

**Pilgrimage with Mary
In Campania region from January 4 until February 3, 2021**

After visiting Rome and Loreto, the pilgrimage of the sacred image of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal will continue to Campania region. This image was blessed by Pope Francis on November 11 at the Vatican in the presence of the Superior General of the Congregation of the Mission, Fr. Tomaz Mavrič.

On the afternoon of January 4, the sacred image arrives at the parish of Santa Maria delle Grazie in Marigliano (in the Diocese of Nola) and will remain there until the morning of January 6, when the image will be taken to Diocese of Aversa where it will remain until January 10 (visiting the parishes of San Sossio in Frattamaggiore, [January 6-9], Saint Therese of the Child Jesus in Aversa [January 9], the parish of Saint Philip and James [the morning of January 10] and Saint Joseph the Worker [the afternoon of January 10]).

The Marian pilgrimage will continue in the Diocese of Pozzuoli, the parish of Saint Gennaro (January 11-12) and Our Lady of Grace in Benevento (Diocese of Benevento, January 13-15).

From the morning of January 16 until January 17, the image will be in Naples, in the parish of Saint Joachim and from the afternoon of January 17 until January 19 in Caserta, in the Diocesan Shrine of Saint Ann. Then, from January 20-22 the image can be revered in the parish of Saint Michael the Archangel in Casagiove (Diocese of Capua) and on January 23 the image will be returned to the Diocese of Pozzuoli where it will remain in the parish of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal until January 26.

On January 27, the image will be brought to the Diocese of Naples where it will remain in the following places: January 27 in the morning, the Pellegrini Hospital; January 27 in the afternoon until the afternoon of January 28 in the parish of Saint Mary of Montesanto; January 29, the parish of the Conception of Mount Calvary; January 30 in the morning, at the Institute of the Daughters of Charity at Montecalvario; from the afternoon of January 30 until the morning of January 31 at the parish of Saint Mary del Carmen. On February 1st the image will be brought to Concordia, to the house of the Daughters of Charity and finally from the morning of February 2 to the afternoon of February 3, the image will be at the Cathedral Church.

The image of Mary will be venerated in the communities throughout Italy during 2021 on the occasion of the 190th anniversary of the apparitions to Saint Catherine Labouré. Information about the different stages of this pilgrimage and other related details can be found on the Facebook page of the pilgrimage of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal.

On the night of July 18-19, 1830, the Blessed Mother appeared for the first time to Catherine Labouré, a young Daughter of Charity of Saint Vincent de Paul. This was a rather lengthy encounter in which the Blessed Mother stated: *The times are very evil. Misfortunes afflict France*

and the entire world will experience misfortunes of every sort ... But come to the foot of this altar, there abundant graces will be spread over all those who ask for them with confidence and fervor. They will be given to the great and the small. On November 28, 1830, the Blessed Mother appeared again to Catherine Labouré, holding in her hands a small globe (representing humankind). Catherine contemplated her beauty and accepted the mission to make a medal: *the persons who wear this medal will receive great graces.*

The members of the worldwide Vincentian Family, faithful to the Word of God, inspired by the charism which calls them to serve God in the person of the poor and encouraged by this initiative of the Blessed Mother to go on pilgrimage, want to remind us that the Blessed Mother continues to invite men and women to approach the foot of the altar.

Today, one hundred ninety years later, Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal continues to watch over humankind and engages in this pilgrimage in order to visit and meet with the ecclesial communities throughout Italy, thus fulfilling the promise of love that is contained in her message: *I will always be with you, trust, do not be discouraged.*

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