



A vintraskan vision

"On Monday night the 17th or 18th of May a frightful vision struck at my soul and body... I had gone up to the holy chapel and was about to open the door when I saw written on it in letters of fire, 'Dare not enter, thou whom I have spewed out of my mouth'... I fell down overcome... I saw on every side an abyss full of hideous monsters who called me brother...

"I called on the Divine Mary, Mother of God, to help me... Suddenly great whirlpools of flame arose from the abyss into which I was about to fall. I heard yells of furious exultation and could pray no longer, when a voice...filled my ears... 'Behold Mary, whom you called your shield against us, behold her gracious smile, hear her gracious voice.'

"...I saw her above the abyss. Her eyes of heavenly blue were filled with fire, her red lips were violet, her mild and divine voice had become terrible and like a thunderbolt she hurled these words at me: 'writhe, proud one, in the burning regions inhabited by devils'.

"O, if only I revealed to the enemies of the Work of Mercy those things that pass in me would they not cry victory? They would say that this is evidence of monomania. I wish to God that it were so, for then I would have less to lament...."

- Eugene Vintras