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MARIAN SHRINES
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Apparitions of the Virgin Mary in BANNEUX

 BELGIUM, 1933

The Blessed Mother appeared to twelve-year-old Mariette Beco eight times from the 15th of January to the 2nd of March 1933. The evening of January 15th, while Mariette was at the window waiting for her brother, she saw the figure of a luminous woman, clothed in white, who invited her to join her, but her mother denied her permission to go outside. On the 18th of January, at 7 o'clock in the evening, while Mariette is in the garden, kneeling down in prayer, she again sees the Lady who makes a gesture to follow her while she moves backward on top of a cloud. Mariette follows her outside of the garden and three times, along the way, she mysteriously falls to her knees. Upon the third fall, she finds herself near a little pool of water deriving from a nearby spring. Finally the Lady tells her: "Put your hands in the water. This spring is for me. Good evening. Until we meet again". Thursday, the 19th of January, the weather is very bad and while Mariette is kneeling alongside the trail, the Lady appears to her and Mariette asks her for her name. The Lady replies: "I am the Virgin of the Poor". The Virgin leads her near the spring and Mariette asks her: "Beautiful Lady, yesterday you told me that "this spring is for me." Why "for me?" With a smile the Virgin replied: "This font of water is reserved for me for all the Nations... to bring comfort to the sick. I will pray for you. Good-bye until we see each other again."

On the 20th of January, Mariette stays in bed all day since she did not sleep well. At 6:45 in the evening she gets up and goes outside. The Virgin appears to her and Mariette exclaims: "Oh, here she is." Then she asks her: "What do you desire, my beautiful Lady?" The smiling Virgin responds: "I desire a small chapel." Then the Virgin extends her hands and blesses with her right hand the little girl. On the 11th of February, the Virgin appears again to her and says: "I come to alleviate the suffering." Upon returning home, Mariette bursts into tears because she does not understand the significance of the word "alleviate" but then she calms herself because she remembers that Our Lady was smiling as she was talking. On the 15th of February, the Virgin appears again and Mariette transmits to the Lady the questions of the abbot, Fr. Jamin: "Holy Virgin, the chaplain told me to ask for a sign from you." The Blessed Mother replies to him: "Believe in Me, I will help you. Pray very much. Good-bye until we see each other again." Here the Blessed Mother had confided a secret to the girl. On the 20th of February, Mariette is again kneeling on the snow. Suddenly she begins to pray very rapidly. She leaves the garden to go towards the font of water. She kneels and begins to cry because "Mary goes away too quickly." The Virgin smiling at her, says: "My dear young maiden, pray very much!" Right after that she stops smiling and before leaving adds with a deep voice: "Good-bye until we see each other again." On the 2nd of March it is pouring rain and Mariette goes out to the garden to pray the Rosary. Suddenly the rain ceases and the Virgin appears to her and says: "I am the Mother of the Savior, the Mother of God! Pray very, very much." Before leaving, the Virgin imposes her hands upon her head saying: "Farewell, until we meet in God."



Duplications of the Apparition of the Blessed Mother



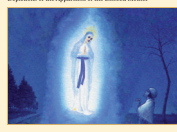
The Shrine of Banneux



Mariette Beco (1921-2013)



Oscar Moisse
He is a young worker, declared incurable by all physicians. He had an enormous leg, with a diameter of 98 centimeters at the ankle. After a pilgrimage to Banneux and a fervent and confident prayer, he is permanently cured (14 August 1933)



The sister with her younger brother



The Shrine of Banneux, near Liège, is visited each year by more than a million pilgrims



Banneux, view of the house of the sister



The young Mariette Beco let a reserved life, she married and raised her own family. Today the Shrine of the "Virgin of the Poor" in Banneux is the destination of many pilgrimages



Pietro Jowa
On the 31st of August 1933 the chaplain of Banneux became aware of an extraordinary grave. A little boy, three years old, living in Waudes, near Liège, was injured in the head by a projectile with, as a consequence, complete paralysis of the head that hung lifeless on his shoulders. A surgeon refused to extract the pellet because it was too close to the carotid artery, so the family then made a request to the Virgin of the Poor, at the end of which Pierre was able to raise and turn his head with ease; furthermore, several weeks later, he spat out the pellet with some slugs of wax, which his relatives had rushed to bring to Banneux where it is still preserved in the archives of the Shrine as a testimony of the grace received