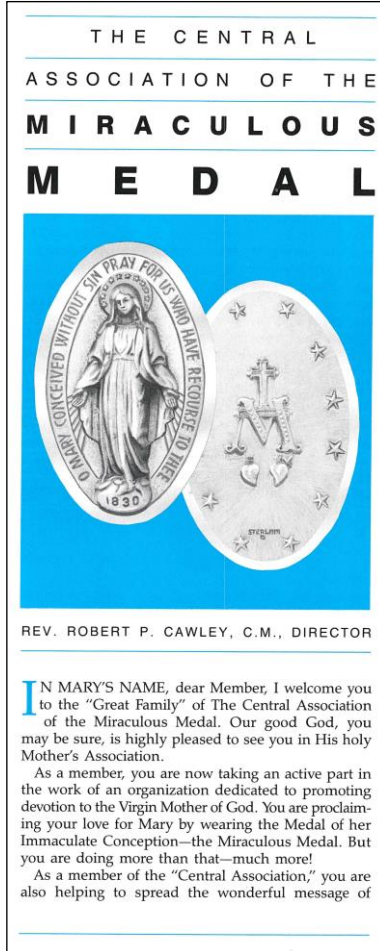


# Tridentine Community News

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## *The Miraculous Medal*



Well before the age of the internet, there was a Catholic media operation that was virtually inescapable: the Central Association of the Miraculous Medal, based at Philadelphia's Shrine of the Miraculous Medal. With incessant mailings, including packets of Miraculous Medals, newsletters, and explanatory booklets, this operation did everything possible to spread awareness of and devotion to Our Lady's medal. Fast forward to today: the Shrine has been upgraded to Basilica status and of course has taken its evangelizing mission on-

line, at: <https://miraculousmedal.org/>

The devotion goes back to 1830, when Our Lady appeared to St. Catherine Labouré in Paris. A C.A.M.M. pamphlet from the 1980s provides more history: "The front of the

Medal represents Mary standing on the earth, her foot crushing the head of a serpent, and her hands outstretched to all who ask her assistance. The prayers encircling her contains one of her most precious titles: 'O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.' The rays of light from her hands symbolize the graces which she is only too eager to bestow upon those who wear her Medal and pray to her.

When St. Catherine related the vision to her confessor, he asked her whether she had seen any writing on the back of the Medal. She answered that she had seen none at all. 'Ah!' said the good priest, 'ask the Blessed Virgin what to put there.' The Sister obeyed and prayed to Mary a long time for this information. One day during meditation she seemed to hear a voice saying 'The M and the two hearts express enough.'"

## *The Traditional Blessing of the Miraculous Medal*

Originally reserved to priests of the Congregation of the Missions but since 1965 allowed for all priests to administer, the Traditional Blessing and Investiture with the Miraculous Medal is presented here. As usual, the Traditional Roman Ritual requires that the

actual blessing be prayed in Latin; the English is supplied only for reference.

*Vested in surplice and white stole, the priest says:*

☩. *Our help is in the name of the Lord.*

☩. *Who made heaven and earth.*

☩. *The Lord be with you.*

☩. *And with thy spirit.*

*Let us pray.*

*Almighty and merciful God! In virtue of the many apparitions on earth of the Immaculate Virgin Mary, it has pleased Thee to work miracles again and again for the salvation of souls. Be Thou gracious and pour out Thy blessing ☩ upon this medal, so that all who piously reverence it and devoutly wear it may experience the patronage of Mary Immaculate and obtain mercy from Thee. Through Christ our Lord.*

☩. *Amen.*

*Then he sprinkles the medal with holy water and presents it to the candidate, saying:*

*Receive the holy medal, wear it with faith, and handle it with becoming devotion, so that the most holy and immaculate Queen of Heaven may protect and defend thee. And as she is ever ready to renew her wondrous acts of kindness, may she obtain for thee in her mercy whatsoever thou dost humbly ask of God, so that both in life and in death thou canst rest securely in her motherly embrace. Amen.*

*Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.*

*Our Father... inaudibly until*

☩. *And lead us not into temptation.*

☩. *But deliver us from evil.*

☩. *O Queen conceived without original sin.*

☩. *Pray for us.*

☩. *O Lord, hear my prayer.*

☩. *And let my cry come unto Thee.*

☩. *The Lord be with you.*

☩. *And with thy spirit.*

*Let us pray.*

*O Lord Jesus Christ, Who hast willed that Thy Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary conceived without sin should be made illustrious through countless miracles, do Thou grant that we who constantly invoke her patronage may come to possess everlasting joys. Who livest and reignest throughout the endless ages.*

☩. *Amen.*

## *Tridentine Masses This Coming Week*

**Sun. 09/17 10:00 AM:** High Mass at *Old St. Mary's* (Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost) – Celebrant: Fr. Michael Suhy

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