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* *Please note:* As established in the Council of Trent (1545-1563), the local bishop is the first and main authority in the judge authenticity of apparition claims. Vatican approval is not required for an apparition to be considered authentic. After an episc approval, the Vatican may officially release a statement or give less explicit forms of approval such as a papal visit or crown associated icon, a papal gift such as a golden rose, the approval of the construction of a basilica, the establishment of a feast canonization of the associated visionary.

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Positive judgments by the local bishop (but not yet recognition by the Vatican) theoretically are able to be reversed by a sub bishop - but this has never happened in the history of the Church. Negative judgements (Non constat de supernaturalitate) a no evidence of supernaturality (Constat de non supernaturalitate) have later been changed to positive judgments on a few re with the ruling of a subsequent bishop.

If a Marian apparition is approved by the bishop, it means that the message is not contrary to faith and morals and that Mary venerated in a special way at the site. But, because belief in a private revelation is not required by the church, Catholics are decide how much personal spiritual emphasis to place on apparitions and the messages they deliver.

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Quito, Ecuador (1594)

Title: [Our Lady of Good Success](#)

Feast Day: [February 2nd](#)

Investigated:

First Apparition:
Feb 2, 1594

Approved: Feb 2, 1611 - Bishop Salvador de Riber

Last Apparition:
Dec 8, 1634

Visionaries: Venerable Mother Mariana de Jesus Torres (31)

Number of Apparitions: 4

Miracles & Signs: Blind girl cured at Mariana's wake; incorruptible body of Mariana

Summary: Our Lady of Good Success appeared to Spanish-born Mother Mariana de Jesus T her Conceptionist Royal Convent in Quito, Ecuador. She requested that a statue be made in h likeness and warned of diminishing faith and vocations in the 20th century.



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Querrien, Bretania, France (1652) (

Title: [Our Lady of Eternal Aid](#)

Investigated: 1652

First Apparition:
Aug 15, 1652

Approved: Archbishop Denis de La Barde, bishop of Saint-Brieuc, authenticated the appearance in Sept 1652. The chapel was immediately built on site of the apparitions.

Last Apparition:
Aug 20, 1652

Visionaries: Jeanne Courtel (12), shepherdess

Number of Apparitions: 15

Summary: The twelve year-old Jeanne Courtel was born deaf and dumb. As she fed the shee her native village of La Prénessaye, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to her and healed from sickness. After the apparition, she could speak and hear normally. The next day the miracle th appeared again, this time the Virgin urged to build a chapel for the veneration of Mary. As evid her appearance, in addition to the miracle of healing, Mary showed her where a statue was bu the image of "Our Lady of Eternal Aid." The statue was found and this place manifested fifteen apparitions of the Virgin which were considered and recognized as authentically supernatural l Bishop of Saint-Brieuc. The chapel was immediately built on site of the apparitions and the sta was unearthed on the inside.



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Montagnaga, Italy (1729)

Title: [Madonna of Montagnaga](#)

Feast Day: [May 26](#)

Investigated: 1730

First Apparition:
May 14, 1729

Approved: Church of Sant'Anna expanded in 1740; new church was consecrated by [Leopold Ernst Cardinal von Firmian](#), bishop of Trento; Sanctuary enlarged in 1881; Image crowned on Aug 11, 1894; Feast day established as May 26.

Last Apparition:
May 26, 1730

Visionary:
Domenica Targa, shepherdess

Number of Apparitions: 5

Summary: The Virgin, dressed in white with a rosary in her hand, appeared to a shepherdess

Robinsonville (now Champion), WI, USA (1859)

Title: [Our Lady of Good Help](#)



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Investigated: 2009

Approved: Dec 8, 2010 by Bishop David L. Ricken , bishop of Green Bay, WI

Visionaries:
Adele Brise (28)

Miracles & Signs: On October 8th, 1871 (12 years from the first apparition), the greatest fire in the history of the US destroyed 1.5 million acres of land in Wisconsin. The only place left untouched was the Chapel and Shrine property of Our Lady of Good Help. Many cures have been recorded at the Shrine.

Summary: Our Lady appeared 3 times to a 28 year old Belgium farm woman and asked to pray for the conversion of sinners and encouraged her to evangelize and catechize the local people.

First Apparition:
October 9, 1859

Last Apparition:
October 17, 1859

Number of Apparitions: 3



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Castelpetroso, Italy (1888)

Title: [Our Lady of Sorrows](#)

Feast Day: March 22

Investigated: 1889

Approved: 1889 (Mgr. Macarone-Palmieri, Bishop of the diocese of Bojano)

Visionaries: 2 shepherdesses - Fabiana Cecchino (35) and Serafina Giovanna Valentino (33)

Miracles & Signs: A healing spring appeared at the apparition site.

