

Sister's Spin

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"For those who believe in God, no explanation is necessary. For those who do not believe, no explanation is possible."

With this quote, the movie, "The Song of Bernadette" begins. It tells the story of Bernadette, a young peasant girl in Lourdes, France, who experienced a vision of the Blessed Mother in a grotto that today hosts many visitors and is a place of both spiritual and physical healing. Bernadette was a simple child who saw a beautiful Lady and spoke with her. Eventually after asking her name, she was told by the Lady, "I am the Immaculate Conception." This doctrine had only been proclaimed by the Pope in 1854 and Bernadette had no knowledge of what it meant. It took a great deal of investigation before the Church approved the visions of Bernadette and fulfilled Our Lady's desire for a church in that spot, where healing waters still flow today. There have been about 69 miraculous healings, and many more spiritual ones. Today is also the celebration of the International Day of Women and Girls in Science. It celebrates the role of women in this area and can also serve as a reminder that at Lourdes, even scientists could not explain the events, but could acknowledge that something very unusual was happening.

On this day as we celebrate these visions, it is good to ask our Lady to intercede for the healing we all need, whether physical in this pandemic time, or spiritual, which we can all use in our lives

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