

The Devotion to the HOLY FACE was first initiated by JESUS to Sister Mary St. Peter, a Carmelite nun of Tours, France, in 1843-1847. JESUS describes the Devotion, in FULLY CHURCH approved revelations to her, as “the most beautiful work that has yet appeared on the face of the earth.”

This powerful Devotion, which HE desired to be worldwide, was to be a reparation to GOD for the breaking of the First Three Commandments:

- 1) Denial of GOD: especially for COMMUNIST ATHEISM
- 2) Blasphemy: abuse of the Holy name.
- 3) Disrespect for Sunday and Holy Days of obligation.

Our LORD JESUS CHRIST made promises to Sr. Mary of St. Peter in favor of those who honor HIS HOLY FACE:

1. “By My HOLY FACE you shall work miracles.”
2. “By My FACE you will obtain the conversion of sinners.”
3. “Nothing that you ask in making this offering will be refused to you.”
4. “If you knew how pleasing the sight of my FACE is to my FATHER.”
5. “As in a kingdom you can procure all you wish with a coin marked with the King’s effigy, so in the Kingdom of Heaven you will obtain all you desire with the precious coin of MY HOLY FACE.”
6. “Our LORD has promised me that HE will imprint HIS divine likeness on the souls of those who honor HIS most Holy Countenance.”
7. “All those who honor My HOLY FACE in a spirit of reparation will, by doing so, perform the office of the pious Veronica.”
8. “According to the care you take in making reparation to My FACE, disfigured by blasphemies, so will I take care of yours, which has been disfigured by sin. I will reprint therein My image and render it as beautiful as it was on leaving the Baptismal font.”
9. “Our LORD promised me that all those who defend HIS cause in this work of reparation, by words, by prayers, or in writing, HE will defend them before HIS Father; at their death HE will purify their souls by effacing all the blots of sin and will restore them to their primitive beauty.”

Church tradition holds that the Veil of Veronica bears the true image of CHRIST’S FACE. HIS image is believed to have been imprinted on Veronica’s Veil during HIS journey to the Cross and is safeguarded by the Vatican Basilica.

During the Christmas Octave of 1849 the Relic of Veronica’s Veil was held for public Veneration in a three-day exposition. On the THIRD day, January 6th the Feast of the Epiphany which commemorates the manifestation of JESUS CHRIST to the world, a MIRACLE occurred. Before the Canons of the Basilica, Priests who are responsible for the highest standards of Liturgical art and Sacramental care and the faithful who were praying there, a miraculous change occurred to the Veil:

“Through another veil of silk, which covered the true Relic of Veronica’s Veil, the Divine FACE now appeared distinctly, as if living, and was illumined by a soft light; the features assumed a

deathlike hue, and the eyes, deep sunken, wore an expression of great pain.” The Canons immediately had the bells rung which resulted in crowds of people witnessing the three hour manifestation. An Apostolic Notary was called in who composed an official document testifying to the miracle.

That same evening artists were brought in and copies were made of the image as it manifested before them. The images were then touched to Veronica’s Veil, the Relic of the True Cross and the Spear that had pierced the side of JESUS. These RELICS were then sent out to the world for Veneration.

A copy of the image was given to Venerable Leo DuPont by the Carmelites of Tours. He placed the HOLY FACE image in his ”DRAWING” room with an oil lamp continuously burning in front of it in Veneration. His zeal and practice of Devotion to the HOLY FACE was heroic. There are more than 6,000 officially documented miracles that were performed with the oil from the lamp that hung before the HOLY FACE!! By request the oil was shipped all over the world by those DRAWN to the HOLY FACE and seeking HIS healing. These miracles occurred over 30 years and were so great in number that Pope Pius IX declared him to be one of the greatest miracle workers in Church history!

The Archconfraternity of Reparation to the HOLY FACE was established in 1885 by Pope Leo XIII. Contrary to custom, he established this special Devotion immediately to the ENTIRE WORLD, just as JESUS had asked of Sr. Mary St. Peter!

Three years before St. Therese of the CHILD JESUS and of the HOLY FACE entered the Carmelites, her whole family registered as members of the Archconfraternity. She had such a love for Sr. St. Peter that she wore a relic of her hair and carried her picture in her New Testament, keeping Sr. St. Peter close to her heart. Less than two months before St. Therese’s death she remarked to her own sister:

“How well our LORD did lower HIS eyes when HE gave us HIS portrait! Since the eyes are the mirror of the soul, if we had seen HIS soul, we would have died from joy. Oh how much good that HOLY FACE has done in my life!” Later on the same day she said:

“These words of Isaiah: ‘Who has believed our report?.....There is no beauty in HIM, no comeliness...’ have made the whole foundation of my devotion to the HOLY FACE, or to express it better, the foundation of all my piety. I also have desired to be without beauty, to tread the winepress alone, unknown to every creature.” -The Last Conversations.

Be DRAWN to the HOLY FACE of JESUS, along with St. Therese of Lisieux and countless others, and join us in praying the Chaplet in Devotion to HIS HOLY FACE every first Saturday after 8:15 AM Mass.

**ALL ARE WELCOME!!**

