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Mother Mary's Apparition to George Washington

When I was in the major seminary in the early 1950's, I was shown a newspaper from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania that was dated, as I recall, July 5, 1859.

The day before, Philadelphia had celebrated July 4th and a special guest was a very old man who (according to this article), when he was 16 years old, had become the orderly for General George Washington.

A reporter took him aside and

asked, "Did you ever hear George Washington ever say anything that you have never seen published?" After thinking awhile, he said, I remember at Valley Forge, that first winter, there wasn't enough socks, shoes or food; and the men were abandoning the Army.

George Washington was deeply troubled and gave the order not to let anyone

see him that day. He said this because he was going to get God's help through fervent prayer. Later that morning, a young woman entered his office, even though the door was locked.

She addressed him, "Son of the Republic, I come to show you what is needed." Then waving her hand, a map appeared of what would be the entire United States from the Atlantic to the Pacific. She told him there would be three great crisis in the nation's future.

She continued, "The first is now, with the revolution against the British." She said, "You will win this war."

"The second will be when brother kills brother as the country gets involved in a civil war. This will also be resolved, though many will die."



Immaculate Heart of Mary, Pray for us, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Testing our faithfulness to the Lord

A friend recently brought up the subject of suffering and why we suffer. She said she was told by a very holy priest that the reason we are given heavy trials, sometimes unbearable trials, was due to the devil asking Jesus for permission to test us.

She explained, the devil will try to test us, to see if we will remain faithful to our Savior

or if we will begin to hate Him or become angry with Him. Certainly we can recall the story of Job. We read in Job 1:6 the following: *The Lord said to Satan, "Behold, everything that he has is in your hand, only do not extend your hand against him."*

The Lord permitted Job to be tested and for us too. St. Job, never turned away from the

Lord even though everything he had, to include his family, was taken from him.

We should understand that some trials are a test! We must trust in the Lord, even to death. The Lord will provide enough grace for us to endure it and that is called, "faith".

—Anna Marie

Why August is dedicated to “God the Father”

In our day and time, any Catholic can find prayers and devotions to God the Father. We can thank a nun, Mother Eugenia Ravasio, to whom God the Father gave this message July 1, 1932, calling her “My Beloved Daughter”.

She was born in Italy in 1907. After receiving an elementary education, she entered the congregation of Our Lady of the Apostles when she was 20 years old. She was elected Mother General of that religious order when she was 25. God the Father gave His message to her in Latin. He also told her the real purpose of her speaking:

1. I am coming to banish the fear that creatures have of me and to show them that my joy lies in being known and loved by My children, that of all mankind, present and future.
2. I am coming to bring hope to men and nations. How many have long since lost it! This hope will make

them live in peace and security, working for their salvation.

3. I am coming to make myself known just as I am, so that men’s trust may increase together with their love for me, their Father, I have but one concern: to watch over all men and love them as My children.

The Lord pointed out that He has never been given a feast day or even a Catholic church named for Him. He wanted August to be declared for “God the Father”. If it would be a Sunday, then the first Sunday of August. If it were a weekday, the 7th of August.

Heavenly Father told Mother Eugenia, “Bring this light to everyone and it will be a powerful means both to obtain conversions and to shut, if possible, the gates of Hell, for I now repeat My promise which will last forever. All those who call Me by the name of Father, even if only once, will not perish

but will be sure of their eternal life among the chosen ones. I will show Myself to be the Father of all those who are abandoned, the outcast of every human society. I will show Myself as a Father to the afflicted, the sick, and above all; to those in agony. I will show Myself as the Father to all families, to orphans, widows, prisoners, workers and the young. I will show Myself as the Father of kings, the Father of their nations. You will all feel My goodness and My protection, you will all see My power!”

