



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

Apparition of the Virgin Mary at CERNUSCO SUL NAVIGLIO



ITALY, 1924

And other occurrences of the weeping Blessed Virgin in the Italian province of Lombardy

Un Cernusco sul Naviglio, near Milan, inside the birth place of the Institute of the Sisters of Saint Marcelline, used as a nursing home for the sick and elderly nuns, Sister Elizabeth Redaelli, was nearing the end of her life: paralyzed and blind for one year. On the evening of January 6, 1924 her fellow nuns heard her talking out loud and they thought she was dreaming, yet she wasn't sleeping; on the contrary, as it was said the next morning, she was conversing with the "beautiful Lady" who came to visit her. Our Lady comforted the nun who was patiently suffering for the love of God. Sister Elizabeth dedicated her prayers and said: **"Our Lady, how good you are! Pray, for you are so good. I am sure that if you pray, the Lord will hear my invocations, because you have compassion for the sick!"** Our Lady encouraged her: **"Pray, trust and hope: I will return from the 22nd to the 23rd"**. The nun, forgot about herself and asked Our Lady to go and also comfort the other sick nuns. Our Lady smiled and left. The illness that afflicted Sister, advanced rapidly, within fifteen days the paralysis progressed to her speech, swallowing, and limbs, so no movement was possible anymore. The night of February 22nd to the 23rd, near midnight, the sick nun made a sudden jerk: the other nuns jumped to their feet, believing the end was eminent. Sister Elizabeth let out a scream: **"Oh, Our Lady, Our Lady!"** Sister Elizabeth saw the Virgin Mary with Baby Jesus in her arms and she got sad because she realized Baby Jesus was crying and she asked herself: **"... is He crying for me? Is He crying for my sins?"** Baby Jesus leaned out from his mother's arms, his long white splendid robe lost in the veil of the Virgin; an abundance of tears fell from His eyes and down His cheeks; His lips pursed in a grief-stricken cry! Virgin Mary said: **"...Baby Jesus cries because He is not sufficiently loved, sought out and desired by those who are consecrated to Him...you must speak of this!"** Sister Elizabeth confessed to feeling despair in her soul for not knowing how to reconcile the desire of the Virgin due to her intellectual and physical feebleness – during the conversation she believed herself to be mute and dying – then during the peak moment of her pain, there was a sudden light and she felt inspired to say: **"Oh, Our Lady, give me a sign!"** The Virgin smiled benevolently, yet still with melancholy. She knelt lightly towards the nun and told her: **"I give you back your health!"** and she disappeared with the Divine Son. The Mother Superior, called by the nurse, hurried into the nun's room, believing it was the final moments of her life, and found Sister Elizabeth standing up, glowing, with shining eyes, and she threw her arms around her superior's neck and said: **"Mother Superior, Mother Superior, the Blessed Mother has cured me and told me to speak...to speak of Jesus' tears of sorrow because He is not sufficiently loved, sought out and desired by those who are consecrated to Him!"**

Depiction of the apparition

Sister Elizabeth Redaelli as a young girl

Sister Elizabeth Redaelli

The Shrine of Lezzeno di Bellarino

Also, in Treviglio, in the Italian province of Lombardy, on February 28, 1922, around eight o'clock, the image of the Virgin Mary that is painted on the wall of the church of Saint Augustinus, connected to the Augustine Monastery began to shed abundant tears from her eyes and sweat from her whole body. During those days, the citizens of Treviglio, who at this point believed they were next to be invaded by the French troops, dedicated fervent prayers to Our Lady and they were spared.

Also in Rho, still in the Italian province of Lombardy, Saint Charles Borromeo had the Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows erected in memory of a fresco, in a small chapel, of the Virgin depicted in "Pietà" style that shed bloody tears on April 24, 1583

In 1620, under the episcopate of Federico Borromeo, in Saint Colusa Church in Milan, the image of the Virgin Mary between Saints Nazarius and Celso (a pictorial work from the Fourteenth Century, one in the pre-existing church of Saint Nazarius in Campo) began to cry from her left eye. The miracle brought new life to the shrine increasing the importance of devotion to the people of Milan

The story of the Convent of Dongo, Italy is deeply tied to an effigy of the Virgin and Infant, originally placed in a niche along the Albano River and Regina Street. The frescoed image was titled "Our Lady of the River" until the end of 1511, until after the miracle of weeping on September 6, 1553, it was renamed "Our Lady of Tears"

Since their establishment, the Sisters of Saint Marcelline have always been involved in the education of youth and the very young offerings attest to how much the Blessed Mother engendering has cared under the title of Our Lady of "Bleeding" Tears

Stature of Our Lady of Divine Tears and the numerous offerings for graces received

Immediately the news spread and after careful analysis the miracle was officially recognized, reverend to the grave suffering endured in the area during the Seventeenth Century from the Landsknecht soldiers to the plagues, from the invasion of the French to the spread of Protestantism, considered heresy