

## DEAR READERS,

With this pamphlet, we would like to familiarize you with the ecclesiastically approved apparitions of the *Lady and Mother of All Nations*, whose messages are more relevant and consoling than ever in this time of crisis in the world and in the Church.

### THE APPARITIONS OF AMSTERDAM

On March 25, 1945, the Feast of the Annunciation, Our Lady appeared to an ordinary woman, Ida Peerdeman, in her apartment in Amsterdam. This was the first of 56 apparitions which took place between 1945 and 1959.

On May 31, 1996, the Bishop of Amsterdam Henrik Bomers, after consulting with the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, officially allowed the public veneration of Mary under the biblical title "THE LADY OF ALL NATIONS." Six years later, on May 31, 2002, his successor, Bishop Jozef M. Punt, expressed his personal conviction "that the apparitions of the Lady of All Nations in Amsterdam consist of a supernatural origin."

### MOTHER FOR EVERYBODY

"THE LADY OF ALL NATIONS", also called "THE MOTHER OF ALL NATIONS", spoke to many individual nations and peoples over a period of 14 years. She directed her words to the pope, to bishops, priests and religious, to families, to men and women and to all people of good will. Believers or non-believers, educated or simple, everybody should know her and love her as their personal mother: "No matter who or what you are, I may be for you: the Mother, the Lady of All Nations." (May 31, 1954)

In prophetic visions, she showed the pressing situation in the Church and world of our time and warned us of the degeneration of faith and morals, of disaster and war. The messages gradually revealed the plan with which God wants to save us through Mary from a threatening global catastrophe and guide us into a new, spirit-filled time of peace. Yet the desired peace in our families and in the world depends upon us doing *here and now* exactly that which the Mother of All Nations requests.

## LET US LEARN FROM FATIMA!

Looking back at the apparitions in Fatima, Portugal we see in a dramatic way how important it is that we correspond to the requests of Our Lady in Amsterdam. In 1917, towards the end of World War I, Mary, the Queen of the Rosary, warned us in Fatima about Russia and the worldwide spread of its atheistic ideology as well as the drama of a second World War. To prevent this, she revealed concrete, grace-filled means: praying the Rosary, communion of expiation on the first Saturday of each month and the consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Unfortunately, Mary's words were not taken seriously enough at the highest levels of the Church. Consequently, militant atheism spread like wildfire and oppressed many countries for decades. The drama of World War II followed, and millions of people died on the fronts, in concentration camps or in the bombarded cities. It is shocking when we think that we could have prevented all the indescribable suffering and misery, had we immediately fulfilled Our Lady's requests. Mary, however, as a loving mother, never abandons us. So, she rushed to our aid once again in 1945, towards the end of World War II, this time in the Netherlands, in Amsterdam.



### PROOFS OF AUTHENTICITY

God gave numerous and fascinating proofs of authenticity in Amsterdam, which are unique in the history of Marian apparitions. The Lady of All Nations proves the authenticity of her messages again and again through countless predictions which have been fulfilled over the course of time.

Back in 1950, for example, Ida saw the reunification of Germany. In a vision, the Lady pointed to a thick line through the middle of Germany and said, "Europe is divided in two." (Dec. 10, 1950) At that point, the visionary had to erase the line with a gesture of her hand. Almost forty years later, in 1989, we witnessed the fall of the Berlin Wall.

The visionary also saw the first landing of the Americans on the moon in 1969, 23 years before it actually took place. During this vision, Ida also experienced weightlessness which she described in detail to her spiritual director. (Feb. 7, 1946)

Another time, Ida was led in a vision to St. Peter's Basilica. She saw all the bishops of the world wearing white miters and the Holy Father with the tiara and a thick book. No one in the world, least of all the visionary, could have suspected that with that impressive vision on February 11, 1951, she saw the Second Vatican Council, which took place eleven years later.

In the night between the 18th and 19th of February, 1958, Our Lady gave by far the most convincing proof of authenticity to the visionary. She announced to Ida that in the beginning of October, which is to say eight months later, Pope Pius XII, would die, although he was still in good health at the time. Pope Pius XII did die, in fact, on October 9, 1958 in Castel Gandolfo. This proof of authenticity was naturally all the



more convincing for her spiritual director, Fr. Frehe O.P., for he knew only too well that the day of a person's death is decided and known only by God.

