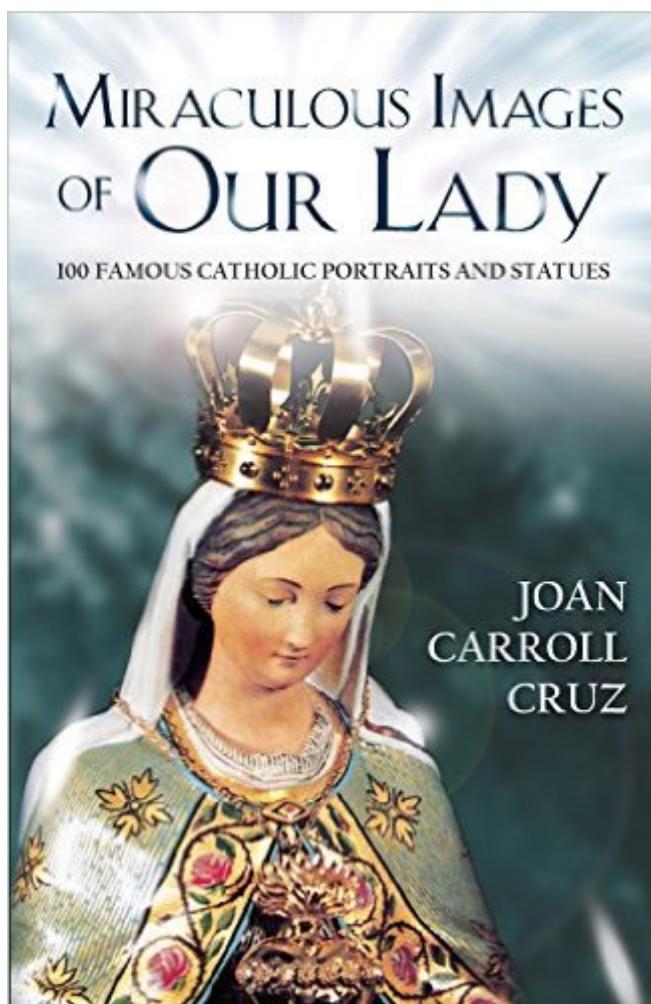


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# Miraculous Images Of Our Lady: 100 Famous Catholic Portraits And Statues



## Synopsis

100 true stories of approved miraculous statues, paintings and images of Our Lady, spanning 2,000 years! These images have spoken, brought cures, given off fragrance, wept blood or tears, etc. Includes Our Lady of Guadalupe, Akita, Pompeii, Prompt Succor, Czestochowa, Perpetual Help, Montserrat, etc. Gives renewed confidence in Mary's care for us her children. Great for the entire family!

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## Customer Reviews

Another wonderful "collection" book by this popular best-selling author. Here are 100 true stories of approved miraculous statues, paintings and other images of Our Lady from all parts of the globe and spanning almost 2,000 years. Included are images that have spoken, that have brought miraculous cures and other special favors, that have helped in construction of Catholic churches, that have shed luminous rays leading to their discovery in hidden places, that have given off a celestial fragrance, been suspended in mid-air for over 5 centuries, or that have suddenly and unexplainable become extremely heavy so as to resist being moved from a favored place. Also described are images of Our Lady weeping blood and tears, of Our Lady lovingly holding the Infant Jesus, as well as the ornate and costly garments the faithful have created for these dear figures plus the special feast-days in their honor. Ranging across Italy, France, the U.S., Japan, Mexico, etc., the stories shared by Mrs. Cruz tell of the images of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Akita, Pompeii, Prompt Succor (New Orleans), Our Lady of the Smile (through which St. Therese the Little Flower was cured at age 10), Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, The Comforter of the Afflicted, The Comforter of

the Afflicted, The Madonna of Consolation, Mother of Divine Love, Our Lady of Zapopan (Mexico) and many, many more! Scores of pictures, 33 in full color, make this terrific book come alive. 125 illustrations in all. A great Catholic treasure for every home library! 441pp. PB. Imprimatur.

This is a very interesting and informative collection of historical stories about varying pictures and statues of our Blessed Mother that have exhibited miraculous actions and effects. The history alone is fascinating, and the miracles associated with each icon underscore the beauty and power of our Blessed Mother. Each item is roughly four to five pages in length, which provides plenty of detail without being overly verbose.

There is a lot of information in this book, but the author keeps the summaries of the images to an average of 2-3 pages. Some are up to 6, but they are manageable. Most of the photos are black and white, but there are some color photos in the middle. It is very easy to look up color images on the internet, so no problem there.

Fascinating book in many ways and quite broad in coverage of miraculous images. I've been introduced to so many cases I'd never heard of before and which really deserve to be more widely known. At times, I wish the author went into more detail noting what even Catholics consider 'legend' or what independent secular research might have been performed. But all in all, a well done, comprehensive, inspiring book.

Caution, not all of the images are ones of which everyone would approve. For those who love artwork of various styles, this is an interesting book of Art--not to be confused with a tribute to Our Lady.

This is Joan Carroll Cruz at her best - she collects wonderful and extremely fascinating histories of miraculous images of the Blessed Virgin, and then organizes them by country. Like most of her books, it is possible to focus on several of the most inspiring and to really make these a part of your life. It is wonderfully inspiring to see how God has worked throughout the ages, and to recognize that as Catholics we are part of a 1.2 billion member family, and that all around the world people believe as we do. It is easy to forget this with the stresses and distractions of the world, the flesh and the devil. One exercise that I liked to do is to read through and appreciate the fascinating images and stories while playing the Rosary in the background. After about half an hour to an hour

of this my mind is spiritually attuned, I am physically recharged and refreshed, and above all I am reminded that I am a child of God, as are hundreds of millions around the earth, and that God has constructed this earth as a master craftsman. When one reads of the images in various European and Latin American nations, it is a powerful reminder of how God has worked in each era to safeguard his Church, and how often this was through the Blessed Virgin. The book is readable, inspirational, and devotional. It is a great addition to any home or household.

Really enjoyed this book. I haven't read any other books by the author so I'm not sure if her style is simply a bit politically incorrect or she is out of touch with cultural sensitivities (calling certain people savages, for example, which sounds like something written centuries ago). Some of that was really glaringly painful to read, but the other content was fine. Just buyer beware ...

So many pictures. I didn't realize how many different titles and stories were out there concerning Our Lady. I wasn't disappointed at all with this purchase. So glad to have it as a reference.

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