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The Image that was Found in a Young Girl's Heart

*In the heart of a man or woman who loves the Blessed Virgin, she will reveal herself even if they seek to hide it.*

On this She performed a miracle which I will tell, and which pleased me so much that I made it into music and verse, and when you have heard it I am sure that you will then have even more trust in the Virgin.

The Lady of great worth wrought this miracle for a maiden who loved her with all her heart from a tender age and willingly served her, and so She granted her as a favour that She did would not deny her the reward that she sought.

This maiden loved Holy Mary so much that even though she lived in the world she renounced it for Her sake, so completely that her abstinence made her fall ill and she lay in bed for a whole month unable to taste anything

of what they gave her to eat or to drink. And while she was unable to speak, as I heard tell, if anyone spoke of Holy Mary, as I heard, she would at once place her hand on her heart.

Her mother truly believed that she was very ill, and that her placing her hand showed the part which was causing her death, and it pleased God that very soon his blessed mother took her to be with her in heaven.

Her father and mother, when they saw her pass away, thought that she had been poisoned, and had her opened up, and inside her heart, in all truth, they found a likeness of the Glorious Virgin, created for her.

And they and all the people who gathered around gave thanks to Holy Mary, saying, "Blessed art thou, mother of our Lord, thy faithfulness is without equal, and will ever be so."