



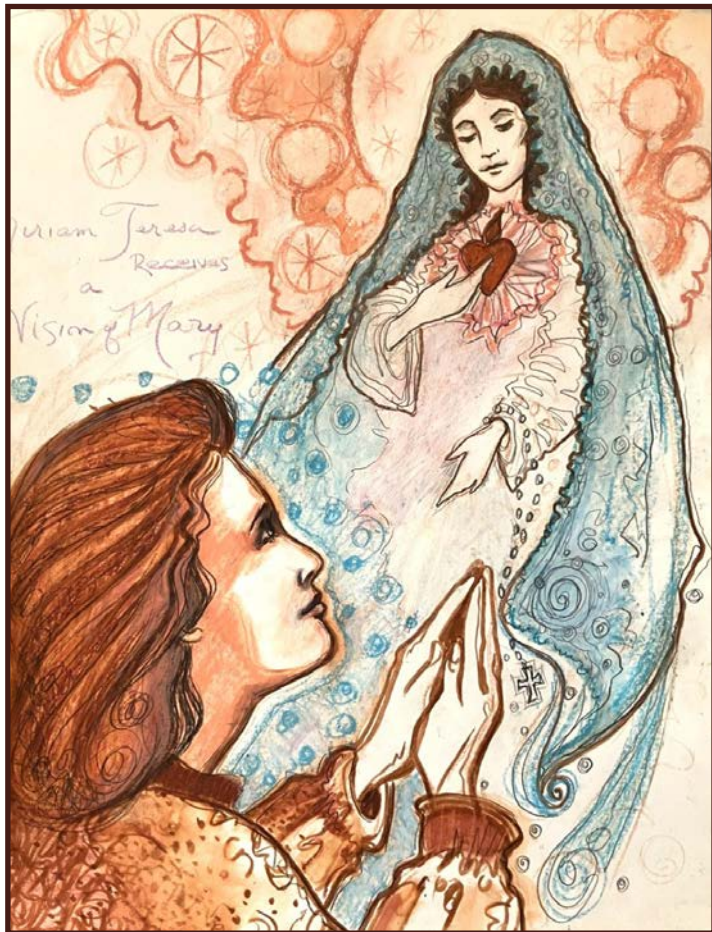
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*Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich
Receives a Vision of Mary*
by David Ciampichini, 24" x 19" Pastel Drawing



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of the Blessed

Miriam Teresa Demjanovich, SC
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THE BLESSED MIRIAM TERESA LEAGUE OF PRAYER BULLETIN

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Dear Friends,

Hello! I hope this finds you and all those you love doing well. I feel very honored to be able to write to you from my new position as the Director for the Cause of Canonization for Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich.

I have been affiliated with the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth for many years as an adjunct professor at Saint Elizabeth University, a theology teacher at The Academy of Saint Elizabeth, A Seton Associate and Board Member for Ongoing Formation and The Blessed Miriam Prayer League Advisory Board

I am very grateful for this extraordinary opportunity and look forward to seeing how God furthers the canonization process for Blessed Miriam Teresa. Already, since starting in July, there have been countless blessings in working with the Sisters of Charity, being mentored by Sister Maureen Corcoran, and searching through the exceptional archives led by Sister Noreen Neary. It is a true gift to see the graces people from around the world have received in praying to Blessed Miriam.

In this bulletin, you will find more evidence of those graces in the writing of Sister Maria Charitina and in the artwork of David Ciampichini. Coming up this year, we will also be celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the passing of Blessed Miriam Teresa. Please stay tuned for details about upcoming events and celebrations. We will be posting everything on the website and will be celebrating that anniversary on May 8, 2027.

Thank you for being here to support Blessed Miriam's cause and for all that you do to bring more grace and hope into our world! Please feel free to reach out to me, I would love to hear from you and learn more about your stories and your connection with Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich.

Most Sincerely,
Dr. Kimberly Borin, Director for the Cause of Canonization for Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich, SC

Blessed Miriam Teresa Represented at Various Events

This summer and fall, Blessed Miriam Teresa was represented at several national events. In July she was recognized at the *Catholic Saints of America* event held at The National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion in Wisconsin. In September she was represented at the inaugural *Saints on Their Way Festival* at the Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Shrine in Maryland. At the festival, Sister Maureen Corcoran and I were able to attend a variety of conferences working with and learning from other Vice Postulators and Directors.

On the second day, we represented Blessed Miriam with information and books at the festival. There along with others, we were able to share the lives of those that are on their way to being acknowledged as a saint in the United States. Some of those that are on the path to sainthood included: Blessed Bishop Fulton Sheen, Servant of God Mother Mary Lange, Servant of God Michelle Duppong, Blessed Fr. Stanley Rother, Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney, Servant of God Dorothy Day, Servant of God, Sister Blandina Segale, and many more. These were wonderful opportunities to share the life and inspiration of Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich and to be among others who are on their way to becoming a saint.