We can easily measure the outstanding importance of the messages of Amsterdam for the Church and world if God allows

proofs of its authenticity to include even a council and the life and death of a holy pope.

THE TITLE - THE LADY, THE MOTHER OF ALL NATIONS

Our Lady introduced herself during the very first apparition with the beautiful biblical title Woman/Lady. [It is to be noted that in the original Dutch VROUWE means both woman and lady.] She used this new title more than 150 times in the messages: "I am the Lady, Mary, Mother of All Nations. You may say: THE LADY OF ALL NATIONS or MOTHER OF ALL NATIONS." (Feb. 11, 1951)

To understand better why Our Lady appeared under the biblical title WOMAN/LADY we have to turn to Sacred Scripture. There alone is the significance of this word revealed to us.

1. In Genesis, we read about the WOMAN, who together with her Son crushes the head of the serpent: "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; He will strike at your head, while you strike at his heel." (Gn 3:15)

2. At the wedding in Cana, we encounter the WOMAN who intercedes and transmits grace: "Jesus said, 'Woman, what do you want from me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.'" (Jn 2:4-5)

3. The Gospel of John describes for us also the coredeeming WOMAN on Calvary: "When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother, 'Woman, behold, your son!'" (Jn 19:26) This confirms the message of Amsterdam

on April 6, 1952: "At the sacrifice of the Cross the Son gave this title to the entire world."

4. In the Book of Revelation, we read about the WOMAN as the one clothed with the sun: "Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, robed with the sun, standing on the moon, and on her head a crown of twelve stars." (Rev 12:1)

Mary is therefore always referred to as WOMAN when indicating her universal motherly vocation. She reminds us: "Humanity is entrusted to the Mother." (Aug. 15, 1951)

In regards to this title, the Mother of All Nations gave numerous consoling promises: "Under this title she will save the world." (Mar. 20, 1953) "The Lady of All Nations will be



allowed to bring peace to the world. Yet she must be asked for it under this title." (Oct. 11, 1953) She is truly the Mother for all nations, tribes and races, regardless of what faith they profess. She loves all her children, also those who do not yet know her motherly love and especially those who do not want to know anything about her. Therefore, it will be the Mother of All Nations who will implore for and give us enduring world peace, true ecumenism, and unity in the Holy Spirit.

### THE PRAYER FOR LOVE AND PEACE

In the first message on March 25, 1945, Our Lady spoke about her prayer as if it would have been already known. She said: "The prayer must be spread." Yet it was only six years later, on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, February 11, 1951, that she dictated it to the visionary while she was in Germany. The universal significance of this prayer for the Church and the world is shown by the fact that Our Lady revealed it during the prophetic vision of the Second Vatican Council:

Lord Jesus Christ,  
Son of the Father;  
send now Your Spirit  
over the earth.

Let the Holy Spirit live  
in the hearts of all nations,  
that they may be preserved  
from degeneration, disaster and war.  
May the Lady of All Nations,  
who once was Mary,  
be our Advocate.  
Amen.

Then the Lady continued her message: "Child, this [prayer] is so simple and short that everyone can say it in one's own language, before one's own crucifix; and those who have no crucifix say it to themselves." She asks that everybody pray this prayer slowly and reverently at least once a day. "I assure you that the world will change." (Apr. 29, 1951)

Our Lady also explained why she gave this prayer: "It is given in order to call down the True Spirit upon the world." (Sept. 20, 1951) "You cannot estimate the great value this will have. You do not know what the future has in store." (Apr. 15, 1951) She is sent from the Father and the Son as the Mother of All Nations to bring the world unity and peace "so that, under this title and through this prayer, she may deliver the world from a great world catastrophe." (May 10, 1953) Our Lady also says something of great significance to us regarding her prayer: "Ask [the Lady of All Nations] to stave off all disasters. Ask her to banish degeneration from this world. From degeneration comes disaster. From degeneration comes war. Through my prayer you shall ask that this be staved off from the world. You do not know how great and how important this prayer is before God." (May 31, 1955)



