Apparitions of the Virgin Mary in ZEITUN

EGYPT, 1968-1970

The Virgin Mary appeared to a young woman named Maria Vacuum in Zaitun, Egypt on April 3, 1968. Maria was walking with her mother, who was pregnant with her fourth child, when they heard a sound and saw a bright light. Maria said she saw a woman in a white dress with a halo around her head. The woman told Maria that she was Mary, the mother of Jesus, and that she had been sent to the young woman to announce the birth of Jesus. Maria poured water on the earth and spread it around the area, and the woman vanished. Maria returned home and told her mother what had happened. Her mother was skeptical, but Maria was convinced that she had spoken with Mary. Maria continued to have visions of Mary, who instructed her to pray for the conversion of the world.

The visions continued for several months, and Maria became a public figure, speaking about her experiences to the media and traveling around the world to spread her message. She claimed to have seen Mary numerous times, and each time Mary gave her messages of peace and love. Maria became known as the Virgin of Zeitun, and her shrine became a popular pilgrimage site.

In 1970, the Egyptian government declared Maria a saint, and her visions were recognized as a religious event. The church in Egypt recognized her as a saint and began to celebrate her feast day.

Maria died on October 12, 1980, but her visions continued to be reported by other people who claimed to have seen Mary. The shrine at Zeitun remains a popular pilgrimage site, and the messages of peace and love that Maria claimed to receive from Mary continue to be shared with the world.