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Living into Possibilities Retreat, Learning from Blessed Miriam Teresa by Dr. Kimberly Borin

On May 16th, 2026, I delivered a retreat on *Living into Possibility*, offering wisdom from Blessed Miriam Teresa. In the first part of the retreat we talked about what it means to live into something new and the possibilities that exist for healing with those who pray to and with Blessed Miriam around the world. In the second part of the retreat, we focused on the importance of presence and how this helps us to live into our greatest potential.

Blessed Miriam writes, “The imitation of Christ in the lives of the saints is always possible and compatible with every state of life. The saints did but one thing – the will of God. But they did it with all of their might.” (p.266, Blessed Miriam Teresa, *Toward Greater Perfection*). She reminds us that no matter where we are, or what we are doing, we can trust that each moment is a sacred possibility to live into a larger grace.

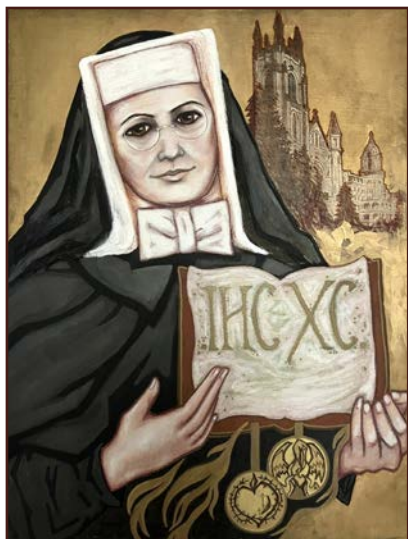
This larger grace is also on display when we see the people around the world who are praying for healing through the intercession of Blessed Miriam Teresa. Mrs. Linda Amitrano gave a talk at the retreat about the requests that she receives around the world for prayer intentions, relics, and books. Mrs. Shannon Hoffman –



*Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich
Writing the Conferences*
by David Ciampichini, 24” x 19”
Pastel Drawing

O’Neill and Sister Maureen Corcoran talked about seeing this presence of Blessed Miriam Teresa shared on the world stage at the Vatican where she was honored with other saints on the way. The young people attending the service were in awe of the procession of saints.

The honoring of Blessed Miriam Teresa at the Vatican is a reminder that all things are possible. When Blessed Miriam was reflecting on the writing of the conferences, which later became *Greater Perfection*, she admits that she did not know what she would write. In the preface it states,



*Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich,
Icon of Unity,
by David Ciampichini, 40" x 30"
Acrylic on Canvas*

“Writing later to him [her spiritual director. August 7, 1926], she confessed, ‘I never knew what I was going to write or say, but when obedience imposed the task, He took care of everything’” – *Preface, Blessed Miriam Teresa, Toward Greater Perfection.*

She reminds us that we do not have to know everything ahead of time. We can live each moment, present to the voice of the spirit, knowing that we have a sacred gift to bring. We can also be assured that we will be guided and that grace will work its way through our efforts and out into the world.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Most Holy and Adorable Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for Thine Own glory and the sanctification of souls, glorify Thy Servant, Blessed Miriam Teresa, by granting to us the graces which we humbly ask through her intercession. We pray for:

Addiction, Babies and Children 6, Cancer 2, Communities, Conversion, Dental Conditions, Discernment 2, Faith 3, Family members 19, Financial Hardships, Forgiveness and Restoration, Grandparents 5, Gratitude, Happiness, Healing of Relationships 2, Healing of Vision and Eye Conditions 11, Heart Conditions 5, Homeschooling, Immigration, Visa Process 3, Loved Ones, Marriage 2, Mental Health and Well-Being 3, Monastic Community, Overall Health 3, Peace for All 4, Pregnancy and new life, President 2, Protection for Self and Others 4, Surgery 2, Tests, Diagnosis and Healing 8, Those experiencing poverty, Travel 2, Vocations, Work Situations 5, World Cup 3.

**Art Inspired by Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich, SC
and David Ciampichini**
by Dr. Kimberly Borin



*Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich,
Unto Greater Perfection,
by David Ciampichini, 35" x 24"
Acrylic and Mixed Media Collage*

David Ciampichini, M.A., is a university instructor and professional artist. His art is in galleries, private collections, and churches both here and abroad. His work as an illustrator has been on book covers, posters, and in magazines. Recently, he brought paintings he had created based on the inspiration of Blessed Miriam Teresa. He specializes in paintings and mixed media collages of saints and other famous people. In addition, he creates dolls that represent the figures and created one of Blessed Miriam Teresa. He has a sincere devotion

to Blessed Miriam Teresa and had been friends with Sister Zita Geis and Blessed Miriam's brother, Father Charles Demjanovich.

