



THE APPEALS
OF OUR LADY
APPARITIONS
AND
MARIAN SHRINES
IN THE WORLD

Apparition of the Virgin Mary in CORI



ITALY, 1521

The Shrine of the Our Lady of Salvation rises on the slopes of Mount Ginestra, in the village of Cori, in the province of Latina. In its current form, it was built in 1639, but already in 1537 it was consecrated previously in honor of the Madonna of the Broom Tree, title which was changed to Our Lady of Salvation.

The site of devotion was born following the apparition of the Blessed Mother who, in 1521, aided a 3-year-old girl by the name of Oliva Iannese. Oliva, in search of her mother on the mountain, got lost. Soon after she was surprised by a storm and in that moment to her appeared a "Beautiful Lady" who said to her: "I am the Virgin Mary." The Celestial Mother remained with her for 8 whole days, day and night, after which she showed her the road back to town and soon after was found by some ladies who had gone to reap some fresh herbs on the mountain. During the eight days, an extraordinary fact who that each time that Oliva was hungry, the Blessed Mother put her finger in the girl's mouth and every type of hunger or thirst passed. The adventurous and providential loss of Oliva on the mountain of the Broom trees, with all the miraculous events that followed, were formerly submitted to judgment by the Curia of the Bishop in 1577 with a process born of the request of the two officials of the Shrine at the time and on the 20th of September 1778 the image discovered at the site of the apparition was solemnly coronated per a decree approved by Vatican authority.

The devotion of the townspeople of Cori to the Virgin of Salvation is shown also through important actions and works that were already actualized in 1604 with the formation of the "Confraternity of Holy Mary, Annunziata of Salvation", which began with the specific service of management of the Shrine, born at the site of the apparition, and simultaneously brought about works of charity that were actualized in the donation of economic support of 25 coins to the young single poor women of Cori to encourage them to matrimony.



Saturday the 4th of May of 1521 to the little girl Oliva Iannese, lost on the mountain of the broom trees, appeared the Mother of God all dressed in white who comforted her and protected her for eight days until the storm passed



The Queen of Heaven reveals herself to innocent Oliva saying: "I am the Virgin Mary"



The Virgin discloses to the fortunate little girl her venerable image and makes the coronating promise to offer special help to whomever ascends the mountain of the broom trees to venerate her



In the days of the apparition each time that Oliva was hungry or thirsty, the celestial Lady put in her mouth her finger and the girl was satiated



After 8 days the storm ended and the sky calmed again, Maria Fantoci, Onorata Magli and Onorata Gabaluzzi had gone up on the mountain of the broom to make bouquets of fresh herbs and find the lost Oliva



Oliva, whose parents believed her to be already dead, was led back into her paternal home to the joy and jubilation of everyone



Oliva, revealed the wonders of the mountain of the broom, desirous by the great desire of seeing again her beautiful Lady



To the people of Cori who reached on the hill of the apparition the blessed image manifests herself



Panoramic view of the Shrine of Our Lady of Salvation



Facade of the Shrine



Interior of the Shrine



Ex voto, offerings of thanksgiving for the grace of answered prayers



Procession of the miraculous painting carried by the Confraternity of Holy Mary, Annunziata of Salvation