

# FLOATING NUN

**The strange levitation of a nun in Notre Dame Cathedral has attracted fascination around the world.**

Sister Anne von Bora, aged 56, first visited the famous French cathedral three days' ago on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January. Apparently, visiting Notre Dame was the main reason for her visit to Paris; it was something she had been eagerly anticipating ever since booking the trip last summer.

According to a fellow worshipper, the service was nearly finished when a strange blast of scented smoke descended from the high ceiling of the cathedral: it covered much of the congregation and made it difficult to see properly. However, it soon cleared; it was then that Sister van Bora was spotted, levitating in the air whilst seated on a chair. Father Mathieu, who led the service that day, explained, "Everyone reacted differently: some people began to cry, believing it to be a miracle, whilst others looked on in silent astonishment."

Initially, emergency services were called to the scene; however, they were soon sent away as Sister van Bora did not wish to be rescued. She stated, "I believe that God has chosen this for me and I do not want to interfere with his will." It is thought that most members of the church community accept her decision; however, there are some who disagree. In particular, two of the most

powerful and well-respected priests in Paris are critical of her.

Unsurprisingly, this case has attracted global attention; already, many people are flooding to Paris, keen to see this modern-day miracle for themselves. Security staff have been positioned at



the entrance to Notre Dame in order to control the number of people inside the cathedral at any one time.

Although this is the first time anything like this has happened at Notre Dame, there have been reports of similar levitations occurring in other cathedrals around the world in recent years. The most recent of these was in St Pauls, London, just before Christmas last year.

It remains to be seen whether Sister van Nora returns to the ground of her own (or God's) accord, or whether it is decided that she should be brought down. Church authorities may be keen to allow normal services to resume soon.