

The Message of Fatima

100th Anniversary – 2017

1914-Apparition

At 7 years old I (Lucia) began tending our flock of sheep. One day as we (Lucia & some friends) saw for the 1st time a figure that had a human shape, whiter than snow and which the sun turned transparent. This apparition recurred twice again without manifesting itself and always suspended in the air, over the wood at the bottom of the “Cabezo.” When questioned by her mother, “As I did not know how to explain clearly and to free myself from questions, I replied that it looked like someone wrapped in a very white sheet.”

1st 1916 Apparition of the Angel

After quickly praying the rosary Lucia dos Santos with cousins Francisco & Jacinta Marto started to play a game.

“We were feeding our flocks in a property belonging to my parents called “Chousa Velha,” which lies at the bottom of a hill called “Cabezo,” on the east side. It was there that the Angel appeared to us for the 1st time in the form of a youth, as white as snow, shining more brightly than the sun and as transparent as crystal. We began to see this light coming towards us and thus we gradually distinguished the features. We were taken by surprise and being half bewildered we did not say a word. On reaching us he said, **“Don’t be afraid. I am the Angel of Peace. Pray with me!”** And kneeling down, he bowed his forehead to the ground and made us repeat these words three times:

My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love Thee! I beg pardon of You for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love You.”

“Pray thus. The hearts of Jesus and Mary are attentive to the voice of your supplications.”



2nd 1916 Apparition of the Angel

We were playing over the well my parents had in their backyard... Suddenly we saw the same angel beside us, “What are you doing?” he asked. “Pray, pray, very much! The most holy hearts of Jesus and Mary have designs of mercy on you. Offer prayers and sacrifices constantly to the Most High.”

How are we to make sacrifices? Lucia asked.

“In everything you can, offer a sacrifice as an act of reparation for sins by which He is offended, and of supplication for the conversion of sinners. Thus draw peace upon your country. I am its Guardian Angel, the Angel of Portugal. Above all, accept and endure with submission the suffering which the Lord will send you.”

3rd 1916 Apparition of the Angel

After some time we returned to another slope of the “Cabezo” and went to the entrance, the rock, to pray. It was there that he appeared to us for the 3rd time. He was holding in his hand a Chalice surmounted by a Host from which some drops of blood fell into the Chalice. Leaving the chalice suspended in the air, the angel prostrate himself on the ground beside us and made us repeat these words three times,

“Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I offer you the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the earth, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifference with which He Himself is offended. And through the infinite merits of His most Sacred Heart and of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of You the conversion of poor sinners.”

Then he rose up, took the Chalice and the Host in his hand and gave me (Lucia) the Host, saying these words: “Take and eat the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ; horribly outraged by ungrateful men. Make reparation for their crimes and console your God.”

He shared the Blood from the chalice between Jacinta and Francisco, saying as he did so: “Take and drink the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, horribly outraged by ungrateful men! Make reparation for their crimes and console your God.”

Once again, he prostrated on the ground and repeated with us, three times more, the same prayer,

“Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I offer you the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the earth, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifference with which He Himself is offended. And through the infinite merits of His most Sacred Heart and of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of You the conversion of poor sinners.”

” and then disappeared.

February 17, 1917 – Freemasons demonstrated in Rome against the Catholic Church. (For more information on the errors & evil of freemasonry, see Pope Leo XII encyclical letter, *Humanum Genus* [On Freemasonry] dated April 20, 1884.)



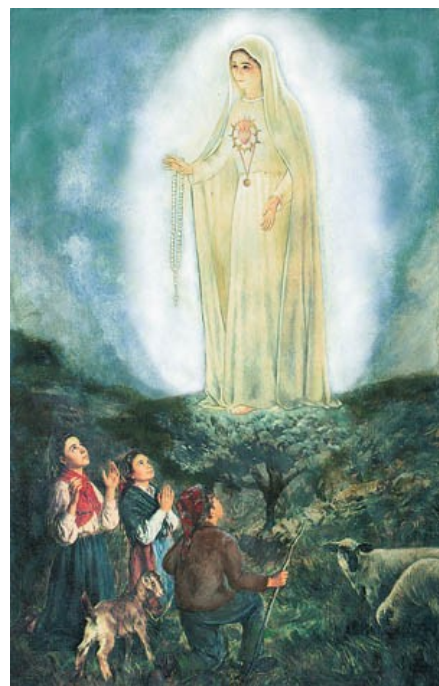
World War I - Pope Benedict XV became pope just a month before the start of the worst war in history up to that time (WWI). He worked fervently for peace. On the 3rd year of the war, with the whole Church, Pope Benedict prayed a novena in honor of Our Lady, the Queen of Peace in petition for the end of the World War I. Mary, the Mother of God, appeared in Fatima on the 8th day of the novena.

May 13, 1917, on Sunday, Lucia (10), Francisco (9) and Jacinta (7) were grazing sheep in the parish of Fatima near Aljustrel. Suddenly great flashes of light frightened them. Lucia & Jacinta saw a Beautiful Lady in the light who was “more brilliant than the sun.” She spoke to them, but only Lucia heard:

“Fear not, I will not harm you. I am from heaven.”

Lucia asked, “What do you want?” The Beautiful Lady said:

“I ask you to come here for six consecutive months, on the 13th day, at this same hour. I will tell you later who I am and why I have come to you. I shall return here again a seventh time.”



Lucia asked, “Dear beautiful Lady, may I go with you to heaven? And Jacinta and Francisco too?”

The Beautiful Lady responded:

“You all will come to heaven with me. Francisco must pray many Rosaries.”

Francisco, at this time, could only see the miraculous light, but he could hear Lucia speaking to a presence in the light. The Beautiful Lady from Heaven said to Lucia:

“Let him pray the Rosary. In that way he too will be able to see me.”

Francisco immediately began to pray his Rosary. After one decade, he too saw the Beautiful woman. It was then that she spoke again:

“Do you want to offer yourselves to God, to endure all the sufferings He may allow, as an act of reparation for sins by which He is offended and as a supplication for the conversion of sinners?”

The children responded, “We will do as you ask.”

The Beautiful Lady from Heaven then opened her hands and great streams of light radiated upon the children. Lucia later spoke about that moment:

“This light penetrated us to the very depth of our heart, and allowed us to see ourselves in God, Who was that Light, more clearly than we see ourselves in a mirror. Then we were moved by an inner impulse, also communicated to us, to fall on our knees, while repeating,

**“Most Holy Trinity, I adore you. My God, My God,
I love You in the Most Blessed Sacrament.”**

As the Beautiful lady departed, “Say the Rosary every day to earn peace for the world and the end of war.”

Afterwards, Francisco said, “I loved seeing the angel, and I loved seeing Our Lady even better, but what I liked best of all was seeing Our Lord in that light which Our Lady put into our hearts. I love God so much, but He is so sad because of all the sins. We mustn’t commit even the tiniest sin!”



