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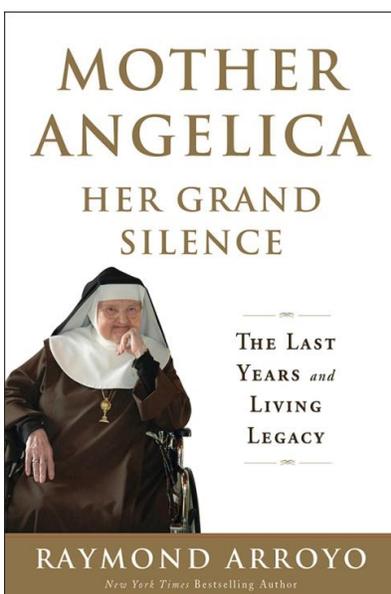
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**THE MOVING AND DRAMATIC CONCLUSION OF MOTHER ANGELICA'S  
INCREDIBLE STORY FROM HER AUTHORIZED BIOGRAPHER**

**MOTHER ANGELICA: HER GRAND SILENCE**  
**The Last Years and Living Legacy**  
**By Raymond Arroyo**



In 2004, Mother Angelica's authorized biographer, Raymond Arroyo, published the *New York Times* bestselling book *Mother Angelica: The Remarkable Story of a Nun, Her Nerve, and a Network of Miracles*, which traced her tortured rise to success and exposed the fierce opposition she faced, both outside and inside of her church. Arroyo was a close friend and colleague who maintained a powerful relationship with Mother Angelica up until her recent death this past Easter Sunday, March 27, 2016, at 92 years old in Hanceville, Alabama. Arroyo intimately completes the saga of her life in **MOTHER ANGELICA: HER GRAND SILENCE** (Image Books; May 17; \$23.00) and writes candidly about his personal twenty-year relationship with Mother Angelica from the inspiring to the vexing to the tender, even sharing an early titanic battle that almost ended their friendship before it began.

As the founder of the world's largest religious media empire and the "Norma Rae" of her Church, Mother Angelica battled even her own bishops to become the most powerful woman, with the most influential voice, in all of Catholicism. Readers will learn the remarkable ways in which her fight continued long after she was off the air.

Mother Angelica experienced a series of strokes in 2001 which led to a severe physical disability. Retired from her Eternal World Television Network (a global Catholic television and radio empire that she founded out of a monastery garage in 1981), Mother Angelica returned to her life as a cloistered nun and continued her mission to reach the masses with a message of hope in ways she never expected.

It is a tale as startling and inspiring as everything that preceded it. ***Mother Angelica: Her Grand Silence*** lays bare the events of the last fifteen years of Mother Angelica's life:

- Supernatural attacks were prevalent during Mother Angelica's last days. The book offers readers a firsthand glimpse of the mystical and diabolic phenomena surrounding her, including multiple encounters with dark forces.
- For the first time, Arroyo reveals Mother Angelica's final bargain with God, which she shared with him exclusively. Though Mother Angelica would not foresee the consequences of her request—intense suffering and a protracted silence—this revelation sheds new light on the final years.
- Arroyo reveals details of Mother's 2004 secret journey to the Far East, a trip that would physically cost her and became a turning point in her life. The journey included unforeseen events that would severely impact Mother Angelica until her last breath.
- Arroyo offers intimate stories of Mother Angelica's early years never seen before in print, including Mother's memories of her parents' devastating divorce and tense relationship.
- Arroyo reports on Mother Angelica's fight to preserve her religious community in spite of her physical limitations. Included here are the formal Vatican investigation of her monastery and the fulfillment of her desire to build new monasteries around the world.
- Paradoxically, during her fifteen years out of the public eye, she reached more people due to the growth of her network and via bestselling books and changed more lives than at any point in her twenty years of active broadcasting. Personal testimonies and letters from people whom she reached spiritually from her monastery, including those lost to addictions and battling devastating diseases, are chronicled here for the first time.

This is the final chapter to Mother Angelica's life, and a universal story for anyone caring for a loved one. In **MOTHER ANGELICA: HER GRAND SILENCE**, readers will discover the tremendous value of every life, even that of an invalid, and an epic tale of perseverance, faith, and hope to be found on the far side of suffering.

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