The first apparition dates back to 1852, when Clotilde had just turned three years old. Biographies say that her Guardian Angel appeared to her, by request of Our Lady, with the invitation to make a vow of virginity. In the beginning she did not understand the meaning of that request, but not wanting to refuse anything to the Mother of God, Clotilde accepted without reserve.

According to tradition, Clotilde at the age of 18 was granted a divine apparition by God. The Virgin Mary, accompanied by a multitude of Angels, appeared to her saying: “My Son and I desire that you establish a new Institute that will be called ‘The Sisters of the Angels,’ so that its members could propose to imitate the Angels in adoration of the Most Holy Trinity, by way of the Eucharist, and in the service of their neighbor. The sisters of your congregation will have to adore in a special way the Most Holy Trinity and venerate my Immaculate Conception. You yourself will take the name of Mary of the Angels.

After many vicissitudes, in 1891, Clotilde succeeds in bringing to completion the request of Our Lady by founding the Congregation of the Sisters of the Angels adorers of the Most Holy Trinity that would above all dedicate itself to the care of the infirm, to scholastic education, and to the apostolate of those who are in most need. Today the sisters are present in Brazil, the Philippines, and in Italy.