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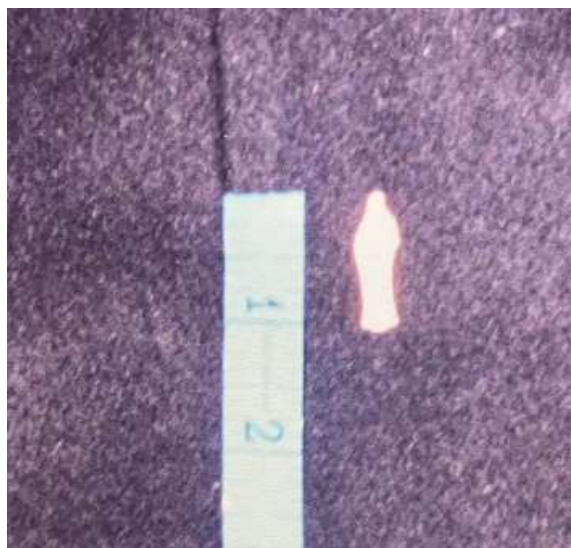
This narrative will attempt to explain what happened at the shrine site on May 17, 2000. It affected a few people, and that story needs to be told so that it can now affect many more.

It was a beautiful evening. There were hundreds of pilgrims there planning to attend what was the monthly shrine Mass. On this evening, the presider of the Holy Mass was Fr. Robert Rogers from the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux. Fr. Paul Bergeron was not in town that evening. Fr. Rogers was the pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Montegut, LA at that time. Montegut is a small community along Bayou Terrebonne about twelve miles southeasterly of the shrine site. As you will read, it was no accident that Fr. Rogers was there from Sacred Heart Parish.

During Mass, at the time of the elevation of the Eucharist during the Consecration, an attendee kneeling near a large oak tree right in front of the altar heard a large flock of birds singing loudly in harmony. At the same time, the attendee heard interiorly the words “dig in the ground”. That was such an astounding message that it was initially ignored being thought to be only in his mind. That instruction was to be followed by a second and stronger directive to “dig in the ground”. That was again ignored. That was again followed by an even stronger and insistent third instruction to “dig in the ground”. So strong that in fact (to obey) the attendee very inconspicuously took his finger and began to place it on the surface of the ground and ever so lightly began to “dig in the ground”.

Slightly under the surface the attendee hit what he first thought was a shell or a piece of gravel. As he began to dig around it, he quickly detected that it was not a shell but instead it was a statue of Jesus with his finger pointing to His Sacred Heart. It was plastic and it was an inch long.

Needless-to-say the attendee was completely surprised. He immediately began to thank and praise the Lord and thank Him for the gift that he believed was an answer to a long-time intention of his that he had prayed for many times. He proceeded to put the small statue in his pocket and began to think about how he could connect it to his rosary.



**The plastic statue dug up alongside a ruler showing a length of one inch**

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There were many pilgrims at the Mass at the Shrine that day. One attendee was Therese Oubre. She was having throat issues, and it was believed that cancer was the problem. Upon meeting her that evening and beginning to speak with her about her illness, the same voice that originally interiorly spoke “dig in the ground” stated “the statue is not for you it is for her”. Again, after being told three times, it became clear that having kept the statue would have been wrong. In obedience, the statue was given to Therese with the story of how it was discovered just a few minutes earlier.

After being told the sequence of events, Therese began to tear. She was just finishing a Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and she asked for something connected to that devotion, which was not metal, that she could take into the medical procedure that was scheduled to take place the following week. As it turned out, the statue was plastic and just long enough to be sewn into her brown scapular. Her prayer had been answered. But, due to the love and compassion of His Sacred Heart, He did much more.

Although the procedure occurred on the day it was planned, the Lord had worked in a mighty way because there was no sign of any cancer. All gone! Therese still resides in Houma, LA (23 years later) where she is active in family and church activities.

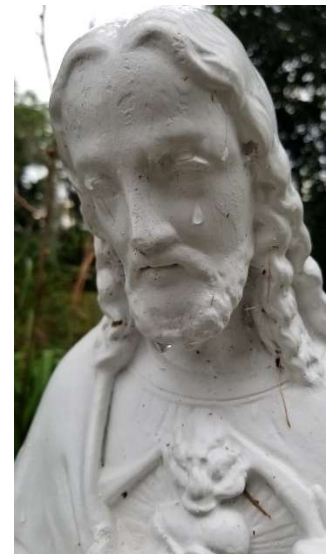
On May 17, 2012, Therese and Howard “Buck” Oubre (he now deceased) placed a monument dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus at the site due to the miraculous event that occurred on that Spring evening in 2000. The monument survived the ravages of Hurricane Ida in 2021, and it remains at the Shrine as of this writing.



**Monument placed at the Shrine by Buck the and Therese Oubre and Paul Maclean**



**“Crying Jesus” (Statue at the Shrine on August 18, 2022, 11 days before Ida hit shrine area on August 29, 2021.)**



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The Power of devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is tremendous. That power can be seen directly related to the faith of the pilgrim practicing it in many different ways. One way of acting on that faith in His Sacred Heart is to practice ***THE NINE FIRST FRIDAYS DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS*** . That devotional practice is based upon one of the twelve promises made by Our Lord to St. Margaret Mary: ***“I promise thee, in the excess of the mercy of My Heart, that Its all-powerful love will grant to all those who receive Communion on the First Friday of every month, for nine consecutive months, the grace of final penitence, and that they shall not die under My displeasure, nor without receiving the Sacraments, and My Heart shall be their secure refuge at that last hour.”***

## **THE TWELVE PROMISES OF THE SACRED HEART**

1. I will give them all the graces necessary for their state of life.
2. I will establish peace in their families.
3. I will console them in all their afflictions.
4. I will be their assured refuge in life, and more especially at death.
5. I will pour out abundant benedictions on all their undertakings.
6. Sinners shall find in My Heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy.
7. Tepid souls shall become fervent.
8. Fervent souls shall advance rapidly to great perfection.
9. I will bless the house in which the image of My Sacred Heart shall be exposed and honored.
10. I will give to priests the gift of moving the most hardened hearts.
11. Persons who propagate this devotion shall have their names inscribed in My Heart, never to be effaced from It.
12. **I promise thee, in the excess of the mercy of My Heart, that Its all-powerful love will grant to all those who receive Communion on the First Friday of every month, for nine consecutive months, the grace of final penitence, and that they shall not die under My displeasure, nor without receiving the Sacraments, and My Heart shall be their secure refuge at that last hour.**