

Sister Mary Theresa of Jesus, Clarissa Nun Part 1

1878 - 1948

PURGATORY

On September 2, 1918 the door bell of the sacristy rang at the Clarissa Convent of Saint Leonardo, Montefalco (Perugia), Italy. Sister Mary Theresa of Jesus, Mother Superior and sacristan went to the door and heard a voice say:

"I have to leave these offerings here." and the pulley wheel was turned and there were ten Italian lire.

The mother superior asked if the alms were for Triduum, prayers or Masses.

"No obligation." was the response. "If I may ask, who are you?" asked the Mother Superior. "You need not know." In the next five days and then on October 31st, November 29th, December 9th, and January 1st and 29th, 1919 the same thing happened. On March 14th at eight in the evening the door bell rang twice and the Mother Superior went to answer it and she found ten lire in the pulley wheel, but no one answered. The exterior door of the church was locked and only the nuns had the keys. The janitor was called and they did an inspection of the church. No one was found.

On April 11 another ten lire was left and you could hear the voice of the person asking for prayers for a deceased person. On May 2 around half past nine in the evening the doorbell rang. The Mother Superior and three other nuns went to the door. They found twenty lire

in the pulley wheel and two cards placed in the shape of a cross. They did not know who put them there. The church was closed. Other visits followed on May 25th, June 4th, and 21st. On July 7th around two in the afternoon, at nap time, the doorbell rang twice, but the Mother Superior did not answer thinking it was just children. A voice outside the bedroom said to her: "They rang the sacristy bell". She went to answer and heard the usual voice say: "I am leaving ten lire here for prayers." The Mother Superior then asked: "For God's sake, who is there?" "I cannot tell." was the response.

She asked the other nuns if they had called, but it was not any of them.

The episode happened again on July 18th, and this time the Mother Superior said: "Praise be to Jesus and Mary." The voice responded, "Amen." Other visits occurred in August, September and October in the same fashion. On the visit of October 3rd, the Mother Superior went out to the door at the sound of the bell, she refused the twenty lire offering and said that the confessor was not happy and wanted to know who was there because she feared it was a trick of the devil. The voice responded: "No, I am a soul from purgatory. I have been in purgatory for forty years for squandering the goods of the ecclesiastics".

