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# Apparitions of the Virgin Mary in ÎLE-BOUCHARD



FRANCE, 1947

**I**n Turenne, in the district of Île-Bouchard, situated in the Loire valley, from December 8 to 14, in 1947, the Virgin Mary appeared to four girls from the ages of eight to twelve years old: the sisters Jacqueline and Jeannette Aubry, their cousin Nicole Robin, and their friend Laura Croizon. Shortly before the beginning of the apparitions the Servant of God and French mystic Marthe Robin, who lived while feeding on only the Holy Eucharist for 53 years, had given advance notice of the apparitions of Île-Bouchard to her spiritual director Father Finet with these words: **"The Virgin Mary will appear to some children and France will be saved."** In that period, France was tormented by particularly grave political situations which miraculously ceased December 8, 1947, on the date in which the apparitions began in the church of Saint Gilles.

**Monday, December 8th, 1947**

The Blessed Mother appeared with an appearance similar to the Virgin of Lourdes, and said to the girls: **"Tell the children to pray for France, because she has much need of it in these days of great danger. 'Lady, are you our Mother from Heaven?' 'Yes I am your Mother from Heaven.' 'Who is the Angel that accompanies you?' The Angel replied: 'I am the Angel Gabriel.' The Holy Virgin continued: 'Give to me your hand. Return this evening at 5:00 and tomorrow afternoon at 1:00.'"**

**Tuesday, December 9th**

1:00PM: **"Kiss the Cross of my Rosary. I will tell all of you a secret which you may repeat in three days: pray for France because in these days she is in great danger. Go tell the pastor to come here at 2 o'clock, and to bring children and a crowd to pray. Tell the pastor to build a grotto, as soon as possible, where I am; to place a statue of me and one of the Angel next to it. When it is completed I will bless it."**

5:00PM: **"Sing the Ave Maria, this song I love very much. Tell the crowd to come closer to recite a decade of the Rosary." At the end of the Rosary it was Our Lady herself who enunciated three times: "O Mary conceived without sin" and the children were heard to reply: "Pray for us who have recourse to thee."**

**Wednesday, December 10th**

1:00PM: **"Sing the Ave Maria. Kiss my hand. I did not come here to do miracles but to have you pray for France. Tomorrow you will be able to see well and will no longer wear eyeglasses. I will confide in you a secret that you must promise me to not reveal to anyone."**

**Thursday, December 11th**

Mrs. Aubry verified that Jacqueline was healed: there were no longer the crusts from the intractable conjunctivitis that for more than 2 years had persecuted her and also no trace of her extreme myopia. She no longer needed to wear eyeglasses.

1:00PM: **"Sing the Ave Maria. Pray for sinners. I will bring joy to families. Would you all like to sing the Ave Maria now? Will the Pastor build the grotto?" "Yes, Our Lady, we promise this to you."**

**Friday, December 12th**

1:00PM: **"Sing the Ave Maria. Sing again the Ave Maria. Kiss my hand. Pray for sinners... Good, above all pray very much for sinners. I did not come here to do miracles but so that you would all pray for France."**

**Saturday, December 13th**

1:00PM: **"Will you sing the Ave Maria?" asks the beautiful Lady. Jacqueline presents a bouquet of pink carnations: "Lady, here are some flowers." The Holy Virgin blesses the flowers. "Do a miracle then, Lady?" "Later," replies the Blessed Mother: "I will return tomorrow for the last time."**

**Sunday, December 14th**

1:00PM: **"Our Lady, we ask you to bless the Archbishop, his 25 years of episcopate, His Excellency Monsignor de Blois, the two parishes, the schools, the Lenten Mission, the priests of the Deanery, and to give priests to Touraine." The Lady accepted the requests with a nod of the head and a smile. "Lady I offer thee flowers. Take them! Kiss them." "I will kiss them, but I do not want to take them. Bring them home." "Lady, what needs to be done in order to console Our Lord for the pain sinners cause Him?" "You must make sacrifices." "Before leaving I will send you a luminous ray of sunlight. Tell the crowd to sing the Magnificat. Recite one decade of the Rosary, with your arms crossed. Will you construct a grotto?" "Yes, yes we will build it..." And the Blessed Mother again declared three times: "O Mary conceived without sin" and the four girls responded: "Pray for us who have recourse to thee."**

In spite of the particularly gloomy weather that day and the sky was low, the luminous ray of sunlight promised by the Virgin Mary was seen even by the inhabitants of the surrounding countryside.

