Yes...MIRACLES Happened at Fatima!

You may not agree with the Catholic belief in miracles.

Perhaps you don't believe in miracles at all... and especially not in miracles attributed to the prayer of the Blessed Virgin.

But if God does look with special favor upon Mary... and does wondrous things at her request... is it not of vast importance to you to find out? Is it not worth the few minutes required to examine the evidence?

What, for example, did God's angel mean when he said:

"Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou amongst women..."?

Was she to be full of grace only temporarily—and "blessed amongst women" only during her life on earth?

This is not reasonable in view of Mary's unique role as the earthly mother of the Son of God. Nor can we discard and forget Mary if we believe Holy Scripture, for there we find Mary's words (Luke 1:48); "...henceforth all generations shall call me blessed." Where, excepting among Catholics, does anyone honor Mary as did God Himself?

"But," you may insist, "show me a miracle! And prove that Mary had anything to do with it."

We might, of course, recall that Christ's mother appeared to Bernadette at Lourdes in France, and that scientifically-authenticated cures have been occurring there ever since. Or we might cite similar apparitions to the three children at Fatima, Portugal, and the subsequent awesome spectacle of the sun spinning and dancing on its axis and then seeming to plunge toward the earth... a spectacle witnessed by 70,000 persons. And we could mention Mary's prophecies concerning the conditions under which Russia would be converted.

But Catholics don't require earth-shaking supernatural demonstrations to attest Mary's love, nor to prove her influence at the throne of God. It's the little "miracles" that take place in their daily lives when... in faith and trust... they pray: "Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee..."

Catholics pray for one another and ask the saints in Heaven to join them in prayer. "I believe," says the Apostles' creed, "in the communion of saints." And Mary is in Catholic hearts the greatest of the saints. So we ask her to intercede for us with God, Who has often performed miracles in answer to her prayer.

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As You Were Saying...

my sunshine box

I WAS STRICKEN with rheumatic fever last Spring and was told I would be confined to bed for the rest of the school year. At 16, it seemed like a dull life ahead for me.

Then one evening two friends from church brought me a large box covered with bright yellow paper and tied with a multi-colored ribbon. They said it was my "Sunshine Box." Inside were individually wrapped presents, each one from a different member of the church. My friends said to unwrap one gift each day.

Now I had something to look forward to. Each morning I would wake anxious to see what surprise awaited me. The sunshine these gifts brought me helped speed my recovery, I'm sure.

—S.E.A., Anderson, Ind.

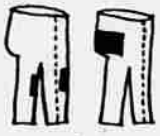
the 25-hour day

MY NEIGHBOR'S WATCH is always fast. It gains more than an hour a day, yet he won't have it fixed.

"I like it better this way," he explained. "By having it fast, I not only get places a bit early but, at the end of the day when I set it back, I get to live part of my life over again."

—Jack Brown, Ogden, Utah.

a tale of two overalls



AN ACQUAINTANCE OF MINE, who operated a tearoom, was once choosing between two applicants who had applied for a position as gardener. Her mother, who was seated on the porch behind her, pointed toward one of the men who seemed less impressive than the other. Supposing that her mother had some knowledge of him, she hired him.

Later the daughter asked, "Did he ever work for you?"

"No."

"Then why did you choose him?"

"When you pick a man for work, go by his overalls. If they are patched on the knees, that's your man. If they're patched on the seat, get rid of him. *—Mrs. Helen Millham, Fullerton, Pa.*

a left-handed optimist

IN DOWNTOWN AUSTIN, most of the streets are restricted to one-way traffic and consequently left turns are forbidden at certain corners. Recently I saw an elderly farmer in an antique and very rickety pickup truck attempt one at the wrong place. As the truck, laden with crates of squawking chickens, started creaking into a left turn, a policeman ran up waving his arms and shouting, "Pop, you can't do that!"

"Don't worry, sonny," the old man yelled back cheerfully, "I think she'll make it!" *—Jim Cockrum, Austin, Tex.*

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