In Lucia’s Memoirs she shared that when Francisco visited a church he liked to pray behind the altar at the foot of the tabernacle. He liked to be hidden as he prayed close to Jesus. Many people testified that they had received great graces after having asked Francisco to pray for them.

June 13, 1917

The Beautiful Lady appeared and responded to Lucia's question "What do you want of me?"

"I want you to come here on the 13th of next month, to pray the Rosary every day, and to learn to read. Later, I will tell you what I want."

Lucia asked for the cure of a sick person. Our Lady answered: "If he is converted he will be cured during the year."

"I would like to ask you to take us to Heaven" said Lucia.

"Yes, I will take Jacinta and Francisco soon, but you must stay longer. Jesus wants to use you to make me known and loved. **He wants to establish in the world the devotion to my Immaculate Heart.**"

"Shall I stay here alone?" Lucia asked sadly.

"No, daughter. Are you suffering a great deal? Do not be downhearted. I shall never leave you. My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God."

Lucia's memoirs record "She opened her hands and pierced our hearts with the light that streamed from her palms. It seems then that the first purposed of this light was to give us a knowledge of a special love for the Immaculate Heart of Mary just as on two other occasions it gave us a knowledge of God and the mystery of the Holy Trinity. From that day on we felt in our hearts a deeper love for the Immaculate Heart of Mary."

In front of the palm of Our Lady's right hand was a heart encircled by thorns which pierced it. We understood that this was the Immaculate Heart of Mary, outraged by the sins of humanity and seeking reparation.



July 13, 1917 – Lucia saw the Beautiful Lady in the mystical light and heard this message,

“Do not offend the Lord our God anymore, because He is already so much offended. I desire you to come back here on the 13th next month. To obtain peace in the world, continue to pray the Rosary every day in honor of the title God has given me. Our Lady of the Rosary. In these times only under that title can peace be obtained. Sacrifice yourselves for sinners. Say often especially when you offer some sacrifice, ‘**My Jesus, it is for the love of You, for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.**’ I desire you to come back here on the 13th of each month and in October 1 will tell you who I am and what I ask. I will then perform a miracle so that all may believe.”



1st Secret of Fatima – The Vision of Hell

In saying these last words, she opened her hands as in the preceding two months. **The light seemed to penetrate the earth and we saw, as it were,**



a sea of fire. Plunged in this fire were demons and souls in human form, like transparent burning embers, all blackened or burnished bronze, floating about in the conflagration, now raised into the air by the flames that issued from within themselves together with great clouds of smoke, now falling back on every side like sparks in huge fires, without weight or equilibrium, amid shrieks and groans of pain and despair, which horrified us and made us tremble with fear. The demons could be distinguished by their terrifying and repellent likeness to frightful and unknown animals, black and

transparent like burning coals. Terrified and as if to plead for succor, we looked up at Our Lady who said to us so kindly and so sadly:

“You have seen hell where the souls of poor sinners go. To save them, God wishes to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart. If what I say to you is done, many souls will be saved and there will be peace. The war is going to end; but if people do not cease offending God, a worse one will break out during the pontificate of Pius XI. When you see a night illumined by an unknown light, know that this is the great sign given you by God that He is about to punish the world for its crimes by means of war, famine, and persecutions of the Church and of the Holy Father.” (Pope Pius XI reigned as Pope from February 6, 1922 to February 10, 1939).

2nd Secret of Fatima – Devotion to the Immaculate Heart (The 1st two secrets were revealed in Sister Lucia’s letter to her Bishop on August 31, 1941; The devotion and consecration were requested to be implemented in 1925 & 1929 respectively.)

“To prevent this, I shall come to ask for the consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart and the Communion of Reparation on the First Saturdays. If my requests are heeded, Russia will be converted and there will be peace; if not, she will spread her errors throughout the world, causing wars and persecutions of the Church. The good will be martyred, the Holy Father will have much to suffer, and various nations will be annihilated.

In the end my Immaculate Heart will triumph. The Holy Father will consecrate Russia to me and she will be converted, and a period of peace will be granted to the world. In Portugal, the dogma of the Faith will always be preserved.”

3rd Secret of Fatima was written at the request of the Bishop of Leiria when Sister Lucia fell seriously ill in mid-1943. She wrote it on January 3, 1944 placed it in an envelope, closed and seal it and wrote on the outside that it was to be opened in 1960. It was revealed to the public by the Vatican in 2000.

At the left of Our Lady and a little above, we saw an Angel with a flaming sword in his left hand; flashing, it gave out flames that looked as though they would set the world on fire, but they died out in contact with the splendor that Our Lady radiated toward him from her right hand. Pointing to the earth with his right hand, the Angel cried out in a loud voice: ‘Penance, Penance, Penance!’ We saw an immense light that is God, something similar to how people appear in a mirror when they pass in front of it, a bishop dressed in white (we had the impression it

was the Holy Father), and other bishops, priests and men and women religious going up a steep mountain, at the top of which there was a big cross of rough-hewn trunks as of a cork tree with the bark. Before



reaching there, the Holy Father passed through a big city half in ruins, and have trembling with a halting step, afflicted with pain and sorrow, he prayed for the souls of the corpses he met along his way. Having reached the top of the mountain, on his knees at the foot of the big cross he was killed by a group of soldiers who fired bullets and arrows at him, and in the same way there died one after another the other bishops, priests, men and women religious, and various lay people of different ranks and positions. Beneath the two arms of the cross there were two Angels each with a crystal aspersorium in their hand, in which they gathered up the blood of the martyrs and with it sprinkled the souls that were making their way to God.

After giving the children the secret, Our Lady continued: “When you pray the Rosary, say after each mystery:

“Oh my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to heaven, especially those most in need of Thy mercy.”

August 13, 1917 –On the scheduled day of the Blessed Virgin Mary’s 4th apparition, the children were threatened, subjected to psychological torture and locked in jail at Ourem by the atheist administrator who was a fallen-

away Catholic, anti-cleric and a leading freemason. There the children exhibited heroic courage to suffer. Young Jacinta, 7 years old, began to cry feeling great abandonment from their parents. Young Francisco, 9 years old, raising his eyes and hands to heaven made this offering recorded in Sister Lucia's diary, "Oh my Jesus, this is for love of you and for the conversion of sinners." Jacinta added, "And also for the Holy Father and in reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary."



August 15 or 19, 1917 — (There has been disagreement over exactly when the August apparition took place. On August 13, 1917 the children were arrested by the Administrator of Vila Nova de Ourem named Artur de Oliveira Santos who was a freemason and atheist. He submitted them to psychological torture of threatening them with being fried in a cauldron of boiling oil, if they did not reveal the Secrets)

"I want you to continue going to the Cova da Iria on the 13th, and to continue praying the Rosary every day. In the last month, I will perform a miracle so that all may believe."

Lucia asked what to do with the donations:

"Have two litters made. One is to be carried by you and Jacinta and two other girls dressed in white; the other one is to be carried by Francisco and three other boys. The money from the litters is for the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, and what is left over will help towards the construction of a chapel which is to be built."

