cincinnati, Ohio. *“I am Our Lady of Perpetual Help. I will Help you Always.”* {Archdiocese of Cincinnati}
22. April 1957 - **Our Lady of Grace** Appeared while at the Chancery in Cincinnati. Our Lady showed Graces that souls received through the devout use of the holy instruments of Mary, the rosary and scapular. {Archdiocese of Cincinnati}
23. April 1957 - **Our Lady, Mother of Sorrows** Appeared while at the Chancery in Cincinnati. *“I am indeed the Mother of Sorrows, and it is My children who pierce My Heart. Their lives are filled with vanity and selfishness. They love My Son with their lips but not in their hearts. They refuse to follow Me and My Son along the Way of the Cross, because they have no love. Love gives, love does not count the cost... Oh My children, give Me your hearts, emptied of all self-seeking and sinful pleasures, and I will fill it with Divine Love. I will give you Jesus, to hold in your hearts. He will fill it and then, Jesus will Live in you and Work through you for the Glory of His Father. Oh My children turn your Mother’s Sorrow into Joy. Take the Sword out of My Wounded Heart by doing what I Ask. I Seek only the Glory of My Son and your greater good. Listen to your Mother’s Voice and be the Consolation of My Immaculate Heart.”* {Archdiocese of Cincinnati}
24. April 1957 - **Our Lady of Mount Carmel** Appeared while at the Chancery in Cincinnati. “Shortly after this I saw Her as *Our Lady of Mount Carmel*. She was holding the Divine Child and both He and His Mother were Wearing a Crown. She was Aiding the souls in Purgatory, especially those who had been faithful in the wearing of Her scapular. At another time, Father, Our Lady presented me with the Lily She was holding, and said to me, *“Take it and cherish it. It is the Sign with which I Mark My children.”* {Archdiocese of Cincinnati}
25. April 25, 1957 - **Our Lady of America** Appeared again while at the Chancery in Cincinnati. (Above several instances referenced in letter dated 4.25.57) {Archdiocese of Cincinnati}
26. May 5, 1957 – Divine Mercy Sunday - **Our Lady, Mother of Mercy** Appeared while at the Chancery in Cincinnati. {Archdiocese of Cincinnati} Our Lady, *“Daughter of my Immaculate Heart, be my faithful messenger. Through your spiritual Father, let my children know of my love and what I desire of them.” “I am the Mother of Mercy. Under My Mantle I will hide My children. The Justice of God will not reach them if they seek Refuge ‘neath the Protection of My Mercy. My Son gives to Me all those souls who come to Me with Confidence, calling upon My Aid. Their Salvation is in My Hands. I will Obtain*

for them the Necessary Graces to Save their souls. Come to Me, poor, suffering and frightened ones. I am your Mother. I will not forsake you. Only come to Me with a wholehearted and loving trust. Place your souls into My Keeping. I am that Faithful Mother who never forsakes her children. Honor Me by your confidence and love. This I Desire and ask of you My poor children. Do not deny the Wishes of your Mother.” (Letter 5.5.57)

