

OUR LADY OF AMERICA – PURITY FOR THE YOUTH

“Our Lady’s first Visit was at Rome City, Indiana. She Appeared in the Sister’s Chapel on the right, by the steps that lead from there to the public Chapel. Our Lady Appeared saying,

“I am Our Lady of America,

I desire that My children honor Me especially by the purity of their lives.”

(Letter from Sister Mary Ephrem to Sister Charmaine Grilliot, C.P.P.S – Superior General 2.17.75)

“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 Sister Mary Ephrem to Archbishop Leibold 2.20.60)

Further accounts from the letters of Sister Mary Ephrem to Archbishop Leibold – **“Our Lady made known to me that she is particularly interested in the youth of our nation. It is they who are to be the leaders of this movement of renewal on the face of the earth. Their ranks will be swelled by the youths of other nations whom Our Lady also calls to help in the accomplishment of this great renewal.**

But the youth must be prepared, and this must be done by instilling into them, not only the knowledge of the Divine Indwelling, but a serious study of It, living It in such a way that the Divine Presence becomes, as it were, an intimate and necessary part of their life and daily living. From this will flow a great love, a conflagration that will envelop the world in the flames of Divine Charity. This is what Our Lady is working for, because this is the great desire of her Divine Son, and it is to the **youth of America** that she is holding out this challenge. A medal which Our Lady asked to be made is to be their shield against evil, the picture or statue of Our Lady, the protection of the home, the statue at the Shrine in Washington, D.C., a special safeguard for our country.

America, the United States in particular, is being given the tremendous, yet privileged, opportunity to lead all nations in a spiritual renewal never before so necessary, so important, so vital.

St. Michael came to me one evening shortly after Our Lady's visit, holding an immense flaming torch. He held it towards me saying: ***“My little sister, you must carry this torch through the world.”***

He came again the next night in the same manner. The next day I was interiorly enlightened during Mass. It was made known to me that those, **particularly the youth**, who are willing wholeheartedly to follow Our Lady in her great battle against evil would bear the special title of **“Torchbearers of the Queen.”**

St. Joseph to Sister Mary Ephrem: On March 11, 1958, Our Lady said to me: ***“St. Joseph will come on the eve of his feast. Prepare yourself well. There will be a special message. My holy spouse has an important part to play in bringing peace to the world.”***

St. Joseph came as was Promised, and these are the words he spoke at this time:

“Kneel down, my daughter, for what you will hear and what you will write will bring countless souls to a new way of life.” ***“Through you, small one, the Trinity desires to make known to souls Its desire to be adored,***

honored, and loved within the kingdom, the interior kingdom of their hearts.” “I bring to souls **the purity of my life and the obedience that crowned it.**”

“Let fathers also imitate **my great purity of life** and the deep respect I held for my Immaculate Spouse. Let them be an example to their children and fellowmen, never willfully doing anything that would cause scandal among God's people.”

“Fatherhood is from God, and it must take once again its rightful place among men.”

St. Gabriel to Sister Mary Ephrem, Nov. 20, 1955: “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 Mary Ephrem regarding the **medal**: “In regard to the **medal** that Our Lady requested to be made, I was told that as long as it bore the form of a shield, the medal itself could be of any shape desired. Around the image of Our Lady, as She Appeared September 26, 1956, these words are to be engraved: “**By thy Holy and Immaculate Conception, O Mary, deliver us from evil.**” Those who wear the **medal** with great faith and fervent devotion to Our Lady will receive the Grace of **intense purity of heart** and the particular love of the Holy Virgin and Her Divine Son. Sinners will receive the Grace of repentance and the spiritual strength to live as true children of Mary. As in life, so in death, this **blessed medal** will be as a shield to protect them against the evil spirits, and St. Michael himself will be at their side to allay their fears at the final hour.”

Sunday October 1, 2023 - Malvern Retreat House – A special day with Mrs. Antonia Acutis, mother of **Blessed Carlo Acutis**, whose Canonization is scheduled at the Vatican for April 27, 2025. Mrs. Acutis spoke to the crowd about her son’s life. Mrs. Acutis shared that her son, born in 1991, received his First Holy Communion at age seven. From that time, he received **Holy Communion daily**. He was truly gifted, having an extraordinary memory, noted Mrs. Acutis. “He committed the Bible and the Catechism of the Catholic Church to memory.”

Carlo used to say that ‘it must have been difficult to be alive during Jesus’ time’. People would have had to travel great distances to try and see Him. But Carlo observed that today, **‘we have Christ with us every day in the Eucharist’**. **Blessed Carlo’s love for the Eucharist inspired him to create a website dedicated to Eucharistic Miracles.**

Malvern Retreat Center house’s a Blessed Carol Acutis Shrine and Center for Eucharistic Encounter, aided by frequent retreat director **Fr. James Blount, SOLT**. In August, Fr. Blount gave a special blessing and celebrated a **Youth Mass** at the Shrine. It was just a few years earlier when **Fr. Blount had a vision of Blessed Carlo while in St. Joseph’s Hall Chapel at Malvern Retreat House**. [It has been heard by many that Blessed Carlo will be a great intercessor for the sanctification of the youth.]

Canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis – April 27, 2025 – 2nd Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday

- Pope Francis announced that **Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati**, two young Catholics beloved for their vibrant faith and witness to holiness, will be canonized during two major jubilee celebrations dedicated to **young people**. The surprise announcement came at the conclusion of the pope’s weekly general audience in St. Peter’s Square as Francis celebrated **World Children’s Day**.

Vatican spokesman Matteo Bruni later confirmed that Acutis’ canonization will occur during the Church’s **Jubilee of Teenagers** taking place April 25–27, 2025, and Frassati’s canonization will take place during the **Jubilee of Youth** from July 28–Aug. 3, 2025. According to the Diocese of Assisi, Acutis’ canonization Mass is expected to take place on **Sunday, April 27, at 10:30 a.m. local time in St. Peter’s Square.**

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