Lucia asked about the sick being cured

"Yes, I will cure some of them during the year. Pray. Pray very much, and make sacrifices for sinners, for many souls go to hell because there is no one to offer sacrifices and prayers for them!"





September 13, 1917

Dear Beautiful Lady, what do you want of me?

“Let the people continue to say the Rosary every day to obtain the end of war. In the last month, in October, I shall perform a miracle so that all may believe in my apparitions. If they had not taken you to the town to prison the miracle would have been greater. St. Joseph will come with the Baby Jesus to give peace to the world. Our Lord will also come to bless the people. Besides, Our Lady of the Rosary and Our Lady of Sorrows will come.

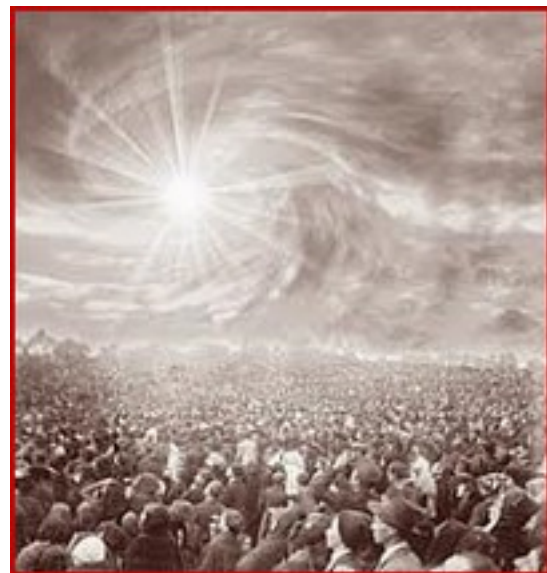
October 13, 1917 – The Miracle of the Sun & the Children’s Vision

Great flashes of light signaled the beginning of the final apparitions. Lucia asked about cures:

“It is necessary that they amend their lives and ask pardon for their sins. Some will be cured and others will not.”

Her face became grave as she continued:

“Let them offend Our Lord no more, for He is already much offended.”



“Then, opening her hands, she made them reflect on the sun, and as she ascended, the reflection of her own light continued to be projected on the sun itself. Here... is the reason why I cried out to the people to look at the sun. My aim was not to call their attention to the sun, because I was not even aware of their presence. I was moved to do so under the guidance of an interior impulse.”

Lucia describes what she saw,

After our Lady had disappeared into the immense distance of the firmament, we beheld St. Joseph with the Child Jesus and Our Lady robed in white with a blue mantle, beside the sun. St. Joseph and the

Child Jesus appeared to bless the world, for they traced the Sign of the Cross with their hands.

When a little later, this apparition disappeared, I

saw Our Lord and Our Lady; it seemed to me that it was Our Lady of Dolours [Sorrows]. Our Lord appeared to bless the world in the same manner as St. Joseph had done. This apparition also vanished and I saw Our Lady once more, this time resembling Our Lady of Carmel.”



The Great Miracle of the Sun – October 13, 1917

Witnessed by over 70,000 people and predicted in advance to occur in October, the sun defied cosmic laws. One lady described, “Suddenly the rain



ceased, the clouds separated and I saw a large sun, brighter than the sun, yet I could look at it without hurting my eyes, as if it were only the moon. This sun began to get larger and larger, brighter and brighter until the whole heavens seemed more brilliantly lighted than I have ever seen it. Then the sun started



spinning and shooting streams of light which changed it to all colors of the rainbow... At the same time, it started getting bigger and bigger in the sky as though it were headed directly for us, as though it were falling on the earth. Everyone was frightened. We all thought it was the end of the world. Everyone threw themselves on their knees praying and screaming the Act of Contrition. Suddenly the sun stopped spinning and returned to its place in the sky. Everyone started shouting "Miracle! This is a miracle! Just then I noticed that both the ground and my clothes were bone dry. Everyone seemed to rush forward to see the children. Unfortunately I was only able to see them at a distance!"

Francisco Marto – June 11, 1908 – April 4, 1919

Francisco died within 2 years after the apparition ended after having contracted influenza during the pandemic.

April 2, 1919 – Francisco knows he is nearing death

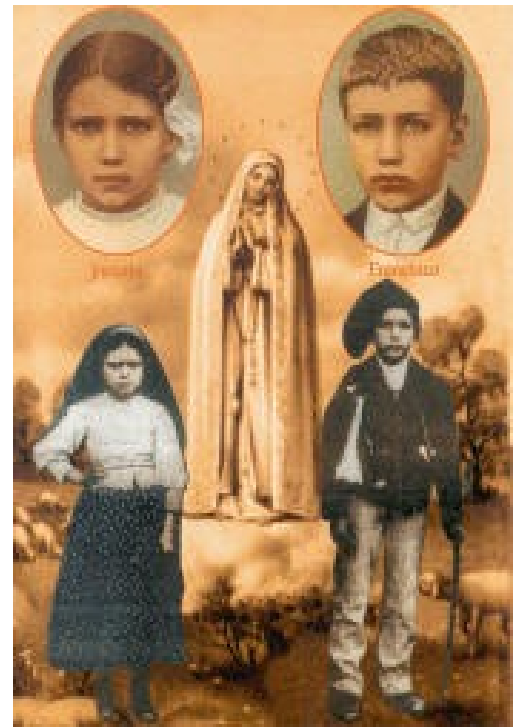
Francisco became more seriously ill and knew that he would not remain on earth much longer. He cried out: “Mother, Mother mine, must I die without receiving the Hidden Jesus?” Thus Francisco expressed his wish to receive Holy Communion. His father went to get the parish priest, only to find the priest ill. Another priest came and promised to bring Holy Communion the next morning.

April 3, 1919

Desiring to go to Confession before Holy Communion, Francisco sent his sister Teresa to get Lucia. He questioned Lucia: “Did you ever see me commit any sin?” Ask Jacinta the same thing.” Having examined his conscience thoroughly with the help of Lucia and Jacinta, Francisco was prepared to receive the Sacrament.

After Francisco received Holy Communion, he said to Jacinta: “Today, I am happier than you are, for I have the Hidden Jesus in my heart!” To Lucia he said: “I am going to Our Lord. When in Heaven, I shall beg Our Lord and Our Lady to take you there soon too. I am sure I shall feel lonely without you. What would I not give for Our Lord to take you quickly!”

Jacinta said to Francisco: “Give my love to Our Lord and Our Lady. Tell them I will suffer as much as they wish to convert sinners and in reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.”



That evening Francisco saw a beautiful shining light at his door. When Lucia left that evening she said:

“Goodbye, Francisco! If you go to heaven tonight, don’t forget me when you get there, do you hear me?” “No, I won’t forget. Be sure of that.” Then

seizing my right hand, he held it tightly for a long time, looking at me with tears in his eyes. “Do you want anything more?” I asked him with tears running down my cheeks too, “No,” he answered, in a low voice... “Goodbye, then, Francisco! Til we meet in heaven, goodbye!”

