nations before God and defends us from Satan.

OUR LADY SAID THE FOLLOWING ABOUT THIS TITLE

"The Lady of All Nations will be allowed to bring peace to the world. Yet she must be asked for it under this title." (Oct. 11, 1953)

"Under this title she will save the world." (March 20, 1953)

"Under this title she may deliver the world from a great world castastrophe." (May 10, 1953)

"The Lady of All Nations wishes to be brought among everyone, no matter who or what they are. This is why she received this title from her Lord and Master." (Dec. 31, 1951)

"The Lady of All Nations stands in the middle of the world before the cross. She comes under this name as the Coredemptrix, Mediatrix and Advocate, in this time. She will be taken up into Marian history under this title." (Dec. 31, 1951)

"...the Lady of All Nations is here, everywhere, to help you. For she is the Coredemptrix, Mediatrix and Advocate. This will be the final dogma. Work on it promptly and quickly. The Lady of All Nations promises to help the world if it acknowledges this title, if it invokes her under this title." (Dec. 8, 1952)

The title 'Lady and Mother of All Nations' expresses then in a unique way the world-encompassing vocation of Mary for all nations, for all continents, for all races and religious faiths-for she is truly the Mother of All Nations. She loves all her children, whether they want her to or not. She loves all her children, whether they know it or not.

These apparitions began on March 25, 1945 in Amsterdam on the Feast of the Annunciation. A woman, Ida Peerdman, and her three sisters were at home, seated around a pot-bellied stove. A priest, a friend of the family, stopped by for a visit. While they were engaged in lively conversation, something extraordinary happened. Ida, the youngest of the four sisters, noticed something in the adjoining room. She got up and saw an immense light appearing, and her surroundings seemed to fade away. From the light she saw a female figure come forth, dressed in white, who began to speak to her.

This was the first of a series of fifty-six apparitions which have become known as 'The Messages of the Lady of All Nations'. The last message, a majestic farewell-vision, would be received fourteen years later, on May 31, 1959.

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**Apparitions reported between 1945-1959 by Ida Peerdeman. In May 2002 Bishop Jozef Marianus Punt of Haarlem-Amsterdam issued a letter that declared this apparition as having supernatural origin. However, this apparition has not been officially approved by the Holy See, and has approval only at the local bishop level.

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Our Lady of All Nations

Amsterdam



"Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Father, send now Your Spirit over the earth. Let the Holy Spirit live in the hearts of all nations, that they may be preserved from degeneration, disaster and war. May the Lady of All Nations, who once was Mary, be our Advocate".

Explanation of the Image

*"This image is the interpretation and the illustration of the new dogma. This is why I myself have given this image to the peoples." (December 8, 1952)

This image is one of the things that makes the apparitions of Amsterdam unique in the history of Marian apparitions. Our Lady herself came in six different apparitions to describe her image in detail to the visionary. She insisted again and again that the visionary look carefully and notice all the details. On several occasions Our Lady even corrected the way in which the image had been painted.

Our Lady then explained the significance of the entire image to the visionary: Our Lady showed herself in Amsterdam as the co-redeeming mother standing firmly on the globe before the cross of her Son and surrounded by the flock of Christ made up of white and black sheep representing all nations. She appears as the Apocalyptic Woman; clothed with the light of the resurrection, in that light which comes the Cross of the Redeemer. She stands on the globe because she is the Lady and Mother of All Nations. Her face, hands, and feet are human, the rest of her is 'as of the Spirit' who has overshadowed her. As she once stood beneath the cross of Christ, so now in these times, in union with Him, she appeared standing before His Cross.

In the hands of Our Lady, the visionary saw mystical wounds. Through these, Mary illustrates the physical and spiritual suffering that she bore in union with her divine Son for the redemption of humanity. From the wound in each hand come forth three rays and shine upon the sheep below. "These are three rays, the rays of Grace, Redemption, and Peace." (May 31, 1951) Grace from the Father, Redemption from the Son, and Peace from the Holy Spirit.