### "WHO ONCE WAS MARY"

The very first one to have difficulty understanding the sense of the words "who once was Mary" was the visionary herself, followed by her spiritual director, Fr. Frehe, and finally the diocesan bishop, Johannes P. Huibers, who in its first printing simply left out this phrase which he did not understand. Our Lady, however, did not agree with the change. "'May the Lady of All Nations, who once was Mary, be our Advocate'—that is to remain as it is." (Apr. 6, 1952) She had already explained in brief and simple words: "'Who once was Mary' means: many people have known Mary as Mary. Now, however, in this new era which is about to begin, I wish to be the Lady of All Nations. Everyone understands this." (July 2, 1951)

Who once was Mary therefore in no way means that we can no longer call Our Lady "Mary", as we often do when praying the Rosary. Rather it means that we should know Mary not just by her name, but also by her vocation as our spiritual mother. Our relationship to her should become like that of a child. The fact that this mother-child relationship can become much deeper and more personal is most certainly true for us Christians, but even more so for the four billion non-Christians, which is to say for



the vast majority of humanity. They may know Mary by her name, but they do not know that she is a mother for all nations and therefore also their own personal mother. When we discover Mary as our personal mother, everything changes. She, who once was only Mary to me, is now someone I know and love as my Mother.

### THE CHANGING OF THE PRAYER

In recent years, the faithful, priests, and bishops repeatedly have had difficulty with the expression *who once was Mary*, just as the visionary, her spiritual director and Bishop Huibers had in 1951. Therefore, inquiries were repeatedly sent to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in Rome.

Out of pastoral concern that in the prayer of the Lady of All Nations the phrase *who once was Mary* could be misunderstood, the Congregation requested in July 2005 that these words be omitted. To clarify that the title LADY OF ALL NATIONS refers to Our Lady, the words *the Blessed Virgin Mary* were inserted. This version received the imprimatur on January 6, 2009 from Bishop Jozef M. Punt. So, the end of the prayer is now: "May the Lady of All Nations, the Blessed Virgin Mary, be our Advocate."

Some of the faithful who have venerated the Lady of All Nations for years, find it difficult to accept the new version. Yet only through this *obedience of love*, through thinking and acting with the Church, can the prayer and image continue to be spread throughout the world with the support of bishops and priests.

Our Lady herself says: "And now the Lady of All Nations promises to grant true peace. But the nations, together with the Church—understand well—together with the Church, will have to pray my prayer..." (Mar. 20, 1953)



### THE IMAGE OF THE MOTHER OF ALL NATIONS

The messages of Amsterdam are also special in that Our Lady herself described in detail how her image is to be painted. Through the contemplation of her image everyone should be able to understand why Mary is our Mother.



1. Mary is the MOTHER of us all because, united with her and our Redeemer, she suffered as the COREDEMPTRIX. That is why we see her standing before her divine Son's radiant cross, whose light completely permeates her. Her outspread hands have transfigured wounds.

She has a cloth bound around her waist, which she explains as symbolizing the loincloth of her Son and the inseparable unity of the Coredemptrix with her Redeemer.

2. Mary is also the MOTHER of us all because, as the MEDIATRIX,

in union with her Son, she transmits all grace to the nations. In her image this is illustrated by three rays of light which issue forth from each of her mystically pierced hands: "... *the rays of Grace, Redemption and Peace.*" (May 31, 1951) These fall upon the sheep which symbolize Christ's flock, which is to say all peoples of the earth.

3. Mary is also a MOTHER for us last but not least because as our ADVOCATE, she intercedes for us before God and defends us against the evil one, Satan. The biblical truth that our Mother defends us against Satan, as the one who crushes the head of the serpent and conquers him, is illustrated here in an especially impressive way. Unlike with the Miraculous Medal, in the image given in Amsterdam the serpent is nowhere to be found because it is completely defeated. The motherly intercessory power of Mary cannot be more clearly portrayed!