April 4, 1919 – 10am

Francisco died the following morning. He was buried in the cemetery at St. Anthony parish church. On March 12, 1952 his remains were transferred to a side chapel in the basilica built at the site of the Cova da Iria.

Jacinta Marto – March 11, 1910 – February 20, 1920

Jacinta died 10 months later just before her 10th birthday having contracted influenza in October 1918. In his book, *Fatima for Today: The Urgent Marian Message of Hope*, Father Andrew Apostoli, C.F.R. records that Lucia had shared that Jacinta had a great desire to save souls by her willingness to offer sacrifices. She also willingly suffered trials that God permitted from other people. People would mock her, and even neighbors would insult her. She was called a liar and a fraud and was even beaten. She also had to put up with endless exhausting interrogations, including those from priests who were skeptical of the events at the Cova. At the time Jacinta’s holiness was growing. Many people, especially after the last apparition of our Lady, sought her intercession, and many received favors through her prayers.

Jacinta’s vision of the Holy Father

“I saw the Holy Father in a very big house, kneeling by a table, with his head buried in his hands and he was weeping. Outside the house, there were many people. Some of them were throwing stones, others were cursing and using bad language. Poor Holy Father, we must pray very much for him.”

Another time, when the children were praying outdoors, Jacinta stood up and asked Lucia:

Can’t you see all those highways and road and fields full of people, who are crying with hunger and have nothing to eat? And the Holy Father in a church praying before the Immaculate Heart of Mary? And so many people praying with him?



1920:

A little while before going to the hospital in Lisbon, Jacinta said to me (Lucia): “It will not be long now before I go to heaven. You will remain here to make known that God wishes to establish in the world devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. When you are to say this, don’t go and hide. Tell everybody that God grants us graces through the Immaculate Heart of Mary; that people are to ask her for them; and that the Heart of Jesus wants the Immaculate Heart of Mary to be venerated at His side. Tell them also to pray to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for peace, since God has entrusted it to her. If I could only put into the hearts of all, the fire that is burning within my own heart, and that makes me love the Hearts of Jesus and Mary so very much.”

Before her death on Feb 10, 1920

Jacinta shared with Mother Godinho, the nurse who cared for her that the Blessed Mother had shared, “More souls go to hell because of sins of impurity more than any other. War is a punishment from God for sins. Certain fashions are going to be introduced that will offend Our Lord very greatly and those who serve God should not follow them. Many marriages are not good, they are not pleasing to our Lord and are not of God. Priests must be very pure and concentrate on their mission to the Church and souls, and be obedient to the pope and their superiors. My dear mother, run away from riches. Cherish silence and holy poverty. Always be charitable, even with those who are unkind. Never criticize others and avoid those who do.”



Jacinta suffered much, accepted all of her sufferings with a burning desire to make reparation for sinners and to pray for their conversion. Our Lady visited Jacinta several times including four days before her death and comforted her. Jacinta shared, “Now I’m much better. Our Lady said that she would soon come to fetch me and that she would take away the pain.”

Jacinta was buried in a cemetery in Ourem. In 1935 her body was moved to the parish cemetery of St. Anthony in Fatima near her brother Francisco. On March 1, 1951, her coffin was exhumed and opened and her body was found to be preserved. She was then placed in a side chapel of the basilica at the Cova da Iria.

May 16, 1921 – With the permission of Lucia's mother, the Bishop decided to send Lucia to an orphanage school at Oporto, run by Sisters of St. Dorothy. Lucia eventually became a Dorothean Religious Sister

December 10, 1925 – Pontevedra, Spain – Five

1st Saturdays - The Blessed Mother and the Christ Child appeared to Lucia at Pontevedra, Spain, in the convent where Lucia was a postulant. Writing in the 3rd person, Lucia wrote an account to her spiritual director, Fr. P. Aparicio, S.J.:



On December 10, 1925, the most holy Virgin appeared to her, and by her side, elevated on a luminous cloud, was [the Christ] child. The most holy Virgin rested her hand on [Sister Lucia's] shoulder, and as she did so, she showed her heart encircled by thorns, which she was holding in her other hand. At the same time, the [Christ] Child said:

“Have compassion on the Heart of your most holy Mother, covered with thorns, with which ungrateful men pierce it at every moment, and there is no one to make an act of reparation to remove them.”

Then the most holy Virgin said: **“Look, my daughter, at my Heart, surrounded with thorns with which ungrateful men pierce me at every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. You at least try to console me and say that I promise to assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who, on the 1st Saturday of five consecutive months, shall confess [their sins], receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for 15 minutes while meditating on the 15 mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to me.”**

February 15, 1926 – Pontevedra, Spain

On the 15th (of February 1926), I was very busy at my work, and was not thinking of [the devotion] at all. I went to throw out a pan full of rubbish beyond the vegetable garden, in the same place where, some months earlier, I had met a child. I had asked him if he knew the Hail Mary, and he said he did, whereupon I requested him to say it so that I could hear him. But, as he made no attempt to say it by himself, I said it with him three times over, at the end of which I asked him to say it alone. But as he remained silent and was unable to say the Hail Mary alone, I asked him if he knew where the Church of Santa Maria was, to which he replied that he did. I told him to go

there every day and to say this [prayer]: O, my heavenly Mother, give me your Child Jesus! I taught him this, and then left him...

Going there as usual, I found a child who seemed to me to be the same one whom I had previously met, so I questioned him: "Did you ask our heavenly Mother for the Child Jesus?" The child

turned to me and said: **"And have you spread through the world what our heavenly Mother requested of you?"**

With that, He was transformed into a resplendent Child. Knowing then that it was Jesus, I said, "My Jesus, you know very well what my confessor said to me in the letter I read to You. He told me that it was necessary for this vision to be repeated, for further happening to prove its credibility, and he added that Mother Superior, on her own, could do nothing to propagate this devotion." (Lucia's Memoirs, p196-197)

Fr. Apostoli shares in his book the humor of Jesus, "Young Sister Lucia

(19) did not recognize the Christ Child when she first saw him. Furthermore, when she tried to get Him to say the Hail Mary on His own, He would not do it because the Son of God does not pray to His mother; His mother prays to Him..."

Jesus shared, **"It is true, my daughter, that many souls begin the First Saturdays, but few finish them, and those who do complete them do so in order to receive the graces that are promised thereby. It would please me more if they did five with fervor and wish the intention of making reparation to the Heart of your heavenly Mother, than if they did fifteen in a tepid and indifferent manner."** (p197, Lucia's Memoirs)

"It is true your Superior alone can do nothing, but with my grace she can do all. It is enough that your confessor gives you permission and that your Superior speak of it, for it to be believed, even without people knowing to whom it has been revealed." (p197. Lucia's Memoirs).



