



## Miracle of Flight #1549 was that of Divine Mercy

"We've had a 'Miracle on 34th Street' and now we have a "Miracle on the Hudson," said New York Gov. David Paterson. Fred Berretta, one of the passengers on that US Air Flight # 1549, who was interviewed that very evening on national television, said that it was definitely a "miracle". Everyone that has seen any of the pictures or video clips of the "miraculous landing", not a crash, in the Hudson River on that frigid January day, has claimed it to be truly a "miracle".

The city of New York surveillance video footage of the US Airways jet forced to make an emergency landing in the Hudson River, after both its engines failed, clearly showed God's incredible Divine Mercy at work. It was as if God was supporting it with His huge merciful hands.

In his first public comments about what it was like to safely land a passenger jet in the Hudson River, US Airways pilot Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger, who was at the controls of the Airbus 320 aircraft, described the ordeal as "surreal".

In a brief interview with ESPN the night before the Super Bowl — where he and the crew were given a standing ovation — Sullenberger said that while he was guiding the plane to a splash landing he felt "calm on the outside, turmoil on the inside."

These terms "miracle", "surreal", and "calm" uttered by the crew, the passengers, and the onlookers all detail exactly an act of God. But why would God show us His miraculous hands at work in supporting that plane, calming the crew, and arranging such a perfect rescue?

Why does God perform miracles anyway? He performs miracles to witness to His presence. Is there really a good reason why God miraculously set this plane down so gently and saved all of the crew and passengers? Why at this time and for what reason? It must be to bring attention to, and reveal, His Divine Mercy.

Fred Berretta, the passenger that was sitting over the left engine, who was interviewed on national TV by Lou Dobbs, Wolf Blitzer and Bill O'Reilly, has come forward with more details of the miraculous safe landing of Flight #1549. He has a remarkable story about his prayer just before that incredible crash.

Fred, a pilot himself, did tell Bill O'Reilly that he was "convinced that it was a miracle" and that he was "still trying to process the whole thing". But just nine days after the crash, Fred sent an e-mail to Vinny Flynn, the world famous Divine Mercy author witnessing to him the astonishing details of the last minutes of the flight and what led up to it!

He explained to Vinny that he had just purchased his book "Seven Secrets of the Eucharist" and had read it, up until just after take-off. He said "he had just closed his eyes to reflect on the incredible insights your book gave me regarding the Eucharist". Vinny is a renowned expert on Divine Mercy and has included in the book some of the incredible words of Jesus about the Eucharist. Saint Faustina had recorded these words of Jesus in her diary called "Divine Mercy in My Soul".

Before we go on with the rest of the story, it must be explained that Jesus revealed many more things, over a seven year period, to St. Faustina, that she recorded in her diary. One of the most important things that Jesus told her was about praying during the hour that He died. It is well known that Jesus died at about 3pm. Jesus told her, "*In this hour, I will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of Me in virtue of My Passion.*" (taken from the Diary of Saint Faustina, entry#1320.)

It was right smack in the middle of this "Hour of Great Mercy", at about 3:30pm, when the plane was going down, that Fred remembered this incredible promise of Our Lord Jesus and made a request. He testified to Vinny Flynn "I thought about the words Jesus said (about that special promise), that nothing would be refused if asked for during the "Hour of Mercy". I really thought there was a good chance myself and others would die that day, but I asked God to be merciful to us."

Fred went on to tell Vinny "I just want you to know that your book gave me comfort as we were going down, and for that I am grateful. I know a lot of people prayed on that plane, and I believe the Miracle on the Hudson was a testament to the mercy of God, and a sign of hope." It was during this hour that our Lord Jesus' heart was pierced by a lance on the Cross and His blood and water gushed forth as a fountain of mercy for the whole world.

Fred Berretta will be giving his witness for the first time in public at the Divine Mercy Conference in Orlando, on Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at the Queen of the Universe Shrine. Vinny Flynn, the author of the "Seven Secrets of The Eucharist" will be one of the main speakers along with Fr. Gramlich from the Divine Mercy Shrine in Stockbridge. Vinny's book on the Seven Secrets of the Eucharist will be available at the conference. And just maybe, Fred and Vinny will autograph one for you!

For information about the Conference in Orlando go to: [www.DivineMercySunday.com](http://www.DivineMercySunday.com)