



Statement from the Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth Confirms Alleged Apparitions of “Mystical Rose–Our Lady of Argyle” are Fabricated

In an August 26, 2019 pastoral letter to all Priests, Deacons, Seminarians, Religious Women and Men and the Lay Faithful of the Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth, Bishop Michael F. Olson confirmed video evidence reveals that apparitions of a purported female mystic who claims to receive messages from the Blessed Virgin Mary under a title of “Mystical Rose-Our Lady of Argyle” are fabricated and false.

Loreto House, a pro-life assistance center located in Denton, Texas, is an independent apostolate of the Fort Worth Diocese that serves more than 4,000 women each year with compassionate and caring assistance. A group associated with the woman, the “Dry Bones Ministry,” was at the house for Eucharistic adoration from 11 p.m. to midnight on the evening of July 27, 2019. Loreto House administrators reported that during the time of adoration, the woman claimed to experience an apparition that included rose petals “falling” from a book she was using to “record” words from the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Loreto House officials further reported that at the conclusion of the adoration, attendees claimed they first discovered a rose in a side hall. Another individual then reported discovering a second rose on a love seat in a counseling room. The third rose, which is depicted on video, was found on the floor of a classroom shortly after midnight on July 28, 2019.

However, Loreto House officials informed Bishop Olson on August 19, 2019 that facility security cameras captured the woman surreptitiously dropping a rose to the floor after reporting to have experienced another in a series of apparitions. According to the officials, though the woman told participants at the time that the roses were “a gift from Our Lady,” in reality, she surreptitiously dropped them.

Diocesan officials reviewed the security videos provided by Loreto House administrators and verified that the so-called apparition and the rose “gift” the woman allegedly experienced on the night of July 27 and 28, 2019, were indeed fabricated and not true.

At Bishop Olson’s request, the woman scheduled a meeting with him for Friday, August 23, 2019. She later canceled that appointment, saying she will be available “in the future,” with the added request that “our canonical counsel,” Philip Gray, attend that meeting. Her cancellation letter is [available here](#).

Links to the date/time-stamped Loreto House security video can be found here. The first video (<https://youtu.be/DV8tVLjPf7U>) shows the woman dropping a rose in real time; the second video (<https://youtu.be/mB3F4I-FnpU>) provides a slow motion replay of the incident.

“I regret any scandal that these false claims of “Mystical Rose—Our Lady of Argyle” have caused to the faith of

the parishioners of Saint Mark Catholic Church, within the Diocese of Fort Worth, and beyond,” Bishop Olson added. “I ask that you pray for the healing and conversion of all involved in these matters that have brought about discord and disunity where there should be peace and communion. I am asking the clergy of our Diocese to be especially aware of anyone who seeks guidance because of this scandal and to provide compassionate spiritual counseling.” A link to [Bishop Olson’s letter is here](#).

For individuals who have been hurt by the false apparition claims, the priests of Denton parishes, including Immaculate Conception, St. John Paul II and St. Mark, are available for spiritual counseling. Affected individuals from other areas of the region are encouraged to contact their pastor for assistance.