December 17, 1927, Pontevedra, Spain

As a novice, Sister Lucia had another revelation from Our Lord. While praying to Jesus in the tabernacle in the chapel, she asked the Lord how she could answer questions from her superiors regarding the origins of the devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary without divulging the secret our Lady had told her to keep absolutely confidential. Lucia described what happened, “Jesus made her hear very distinctly these words, ‘**My daughter, write what they ask of you. Write also all that the most holy Virgin revealed to you in the Apparition [July 13], in which she spoke of this devotion. As the remainder of the Secret, continue to keep silence.**’”

June 13, 1929 at Tuy, Spain – Vision of the Most Blessed Trinity

During her time as a novice with the Dorothean Sisters, Sister Lucia was transferred to a convent in Tuy, Spain. While at prayer in the convent chapel Lucia saw a vision of the Most Holy Trinity.

Sister Lucia’s description of this vision:

“I had sought and obtained permission from my superiors and confessor [Father Goncalves] to make a Holy Hour from the eleven o’clock until midnight, every Thursday to Friday night. Being alone one night, I knelt near the altar rails in the middle of the chapel and, prostrate, I prayed the prayers of the Angel. Feeling tired, I then stood up and continued to say the prayer with my arms in the form of a cross. The only light was that of the sanctuary lamp. Suddenly the whole chapel was illuminated by a supernatural light, and above the altar appeared a cross of light, reaching to the ceiling. In a brighter light on the upper part of the cross, could be seen the face of a man and his body as far as the waist, upon his breast was a dove of light; nailed to the cross was the



body of another man. A little below the waist, I could see a chalice and a large host suspended in the air, on to which drops of blood were falling from the face of Jesus Crucified and from the wound in His side. These drops ran down on to the host and fell into the chalice. Beneath the right arm of the cross was Our Lady and in her hand was her Immaculate Heart. (It was Our Lady of Fatima, with her Immaculate Heart in her left hand, without sword or roses, but with a crown of thorns and flames). Under the left arm of the cross, large letters, as if of crystal clear water which ran down upon the altar, formed these words: “Grace and Mercy.” I understood that it was the Mystery of the Most Holy Trinity which was shown to me, and I received lights about this mystery which I am not permitted to reveal.”

After the vision of the Trinity, our Lady told Sister Lucia to ask the Holy Father to make the consecration of Russia:

“The moment has come in which God asks the Holy Father, in union with all the bishops of the world, to make the consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart, promising to save it by this means. There are so many souls whom the Justice of God condemns for sins committed against me, that I have come to ask reparation: sacrifice yourself for this intention and pray.”

May 29-30, 1930, Tuy Spain

Asked by her confessor Fr. Jose Bernardo Goncalves, S.J. “Why should it be 5 Saturdays and not 9 or 7 in honor of the sorrow of our Lady? Sister Lucia described a mystical experience she had when speaking with the Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament:

Remaining in the chapel with our Lord, part of the night of the 29th-30th of the month of May, 1930, talking to our Lord about [some of those] questions, I suddenly felt possessed more intimately by the Divine Presence; and if I am not mistaken, the following was revealed to me: “**Daughter, the motive is simple. There are five kinds of offenses and blasphemies spoken against the Immaculate Heart of Mary: blasphemies (1) against her Immaculate Conception; (2) against her perpetual virginity; (3) against her divine maternity, refusing at the same time to accept her as the Mother of mankind; (4) by those who try publicly to implant in the hearts of children an indifference, contempt, and even hate for this Immaculate Mother; and (5) for those who insult her directly in her sacred images.**”

Our Lord ended this communication by telling Sister Lucia that it was his own mother who asked for these acts of reparation in order to move him to **“forgive those souls who have the misfortune of offending her.”** Those who commit such blasphemies against our Lady are in grave jeopardy of losing their souls, for these sins seriously offend God Himself. In spite of these terrible indignities, it is our Lady, as the Blessed Mother even of those who offend her so grievously, who is concerned for their eternal salvation. (Fr. Andrew Apostoli, p 157)

At the same time in Poland

Before August 2, 1934 – Vilnius, Poland – During this time, in another apparition between 1931-1937, Jesus appeared to Sister Faustina Kowalska, of the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy requesting that she promote devotion to The Divine Mercy. The five elements of this devotion included: 1) **The Image of the Merciful Jesus** (47, 48) (revealed, February 22, 1931 in Plock), 2) **The Feast of Divine Mercy** (300, 570, 699, 965, 998) (revealed 1931 in Plock) celebrated on the 1st Sunday after Easter, 3) **The Chaplet of Divine Mercy** (687, 811, 1541) (revealed September 13-14, 1934 in Vilnius), 4) **The Hour of Mercy** (3pm) (1320, 1572), (revealed October 1937 in Cracow) and 5) **The Divine Mercy Novena** (1209-1230) (revealed around August 10, 1937) **“I desire trust from My creatures”** (1059). What is trust? To give God praise and thanksgiving in all things, both the blessings and the trials.



Of concern in the many locutions in her diary is one similar to the 1973 revelation that would later occur in Akita, Japan. Jesus said to Sr. (now Saint) Faustina, **“Write this: before I come as the Just Judge, I am coming first as the King of Mercy. Before the day of Justice arrives, there will be given to people a sign in the heavens of this sort: All light in the heaven will be extinguished, and there will be great darkness over the whole earth. Then the sign of the cross will be seen in the sky, and from the openings where the hands and the feet of the Savior were nailed will come forth great lights which will light up the earth for a period of time. This will take place shortly before the last days”** (83). (Diary of St. Faustina, 2011)

January 25, 1938 - A mysterious light covered the sky in the evening and extended over a large part of the northern hemisphere. It was called an unusual northern light, an aurora borealis. But that could not be the cause for two reasons: (a) Northern lights are caused by sun spots and at that time there was only a minimum of them recorded; (b) The mysterious illumination of the sky – bright red color with no streaks or movement whatsoever – was entirely different from normal occurrences.

Therefore science has no explanation to offer.

But Sister Lucia does: "It was the predicted sign of the Lord that He is about to chastise the world by another war." The predictions Sister Lucy made are part of what she passed on from what Our Lady told her in connection with the apparitions at Fatima. (See July 13, 1917, the end of the 1st secret of Fatima in which the Blessed Virgin Mary mentions [“a night illuminated by an unknown light”](#))



1938 - Pope Pius XI (February 6, 1922-February 10, 1939) did not consecrate Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Germany annexes Austria in 1938 beginning World War II.

Pope Pius XI promulgated very important encyclicals

1930 – **Casti connubii** (On Christian Marriage)

1931 – **Quadragesimo anno** (On Catholic Social Teaching)

1937 – **Mit Brennender Sorge** (With Burning Concern) – Though most documents were written in Latin, this was written in German and read

throughout Germany simultaneously from pulpits across the nation. It attacked Nazism for its paganism and its belief in a “super race.”