This is another example of how the inspiration of Blessed Miriam Teresa reaches far and wide. People are inspired to create, write, and honor her in ways that also affirm their own gifts. We are so fortunate that David would be willing to drop off these magnificent pieces on Blessed Miriam Teresa. You can see photos of his wonderful work throughout the Bulletin.



*Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich
Walking with St. Thérèse of Lisieux
by David Ciampichini, 24" x 19"
Pastel Drawing*

Blessed Miriam Teresa and Vatican II, A Call to Holiness

by Sister Marie Charitina Frabizio, SC

A retreat conference was delivered by Father Patrick Angelucci, SDB, on June 1st, 2026, for the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth, on the life of Blessed Miriam Teresa. Sister Charitina Frabizio, who attended the conference, gathered the key points directly from the notes of Father Angelucci and compiled them here to share with you. The words in *italics* are those taken from his notes.

He writes, *On October 4, 2014, I had the honor to be present at the first beatification of an American in America at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark, NJ. Sister Miriam Teresa was declared a “Blessed” by the Salesian Cardinal Angelo Amato! In 1926-1927, a young novice Sister Miriam Teresa, right here on these grounds wrote: the conferences that later went into the book, Greater Perfection. Blessed Miriam writes, (check this on p. 264) “Union with God then is the spiritual height God calls everyone to achieve. This means anyone, not only religious, but anyone who chooses, who wills to seek this pearl of great price, who specializes in the traffic of eternal goods and who says, “yes” constantly to God, the Holy Ghost. Witness Catherine of Siena ecstatic household drudge, St. Joan of Arc, the unlettered soldier heroine, the savior of her people, Elizabeth of*



*Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich,
Educator, by David Ciampichini,
231/2” x 191/2” Acrylic on Canvas*

Hungary, the contemplative of a legal court and countless others: beggars, peasants, merchants, and princes. If these out in the world attained this exalted friendship with God, with what greater reason does He expect the same of us who are especially consecrated for this one end – no matter what the external form of our service may be.”

Some 40 years later, the Church caught up with the theology of this young novice, and we read in the Vatican II document, Lumen Gentium dated November 1964 the following: “Lumen Gentium Chapter 4 establishes the universal call to

holiness in the Catholic Church. It declares that all Christians regardless of their state or walk of life, married, single, ordained, or religious are called to the fullness of the Christian life and the perfection of Charity."

Like so many saints, Sister Miriam Teresa was considered odd or different because she could see ahead of her time. Grace took her out of the narrow confines we tend to live in. We tend not to understand people so far ahead of us and so we push them aside as different, odd, or a problem. Blessed Miriam Teresa reminds us that holiness is for everyone, but especially for those of us who have made a profession to seek holiness. Remember your First Profession – you wanted to be a saint, and your only motive was holiness, not a teacher or a nurse or anything else. You wanted to be a saint, and all the rest is just the means for that to happen. Here is a mistake we make. Holiness, which is ultimately love, is never simply about doing good for others. The why always must be present and that why is what we should be living every day. Why aren't we holy?

Listen again to your Sister. She writes in Greater Perfection on page 271, "The reason we have not yet become saints is because we have not understood what it means to love. We think we do, but we do not. To love means to annihilate oneself for the beloved. The self-sacrifice of a

mother for her child is only a shadow of the love wherewith we should love the Beloved of our soul. To love is to conform oneself to the Beloved in the most intimate manner of which we are capable, to have no views but His views, no thoughts but His thoughts, no desires but His desires, no likes but His likes, no wants but His wants, no hopes but His hopes, no will but His will." We really need to meditate on these words and ask ourselves hard questions.

Again, we go back to Vatican II, Lumen Gentium: "Religious should carefully consider that through them, to believers and non-believers alike, the church wishes to give an increasingly clearer revelation of Christ." Christ is holy and tells us to be holy as the Father is holy. We are called to be other Christs.

Reading Greater Perfection struck me how once again Blessed Miriam Teresa was ahead of her time in her reference to, and quotes from Scripture. Throughout the chapters we read passages from Scripture which inspired her spiritual growth. From John 14:23 she quotes, "If anyone love Me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him and we will come to him and will make our abode with him."

I began my conference by referring to the miraculous cure of Michael Mencer's macular degeneration.



Blessed Miriam Demjanovich,
Experiences the Crown of Thorns,
 by David Ciampichini,
 24" x 19" Pastel Drawing

I think the truth is that we all suffer from some form of macular degeneration because of so many things we lose sight of about why we came to religious life. In her scriptural reference to Luke 11:25-32, Blessed Miriam Teresa reminds us that Simeon's proclamation of the child, "My eyes have seen Thy salvation which thou has prepared before the face of all peoples; a light to the revelation of the Gentiles and the glory of thy people Israel. " In Greater Perfection, on page 249, she writes, "This Light is not then an ordinary light. It will illuminate some and blind others. It will blind them with the dazzling radiance of holiness

and truth; it will blind them because this Light is too pure for sin-deased eyes. "Blessed Miriam wants to give us back our vision. She continues, "A resurrection - new life, new vision, the understanding of Him Who appearing among men in the substance of our flesh - and the Mystery is still very new - was presented by His parents in the Temple!"

