

PHILIPPINE APPARITION

On September 12, 1948, Sunday, the Feast of the Holy Name of Mary, at about five o'clock in the afternoon, Teresita, a Carmelite Postulant who was taking a walk in the garden, suddenly remarked that a vine shook, and as there was no wind at all, it attracted her attention. She approached and she heard a voice that said: "Fear not, my child. Kiss the ground. Whatever I shall tell you to do, you must do. For fifteen consecutive days come to visit Me here in this spot. Eat some grass, my child." The sister did not see anyone. She only heard the voice.

Next day, Monday, September 13, at five o'clock in the afternoon, Teresita returned to the place. She knelt and recited the Hail Mary. She had recited only the words "full of grace" when she remarked that the vine was moving,

and lo, and behold, she saw a beautiful lady with hands clasped on her breast, a golden rosary hanging in her right hand. Her dress was pure white, simple, held at the waist by a narrow cloth belt. Her feet were bare and resting on clouds which were about two feet from the ground. Her face, of indescribable beauty, was radiant. She was smiling. "Be faithful to come here, be it rain or sunshine, She said to Teresita. Then Teresita asked her: "Beautiful Lady, who are you?" "I am thy Mother, My little one." And having said this she vanished.

On Tuesday, September 14, at the same hour, Teresita went to the same spot. The Lady was already there waiting for her. Her arms were extended forward as if wishing to enfold Her little one in a tender maternal embrace.

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"I wish this spot to be blessed tomorrow," She said. "At what time, Mother?" asked Teresita. "Any time your Mother Prioress wants, My child. I forbid you to forget the incidents of those fifteen days." Then blessing the sister, She vanished.

The blessing of the nook in the garden was at three o'clock in the afternoon the next day. Carmel's Chaplain, His Excellency Bishop Alfredo Ma. Obviar, wearing rochette and stole, entered the enclosure and the Community followed him to the spot. The Lady, visible only to Teresita, appeared with Her arms extended. As soon as Teresita knelt before Her, She said: "My child, kiss the ground and eat a little grass. Take a piece of paper and pencil and write down what I shall tell you for the Community." The following is Her message.

"My daughters: I ask you, first to believe in Me and keep this a deep secret among yourselves for the time being. Second, love one another as true sisters. And third, come often to visit Me. Make this a sacred place and respect it. Gather the petals my children. I bless you all."

Then the lady vanished and in the place of the apparition there were rose petals scattered. The Chaplain proceeded with the blessing of the place, after which he gave a short talk to the Community, emphasizing the Lady's message.

At five o'clock in the afternoon the same day, Teresita went back to the spot, and as on the preceding days the apparition was waiting for her. "I shall ask something from Carmel. I want a statue of Mine to be placed here. Clear this part of your garden so that it will be a real place of prayer. You need not tell Me all that your sisters are asking, for I know them. Tell them that they must believe lest they lose grace. I shall always bless the Community, My child."

On Thursday, September 16, the Lady told Teresita: "I want a statue of Mine to be placed here. I want you to describe Me to your Chaplain because I want it to be as you see Me and as

big as the statue of Our Lady of Lourdes that is in the cloister. Tell your Mother Prioress to have the Rosary recited by the Community here every afternoon during these days. Extend my love to all My daughters. Tell them that I love all my daughters in Lipa Carmel, that I shall always be with you all." Then blessing her little one, She departed.

The following days the Lady and Teresita met each other at the spot. She gave Teresita Her motherly advice, telling her to be obedient, humble and simple; also to tell the Community that simplicity and humility are the virtues She loves most, and so love and practice them. One day the Apparition asked from the Community an individual consecration of its members to the spirit of St. Grignon de Montfort.