27. May 8, 1957 St. Michael came to Sister Mary Ephrem: ***“Write! I am Michael, Angel Captain of the Lord God of Hosts. I come to Announce the Coming of the Kingdom, the Kingdom of Peace. The time is at hand. Repent, bestir yourselves, oh sons of men, repent and make ready your hearts that the King may establish His Kingdom within you. Do not delay or the time of Grace will pass and with it the peace you seek. Behold, the Queen of Angels and of men comes before hand to make all things ready for her King-Son. My little sister, the Message is a clear one, there is no doubt. Make it known, do not hesitate. I, Michael, have spoken.”*** (notes 2/2/60) {Archdiocese of Cincinnati}
28. May 31, 1957 - *Feast of the Queenship of Mary - Our Lady, The Queen of Heaven* Appeared while at the Chancery in Cincinnati. {Archdiocese of Cincinnati} ***“I am the Queen of Heaven. These Jewels are the Graces with which I Adorn My subjects. My Son Wills that all Grace should come through Me as through a Living Channel. Come to Me, loyal subjects, loving children, that I may Clothe you with the Graces which will enable you to appear more fittingly before My King-Son. Come and receive the Gems of Eternal Life.”*** ***“My sweet child, I am indeed a Queen. I can obtain All things for My subjects, as My Intercession is All-Powerful with God. If only they had more confidence in My Power and in the Great Desire I have to Help them.”*** (Letter 5.31.57)
29. August 22, 1957 – (Eve) *Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary - Our Lady of America* Appeared while at the Chancery in Cincinnati. {Archdiocese of Cincinnati} ***“...I wish to gather about me, my tender child, soldier and valiant bearer of the torch, an army of brave lovers, who as my torch -bearers will re - kindle the fire of Divine Love in the souls of men. Only those who are strong in love can become my soldiers, to bear aloft, not the sword of destruction, but the sword of fire, the flaming Torch of Divine Charity...Go to the Bishop. Tell him of the desires of my Heart. He will help you.”*** (Letter 8.22.57)
30. September 26, 1957 - while at the Chancery in Cincinnati - 1 year anniversary of Our Lady of America’s first Apparition September 26-27, 1957 - Our Lady to Priests ***“My dear daughter, sweet child, write my words carefully because they are of the utmost importance. I address them to my beloved Sons, the priests, dedicated to the most intense and extraordinary imitation of my Son in the perfect carrying on of His Eternal Priesthood. Beloved sons, so cherished and greatly blessed above the sons of men, be careful to uphold the sanctity and dignity of your calling. Let the Faithful see in you the favored and specially loved imitators of the Son of God...”*** (Letter 9.26.57){Archdiocese of Cincinnati}
31. While at the Chancery in Cincinnati *On the evening of the feast of the Most Holy Rosary*, Our Lady showed herself to me... ***“My beloved daughter, what I am about to tell you concerns in a particular way my children in America. Unless they do penance by mortification and self-denial and thus reform their lives, God will visit them with punishments hitherto unknown to them. My child, there will be peace, as has been promised, but not until my children are purified and cleansed from defilement, and, clothed thus with the white garment of grace, are made ready to receive this peace, so long promised and so long held back because of the sins of men.”*** ***“My dear children, either you will do as I desire and reform your lives or God Himself will need to cleanse you in the fires of untold punishment. You must be prepared to receive His great gift of peace. If you will not prepare yourselves, God will Himself be forced to do so in His justice and mercy. Making the rosary a family prayer is very pleasing to me. I ask that all families strive to do so. But be careful to say it with great devotion, meditating on each mystery and striving to imitate, in your daily lives, the virtues depicted there. Live the mysteries of the rosary as I lived them and it will become a chain binding you to me forever. They who are found in the circle of my rosary will never be lost. I myself will lead them at death, to the throne of my Son, to be eternally united with Him..”*** (Letter 10.7.57) {Archdiocese of Cincinnati}

