

1. A long time ago...

In a small village in France, Fain-les-Moutiers, a small girl was crying. Her name was Catherine. Her mother had just died. Catherine stood on a chair to kiss the statue of the Blessed Virgin and said: « Now, you will be my mummy ». At the age of 12, Catherine received first communion. With her sister Tonine, she looked after the house and the farm. Every morning, she prayed in the church. At the age of 18, Catherine dreamt one night that during mass the priest called to her. She understood that it was God calling her.

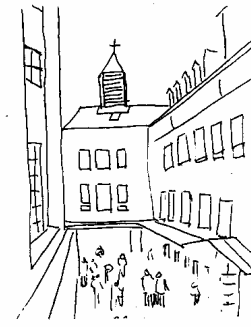
announced a difficult mission to Catherine and told her:
« Come to the foot of this altar. There graces will be poured out on all those who ask for them with confidence and fervour. They will be poured out on the great and the humble ».

Blessed Virgin

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At 24, Catherine arrived in Paris at the Daughters of Charity. During the night of the 18th and 19th July 1830, she was awakened in her room by a child, glowing with a brilliant light, her guardian angel, who said to her: « Come to the chapel. The Blessed Virgin is waiting for you ».

Catherine got up, and followed the child to the brightly lit chapel and knelt down at the altar steps. Suddenly, a lady of great beauty came to sit in front of her. It was the Blessed Virgin: for two hours she spoke and listened to Catherine with great kindness.

2. One Summer Night

4. 27th November 1830

Catherine was praying in the Chapel. Suddenly she saw the Mother of Jesus, dressed in a white silk dress, standing on a half globe. Her feet were crushing a snake, symbol of the devil.

The Blessed Virgin was holding a globe topped by a cross. Catherine heard :

« **This globe that you see represents the entire world, particularly France ... and each person in particular** ».

Then the globe disappeared, and from the hands of the Blessed Virgin came rays of light that fell on earth.

« **Those rays that you see are the graces which I pour out on those who ask me for them** ».



The people I love : ☆



5. Around the Blessed Virgin, there then formed an oval, in the shape of a medal, around which the following words were inscribed in gold: O Mary...

Catherine heard :

« **Have a medal struck on this model. The persons who wear it will receive great graces; the graces will be inexhaustible for those who have confidence** ».

Then the medal turned around and Catherine saw the letter M topped by a cross, and the Heart of Jesus surrounded by thorns next to the Heart of Mary which was pierced with a sword. Flames of love came out of the two Hearts. Twelve stars represented the Apostles. And then, everything disappeared....



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In December

The Blessed Virgin appeared one last time to Catherine to encourage her in her mission.

In 1832, the medal was struck. It was then distributed and a lot of miracles happened.

The people of Paris called the medal :

the Miraculous Medal .

Very quickly, it made its way around the world.

Thank you

Blessed Virgin !

My prayer : ☆

O Mary,

my Mummy in Heaven

