Bernadette's Remarkable Humility



Did you know?

After the apparitions, Bernadette suddenly became one of the most talked-about young women in France. Pilgrims wanted to see her. Church officials questioned her. Government authorities investigated her story. People wanted details about the mysterious Lady at the Grotto.But Bernadette never tried to turn the experience into fame.

What impressed many who encountered her was her simplicity. She did not embellish her story, and she did not claim to understand everything that had happened. She simply remained faithful to what she had seen and heard.

The Church itself did not accept the apparitions without examination. An investigation began in 1858, and after years of inquiry, discernment, and prayer, Bishop Bertrand-Sévère Laurence formally recognized the apparitions in 1862. Through it all, Bernadette remained Bernadette—humble, straightforward, and increasingly eager to step away from public attention.

Perhaps that is one of her greatest lessons for us: holiness does not draw attention to itself. It points toward God.

Take a Moment to Reflect:

When something good happens through us, are we able to give the glory to God?

Prayer:

St. Bernadette, teach us the freedom that comes from humility and simplicity of heart.