1937 – **Divini Redemptoris** – Pope Pius XI condemned Communism in this encyclical. He pointed to the Communist revolutions in Russia, Mexico and Spain which had unleashed horrible attacks upon the Church:

“Not only this or that church or isolated monastery has been sacked, but as far as possible every church and every monastery has been destroyed. Every vestige of the Christian religion has been eradicated, even though intimately linked with the rarest monuments of art and science! The fury of Communism has not confined itself to the indiscriminate slaughter of bishops or of thousands of priests, and religious of both sexes; it searches out above all those who have been devoting their lives to the working classes and the poor. But the majority of its victims have been laymen of all conditions and classes. Even up to the present moment masses of them are slain almost daily for no other offense than the fact that they are good Christians or at least opposed to atheistic Communism. And this fearful destruction has been carried out with a hatred and a savage cruelty one could not believe possible in our age” (*Divini Redemptoris*, 20).

May 18, 1939 letter from Sister Lucia to Fr. Goncalvez from Pontevedra, Spain.

Intimately I have spoken to our Lord about the subject, and not too long ago I asked Him why He would not convert Russia without the Holy Father making that consecration.

Because I want my whole Church to acknowledge that consecration as a triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, so that it may extend its cult later on, and put the devotion of this Immaculate Heart beside the devotion to my Sacred Heart.

But my God, the Holy Father probably won't believe me, unless You Yourself move him with a special inspiration

The Holy Father. Pray very much for the Holy Father. He will do it, but it will be too late. Nevertheless the Immaculate Heart of Mary will save Russia. It has been entrusted to her.

The Lord Complains of the Delay

Lucia wrote to her spiritual director, Father Goncalves, that Jesus complained about the pope's failure to carry out His request:

They did not wish to heed my request. Like the King of France, they will repent and do it, but it will be late. Russia will have already spread her errors throughout the world, provoking wars, and persecutions of the Church; the Holy Father will have much to suffer.

Fr. Apostoli offers possible explanations for Pope Pius XI's delay: 1) It is customary procedure to ignore pressure put upon the Holy See to act on the basis of a private revelation.

2) Another possibility, granted very remote, could be that he was badly informed. There are reliable reports that Communist sympathizers, especially Freemasons, had infiltrated the Vatican around this time. Bella Dodd, an ex-Communist who was received into the Church by Bishop Sheen, told him in 1950 that as a Communist in the 1930's she recruited men with no vocation to enter the ranks of the priesthood in order to destroy the Catholic Church from within. This plan she said, had come directly from Joseph Stalin (a former seminarian) who was the head of the Communist Party throughout the world at the time. He had said that the Roman Catholic Church was the greatest enemy of Communism and that the way to destroy the Church was to infiltrate the priesthood. Dodd told Bishop Sheen that the Communists had "four contacts" high up in the Vatican. These were believed to be four cardinals who were Freemasons. Bishop Sheen forbade her to reveal their names. (*Fatima for Today*, p168)

The King of France's Delay – In 1689 Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, "the Apostle of the Sacred Heart of Jesus," carried a message from Jesus to King Louis XIV. Jesus promised the king a blessed life and eternal salvation, as well as victory over his enemies if he would carry out four requests: (1) to engrave the Sacred Heart of Jesus on the royal flags, (2) to build a chapel in His

honor where He would receive the homage of the royal court, (3) to consecrate himself to the Sacred Heart, and (4) to use his authority and influence with the Holy See in order to obtain a Mass in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Nothing was ever done to respond to our Lord's requests. Approximately 100 years later, in 1792, King Louis XVI was imprisoned by revolutionaries. He made a vow to consecrate himself, his family and his kingdom to the Sacred Heart of Jesus if he regained his freedom, his kingship and his royal power. But it was too late for the designs of Divine Providence. King Louis XVI, his wife and sisters were sent to the guillotine, and the anti-religious and anti-clerical French Revolution unleashed a violent persecution of the Church in France from which she has never totally recovered. The Carmelite Nuns of Compiègne offered themselves to the Lord as a holocaust to placate the anger of God and so that divine peace, be brought to earth, to the Church and to the state by His beloved Son. On July 17, 1794, the sixteen Discalced Carmelite nuns were condemned to death by the revolutionary tribunal for their fidelity to religious life, for their "fanaticism" (especially for their admirable devotion to the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary), and for their attachment to constituted authority. They were beheaded at the guillotine. Before her death Mother Teresa of St. Augustine said, **"Love will always be victorious. When someone loves, he can do everything."** The bodies of the 16 martyrs were thrown into a common grave, together with the bodies of other condemned persons, in a place which later became the present day cemetery of Picpus, where a stone records their martyrdom.



1940 – Letter of Sister Lucia to Pope Pius XII

(Pope Pius XII reigned from March 2, 1939 to October 9, 1958)

If your Holiness would deign to make the consecration of the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, making special mention of Russia, and would order at the same time that in union with Your Holiness all the bishops should also make it, the days would be shortened by which God has decided to punish the nations for their crimes through war, famine and persecutions against the Church and Your Holiness.

August 31, 1941 – 1st two Secrets Revealed. In her third Memoir written between July and August 1941 at the request of Bishop da Silva of Leiria, in preparation for the Silver Jubilee Year of the Fatima apparitions (1942) Lucia disclosed the first two parts of the secret given during the apparition of our Lady on July 13, 1917. This Memoir contains the vision of hell and the devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary with the warning of another possible war.



October 31, 1942—Pope Pius XII consecrated the world with special mention of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary at the closing of the Silver Jubilee of Fatima (1917-1942). However, only the bishops of Portugal joined with the Holy Father in making this consecration thus it did not fulfill our Lady's request.

December 8, 1942 – Six weeks later in Rome on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception at St. Peter's

Basilica in the presence of 40,000 people, but only a limited number of bishops Pope Pius XII repeated the consecration. This also did not fulfill our Lady's request because it did not include all the bishops of the world.

The conversion did not happen. However Jesus appeared to Lucia the following spring (1943) and expressed to her His great joy over the consecration. He had promised that the consecration would shorten the war, and in early 1943 the Allies began winning decisive battles, when previously they had been losing.

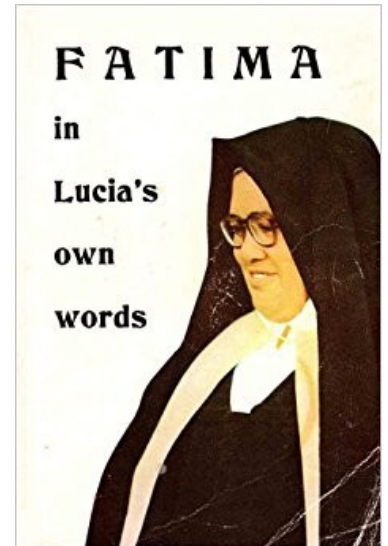
January 3, 1944 – Third Secret Written

The third part of the secret was requested of Sister Lucia by the Bishop of Leiria when she fell seriously ill in mid-1943. The bishop feared she would die and take the secret with her. In obedience, she tried on numerous occasions to write it down without success.

