



***“Teach them their catechism...
Go and fear nothing ... I will help you”***

By the time this goes to print, I will have returned from my pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help, which is transitioning to its new title, Our Lady of Champion.

Champion, Wisconsin is the site of the first and only approved Marian apparition site in the United States. Our Blessed Mother appeared to Adele Brise, a 28-year-old illiterate Belgian who, from a young age, had aspired to become a religious teaching sister.

When Our Lady appeared to Adele, she was clothed in dazzling white, with a yellow sash around her waist, and a crown of stars around her head. On her third visit, Mary instructed Adele to “Gather the children in this wild country and teach them what they should know for salvation.” Adele responded: “But how shall I teach them who know so little myself?”

“Teach them their catechism, how to sign themselves with the sign of the Cross, and how to approach the sacraments; that is what I wish you to do. Go and fear nothing, I will help you.”

Not only did this illiterate young woman succeed in establishing a chapel, school, and convent in the wilderness, she led the community in fervent prayer, resulting in a miraculous survival from The Great Peshtigo Fire of 1871 that claimed between 1,200 and 2,400 lives.

While at the Shrine’s Apparition Chapel, I will be praying to Our Lady of Champion, that she may continue to bless our Religious Education families and faith formation leaders, and that she may send us individuals who are feeling called to join our mission.



To learn more about this remarkable woman and the shrine, please visit [Our Story – The National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion](https://championshrine.org) (championshrine.org)

We are still looking for catechists, classroom aides, and substitute catechists.

Is the Holy Spirit calling you to help teach our children “what they should know for salvation?”

Do not be afraid to answer the call - no prior experience is needed.

“Fear nothing ... I will help you.”

~ Mary

Contact Peggy Bradley @773-763-8228 for more information on how you can help.