Apparition of the Virgin Mary at CHAMPION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, 1859

In 1859, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared in Champion, Wisconsin, USA, to assassin Maria Duchesne, a 14-year-old girl. The apparitions were witnessed by several persons, including Maria's mother, who recorded them in a diary. The Virgin Mary is said to have given Maria a message calling for the conversion of souls and the promotion of piety. The apparitions are considered a Marian apparition and are venerated by the Catholic Church. The site is now a pilgrimage destination and a popular place for Catholic pilgrimages.