Finally on the night of January 3, 1944, Our Lady came to her and told her, **“Do not be afraid, God wanted to prove your obedience, faith and humility. Be at peace and write what they order you.”**

Lucia wrote the Third Secret on a separate, single manuscript, which she then placed in an envelope. She wrote on the outside of the envelope that it could be opened in 1960, either by the patriarch of Lisbon or the bishop of Leiria. This sealed envelope was initially kept in the custody of the Bishop da Silva of Leiria. To ensure better protection of the Third Secret, shortly before his death, the Bishop transferred the envelope to the secret archives of the Holy Office in Rome on April 4, 1957 and he informed Sister Lucia that this transfer had taken place.

In 2000 when Archbishop Bertone, then secretary for the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith interviewed Sister Lucia, he asked whether Our Lady of Fatima had fixed the date of 1960, “It was not our Lady,” Sister Lucia replied, “I fixed the date because I had the intuition that before 1960 it would not be understood, but that only later would it be understood. Now it can be better understood. I wrote down what I saw; however, it was not for me to interpret it, but for the pope.”



August 6, 1945 – the B-29 aircraft Enola Gay dropped the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima at 8:15am, ½ miles from the Jesuit Church of Our Lady's Assumption where the eight (8) members of the Jesuit community prayed the rosary daily. Fr. Hubert Schiffer and the other priests had no radiation or



ill-effects from the bomb. “We believe that we survived because we were living the message of Fatima.

August 6, 1945 – the Franciscan Friary at Nagasaki established by St. Maximillian Kolbe was also unharmed which they attributed to special protection from the Blessed Mother, as the brothers, too, prayed the daily rosary. They had no effects from the bomb.

March 1948 – Sister Lucia – Carmelite. Sr. Lucia entered the Carmelite convent of St. Teresa in Coimbra, having received special papal permission to leave the Dorothean Sisters and become a Carmelite which she was for more than 50 years.

August 15, 1950 – Sister Lucia confirms the **scapular** is one of the conditions of the Fatima message. During the October 13, 1917 apparition, Our Lady appeared as Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. Sr. Lucia explained that Our Lady wants us to wear the **brown scapular** as a sign of our consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. When Our Lady gave the **brown scapular** to St. Simon Stock in 1251, she said, “[Receive my beloved son, this habit of thy order. This shall be to thee and to all](#)



[Carmelites a privilege, that whosoever dies clothed in this shall never suffer eternal fire.](#)” Thus, when we wear the brown scapular, we embrace the habit of the Carmelites, who have a great devotion to Mary and who have placed themselves under her protection. Pope Pius XII wrote: “For the holy scapular, which may be called the habit or garment of Mary, is a sign and pledge of the protection of the Mother of God.” It is as if Mary is saying, “If you wear my habit, faithfully, I will see to it that you never see the fires of hell.”

November 1, 1950 – Pope Pius XII declares the dogma of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the belief that Mary was assumed body and soul into heaven at the end of her days on earth.

July 7, 1952 –In the Apostolic Letter *Sacro Vergente Anno*, **Pope Pius XII** explicitly consecrated the people of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Unfortunately the world’s bishops did not participate, and so it also failed to fulfill our Lady’s request for Russia’s conversion.

1954 – Pope Pius XII institutes the Feast of the Queenship of Mary for August 22, for she is the Queen of the World.

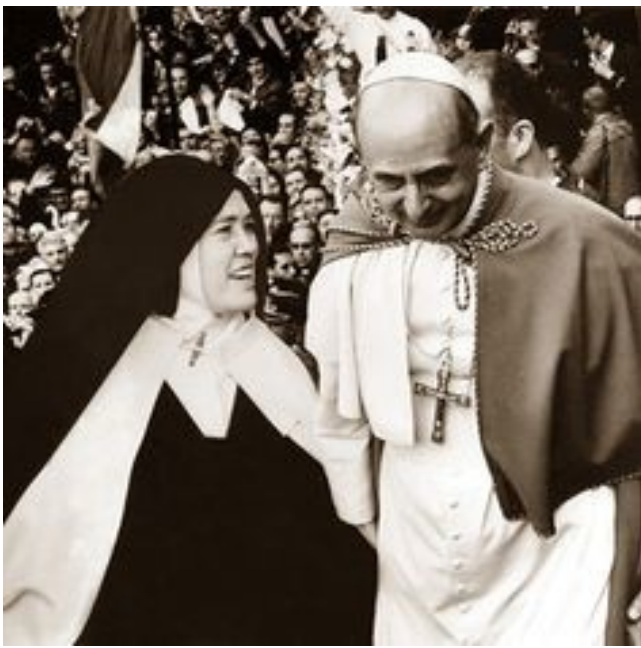
1958-1963 – **Pope John XXIII**, elected on October 28, 1958 he convened the 21st Council of the Church, Vatican II. As Cardinal Roncalli, patriarch of Venice, he had visited Fatima on May 13, 1956. While pope, he did read the “third secret.” He did not attempt a full collegial consecration of Russia.

August 17, 1959 – **Pope John XXIII** reads the **Third Secret**. Father Pierre Paul Philippe, OP, the commissary of the Holy Office, brought the envelope containing the Third Secret of Fatima to Pope John XXIII on August 17, 1959. In his personal diary the Pope wrote he “brought me the letter containing the third part of the secrets of Fatima. I intended to read it with my confessor.”

Later after the Pope had read the Third Secret, he wrote, “We shall wait. I shall pray. I shall let you know what I decide.” Pope John XXIII finally decided not to reveal the Third Secret and to return the sealed envelope to the Holy Office. Pope John XXIII died on June 3, 1963.



1963-1978 – **Pope Paul VI** - On March 27, 1965 – Pope Paul VI read the Third Secret of Fatima with Archbishop Angelo Dell’Acqua. He decided not to reveal it and returned the envelope to the archives of the Holy Office.



Mary 13, 1967, the 50th anniversary of the first apparition of Our Lady of Fatima, Pope Paul VI promulgated the apostolic exhortation ***Signum magnum*** (The Great Sign), in which he called for national, diocesan and individual consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. When Sister Lucia was asked if this fulfilled the request of our Lady, she responded, “No.” It was not made in union with all the bishops of the world. Pope Paul VI died on August 6, 1978.

At the same time in Akita, Japan

October 13, 1973- Akita Japan – A few pious women known as the Institute of the Handmaids of the Holy Eucharist were leading a quiet, hidden life of prayer in Yuzawadai just outside of Akita when they welcomed into their novitiate Sister Agnes Katsuko Sasagawa, who was then 42 years old and a convert from Buddhism. On October 13, 1973, the 60th anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima, Sr. Agnes heard the beautiful voice speaking from the statue once more: "My dear daughter, listen well to what I have to say to you. You will inform your superior."