32. November 22 and 23, 1957 - **Our Lady of the Divine Indwelling** Appeared while at the Chancery in Cincinnati. ***“I am Our Lady of the Divine Indwelling, handmaid of Him Who dwells within.”*** (Letter 11.23.57) {Archdiocese of Cincinnati}
33. December 1957 – Letter of Sister to Archbishop Leibold, “As you know, Father, **when Our Lady came on Sept. 26 and spoke of herself as Our Lady of America, she did so in response to the love and desire that had reached out for this in the hearts of her children in America. It was a sign of her pleasure at the confidence Our Land place in her and as a reward for their staunch yet childlike devotion to her.** They longed for this personal visit from Our Lady whether consciously or otherwise and in her kindness and mercy she responded far beyond all expectations. Oh how they will love her, Father, once they know of this, her special sign of love for them. Yet though she came in this manner as a token of her love for us **Our Lady of America nevertheless welcomes her children of all Nations to her feet for there will be found true peace.**” (Letter 12.2.57) {Archdiocese of Cincinnati}
34. Sister wrote of Our Lady to Archbishop Leibold: ***“She encourages me to a deeper charity, obedience and patience. She seems to be concerning herself in a special manner to my growth in virtue, a hidden life of perfect conformity to the Divine Will.”*** (Letter 1.6.58) {Archdiocese of Cincinnati}
35. March 19, 1958 – Sister lived in the cloistered Convent of the Sisters of the Precious Blood in New Riegel, Ohio: ***“I saw the Holy Spirit in the form of a Dove hovering above his (St. Joseph’s) head. Standing sideways, facing each other, were two Angels,*** one on the right, the other on the left. Each carried what appeared to be a small pillow in a satin covering, the pillow on the right bearing a gold crown, the one on the left, a gold scepter. The Angels were all white, even their faces and hair. It was a beautiful whiteness that reminded me of the stainlessness of Heaven. Then I heard these words (referring to St. Joseph): ***“Thus should he be honored whom the King desires to honor.”*** {Diocese of Toledo}
36. April 12, 1958 - **Our Lady, The Immaculate Conception and St. Bernadette Appeared** to Sister at the cloistered Convent of the Sisters of the Precious Blood in New Riegel, Ohio. “I had another of those “experiences” of which you have already heard, Father, many times. Though I had not at that time been thinking of Her, She suddenly appeared at my side. This person was none other than St. Bernadette. She did not come as a Sister but as the little peasant girl who saw “The Lady”. I was transported, somehow, with her, to the Lourdes Grotto in France. We stood a short distance away from it looking up into the niche which was filled with Light. In the midst of this brilliant Light I saw “The Lady” (the Immaculate Conception), so Beautiful, so Glowing, as it were, in Light that I could scarcely see the outline of Her figure. It was Brighter than any light I have ever seen. It was a Light All-Heavenly and Full of Glory. I was transfixed. Then suddenly the figure of Our Lady seemed to dissolve in the Light but the Brilliant Light itself remained.” (Letter 4.12.58) {Diocese of Toledo}
37. March 30, 1958 - **Our Lady of the Holy Family, with Young Jesus and St. Joseph** Appeared at the cloistered Convent n New Riegel, Ohio. ***“As St. Joseph Promised, Jesus and Mary also came,*** Jesus had the Appearance of a boy of about fifteen or sixteen years old. It was about the Sanctification of the family and some other matters...” St. Joseph: ***“I am the Protector of the Church and the home...Let my children honor my Most Pure Heart in a special manner on the First Wednesday of the month by reciting the Joyful Mysteries of the rosary in memory of my life with Jesus and Mary and the Love I bore them, the Sorrow I Suffered with them. Let them receive Holy Communion in union with the love with which I received the Savior for the first time and each time I held Him in my arms. Those who honor me in this way will be consoled by my Presence at their death, and I myself will conduct them Safely into the Presence of Jesus and Mary.”*** (Letter 4.15.58) {Diocese of Toledo}
38. June 26, 1958 – **Mother Brunner**, Foundress of the Sisters of the Precious Blood Appeared to Sister, **along with several original Sisters of the Order**, while at the cloistered Convent in New Riegel, Ohio. ***“You are their crown*** (first Sisters of the Order). ***In you they will be glorified.”*** ***“You are my beloved daughter, my glory and my crown. It is not necessary that I be glorified on earth. It is enough that I am***

glorified in you, my daughter... Long have I prayed both on earth and in Heaven that God would Mark the Community, that through me, so humble an instrument He brought into being, with a very special mission and Grace. My desires have been realized in you, cherished daughter. Truly you are after my own heart. These, my daughters, who dwell with me in the Bosom of God, rejoice with me and give praise to the Most High for the Glory that will come to the Most Precious Blood of Jesus Christ through you, beloved and privileged daughter... The mother is honored in the daughter... I place the Mantle of my spirit upon you. Spread it over the Community... it must prepare itself for the abundance of Graces God is about to Shower upon it..." (Letter 5.15.59 and Notes dated 2.2.60) From 1958 – 1979 or 1980 Sister Mary Ephrem lived in the Sisters of Precious Blood Cloistered Convent in New Riegel, Ohio. {Diocese of Toledo}

39. June 1959 at the cloistered Convent in New Riegel, Ohio Sister wrote to Archbishop Leibold: "Our Lady, it is true, asks all of America to be the first to take up the cause of renewal, but **it is the United States that is to lead the world in this**. So Our Lady has stated and made known to me. Therefore **it is for the United States to humbly accept Mary's choice and to do all that it can to fulfill its mission among the peoples of the earth**. (Letter 6.22.59) {Diocese of Toledo}
40. June 27, 1981 - *Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help* – Sister Mary Ephrem received dispensation from the Order of the Sisters of Precious Blood to begin a private, consecrated life of suffering and devotion, promoting Our Lady of America and Her Messages, living out her years in Fostoria, Ohio. {Diocese of Toledo}
41. January 10, 2000 - *Baptism of the Lord, Feast of the Holy Family* – Sister Mary Ephrem/Mildred Marie Neuzil entered Eternity. The funeral Mass was offered by Sister's nephew, Reverend Gregory Neuzil at the Basilica of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey, Ohio. Her body rests in the mausoleum of St. Wendelin Catholic cemetery in Fostoria, Ohio. {Diocese of Toledo}

May it be that the US Bishops fulfill the Request of Our Lady, that is, by processing a simple statue of Our Lady of America, The Immaculate Virgin, Patroness of our Land, into the National Shrine and honoring Her there. Further, with the Holy Church, may the people, families in particular, live their lives in prayer and imitation of the Holy Family, thus accepting this Mandate from Heaven to bring peace to the world. Our Lord will Grant this nation and all the world the Blessing of Peace and the many Promised Miracles through the intercession of Our Lady and Sister Mary Ephrem, the "little white dove."

