

## *Sister Mary Ephrem*

Born: Mildred Marie Neuzil on August 2, 1916,

*Feast of Our Lady, Queen of the Angels*

Confirmed: Dec. 9, *Anniversary of 1<sup>st</sup> Apparition*

*Our Lady of Guadalupe and Feast of St. Juan Diego*

Entered the Convent: September 12, *Feast of the Most Holy Name of Mary*

Entered into Eternity: January 10, 2000, *Baptism of the Lord and Feast of the Holy Family*



Mildred Marie Neuzil - visionary of Our Lady of America, The Immaculate Virgin - was born of Austrian parents, John and Anna Neuzil, in Brooklyn, NY, Baptized at Most Holy Trinity, and shortly after moved to Cleveland Ohio. At the age of 14, Mildred entered the active religious congregation of the Sisters of the Precious Blood, a Papal Community, in Dayton Ohio. Three years later Mildred made her first vows as a professed religious. She received the name Sister Mary Ephrem, a name that means “doubly fruitful”. She carried out her duties mostly in domestic work and as a kindergarten teacher, then as a contemplative sister. In 1937, when she was sent to the Chancery in Cincinnati, Ohio, it was there that God gave her a holy priest – who later became Archbishop - to guide her: Rev. Paul Francis Leibold. It was to him that Sister entrusted her mystical experiences:

### **12 Ways Our Lady Appeared to Sister Mary Ephrem**

1. *Our Lady of Lourdes*
2. *Our Lady of America, The Immaculate Virgin*
3. *Our Lady of Precious Blood*
4. *Our Lady of Perpetual Help*
5. *Our Lady of Grace*
6. *Our Lady, Mother of Sorrows*
7. *Our Lady of Mount Carmel*
8. *Our Lady, Mother of Mercy*
9. *Our Lady, The Queen of Heaven*
10. *Our Lady of the Divine Indwelling*
11. *Our Lady, The Immaculate Conception*
12. *Our Lady of The Holy Family*

***“I am Our Lady of America. I Desire that My children Honor Me, especially by the Purity of their lives.”***

— First Words spoken by Our Lady of America, September 26, 1956

## *Archbishop † Paul F. Leibold, V.G.*

Spiritual Director of Sister Mary Ephrem  
from 1940 -1972

Born: Dec 22, 1914

Ordained a Priest: May 18, 1940

Consecrated Bishop: June 17, 1958, *Feast of the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus*

Installed as Archbishop of Cincinnati, OH:

Oct 2, 1969, *Feast of the Holy Guardian Angels*

Entered into Eternity: June 1, 1972



Archbishop Leibold maintained a necessary and heartfelt relationship with Sr. Mary Ephrem up to his death. He directed her, supported her, counseled, and befriended her. He believed wholeheartedly in the Apparitions of Our Lady of America, fulfilling all that Our Lady asked of him as he could. Our Lord and Our Lady have been preparing the Church and the world for souls to recognize and possess the Divine Indwelling. It was to these two chosen souls, Sister Mary Ephrem and Archbishop †Paul Leibold, that the Messages and Mission of Our Lady of America have been entrusted.

Our Lord Jesus Speaking of Sister Mary Ephrem and Abp. Leibold:

*“You are poor instruments in My Hands, but through you a Great Work will be accomplished. I AM the Great Sculptor of souls. With hammer and chisel I form them that they may glorify My Father by their beauty and perfection. Be pliant in My Hands, oh My two lowly ones, My priest and My little white dove, and then will you be formed into My likeness and through you, I will be formed in souls.”* (Letter from Sr. Mary Ephrem to her confessor Archbishop Paul Leibold 2/20/54).

The character of Sister Mary Ephrem is well confirmed in this letter to her confessor, Archbishop †Leibold, written before the Apparitions of Our Lady of America:

*“...My whole longing was to live a life of complete adoration in union with Christ. That which seems to take on the appearances of petition, is simply a desire to put on Christ, that my life of adoration may be the more perfect and thus give greater glory to the Most Holy Trinity.”* (Sister Mary Ephrem’s Letter to Archbishop Leibold 11/25/54)

*“By Thy Holy and Immaculate Conception, O Mary deliver us from evil.”*