Summary:Two women, Fabiana Cecchino (35) and Serafina Giovanna Valentino (33), had a vision of Mary first as the Pieta and later as Our Lady of Sorrows in a cave at Castelpetroso, Italy.

First Apparition:
March 22, 1888

Last Apparition:
June 1890

Number of Apparitions: Many



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Amsterdam, Netherlands (1945)

Title: [Our Lady of All Nations](#)

Investigated: 1956, 2002

Approved:
May 31, 2002 by Bishop Jozef Marianus Punt of Haarlem

Visionaries:
Ida Peederman

Notes: Negative judgement was given by the bishop of Haarlem on May 7, 1956, confirmed in and 1972. Worship authorized by Mgr H. Bomers, bishop of Haarlem, on May 31, 1996.

Summary: During a series of 56 apparitions, lasting 14 years, prophecies were given to Ida Peederman along with an image of the Blessed Mother and a prayer. The revelations emphasize the importance of the Eucharist and portray in detail the events that will bring about the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart, most importantly the declaration of the final Marian dogma of Mary as The All Nations: Coredeptrix, Mediatrix, and Advocate.

First Apparition:
March 25, 1945

Last Apparition:
May 31, 1959

Number of Apparitions: 56



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Betania, Venezuela (1976)

Title: [Reconciler of People and Nations](#)

Investigated: 1984

Approved: Nov 21, 1987 by Pio Bello Ricardo, S.J., Bishop of Los Teques; Declared a sanctuary on May 26, 2009 by Bishop Freddy J. Fuenmayor.

Visionaries:
Maria Esperanza

Miracles & Signs: Many cures, bleeding Host, stigmata of Maria Esperanza

Summary: Maria Esperanza of Betania, Venezuela witnessed 31 apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary over the course of 15 years. The Virgin called herself the "Reconciler of People and Nations" and warned of impending war and suffering. Many visitors have come to the site, reporting numerous miracles and signs. On one occasion in 1984, over 100 people claimed to have witnessed a private apparition of the Virgin.

First Apparition:
March 25, 1976

Last Apparition:
Jan 5, 1990

Number of Apparitions: 31



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Akita, Japan (1973)

Title: [Our Lady of Akita](#)

Investigated: 1973

Approved:
April 22, 1984 approved by Bishop John Shojiroo Ito of Niigata. In 1988, Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger allowed Ito's pastoral letter and its dissemination to the faithful.

Visionaries:
Sr. Agnes Sasagawa (43)

Miracles & Signs: Bleeding Statue, Stigmata

Summary: Sister Agnes Sasagawa of the Handmaids of the Eucharist received 101 messages emanating from a bleeding wooden statue.

First Apparition:
July 6, 1973

Last Apparition:
October 13, 1973
(The statue wept 101 times from July 6, 1973 to Sept 15, 1981)

Number of Apparitions: 3

Cuapa, Nicaragua (1980)

Title: [Our Lady of Cuapa](#)

Investigated: 1981

First Apparition:
April 15, 1980



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Approved: Nov 13, 1982 by Pablo Antonio Vega Mantilla, Bishop of Juigalpa **Last Apparition:** Oct 13, 1980

Visionaries: Bernardo Martinez **Number of Apparitions:** 4+

Notes: After the initial 4 apparitions, the Virgin reportedly subsequently appeared in later year messages of the destruction of atheistic communism and the whole world. She also requested propagation of the devotion to the shoulder wounds of Christ.

Summary: Church sacristan Bernardo Martinez entered an old chapel and observed a supern light illuminating from a statue of the Blessed Virgin. The Virgin later appeared clothed in white asked for the daily Rosary with Biblical citations and have the First Saturday Devotions renew also warned of future sufferings for Nicaragua if the people didn't change.



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San Nicolas, Argentina (1983)

Title: Our Lady of the Rosary

Investigated: April 1985

First Apparition: Sept 25, 1983

Approved: MAY 22, 2016 - MSGR HÉCTOR SABATINO CARDELLI

Last Apparition: Ongoing

Visionaries: Gladys Quiroga de Motta **Number of Apparitions:** Thousands

Notes: She reportedly additionally received 78 messages from Jesus Christ. Numerous healin including the cure of a boy with a brain tumor, have been documented.

Summary: An ordinary housewife, a mother and grandmother who had no formal education a knowledge off the Bible or theology claimed that she was visited by the Blessed Mother daily f period of over 6 years.



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