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# Marian Messenger

News from The Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima



## Fr. John's Journal

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### The Blue Army Pledge

When I made the "Blue Army Pledge" in 1972, I promised that I would pray five decades of the Rosary every day; that I would wear the Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel as a sign of consecration to Her Immaculate Heart; that I would make the five First Saturdays in a spirit of reparation for the sins committed against our beloved Mother; and that I would be faithful to my daily duty and offer my work in a 'spirit of penance' in atonement for sin. I took my pledge very seriously because they were solemn promises made to the Queen of heaven! Forty-seven years later (thirty-two of those years as a priest, and almost twenty years as spiritual director of the Blue Army in the Archdiocese of Detroit) I



renew this same pledge with a renewed fervor and love for Our Lady of Fatima, and I invite all of you to do the same as the spiritual battle intensifies in the world today.

The great cosmic battle between the Woman of Genesis and Her seed, and the serpent and his seed

continues unabated to the present moment. 2020 will witness an intense "war" between the "forces of life" and the "forces of death" as the children of Mary, who are prolife, wage a fierce battle against the children of darkness who work with Satan to destroy the innocent lives of the unborn and new born infants. The sacred pledge we made to the Blessed Virgin Mary when we joined Her "Blue Army," must be renewed with a new fervor and intensity as we take up the "spiritual arms" of the Rosary and Scapular in order to defeat the enemies of Jesus Christ who advocate the murder of infants. The victory over the forces of death belongs to the Immaculate Virgin who crushed the infernal head of the serpent in the mystery of Her Immaculate Conception.

## Join us for 8:00 A.M. Mass on Saturday, July 13th

Father John will enroll those who wish to join the Blue Army and current members will renew their commitment. Father John will place all our signed pledges and names on the Altar of Sacrifice. Pledge cards will be provided.

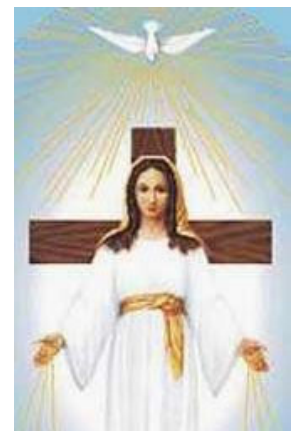
Mary, under this particular title, was declared "Patroness of the United States" in 1846 by our bishops gathered in Baltimore, Maryland for a plenary council. Blessed Pius IX gave his blessing to their request to make this declaration even though the solemn definition of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception was still eight years away (1854). Four years after this dogma was defined, our Lady appeared to St. Bernadette at Lourdes, France and revealed Her name: "I am the Immaculate Conception!"



The American bishops were indeed guided by the Holy Spirit to place our beloved country under the heavenly Patronage of Mary "conceived without sin." She who crushed the head of the serpent will also "crush" the infamous and iniquitous Supreme Court decision, Roe v. Wade. But, as the "Woman clothed with the sun" and "terrible as an Army set in battle array", she needs the prayers and penances of Her "Blue Army" in order to defeat the pro-death forces. This is where we come in!

If you have never signed the "Blue Army Pledge" formally, I encourage you to do this on July 13, 2019. Come to the Blue Army Center in Riverview and make your promises to this Holy Virgin. If you signed the pledge many years ago as I have, then come and solemnly renew your sacred promises to Mary. This is now Mary's time and the time of the Holy Spirit Her Spouse!

John Haffert, co-founder of the Blue Army with Msgr. Harold Colgan, wrote one of his last books in 1997 entitled "Now Woman Shall Conquer". In this book, Mr. Haffert "rallies the troops" of the Blue Army to follow the Lady of All Nations in order to defeat Satan. The previous year, 1996 (May 31) Bishop Henrik Bomers of Haarlem-Amsterdam formally approved the messages given by Our Lady to Ida Peerdeman between 1945 and 1959. The greatest number of apparitions took place in 1951 after the dogma of the Assumption was defined. Here is the heart of the message of Our Lady at Amsterdam: "I will be permitted to help the world and







*the nations by My Lord. The forces of hell will break loose but they will not overcome the Lady of All Nations...* Satan is still prince over the world. He keeps hold of everything he can. That is why the Lady of all Nations had to come at this time, for She is the Immaculate Conception and through it, the Coredemptrix, Mediatrix, and Advocate... The Lady now had to bring Her prayer into the diabolical world, for the Holy Spirit had still to descend upon the nations.

Our Lady asked for the recitation of Her simple prayer that our Lord would

**NOW** send His Holy Spirit over all the earth.

*"The Lady of All Nations is now allowed to come and drive Satan away. She comes to announce the Holy Spirit. Now only the Holy Spirit will descend on the earth..."*

The Lady of All Nations will, according to the prophecy, defeat Satan. She will tread upon Satan's head.

