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Our Lady of Coromoto

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Photograph taken at the Holy Relic of Our Lady of Coromoto in the Basilica of Our Lady of Coromoto (Yvasquezma via Wikimedia Commons)

The Extraordinary Miracle

In Venezuelan Capuchin mission history, there are reports of Indians fleeing the villages because they did not want to live in a place where “there is a God who sees and knows everything.” Likewise, Chief Coromoto thought he could resolve the problem by fleeing. Nevertheless, Our Lady, Mother of Mercy, appeared to him in his lodging where he was with his wife

and sister-in-law and a child. When he saw Our Lady, the Indian revolted and complained that he now needed to work because of her. Furious, he tried to kill her by throwing himself against the Mother of God, as he was too close to use his bow and arrow. At this moment, a miracle happened: the Virgin disappeared, leaving in the Indian’s hand the material upon which her image was engraved. Confused, and because of his limited intelligence, he could not distinguish between reality and fantasy. Thinking he had captured the Virgin herself in his hand, he took her to the Spaniards. This is how the relic was able to survive until today. The story ends with the chief fleeing to the jungle, where a snake bit him. He was about to die when a Spanish-Indian Catholic passed by the spot and baptised him, thus saving him from eternal damnation.

The Recent Discovery

The relic was left untouched for 357 years, favouring its deterioration and contributing to the occurrence of civil wars, revolutions, expulsions of bishops, diminishing the religious fervour of the clergy, and the liberal persecutions of the nineteenth century. Starting in 2002, however,



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the members of Mary, the Way to Jesus Foundation and the rector of the National Sanctuary of Coromoto, Fr. José Manuel Brito, began a campaign to restore the statue, thus acquiring the necessary funds. During a recent restoration of the image, scientists discovered many special characteristics—some of which are inexplicable. On September 3, 2009, the Venezuelan Episcopal Conference issued a declaration from which the news agency Zenit extracted some facts: Some unknown elements were discovered during the restoration. The first inexplicable fact was that, after treating the relic, the pH of the water used was neutral. Secondly, various symbols could be seen on the clothes of the image, which the anthropologist Nemesio Montiel said were of Indian origin. Using a microscope, they detected the presence of an iris in the eyes of the Virgin that measures less than 1 millimetre. This fact was particularly disconcerting since it was thought that the Virgin's eyes were mere dots. Upon careful examination of the left eye, aside from an iris, other human characteristics, such as an eyeball, tear duct, and a small dot of light, could be clearly seen. When this dot of light was amplified, a human figure with specific characteristics could be seen. In addition, the crown

of the Virgin and the Child Jesus are both typically Indian.

A Great Hope

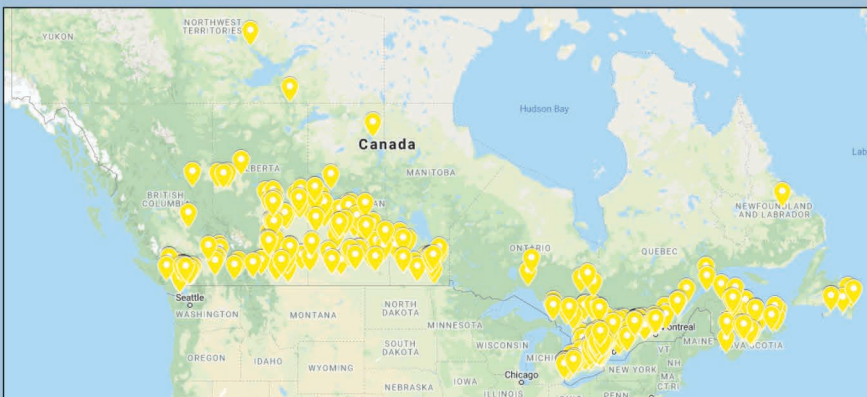
What should we make of all this? Especially impressive is the fact that the left eye of the image has all the elements of a human eye. The Venezuelan Indians—different from the Aztecs, Incas, and other indigenous populations with advanced cultures—had no tradition of painting. The mere fact of having painted an image would already be the cause of surprise and admiration—even more so considering that, throughout the seventeenth century, it would have been unheard of to paint details that would only be visible with modern instruments such as the microscope. As with Our Lady of Guadalupe, modern science confirmed that the tradition of the Church is not made up of fairy tales for the edification of the simple faithful. In the middle of the seventeenth century, a widespread debate took place in Venezuela about the propriety of going ahead or not with missions to convert the Indians in the interior of the country. The distances, impenetrable jungles, expense, dearth of missionaries to cover