Mother Eugenia gave this message to the Bishop of Grenoble, Italy. He gathered the best theologians in the church to study the message. They did so for 10 years after which they said this was the first authentic message from God the Father. So all Catholics can now safely practice this devotion. —Fr. John

What to do with your extra blessed Green Scapulars

We have received, over the years, questions on what to do with the extra blessed Green Scapulars after you have placed four of the fourteen in the corners of your home. Here are some suggestions as a guide: 1) You can keep a few next to wherever you sit to watch TV, and if you see a

something, or someone, who needs Jesus in their lives; write that person’s name on a blessed GS. You can keep them in a decorative box on your Home Altar. You can place a few in your purse or wallet so you can pass them out to someone, or write names on them when needed.

Voting in America

Voting has always been a touchy subject for everyone, most people do not speak on the matter in public. I feel I have a responsibility before the Holy Trinity to share some thoughts on the matter.

The major political parties have changed. We can no longer say we are Democrat or Republican because candidates want to satisfy everyone, and some are corrupt. So we must logically identify ourselves as either Conservative, Moderate or Liberal.

If we are Catholic, then most likely

you identify yourself as Conservative. There are Conservative Republicans and Democrats, but you will find a majority of which are Republicans.

We need to educate ourselves on all candidates. We can no longer vote straight ticket. As Christians, our Religious Liberty is at stake. This election will decide if we lose our right to worship God according to Scripture. Example, we cannot say “Merry Christmas” in public or schools. The Holy Bible is being removed from government offices, etc.

If voting for a candidate that supports abortion, we ourselves will be guilty of supporting abortion. We all must reflect our faith in God by voting for those who also have fear of God.

This year, we have a decision to make. We must decide if we want a sovereign nation where we can raise our family in church and without fear of government persecution or open borders. Open borders could mean a One World Government Order. Please pray, fast and attend Mass daily prior to November’s election. —AM

Brothers & Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

Was born on August 28, 1774 in New York, NY and named: Elizabeth Ann Bayley. Her father was Dr. Richard Bayley, and mother Catherine Charlton, the daughter of a Church of England pastor. St. Elizabeth's was raised in the Episcopal Church. Her mother died when she was three years old.

St. Elizabeth eventually fell in love and married William Magee Seton on January 25, 1794 when she was 25. She had five children. William Seton suffered from TB and went to Italy to convalesce, but died there in Decem-

ber 27, 1803. Williams business partner took Elizabeth and her daughters in and introduced the Roman Catholic faith. She was received into the Catholic Church on March 14, 1805. She died on January 4, 1821 in Emmitsburg, MD. She was Canonized by Pope Paul VI on September 14, 1975.

She was the first U.S. citizen to be canonized by the Roman Catholic



Church. She began the first Catholic girls school in Emmitsburg, MD and also founded the first American congregation of religious sisters, the **Sisters of Charity**. She is the Patron Saint of:

In-law problems, against the death of children, widows, death of parents, and opposition of Church authorities.

Cell phones in the Church

Cell phones can be a very useful tool in our modern society, or an evil distraction from our prayer life. We have all attended Mass and heard a cell phone ring. It pulls our attention away from the Holy Altar. Probably 99.9% of Parishioners felt embarrassed and forgot to turn it off before Mass. Yet others actually have answered the call during Mass.

Any distraction that takes our attention

away from the Holy Mass, the Lord's Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity; it is a grave sin. The Ten Commandments clearly identify this as Idolatry. ***"You shall not make for yourself a graven image, nor a likeness of anything that is in heaven above or on earth below, nor of those things which are in the waters under the earth. You shall not adore them, nor shall you worship them. I am the Lord your God: strong,***

jealous, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on sons to the third and fourth generation..." (Exodus 20:2-6).

Please parents make sure you speak to your children about turning their phone off during Mass and giving Jesus 100% of their attention so that they have do not commit Idolatry. Even if their phone is on "vibrate only", it still pulls their mind away from Jesus Christ!