Prayer to Our Lady of America, Patroness of our Land

Oh Immaculate Mother, Queen of our country, open our hearts, our homes, and our land to the coming of Jesus, Your Divine Son. With Him, Reign over us, O Heavenly Lady, so Pure and so Bright with the Radiance of God's Light Shining in and about you.

Be our Leader against the powers of evil set upon wresting the world of souls, Redeemed at such a Great Cost by the Sufferings of Your Son and of Yourself, in Union with Him, from that same Savior, Who Loves us with Infinite Charity.

We gather about You, O Chaste and Holy Mother, Virgin Immaculate, Patroness of our beloved land, determined to fight under Your Banner of holy purity against the wickedness that would make all the world an abyss of evil, without God and without Your Loving Maternal Care.

We consecrate our hearts, our homes, our land to Your Most Pure Heart, O Great Queen, that the Kingdom of Your Son, our Redeemer and our God, may be firmly established in us.

We ask no Special Sign of You, Sweet Mother, for we believe in Your Great Love for us, and we place in You our entire confidence. We promise to honor You by faith, love, and the purity of our lives according to Your Desire.

Reign over us, then, O Virgin Immaculate, with Your Son Jesus Christ.
May His Divine Heart and Your Most Chaste Heart be ever Enthroned and Glorified among us.

Use us, Your children of America, as Your instruments of peace among men and nations.
Work Your Miracles of Grace in us, so that we may be a glory to the Blessed Trinity,
Who Created, Redeemed, and Sanctifies us.

May Your Valiant Spouse, St. Joseph, with the Holy Angels and Saints, assist you and us
in “Renewing the face of the earth.” Then when our work is over, Come, Holy Immaculate Mother,
and as our Victorious Queen, Lead us to the Eternal Kingdom,
where Your Son Reigns Forever as King. Amen (200 days)

Written at the Behest of Our Lady, October 5, 1956

by Sister Mary Ephrem

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Prayer to the Indwelling Most Holy Trinity

O my Love, my only Good, Most Holy Trinity, I adore You, hidden in the depths of my soul.
To You, to Your Honor and Glory, I dedicate my life. May every thought, word and deed of mine
be an act of adoration and praise directed towards Your Divine Majesty Enthroned in my heart.

O Father, Infinite Goodness, behold Your child, clothed in the likeness of Your Son.
Extend to me Your Arms that I may belong to You forever.

O Son, Divine Lord, made man, crucify me with Yourself that I may become, in union with You,
a sacrifice of praise for the Glory of Your Father.

O Holy Spirit, Fire of Everlasting Love, Consume me on the Altar of Divine Charity,
that at the end of life, nothing may remain but that which bears the likeness of Christ.

O Blessed Trinity, Worthy of all adoration, I wish to remain in spirit on my knees,
to acknowledge forever Your Reign in me and over me, to Your Everlasting Glory.

Through the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Pure Heart of Saint Joseph,
I consecrate my life to Your Adoration and Glory. At the moment of death, receive me,
O my Triune Love, that I may continue my adoration of love through all Eternity. Amen. (200 days)

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Prayer to the Mother of Mercy

Oh Holy Virgin, Mother of Mercy, look down in Compassion upon your poor, frightened, children.
We come to you, with fullest confidence, oh Refuge of the afflicted and distressed.
Where shall we fly, or to whom shall we go but to you, oh Mother of Mercy? Our cause is in your hands.
Cover us then, we beseech you, with the Saving Mantle of your tender Compassion.
Hide us, under your Cloak of Loving Care and Pity, from the Just Punishments of an angry God.
Shield us from the chastisements, which we, by our many sins and transgressions,
have justly drawn upon ourselves. Be to us, oh Comforter of the lonely and the sorrowful,
a Mother of Mercy, never leaving us either in life or in death.
Under the Mantle of your Protecting Mercy, oh Loving Mother,
lead us to the feet of your All-Merciful Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, to remain there forever. Amen.

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“By Thy Holy and Immaculate Conception O Mary, deliver us from evil.”