On the last of the fifteen days, Sunday, September 26, the Lady repeated Her counsels to Teresita: "My child, you must love and obey your Mother Prioress. Tell your sisters to love one another as true sisters, to practice humility and simplicity, the virtues I love most. Tell them to love and obey their superiors and not to forget the things I ask. I shall not ask bigger things from you as you expect because you are My little ones. Do not forget to consecrate yourselves to Me on October 7. Be very good. I am MARY, MEDIATRIX OF ALL GRACES. I shall always bless the Community, morning and evening." (Blessing the Sister, She disappeared.

On September 30 rose petals were strewn in the cells of the Monastery. On October 3 the shower fell on the staircase. On November 11 the petals fell outside and were seen by some visitors. On the First Friday of November, between noon and three o'clock, Teresita in ecstasy reenacted the sufferings of Our Lord on the cross.

On Friday, November 12, after Mass, Teresita was called to the place of the apparition and there was Mary, Mediatrix of All Graces. She looked tenderly but sadly as She said, "People believe not My words. Pray, my child, pray much because of persecution.

Pray for priests. What I ask here is exactly what I asked at Fatima. Tell this to the people. They do not believe in Me nor do they give what I ask. Tell the Sisters that I ask them to pray and help spread My devotion and to do penance for those who do not believe. These things may now be revealed. This is My last apparition in this spot." Blessing Her little one and the Community assembled, Mary, Mediatrix of All Graces, vanished.

IMPRIMATUR: A. Verzosa, episcopus lipensis, Dec. 6, 1948

IMPRIMI POTEST: Joannes S. Coronel, Coronel Librorum, Dec. 5, 1948

Showers of rose petals occurred in the Carmelite Monastery of Lipa many times. Reported showers of petals were on the days of December 8, 10 and 12, 1948.

LETTER FROM LIPA CARMEL

Following is a letter written to Rev. John Ryan, S. J., editor of "Fatima Findings," by the Reg. Mother Prioress of Lipa Carmel, where Our Lady appeared.

November 14, 1948

Dear Father:

Would Your Reverence believe that the Queen of Heaven would deign to stoop down and choose this Carmel of Lipa as her privileged spot in our dear Philippines? On July 4 of this year, a fervent aspirant ran away from Tanauan, her home town, to enter our Carmel. Fervent and in earnest, she spent the first few weeks as any other postulant, but at the beginning of August the enemy of our souls attacked her in visible form. He was furious against her because she obeyed her Mother in Heaven to enter Carmel, etc. After the assaults of the devil, our little Sister has received great graces: Our Blessed Mother has appeared to her fourteen times in a nook in our garden and every Friday the Sacred Passion of Our Lord is reenacted in her body. The message of the apparition is exactly the same as Fatima but the name Our Lady gave Herself is Mary, Mediatrix of All Graces. She complained that people do not believe her words and refuse to give what She asks.

The apparitions started on September 13 and continued for thirteen consecutive days. The fourteenth apparition was last Friday, November 12, when Our Lady permitted us to publish her Maternal Mercies. From the outset of these events nothing has been hidden from our Chaplain, the Most Reverend Auxiliary Bishop of Lipa, who has studied and examined carefully the whole case and says that without anticipating the verdict of the Holy Mother Church, these apparitions bear all the signs of being true. . . . Besides the message for the public, Our Dearest Mother has designed to give the Community of this Carmel her maternal instructions: to be obedient, simple and humble . . . to do penance for those who do not believe Her words, to pray much because of persecution, to pray much for priests and to help spread Her devotion. Besides the apparitions Our Blessed Mother showered rose petals at first within the cloister when we were not yet allowed to reveal our precious secret but now, since it is public, three times the rose petals have fallen outside the cloister walls. His Excellency Bishop Verzosa came this morning to see the statue that Our Blessed Mother ordered us to have made exactly as She appeared to our Sister and while the Bishop was here there was a shower of rose petals. It was then His Excellency revoked his prohibition of secrecy about what is happening in our midst. Deo Gratias!

(Signed)

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Note: The above statement and letter was taken from the March-April 1949 issue of "The Scapular."

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Mr. Justice Montemayor did not take part.