the immense Spanish empire, and spiritual decadence were presented as obstacles to those who wanted to evangelise, like the Capuchins. The apparition of Our Lady to Chief Coromoto at that moment was clearly a divine sign that this apostolate should proceed despite the obstacles. Because of this Marian apparition, waves of missions began that founded new cities, thus doubling the civilised territory of the country. We can thus hope that a renewed devotion to Our Lady of Coromoto will awaken Venezuela from its spiritual lethargy and save it, even in this extremity, from the abyss towards which the enemies of Christian civilization now governing the country are leading it.

<https://tfpuk.org.uk/archives/2594>

773 Public Square Rosary Rallies for Mary in 2022

On October 15, 2022, over 770 public square Rosary Rallies honouring the Blessed Mother were done in cities and towns across Canada. The rally prayer banner reads: “Praying the Rosary for Canada. Please join us! As human efforts fail to solve Canada’s key problems, we turn to God, through His Holy Mother, asking His urgent help.”



Canada Needs Our Lady is a special campaign of the Canadian Society for the Defence of Christian Civilization to win the hearts and minds of Canadians for Mary.

The Canadian Society for the Defence of Christian Civilization was incorporated on June 25, 2013 as a federal nonprofit organization “to advance religion by the promotion of the religious teachings, tenets, doctrines, morals, and observances of the Roman Catholic faith and their application to individuals, families, and society in Christian culture and civilization.”

From our main office in Saint Hubert, QC, Society members and volunteers reach out to concerned Christian families and individuals across Canada. We promote and defend the principles and values of Christian civilization and spread the Gospel message far and wide.

**Our charity number is
807291737RR0001.**

Our Tax Receipt Policy:

We issue official Tax Receipts at the end of January to all donors whose total donations (received) during the preceding calendar year come to \$30 or more.

FROM AROUND CANADA



"Please I wish to order your book *"Book of Confidence"*, which seems to be exactly what I need as a new convert."

~ D.G.



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"An immense Thank You for the remarkably beautiful Fatima Rosary! I find it very special and I want to use it often! Your devotion to Mary just amazed me! Abundant blessings to you and yours!"

Sincerely,
~ Fr. L.A.

"God bless you and thank you so much for all your work. . . ."

Also, I went to a Rosary Rally last October. I am a new convert and have never done anything like that before and it really helped me and built up my faith during a very dark time. It gave me so much hope."

Sincerely,
~ M.L.

"A beautiful calendar. God bless you for the excellent work you are doing and may God bless our country."

Please have more than one Rosary Rally per year. Thanks. God bless."

~ O.M.

"I gave the beautiful Rosary to my son Arthur who no longer goes to Mass. Please pray for him."

Our Lady never fails to bring someone who needs a Rosary. I have given the Fatima Rosaries away several times. They are beautiful & always my favourite. Please pray that my sister, Jenny, will return to the Church & sacraments & will receive this rosary from me."

~ E.P.

"Thank you so much for all your blessings! Both my children came back home. I will continue to pray for them to live godly lives. Thank you Jesus!"

~ N.J.

A Short Story

"The Blessed Mother Saves a Sinner"

We read in the life of sister Catherine, an Augustinian nun, that in the place where that servant of God lived, there lived also a woman named Mary, who, in her youth, was a sinner, and obstinately persevered in her evil courses, even to extreme old age. For this she was banished by her fellow-citizens, forced to live in a cave beyond the limits of the place, and died in a state of loathsome corruption, abandoned by all, and without the sacraments; and on this account was buried in a field, like a beast. Now sister Catherine, who was accustomed to recommend very affectionately to God the souls of those who had departed this life, after learning the miserable death of this poor old woman, did not think of praying for her, as she and everyone else believed her already among the damned.

