

A new era dawned for the world in 1830 when Our Lady appeared to a novice in a Parisian chapel, her hands streaming light.

Most of us did not realize how much that apparition meant until John XXIII announced the Second Vatican Council during which Mary was named Mother of the Church and Pope Paul said that Mary's virtues permeating the Fathers of the Council could make it an instrument for "the Second coming of Christ."*

Now as we look back we realize that three major times since that vision in Paris in 1830 the Lady of Light has stunned the world with the miracle of her coming: At La Salette, Lourdes and at Fatima, where again the light streamed from her hands and the three children suddenly felt themselves "lost in God" and involuntarily exclaimed: "O Most Holy Trinity, I adore you. My God, my God. I love You in the most Blessed Sacrament!"

Must Come Through Mary

"Renewal" is taking place. But like humility, it results more from grace than from our own effort. Renewal like humility, is dispensed by the Woman who exclaimed:

My soul doth magnify the Lord:
And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

Because He hath regarded the lowliness of His handmaid: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

For He that is mighty hath done great things to me: and holy is His Name.

The dispenser of this miracle of renewal is a mother for whom Christ worked a miracle before His time. Now in an atomic age He again worked a miracle at her request—a miracle the world does not deserve and which in the time of Noah it could not obtain. At a predicted time and place, "so that everyone may believe," she caused what appeared to be the sun to whirl in the sky for some twelve minutes and then plunge earthward.

Renewal will take time. Over a century has passed since the light

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DIVIDE and CONQUER

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streamed from her hands above an altar in Paris, then above an altar in a church in Rome upon the Jew Ratisbonne, who became a priest and founded the order of Our Lady of Zion.

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But renewal like conversion is something *personal*.

The Grace has to touch *each* heart and *each* heart must personally respond.

Perhaps the only way this can be accomplished is through the cell movement as it is found in the Blue Army of Our Lady.

We cannot expect renewal out of mere wishing, nor can we pour renewal out of a vessel of preaching, or inject it like a serum of truth. It has to come from inside. It has to come from individuals themselves. It does easily, gloriously and sweepingly and almost instantaneously come when we turn to Mary, our Mother, Mother of the Church, Mother of the Open Hands from which Grace flows upon all who seek it.

The cell is small (no more than five) and it prays, it studies, it grows and it divides. *It multiplies renewal*. What happened to the first cell, the three children of Fatima, begins to happen everywhere.

So no wonder Our Lady, just before performing the miracle of the sun at Fatima, could confidently promise: "An era of peace will be conceded to all mankind." She knew she was going to raise up an army in the wake of that miracle which would fulfill her requests and carry out the declaration of a subsequent Ecumenical Council.

The rays of grace multiply from each cell, and more swiftly than anyone might suppose, they will soon light this darkened and frightened world.

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*Address at General Audience Sept. 8, 1965, six days before opening of the final session of the Council.