

Blessed Anna Schäffer

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PARADISE

The Blessed Anna Schäffer had numerous mystical experiences, some of them having to do with paradise, as Wally Knoferl, a poor seamstress from Pforring, testified in front of the Archbishop Mons on July 11, 1951. Michele Buchberger: "In 1925 she often had the opportunity to visit dear Anna Schäffer. One time she told me about a marvelous dream that still moves me today when I remember it.

"On that particular occasion Anna called me close to her in order to whisper to me. She said: 'Wally, just think, I was in heaven for three days!' I replied: 'So, Anna, how did it happen?' Anna told me: 'While I was praying I was enraptured by the world. My life was hanging by a thread. The clouds opened up and a marvelous garden full of flowers appeared in which I could walk a long distance. At a certain point I came in contact with so many virgins and each one of them knelt before me. When I started to walk again I saw some very tall young men arriving and in the middle of them was a lady of indescribable beauty. She took my hand and she said to me: Anna, come, now the most difficult days will arrive. Be brave! My Divine Son will compensate you for everything!'

"I cannot describe the good fortune of whomever gets to see that. The sweet Mother of God led me further along into

the square and she said: 'Look, this will be your eternal home!' I looked and I saw the Holy Father in Rome who was giving me his blessing.

"It was terrible, then, when I had to return to the world!

"At this point Anna started to cry with such bitterness and she added: 'Now Wally all I want is to die...' Then I asked her to tell me a little bit more about paradise and how it was and she replied: 'I cannot describe to you all of the marvels that our good God gives to those He loves'. Yet I asked her again: 'Will we find the things we have here on Earth there in paradise?' Knowing what I was trying to ask she answered: 'Yes, there are also meadows and forests, rivers and mountains, homes and buildings, but everything is transparent and spiritualized, while here on Earth everything is tainted by the curse of sin!'"

In the Roman Martyrology, Blessed Anna Schäffer is remembered: "In the village of Mindlestetten in the territory of Regensburg, (historically Ratisbon) Germany, blessed Anna Schäffer, a nineteen year old virgin working as a maid, burned herself with boiling water and in spite of the progressive worsening of her condition, she lived in poverty, in prayer, offering her every pain to the cross for the salvation of souls".

