

### Mom's Scapular

She was the most devout Catholic in the South, a single mother who worked three jobs and double-shifts. She wore this scapular all day (except when bathing) during her oldest daughter's nine-month coma. Mom became obsessed with Mary sightings, drove the family to see Nancy Fowler, the visionary of Conyers, GA, where the Virgin Mary sometimes appears in a farmhouse or sometimes as a sign in the sun. Katherine, her youngest daughter, remembers the spectacle: *30,000 people in a cow pasture, the Rosary prayed in four languages, "live" Stations of the Cross, and Polaroids of the sun at noon*. She kept her smart mouth quiet on the drive home. The faithful believe if you're wearing a scapular when you die, it's a fast track to heaven, no stops in Purgatory.