On that beautiful day in October 2014, we heard these beautiful words from Bishop Serratelli which are probably much more important for us today than they were then: "For as Sister Miriam Teresa teaches the imitation of Christ in the lives of the saints is always possible and compatible with every state of life. At a time when many would like religion without creeds and a faith without commitment, God is giving us a new Blessed whose total commitment to Christ and His Church in poverty, chastity, and obedience led her not simply to know the truth, but to know love and embrace Him who is truth itself.

In our secularized age that shuns solitude and silence, God is giving us from those who leave the world to be with Christ, a new Blessed, who was in the words spoken at her death, a "living monstrence that silently showed forth Our Lord to all that passed by."

At a time when humankind is capable of the noble, the loving and the compassionate and yet still responsible for the ugly, the brutal, the barbaric, at a time when we need to discover the wellsprings of all goodness, God is giving us a new Blessed who recalls us to the truth that by Baptism the Most Holy Trinity dwells within our souls, a Blessed who reminds us that when we live in such a way that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit remain within us, we find true joy in this world and in the next."

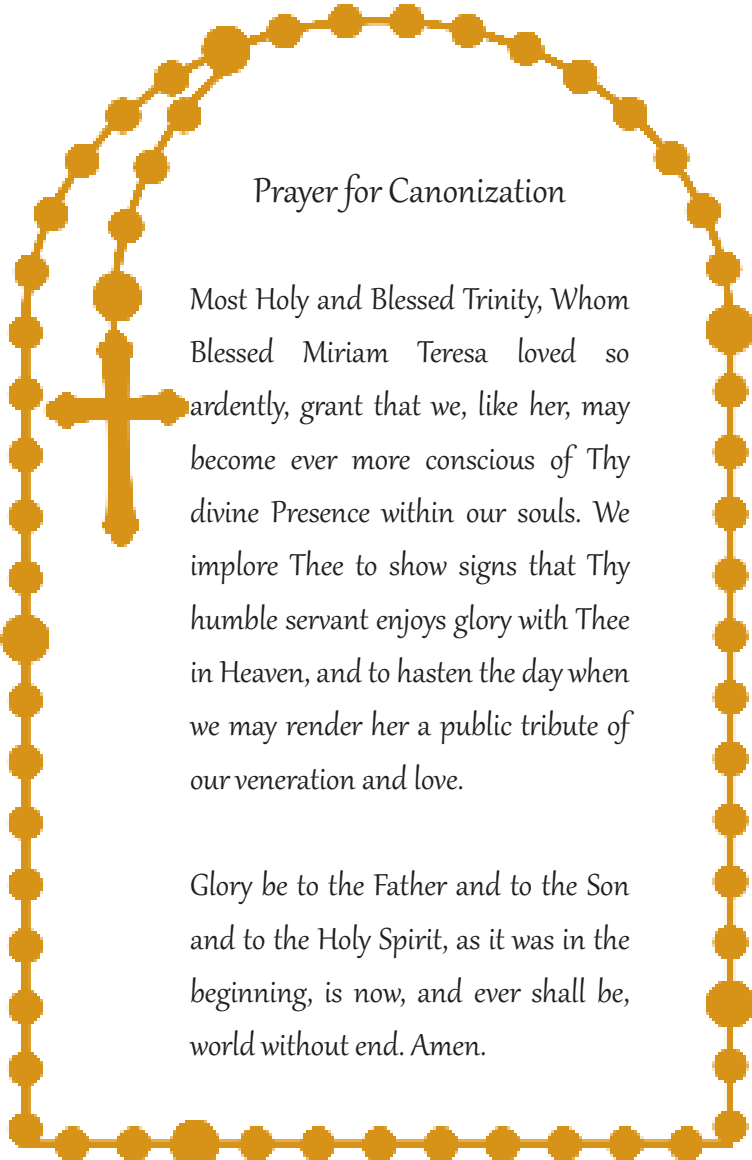
Blessed Miriam Teresa is one of your very own – like no one else. Listen to her recall you to your "first love."

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Prayer for Canonization

Most Holy and Blessed Trinity, Whom Blessed Miriam Teresa loved so ardently, grant that we, like her, may become ever more conscious of Thy divine Presence within our souls. We implore Thee to show signs that Thy humble servant enjoys glory with Thee in Heaven, and to hasten the day when we may render her a public tribute of our veneration and love.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.



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