Our Lady says something unexpected about the image which describes her universal motherhood for all peoples of all times in a threefold way: "*This image shall precede. This image must go over the whole world. It is the interpretation and illustration of the new dogma. This is why I myself have given this image to the peoples.*" (Dec. 8, 1952)

#### THE DOGMA OF THE LADY OF ALL NATIONS

In the history of Marian apparitions, it is truly unique that Our Lady asks for a dogma in her messages! According to

her words, this Marian dogma will be the "*final and greatest.*" (Aug. 15, 1951)

Addressing the Holy Father, she desires: "*See to the final dogma, the crowning of Mary, the proclamation of the dogma of Coredemptrix, Mediatrix and Advocate.*" (Oct. 11, 1953)

More than once, our Mother addresses the theologians directly and explains to them the theological content and great significance of the dogma: "*Tell your theologians that they can find everything in their books... I am not bringing a new doctrine.*" (Apr. 4, 1954) "*The Church will encounter much opposition on account of the new dogma.*" (Aug. 15, 1951)

Today, more than 60 years later, the Catholic Church indeed finds herself in this painful position: On the one hand, cardinals and hundreds of bishops want to see Mary honored through a dogma as Coredemptrix, Mediatrix and Advocate. The same is desired by renowned theologians, many priests and millions of faithful. The title *Coredemptrix* has also



been loved and used even by saints such as Leopold Mandic, Maximilian Kolbe, Edith Stein, Padre Pio and Mother Teresa. Also St. Pope John Paul II used this title several times. On the other hand, among the cardinals, bishops and theologians there are many who consider the term *Coredemptrix* to be easily misunderstood and therefore fundamentally unsuitable to correctly explain the unique theological role of Mary in salvation history.

In order that this truth may be proclaimed at the appropriate time, however, the theological differences of opinion regarding the title *Coredemptrix* must be reconciled through extensive studies, loving dialogue and above all through prayer and sacrifice. When the dogma will be proclaimed depends entirely on the Holy Father. Yet, a new Marian dogma will certainly not be proclaimed as long as most people do not understand its theological content and many of the faithful are no longer Marian.

Still, we can even now know the grace-filled effects of this Marian dogma for the Church and the world. The Lady of All Nations promises a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit and through this true peace for the nations. "*And the Lady stayed with her Apostles until the Spirit came... So also may the Lady come to her apostles and nations throughout the whole world, in order to bring them the Holy Spirit again and anew... Once the dogma, the final dogma in Marian history, has been proclaimed,*

*the Lady of All Nations will grant peace, true peace, to the world.*" (May 31, 1954)

What can we, the faithful, concretely do in our daily lives so that the nations may come to know Mary as the Coredemptrix and that she may one day be solemnly glorified through a dogma, bringing with it the desired peace? Our Lady herself gives us the answer: "*This is my message for today, because time presses. A great action must be set on foot for the Son and the Cross, and for the Advocate and bearer of tranquility and peace, the Lady of All Nations.*" (Apr. 1, 1951)



#### THE GREAT WORLDWIDE ACTION

Our Lady asks us to spread her PRAYER and IMAGE as a real contribution that everyone of good will can do in preparation for the dogma and for world peace. She gave a name to this diffusion, calling it a "*great world action*" (Oct. 11, 1953) or even a "*work of redemption and peace.*" (Apr. 1, 1951)

Mother Ida saw this worldwide action in the amazing image of billions of snowflakes: "*Just as the snowflakes whirl over the world and fall upon the ground in a thick layer, so will the prayer and the image spread over the world and fall down*



*into the hearts of all nations. Just as the snow melts into the ground, so the fruit, the Spirit, will come into the hearts of all people who pray this prayer every day.*" (Apr. 1, 1951)

Convinced of the tremendous importance of this worldwide action, the visionary worked tirelessly until the end of her life mailing prayer cards throughout the world. She often felt feeble in her efforts. Therefore, the Lady once encouraged her, saying, "*You are afraid? But I am helping you! You will find that the spreading will happen as if by itself.*" (Apr. 15, 1951) "*Mary is taking full responsibility for this.*" (Apr. 4, 1954)

Each one of us, even a child, can help to offer this prayer card in a friendly way to all our brothers and sisters, whether they are believers or not. The appeal of the Mother of All

Nations to work with her is one that she addresses to us: "*And now I am speaking to those who want a miracle. Very well then, I tell them: go with great ardor and zeal about this work of redemption and peace, and you will behold the miracle.*" (Apr. 1, 1951) "*Help with all your means and see to the outspreading, everyone in one's own way.*" (June 15, 1952) "*This action is not for one country; this action is for all nations.*" (Oct. 11, 1953) "*They all have a right to it. I assure you that the world will change.*" (Apr. 29, 1951) "*The outspreading shall go through the monasteries...*" (Mar. 20, 1953) "*[It] shall be spread in churches and by modern means.*" (Dec. 31, 1951) "*The Lady of All Nations will be brought throughout the world in the same way, from town to town, from country to country. This simple prayer will create one community.*" (Feb. 17, 1952)



In the meantime the prayer has been translated into more than 70 languages and millions of prayer cards have reached numerous countries on all inhabited continents.

