



MARY IMMACULATE OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL- November 27

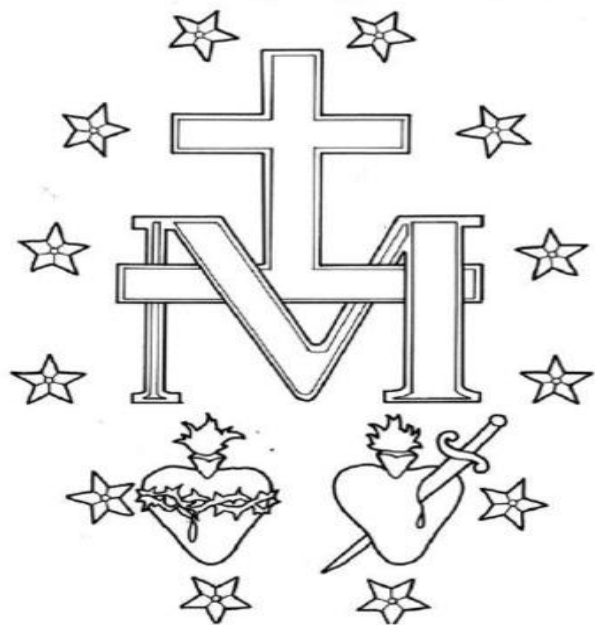
Saint Catherine Labouré - Catherine was born May 2, 1806, the 9th of 11 children to Peter and Luisa Labouré., in the countryside of Bourgogne, France. Her mother died when she was 9 years old and she told the Virgin Mary, "From now on, you will be my only mother".

Once she had a dream, that at the end of Mass, the priest said to her, "One day you will be happy to find me and follow me." When she was 18 years old, she recognized in a picture in a hospital in Paris, the face of this priest who was St. Vincent de Paul founder of the Daughters of Charity.

On April 21, 1830, at 24 years old, she began her novitiate with the Daughters of Charity in Paris. She immediately had extraordinary experiences seeing the heart of St. Vincent de Paul. She also saw Jesus before the Blessed Sacrament.

On the evening of July 18, 1830, a child angel woke her up and led her to the chapel. Here the Virgin Mary appears to her and speaks to her for hours about herself and the future of France.

On November 27, 1830, she had her 2nd apparition of Mary while she prayed, resplendent and standing on a globe of the earth; rays of light poured from her hands towards the earth. These rays represented the graces she wished to give to all those who asked for them. Mary asked her to have an image made of the apparition and a medal with the image on one side and the other side Mary's initial "M", and a cross, with the prayer "Oh Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee." She promised special graces to those who wore the medal and said the prayer with faith. Later, the medal was called the Miraculous Medal because of all the miracles and graces the Virgin gave to those who wore it with fervor.



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