The Precious Blood of Jesus

July is the month we need to honor the Precious Blood of Jesus. Jesus gave this message to an African teenager in 1995. Jesus told him this is the greatest devotion He has ever given to the Church. This is the ark that will protect and bring the Holy Catholic Church, the remnant faithful; and all those we love and pray for, safely through the bitter trials of the coming Chastisement and into the pronounced era of peace. — Fr. John

Mother Mary's Apparition to George Washington

"The third crises will be the worst, when this nation will be attacked from the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. This also will be resolved favorably." The reporter published his interview in the article dated July 5, 1959.

I had no doubt when I read that article, that it was Mary, the Mother of Jesus, that appeared to Washington. Although Washington always thought

of her as an angel. Now some 60 years later, I am a firm believer, that in the near future, both Russia and China, after they over run Europe, will be the attackers Mary described to Washington at Valley Forge. He seemed destined for this role.

When George was a young man, he was a soldier for the British Army fighting the French and the Indians. In a battle

in Pennsylvania, Washington literally had his uniform shot off of him as 23 bullets shattered his uniform without a single flesh wound.

This has to be an example that this person was destined for a very important future goal. So I have no problem seeing that Mary herself came to comfort him.

—Fr. John

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Our Lady of Sorrows, pray for our Nation



During July, August & September, we ask all Apostles to pray harder than ever before. Anna Marie said that on Friday, August 12th, she was awakened by the knowledge that a terror attack is planned for September. We must all pray to our Heavenly Father daily to stop this threat from happening. Through prayer, we will be victorious in Jesus Christ!

Answers to the Catechism

What are the duties of the Baptized? 1) To believe all the truths God has revealed through the Church. 2) To serve & worship God as revealed by Jesus. 3) To baptize their children shortly after birth & teach them the truths of the Catholic faith. 4) To profess & practice the faith they have received from God through the Church.

What are the three Theological Virtues? 1) Faith, 2) Hope, 3) Love (Charity)

What are the four Cardinal Virtues? 1) Prudence, 2) Justice, 3) Fortitude, 4) Temperance

What are the forms of Penance? Private Penance or the oral and audible confession of sins to a duly authorized Priest. 2) Communal Penance 3) General Absolution

What is the Divine Praises? Blessed be God. Blessed be His holy Name. Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man. Blessed be the Name of Jesus. Blessed be His Most Sacred Heart. Blessed be His most Precious Blood. Blessed be Jesus in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete. Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy. Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception. Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother. Blessed be Saint Joseph, her most chaste Spouse. Blessed be God in His Angels and in His Saints.

Healing Begins With Forgiveness

The most common reason for a patient to be admitted into a hospital in America is because they are suffering with depression. This was also the most common reason for individuals who came to see me for prayer when I was giving parish missions around this country.

When I met with a depressed individual, I started with this question, "Do you have any idea who you are so angry with?" A few could relate a whole litany of names but most said they were not angry with anyone. It's amazing how our minds can block out reality. Those who admitted they were angry with anyone, were told they needed to forgive that person or persons. Forgiving is like taking an antacid for heartburn acid stomach. We

do not need to call or contact those we are angry with. Probably many of them would not even remember who we are. All we need to do is tell Jesus that we forgive every single person who may have ever hurt us.

It will also help if we say a prayer for them to show Jesus we really mean what we are saying. Agnes Sanford, an English woman with a strong healing ministry started with this question of a patient, "Are you happy most of the time?" If they answered, "Yes I am"; they didn't need counseling. Those who answered, "No, I'm not happy at all", then Agnes would ask a second question. "When did you first notice that you were no longer happy?" This answer told her where she needed to take this person into

prayer and to heal the anger he or she had within them.

The only cure for any anger that burdens us is to forgive the individuals who cause it. We tell Jesus, you always taught us to love and forgive, even our enemies, now we are suffering and not able to be happy because of this. So, I choose to forgive anyone who has ever hurt me or my feelings even those who may have tried to kill me. Even if I would get a chance to hurt these individuals, I would never do it now.

So simple, Jesus can do right now what hours of counseling or weeks in a hospital may not be able to accomplish.

—Fr. John