Over the years, many beautiful testimonies, accounts of conversion, healings and other miracles have been sent to the chapel in Amsterdam. These took place because people have come to know Mary as their personal mother through the prayer cards. Even cardinals and bishops from around the world



have made pilgrimages to Amsterdam and have given witness at the International Days of Prayer to the graces they have received in their dioceses. In many countries, the faithful see to it that a pilgrim image "visits" families and prayer groups, parishes and monasteries, schools, retirement homes and even prisons.

Around the globe, we hear the media speak of life threatening dangers which grow every day and become ever more frightening. We are helpless and have no solution.

Our Lady, however, does have a solution. As she did in Fatima, she even gives us an infallible plan to save us, the "great world action" in which all nations should be involved



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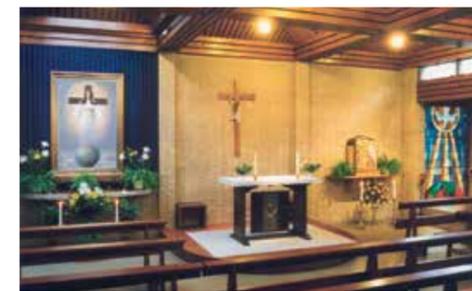
However, we all have to help with conviction and commitment. For it is in this way called "Mary", "LADY" and "MOTHER" that God wants to guide all people to true peace. She guarantees: "*The Lady will fulfill her promise, and true peace will come.*" (May 31, 1955)



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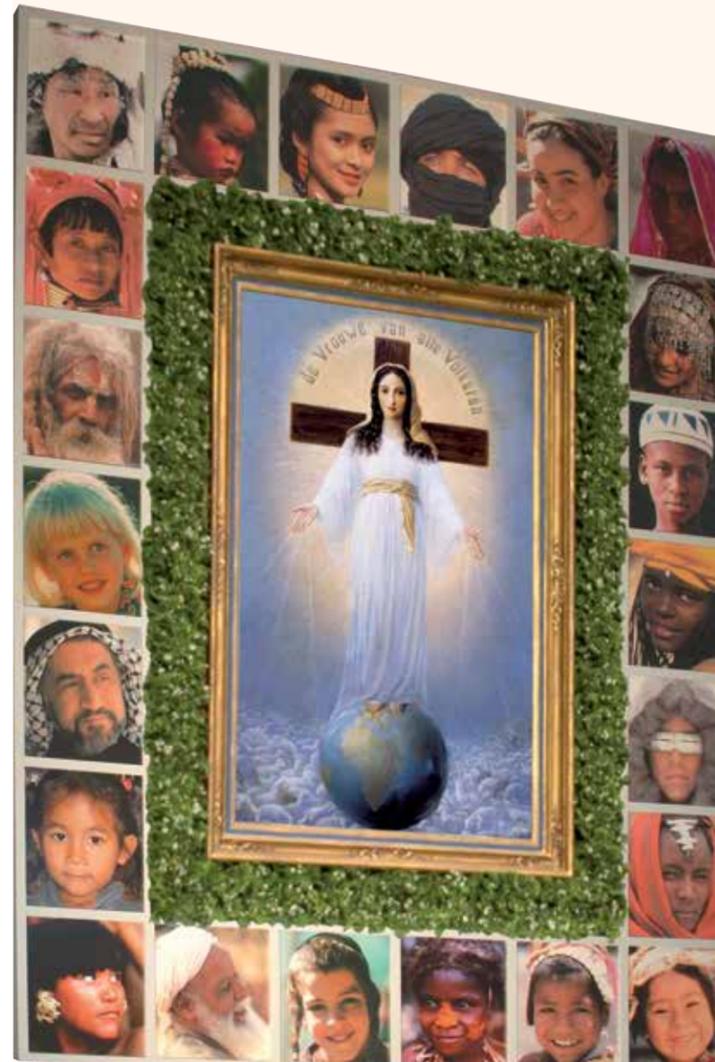
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