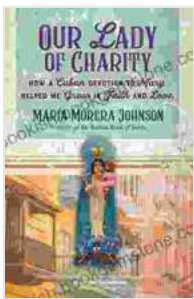


Our Lady of Charity: The Patroness of Cuba and Cubans Worldwide

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The story of Our Lady of Charity begins in the early 1600s. According to legend, three fishermen were caught in a storm off the coast of Cuba. They prayed to the Virgin Mary for help, and she appeared to them, carrying a child in her arms. The fishermen were saved, and they brought the image of the Virgin Mary back to shore.

The image was placed in a small chapel in the town of El Cobre. Over time, people began to report miracles happening at the chapel. The image of the

Virgin Mary became known as Our Lady of Charity, and her devotion spread throughout Cuba.

In 1916, Our Lady of Charity was declared the patroness of Cuba by Pope Benedict XV. Her sanctuary in El Cobre is a popular pilgrimage site for Cubans from all over the world. Every year, on September 8th, thousands of Cubans travel to El Cobre to celebrate Our Lady of Charity's feast day.

The Image of Our Lady of Charity

The image of Our Lady of Charity is a simple one. She is depicted as a young woman, wearing a white robe and a blue cloak. She carries a child in her arms, and she has a crown on her head.

The image of Our Lady of Charity is often decorated with flowers and jewels. She is also often depicted with a dove, which is a symbol of the Holy Spirit.

The Devotion to Our Lady of Charity

Cubans have a deep devotion to Our Lady of Charity. She is seen as a protector and a source of hope. Cubans pray to Our Lady of Charity for help with everything from illness to financial problems.

The devotion to Our Lady of Charity is especially strong among Cuban immigrants. Many Cubans who have left their homeland bring images of Our Lady of Charity with them. They believe that she will protect them and help them to adjust to their new lives.

The Feast Day of Our Lady of Charity

The feast day of Our Lady of Charity is celebrated on September 8th. This is a national holiday in Cuba, and it is a day of great celebration for Cubans worldwide.

On the feast day of Our Lady of Charity, Cubans attend Mass, pray to the Virgin Mary, and celebrate with food, music, and dancing.

The Sanctuary of Our Lady of Charity

The sanctuary of Our Lady of Charity is located in the town of El Cobre, in eastern Cuba. The sanctuary is a popular pilgrimage site for Cubans from all over the world.

The sanctuary is a large, white building with a blue dome. It is surrounded by a beautiful garden. Inside the sanctuary, there is a statue of Our Lady of Charity. The statue is made of gold and silver, and it is adorned with jewels.

The sanctuary of Our Lady of Charity is a place of great peace and beauty. It is a place where Cubans can come to pray, to reflect, and to celebrate their faith.

Our Lady of Charity is a beloved figure in Cuba. She is a symbol of hope, protection, and faith. Cubans worldwide have a deep devotion to Our Lady of Charity, and her feast day is a day of great celebration.

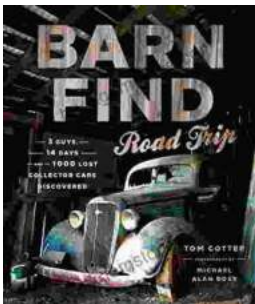


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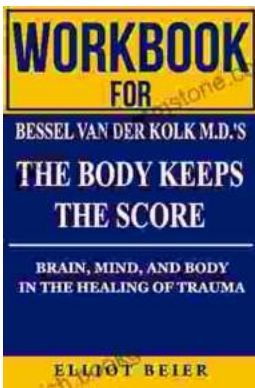
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