Four years having past, a soul from Purgatory one day appeared to her, and said, "Sister Catherine, how unhappy is my fate! You commend to God the souls of all those who die, and for my soul alone you have had no pity."

"And who are you?" said the servant of God.

"I am," answered she, "that poor Mary who died in the cave."

"How! Are you saved?" exclaimed sister Catherine.

"Yes, I am saved," she said, "by the mercy of the Virgin Mary."

"And how?" "When I saw death drawing near, finding myself

laden with sins, and abandoned by all, I turned to the Mother of God and said to her, Lady, thou art the refuge of the abandoned, behold me at this hour deserted by all; thou art my only hope, thou alone canst help me; have pity on me. The holy Virgin obtained for me the grace of making an act of contrition; I died and am saved, and my queen has also obtained for me the grace that my pains should be abridged, and that I should, by suffering intensely for a short time, pass through that purification which otherwise would have lasted many years. A few masses only are needed to obtain my release from purgatory. I pray thee cause them to be offered for me, and I promise to pray God and Mary for thee."

Sister Catherine immediately caused those masses to be said for her, and that soul, after a few days, appeared to her again, more brilliant than the sun, and said to her, "I thank thee, sister Catherine: Behold I am now going to paradise to sing the mercy of God and pray for thee."



Order a copy today

— St. Alphonsus Liguori, *The Glories of Mary* (New York: P.J. Kenedy & Sons, 1888), 35–37.

The Future Depends on

YOU

Please consider making a charitable bequest to Canada Needs Our Lady when you write or amend your will.

St. Louis de Montfort says that Mary, being the most gracious and giving of all pure creatures, never lets herself be outdone in love and liberality. As a holy man said of her, for an egg she gives an ox; that is to say, for a little that is given her, she returns a hundred fold. St. Bernard says that “when you want to offer anything to God, take care to offer it by the most agreeable and worthy hands of Mary, unless it be rejected.”



You will be deeply satisfied to know that your generosity will help future generations to know, love and practice a message of such importance, that God sent His Holy Mother to deliver it personally to us at Fatima in 1917.

Pass on Devotion to the Next Generation

To pass on devotion to Our Lady to the next generation, please ask your attorney to include in your will one of the two phrases below:

OPTION 1

“I give and bequeath the sum of \$ _____ dollars to be used for the general purposes of Canada Needs Our Lady, a special campaign of the Canadian Society for the Defence of Christian Civilization, of P.O. Box 36040, Greenfield Park, QC J4V 3N7, whose registered charity number is 807291737RR0001.”

OPTION 2

“I give, devise and bequeath to Canada Needs Our Lady, a special campaign of Canadian Society for the Defence of Christian Civilization, of P.O. Box 36040, Greenfield Park, QC J4V 3N7, whose registered charity number is 807291737RR0001, for its general purposes all (or state fraction or percent) of the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate, whether real or personal.”

Fatima's Echo's to the Next Generation

Your bequest will help future generations live Our Lady's Fatima message and you will also receive many spiritual benefits. We pray daily for our benefactors, both the living and the faithfully departed. Fr. Kevin J. Beaton says Mass on Saturdays for the intentions of Canada Needs Our Lady members. Your generosity is not only appreciated by us, but, much more importantly, our Blessed Mother and Her Divine Son. They are more interested than anyone in the restoration of society and the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Your kind help will make such apostolate possible:

- † Home-visitations with a Pilgrim Virgin statue of Our Lady of Fatima;
- † Protests and acts of reparation nationwide to stop blasphemous attacks against the Sacred Persons of Jesus and Mary;
- † FREE religious literature, books, medals, and rosaries;
- † Public Square Rosary Rally Crusade, coast to coast, with hundreds of thousands every October reading our banners' prayer: “Praying the Rosary for Canada. Please join us! As human efforts fail to solve Canada's key problems, we turn to God, through His Holy Mother, asking His urgent help.”