Apparitions of the Virgin Mary at QUITO

ECUADOR, 1594-1634

At 1 A.M. on February 2, 1594, Mother Mariana Teresa Bertacchi, a young albino of the convent of St. Immaculate Conception of the city of Quito, went down to pray in the choir of the church, as she used to do with great fervor for some time, according to God the Father of her soul, in a monastic community. Suddenly she saw a beautiful Lady dressed as a nun, who, with her left hand, was holding a lamp of heavenly beauty, while with her right hand she was holding an open book covered with her golden mantles. The religious woman, thus approached and prostrate, but as soon as she was able to speak, she asked the Lady who she was, and the holy answered: "I am Mary of Good Success, Queen of Heaven and Earth! Later the Most Blessed Virgin foretold numerous and dramatic prophecies. With two and a half centuries in advance, the public appearance of this nation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. In the 19th Century a truly Christian Priest was to come, a man of character, to whom the Lord will grant the power of martyrdom on the square in front of this convent of mine, to consecrate the Republic to the Sacred Heart of Jesus by My Most Beloved Son and thus consecrate it will maintain the Catholic Religion in the forthcoming years, that will be clarifying for the Church. At that time an anti-Christian sect, Masonry, will take control of the civil government and there will be a cruel persecution of all the religious communities that will affect also this monastery, which will be suppressed" (Apparition of January 16, 1594).

At the end of the 18th century all this was practically realized. In fact, in 1833, the religious President of Ecuador, Gabriel Garcia Moreno, solemnly consecrated his nation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, after having expressly bought the influence of Masonry in the public life of the country with his holy example, his governance and his laws. After a few years, the anti-Christian and anti-religious sects, having believed, set out at night to burn this consecrated church, seven in front of the monastery of the Immaculate Conception, as Our Lady had prophesied. Later the persecution of all the religious congregations broke out forcefully.

Many years later, on the night of February 2, 1634, Sister Mariana received another prophetic message, even more surprising because it regarded the situation of the world and the Church. In the 20th Century. One night, while the whole was praying in the choir of the Church, the lamp of the Tabernacle went out. Seeing this, in almost complete darkness, Mother Mary appeared again, increasing the darkness with her splendor and illuminating the church as if it were midday. Shining on her hands to the Virgin, the Most Blessed Virgin explained to her the meaning of this apparition: "The extinguishing of the lamp burning in front of the loved is an unhappy event in the Tabernacle has many consequences. The first is that it will last the end of the 16th Century and for a great part of the 17th, many heretics will spread, and under their power the precious light of the Faith will extinguish in the souls through the work of the corruption of customs. At that time there will be great physical and moral calamities, public and privates. The few souls that remained faithful in the grace will suffer martyrdoms as cruel and inextinguishable as prolonged, many of them will descend into the terrors for the violence of their sufferings and will be considered like martyrs sacrificed for the Church and their Country. "The second reason for the extinguishing of the light of the Tabernacle is that my Counsel, being drastically reduced in number, will be submerged in an inexpressible ocean of insensibility, bitterness, and it will appear to drawn in those different waters of tribulation..."

The Virgin Mary continued: "The third meaning of the extinguishing of the lamp is due to the spirit poisoned by impiety that will dominate at that time, traveling roads, squares and public places like Place and Place and sprawling, etc. An surprising multitude that almost no more virgin souls will be left in the world. The fourth reason is the acknowledgement of the power of the sects, that will with deep sorrow take the place of God and the people of the Church and their Country. The fifth reason for the extinguishing of the lamp is in the humility and suffering of those people who, while possessing abundant riches, will remain indifferent to the oppression of the Church, in the persecution of the virtuous and to the triumph of the wicked, neglecting to use their riches in a worthy manner to obtain the destruction of evil and the restoration of Faith. The Virgin Mary added: "Have the beginning of the apparitions of the Bishops who have ascended to the throne have always efficacy and publicly presented this devotion..."