



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

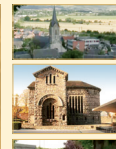
Apparitions of the Virgin Mary at BEAURAING

 BELGIUM, 1932

From November 29 to January 3 of 1932-1933, Our Lady appeared at Beauraing for 33 times to Fernande (15 years old), Gilberte (13 years old) and Albert (11 years old) Voisin, and to Andrée (14 years old) and Gilberte (9 years old) Degeimbre. The apparitions took place in the garden of a Convent kept by the Sisters of Christian Doctrine that was transformed into an outdoor Shrine shortly afterwards.

On November 29 of 1932, at about 6:30 PM, the children had gone to the Convent to pick up Gilberte Voisin and there they saw a "Lady clothed in white surrounded by light" above a hawthorn. The visionaries said that the Lady radiated an incredible light, that although brighter than the sun, was not blinding their sight, and was penetrating into the depth of their hearts transmitting peace and infinite joy. In the next two days the *white Lady* presented herself again to them always in the same place. On December 1, the children went to the place of the apparitions and as being inspired from within, they began to recite the Holy Rosary. At the end of the Rosary they fell simultaneously on their knees. Albert then asked the Lady whether she was the Immaculate Virgin. The Lady nodded with her head and opened her arms. On December 2 Albert asked her: "What do you desire from us?". The Virgin answered: "That you be very good". The children returning to the place that same evening and Albert again asked the Lady: "Are you truly the Immaculate Virgin? What do you desire from us?". The Virgin Mary smiled and responded with a voice "of infinite sweetness": "Is it true that you will always be good?". Andrée answered in a confident manner: "Yes, we will always be!". Starting from December 6 Mary presented herself to the children with a Rosary. On December 8 the children were in ecstasy for about a quarter of an hour. They will say that in that apparition Our Lady "was more beautiful than ever!". On December 17 Mary asked to build "a Chapel". On December 21, to the question of Albert and Gilberte "tell us who you are", the Virgin responded: "I am Our Lady the Immaculate". On December 23 Fernande asked her "Why do you come here?". Our Lady answered: "So that people would come here on pilgrimage!".

On December 29, in front of a crowd of about 8,000 people, the Virgin Mary appeared showing only to Fernande a heart of brilliant gold surrounded by small rays of light on her chest. On December 30, in front of a crowd of 10,000 people, Our Lady said to Fernande: "Pray, pray much!". Once again she showed her heart and this time all the visionaries could see it. On January 1, she exhorted Gilberte Voisin: "Pray always!". On January 3, a crowd of 30,000 gathered around the visionaries, with 90 physicians among them. During this final apparition the Virgin shared some secrets with the three youngest visionaries. To Gilberte Voisin she promised: "I will convert the sinners". To Andrée she instead confided: "I am the Mother of God, the Queen of Heaven, Pray always!". At the end, she said turning to Fernande: "Do you love my Son? Do you love me? Then make sacrifices for me. Farewell".



The Bishop of Namur, Most Reverend Charax, permits public devotion in 1943 and in 1949 recognizes the supernatural character of the apparitions and of two miraculous cures that occurred in the early years. Among the numerous healings the one that aroused great awe regarded a woman paralyzed from birth, who was healed instantly and began to dance immediately from joy.

Our Lady appeared with a luminous heart, as of gold, for which the visionaries called her "The Virgin with the Golden Heart".

Beauraing is today a large outdoor shrine



The five young visionaries of Beauraing

Statue of the Virgin of Beauraing