

La Salette 1846



From Marypages

Let us dry Her tears

And on the 19th of September 1846, the feast day of Our Lady of Sorrows, the Virgin Mary appeared again; this time in a small village called La Salette. Near Corps, 1.800 metres above sea level and about 35 kilometres from Grenoble in France. She appeared in La Salette to two small children who were looking after the cattle. They were Melanie Calvat and Maximin Giraud aged 15 and 11 years who had only known each other for two days. Melanie tells us: “I had seen from a hill that ours cows were lying down placidly chewing the cud. I went down and Maximin started to climb upwards. Suddenly I saw a beautiful light, much brighter than the sun and felt full of tremendous loving wonder and respect. In that light I saw a very beautiful woman with her head resting in her hands. The lady stood up and said; come nearer children, do not be afraid “I am here to tell you great news.”



The children were amazed to see that The Lady looked very sad and had tears streaming down her cheeks. She folded her arms over her breast. At first she spoke to the children in French but quickly started to speak to them in their own local dialect. Our Blessed Lady spoke over people swearing, not keeping the Sunday as a day of rest and disobeying Gods laws. Her words were very important and impressive: “If My people do not obey God, I shall be forced to let go of My Sons Hand”. This statement points

to the last days of the world. Our Blessed Lady's sad expression, her tears and words show us Her very real care for and sympathy with all people. “..... you’ll never be able to repay Me for what I have done for you. Our Lady asked us to pray a lot to save the world. She asked us all to confess our sins, turn away from our evil ways, do penance and pray. In La Salette Mary pointed out the great blessings and mercy of the holy rosary and begged us: “be reconciled with God”. During the period of time when she was appearing to both of the children, they were each individually given a secret. Maximin received his secret first and then Our Lady told a secret to Melanie. Whilst Our Blessed Lady was talking to Maximin, Melanie saw her lips moving, but could not understand what She was saying.

Melanie says that both secrets were written down and were handed to Pope Pius IX in 1851. Maximin never published the secret given to him, as he died before so doing. Cardinal Antonelli did give a copy of this secret to the Countess of Clermont-Tonnerre. A. Peladin in the “Annales du Surnaturel” published it in 1888.



Below you can read some of this secret:

- **three quarters of the population of France shall lose their Faith**
- **a protestant nation in the North will repent and proclaim their Faith. Because of this other nations shall return to God in faith.**
- **the Church shall grow and bloom once more:**
- **after this peace will be greatly disturbed by the ‘monster’! The (great) monster shall come at the end of the 19th century or at the latest at the beginning of the 20th century.**



What about the secrets given to Melanie in La Salette? The Blessed Virgin had said to her, “Melanie, what I am going to tell you now does not have to remain a secret. You may tell it in 1858” (this is the year that Our Lady appeared in Lourdes). These secrets told to Melanie have caused a lot of unrest and disagreement. Among other things Our Lady told of the coming attempt to murder the Pope, which would not shorten his life.

The prophetic language used by Our Blessed Mother, the painful truths She told and her announcement of Godly righteousness pending. People took these things very much to heart. Mary warned that faith would be lost on a large scale, leaving room for materialism, false teaching (Karl Marx published his communist manifest in 1848), spiritualism and many other sins. She continues: “all those who persecute the Church of Jesus Christ and all those people who have surrendered themselves to sin, will die and the earth will be like a desert. Then there shall be Peace, the reconciliation between God and man” (thus there will be people alive).



Whilst these apparition of Our Lady took place 153 years ago, these words are extremely relevant today. The given secrets are important to the entire development of the Church and the world until the end of the period of time. She asked the children to pray morning and night and if time was a problem, to at least say an Our Father and a Hail Mary. Finally Our Lady said;” you’ll tell this to all my people”. This She repeated again.

When Our Blessed Lady talks of Her people, She means everybody in the entire world who believes in Jesus Christ, Her Son. She spoke as The Queen of the World/ Queen of all Nations. Maximin tells us that the Lady was beautiful, great, a wonderful shining brilliant light, she wore a white cloak, a bright yellow apron and her white shoes were decorated with roses of many colours. Roses were also clearly visible on Her crown.



Around Her neck She wore a chain on which was hanging a large cross with a hammer and pliers on the cross bar.



Maximin also describes how they saw The Lady disappear. First she was elevated to about one and a half metre high and then She faded and vanished before our eyes.

Melanie said: “She must be a great Saint, if we had known that we would have ask her to take us with her”. The children were horribly victimized, with threats, teasing, bribes and very mean tricks. But despite all this their stories remained exactly the same time and again. Finally after a long and stringent examination of the facts, the Bishops formally recognized that Our Blessed Mother did appear to the children in La Salette. This was in 1851.

Maximin died on the first of March 1875 at just 40 years of age. Melanie lived for many years in various convents in France, England and Italy. She died 15 December 1904 and was put to rest in Altamura (Italy).

The Real Meaning of the Messages of La Salette:

Having told us the reasons for God's anger, all our sins, disobedience, impurities, materialism and pride. (St Maria Goretti is an example of purity), Our Lady implores us to change our ways and turn from sin to GOD.

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