*"Nations, do not allow yourselves to be deceived by false prophets. Listen to no one but God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit... Be aware of the fact that the Holy Spirit is nearer than ever. The Holy Spirit will come now if you pray for this... Do not forget the daily miracle given to you by the Lord Jesus Christ. He gave It to you in order that you might live It every day. Are you aware of what it is that you are neglecting? Parents, lead your children to the Sacrifice, lead your nations back to the Sacrifice."*

In Her last message She said:

*"The Lady of All Nations, who is the Bride of the Lord and the King's Queen, has until now saved the world by Her intercession."*

In the final vision, Our Lady gazed into the distance, and with a heavenly expression said:

*"Before the Lord Jesus Christ died His natural death, before the Lord Jesus Christ ascended to His Father... He gave you the great mystery of the Great Miracle. He gave Himself."*

*No nations listen to what the Lord has said. It is not an idea but Himself under the species of bread and under the species of wine. Thus it is, the Lord wants to be with you every day. Take! Do take! He is giving you the fore-taste of Eternal Life.*

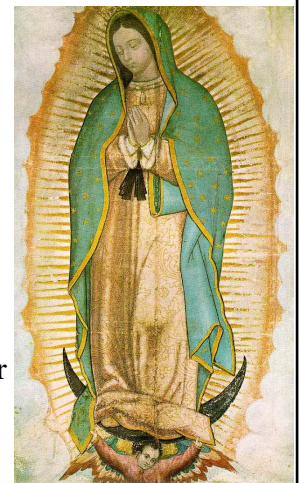
*This, nations of the world, is what the Lady, the Coredemptrix, their intercessor, wants to say to you with Her last words."*

On July 13, at the Blue Army Chapel, during the "Great Miracle" (the Holy Mass) we will together renew our commitment to Our Lady of Fatima. It is the same Virgin who came to Amsterdam in 1945; the same Virgin who came to Sister Agnes Sasagawa at Akita (as "the Lady of All Nations") in 1973, warning the impending chastisement coming on the world if we do not repent. John Haffert and Msgr. Colgan called us the "Blue Army" because we must be the "Church militant"! This is no time to be 'nice'; we must be holy! We must be saints! We must

be "militant" against the forces of Satan! Time is short! The time is NOW to call on Mary and the Holy Spirit!

July 13 is the anniversary of the "vision of hell." It is appropriate to renew our pledge on this day as we recognize the fierce battle in which we are engaged against "principalities and powers of darkness." But we have the promise of Our Blessed Lord, "the gates of hell shall not prevail", and the promise of Our Lady of Fatima: "In the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph!"

When I made my pledge almost fifty years ago the signed promises were flown to Fatima and placed at the site of the apparitions. I will place your 'signed pledges' at the Altar of Sacrifice for the "Great Miracle" of the Holy Mass. Your pledges will be on "Calvary made Present" where the great work of Redemption was accomplished! During these summer months, pray the Rosary every day with greater fervor. Practice the Scapular devotion by kissing "our Lady's garment" during the Morning Offering. Make everything you do a sacrifice in atonement for sin. Try to attend the "Great Miracle" every day. And pray the prayer taught by Our Lady of All Nations everyday and throughout the day. She asked that we recite this prayer before the Cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ, because it was on the Cross on Good Friday that Our Lord breathed forth the Holy Spirit on the earth. Here is the prayer:  
Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Father, send now Your Spirit over the earth. Let the Holy Spirit live in the hearts of all nations that they may be preserved from

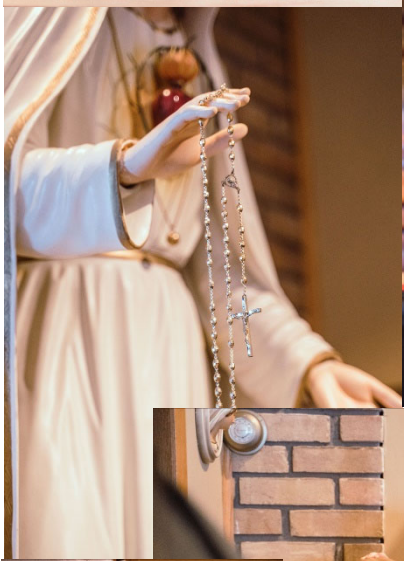


degeneration, disaster, and war. May the Lady of All Nations, who once was Mary, be our Advocate. Amen. !





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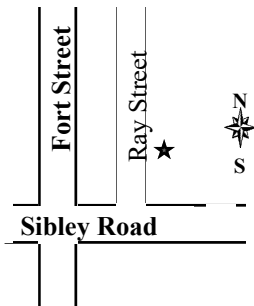
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### The Holy Mass Schedule

#### July

July 5th, First Friday Mass 7:00 P.M.

July 6th, First Saturday Mass 8:00 A.M.

**Saturday, July 13th, Mass 8:00 A.M.**

#### August

August 2nd, First Friday Mass 7:00 P.M.

August 3rd, First Saturday Mass 8:00 A.M.

Tuesday, August 13th, Mass 7:00 P.M.

#### September

September 6th, First Friday Mass 7:00 P.M.

September 7th, First Saturday Mass 8:00 A.M.

Friday, Sept. 13th, Mass 7:00 P.M.

Confessions are heard 1/2 hour before First Friday and  
First Saturday Masses

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Before and after all Masses

Wednesdays 11:00 A.M.— 4:00 P.M.

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