

# The apparition of Our Lady at La Salette

- On the 19<sup>th</sup> of September 1846 Our Lady appeared to two children, eleven-year-old Maximin Giraud and fourteen-year-old Mélanie Calvat at La Salette-Falavaux in France.

- There Our Lady dictated to them a public message which she asked to make known to all her people. And to each little shepherd privately she confided a secret, concerning which she gave special directives.

- On the 19<sup>th</sup> of September 1851, Pope Pius IX formally approved the public devotion and prayers to Our Lady of La Salette.

- On the 24<sup>th</sup> of August 1852, Pope Pius IX once again mentioned the construction of a church in honour of Our Lady of La Salette.

- The same papal bull granted the foundation of the Association of Our Lady of La Salette, formalised on the 7<sup>th</sup> of September 1852.

- On the 21<sup>st</sup> of August 1879, Pope Leo XIII formally granted a Canonical Coronation to the statue at the



Basilica of Our Lady of La Salette.

- The statue of Our Lady of La Salette has a solar-type crown, in that there are rays of light coming from the crown.

- Pope Pius X gave to La Salette and its benefactors his most copious blessings.

# Approval of apparition by Bishop of Grenoble

- "Hence, in order to bear our warmest gratitude to God and to the glorious Virgin Mary, we authorise the devotion to Our Lady of La Salette. We allow the clergy to preach on this great event and to draw the practical and moral consequences arising from it."

- "We entreat you, our dear brethren, for the sake of your heavenly and even earthly interests, seriously to examine yourselves, to do penance for your sins, and particularly for those committed against the second and third commandments of God."

- "We entreat you, our dearly beloved brethren: make yourselves docile to the voice of Mary who calls you to penance, and who, on behalf of her Son, threatens you with spiritual and temporal ills if, remaining insensitive to her maternal warnings, you harden your hearts."



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# Our Lady of La Salette



*One day Our Lady  
of La Salette will lead the world.*

Holy Curé of Ars

## Our Lady of La Salette during the apparition

- While Mélanie and Maximin were tending their sheep, they saw a brilliant light, brighter than the sun. As they approached, they noticed a “Beautiful Lady” seated on a rock and crying, with her face in her hands.
- The children were drawn immediately to the lady's tears that adorned her face like perfectly cut diamonds glimmering in the sun's rays. Her dynamic features were framed delicately in a white satin headdress, on which rested a crown of roses, a bouquet in all shades of reds and pinks.



- A crucifix with pincers on one end and a hammer on the opposite end hung over her satin shawl, which was lined with more roses. The Madonna wore a long ivory dress embroidered in precious pearls and a yellow apron tied neatly to her waist. Wearing pearl slippers that peeked out from underneath her satin robe, she sheltered herself atop a bouquet of roses.

## Extract of the message of Our Lady of La Salette

- God is going to strike in an unprecedented manner. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth! God is going to exhaust His wrath, and no one will be able to resist so many concerted woes...
- Many will abandon the faith, and the number of priests and religious who will dissociate themselves from the true religion will be great...
- The Vicar of my Son will suffer a great deal and the Church will witness a frightful crisis...
- The Holy Father will suffer greatly. I will be with him to the end to receive his sacrifice...
- The righteous will suffer greatly. Their prayers, their penances and their tears will rise up to Heaven and all of God's people will beg for forgiveness and mercy and will plead for my help and intercession. Then Jesus Christ, by an act of His justice and His great mercy toward the just [will intervene and] then there will be peace, the reconciliation of God with men...



## Our Lady addressed an urgent appeal

- I address an urgent appeal to the earth: I summon the true disciples of God who lives and reigns in Heaven;  
I summon the true imitators of Christ made man, the one true Saviour of men;  
I summon my children, my true devotees, those who have given themselves to me so that I might lead them to my divine Son, those whom I carry, so to speak, in my arms, those who have lived according to my spirit;  
I summon the Apostles of the Latter Times, the faithful disciples of Jesus Christ who have lived in scorn of the world and of themselves, in poverty and in humility, in contempt and in silence, in prayer and in mortification, in chastity and in union with God, in suffering and unknown to the world.

**It is time for them to arise and come forth to enlighten the earth.**

- Go, and show yourselves as my cherished children; I am with you and in you, provided that your faith be the light that enlightens you in these days of woe. May your zeal cause you to be as famished for the glory and honour of Jesus Christ. Fight, children of light, you little number who see; for behold the time of times, the end of ends.



*Mélanie and Maximin*