Regarding the sheep at the bottom of the globe, Our Lady said, "This image of the flock of sheep represents the nations of the whole world, who will not find rest until they lie down and in tranquility look up at the Cross, the center of this world." (May 31, 1951)

"Abandon all of your egoism and vanity, and try to bring to the center, the Cross, all children and those who are still wandering around grazing." (May 31, 1951)

"I have firmly placed my feet upon the globe, for in this time the Father and the Son want to bring me into this world as Coredemptrix, Mediatrix and Advocate." (May 31, 1951)

"Take the Cross and plant it in the centre! Only then will there be peace." (Oct. $1,\,1949$)

It is also interesting to note that while the serpent was still visible on the Miraculous Medal, it is no longer visible in the image of the Coredemptrix, Mediatrix, and Advocate. This has a deep meaning: when Mary triumphs through the threefold dogma, and when all people understand the deep value and meaning of their suffering when it is offered up, Satan will finally be conquered.

THE PRAYER

In order to preserve us from disaster and threatening war, Our Lady gave a powerful prayer in Amsterdam which she called "her prayer" (May 31, 1955). Our Lady tells us something very important in relation to this, "From degeneration comes disaster. From degeneration comes war. Through my prayer you shall ask that this be staved off from the world." (May 31, 1955)

During the first message, given on March 25, 1945, Our Lady already referred to her prayer, but it was not for another six years that Our Lady actually dictated the prayer to the visionary on February 11, 1951. During that vision Our Lady joined her hands, directed her gaze upward, and solemnly began to pray:

(Prayer on cover)

Alone the fact that Mary dictated her prayer during the vision of the Second Vatican Council is a clear allusion to the significance of the prayer for the Church and the world. The Lady of All Nations came to give us this prayer as an aid for all mankind.

WHO ONCE WAS MARY

Almost all who have come to know this prayer have difficulty with the formula "who once was Mary". This should not be surprising since the first person to have problems understanding the sense of these words was the visionary herself, then her spiritual director, and finally her bishop who was supposed to give the imprimatur to the prayer. Therefore when the prayer was first printed, the bishop, despite liking the prayer, left out the formula in question so that the prayer simply said "May the Lady of All Nations be our advocate."

Our Lady, however, stressed in the following message that she did not agree with the change in the prayer saying, "Tell the theologians that I am not satisfied with the alteration of the prayer. 'May the Lady of All Nations, who once was Mary, be our Advocate'-that is to remain as it is." (April 6, 1952)

After having this express wish of Our Lady presented to him, the bishop again allowed the phrase to be included.

Our Lady herself explained what this phrase means: "'Who once was Mary' means: many people have known Mary as Mary. Now, however, in this new era which is about to begin, I wish to be the Lady of All Nations." (July 2, 1951)

So, "who once was Mary" does not in any way mean that Our Lady can no longer be called Mary; after all, when we pray the Rosary, we do so often. Rather this means that our relationship to her she becomes more that of a child to its mother.

THE TITLE

"They will call me 'The Lady', 'Mother'." (March 25, 1945)

When Our Lady appeared in Amsterdam, she came under the new title 'The Lady and Mother of All Nations'. On May 3, 1996, the two bishops of Haarem-Amsterdam, Bishop Henrik Bomers and his Auxiliary bishop, Joseph Maria Punt, published a decree in which they officially allowed public veneration of Mary under the biblical title 'The Lady of all Nations'.

By attentively reading the messages, one can see that this new title is actually the summation of a new three fold dogma that Our Lady asked for : the Coredemptrix, Mediatrix, and Advocate. To see this, one need only open the Holy Scriptures.

In the Bible, Mary is spoken of as "woman" four times, each time in a context which concerns her universal vocation of motherhood.

(Please note that in the original Dutch, the word Vrouwe means both woman and lady. In translating the messages, the word lady was chosen, however woman appears in the Bible texts.) This woman is the Lady of All Nations who, united with the Redeemer, suffered as Coredemptrix for all nations. As Mediatrix, she mediates the life of grace to all nations, and as Advocate, she intercedes for all