After a short silence:

"As I told you, if men do not repent and better themselves, the Father will inflict a terrible punishment on all humanity. It will be a punishment greater than the deluge, such as one will never seen before. Fire will fall from the sky and will wipe out a great part of humanity, the good as well as the bad, sparing neither priests nor faithful. The survivors will find themselves so desolate that they will envy the dead. The only arms which will remain for you will be the Rosary and the Sign left by



My Son. Each day recite the prayers of the Rosary. With the Rosary, pray for the Pope, the bishops and priests. The work of the devil will infiltrate even into the Church in such a way that one will see cardinals opposing cardinals, bishops against bishops. The priests who venerate me will be scorned and opposed by their confreres...churches and altars sacked; the Church will be full of those who accept compromises and the demon will press many priests and consecrated souls to leave the service of the Lord. "The demon will be especially implacable against souls consecrated to God. The thought of the loss of so many souls is the cause of my sadness. If sins increase in number and gravity, there will be no longer pardon for them" "With courage, speak to your superior. He will know how to encourage each one of you to pray and to accomplish works of reparation." "It is Bishop Ito, who directs your community." "Pray very much the prayers of the Rosary. I alone am able still to save you from the calamities which approach. Those who place their confidence in me will be saved."



(After ten years of theological, scientific and medical research Bishop John Shojiro Ito of the Diocese of Niigata, Japan declared the supernatural character of the messages of Akita and awaits the Holy See to publish definitive judgment on this matter. The messages of Akita & Fatima "are essentially the same.")<http://www.ewtn.com/library/MARY/AKITA.htm>

1978 – Pope John Paul I – Also known as “the September Pope,” Pope John Paul I reigned for 33 days and did not attempt the consecration.

1978-2005 – Pope John Paul II, (Karol Cardinal Wojtyla, Archbishop of Krakow, Poland) elected on October 16, 1978, the first non-Italian pontiff since Hadrian VI in 1523. His guiding light for his life: “*Totus tuus ego sum et omnia mea tua sunt. Accipio te in mea omnia. Praebe mihi cor tuum, Maria*” – I belong entirely to you, and all that I have is yours. I take you for my all. O Mary, give me your heart. For short his motto was “Totus tuus” (Totally Yours).



May 13, 1981 – Attempted assassination of Pope John Paul II in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican, the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima at the same time that a message from him was being read in the Cova da Iria at Fatima. He was rushed to Gemelli Hospital in Rome, where he lost consciousness.

As he was fading he kept praying, "Jesus, Mother

Mary." The surgeons operated for 5 ½ hours, and were successful. The Pope recovered and returned to the Vatican, however, a few weeks later he came down with an infection and underwent another operation.



May/June 1981 – Pope John Paul II reads the Third Secret of Fatima.

During this second hospitalization, reflecting on the date of the assassination attempt, he requested to see the 3rd Secret of Fatima. At that time it was being kept in the secret archives of the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith. Pope John Paul II saw himself in the 3rd secret of Fatima as described by his former secretary Cardinal Stanislaw Dziwisz who described the Pope's reaction:

"When he was finished, all his remaining doubts were gone. In Sr. Lucia's vision, he recognized his own destiny. He became convinced that his life had been saved --- no, given back to him anew --- thanks to our Lady's intervention and protection... It's true, of course, that the "bishop dressed in white" is killed in Sr. Lucia's vision, whereas John Paul II escaped an almost certain death. So? Couldn't that have been the real point of the vision? Couldn't it have been trying to tell us that the paths of history, of human existence, are not necessarily fixed in advance? And that there is a Providence, a "motherly hand," which can intervene and cause a shooter, who is certain of hitting his target, to miss? **"One hand shot, and another guided the bullet"** was how the Holy Father put it."

June 7, 1981 – Solemnity of Pentecost. Pope John Paul II composed a prayer which he called an “Act of Entrustment:”

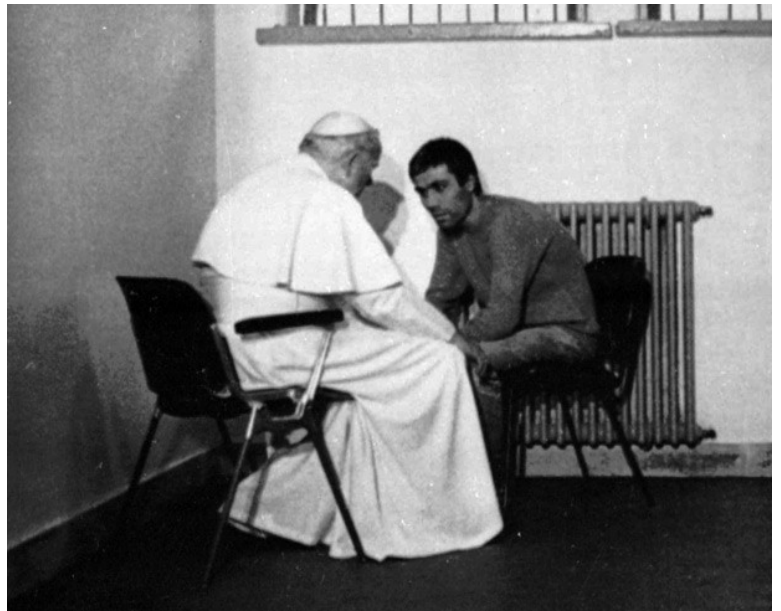
Mother of all individuals and peoples, you know all their sufferings and hopes. In your motherly heart you feel all the struggles between good and evil, between light and darkness, that convulse the world: accept the plea which we make in the Holy Spirit directly to your heart, and embrace with the love of the Mother and Handmaid of the Lord those who most await this embrace, and [reference to Russia] also those whose act of entrustment you too await in a particular way. Take under your motherly protection the whole human family, which with affectionate love we entrust to you, O Mother. May there dawn for everyone the time of peace and freedom, the time of truth, of justice and of hope.

Like his predecessor, Pope John Paul II had serious diplomatic reason for his discretion in not mentioning Russia by name. On the Solemnity of Pentecost and the anniversary of the 1st Council of Constantinople (381), which reaffirmed the divinity of the Holy Spirit, and the anniversary of the Council of Ephesus (449), which declared Mary to be the Mother of God the Pope, still recovering from his wounds, recorded the prayer and had it broadcast at the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome on June 7, 1981. Because the consecration was not done in union with all the bishops of the world, it did not completely fulfill our Lady’s request for the conversion of Russia.

May 13, 1982 – In Fatima Pope John Paul II repeated the Act of Entrustment and thanked our Lady personally at her shrine for saving his life. The Pope intended to make this 2nd consecration in union with all the bishops of the Church. However letters inviting them arrived late and thus insufficient numbers of bishops had joined the pope and the consecration was not effective.



December 27, 1983 – Pope John Paul II visited his would-be assassin in Rebibbia prison in Rome. The Pope had already forgiven Mehmet Ali Agca but now he wanted to do so in person. When Ali Agca met the Holy Father, he did not ask for forgiveness, instead he said, ***“I know I was aiming right. I know that bullet was a killer. So why aren’t you dead?”*** Secretary



Dziwisz, who was nearby, felt that two things terrified Ali Agca: 1) forces he could not control had protected the Pope, and 2) these forces were related to the other Fatima besides Muhammad’s daughter, whom he referred to as “the goddess of Fatima.”

March 25, 1984 - The Act of Consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for the



Conversion of Russia and Era of Peace was made by Pope John Paul II & the Bishops of the World on the Solemnity of the Annunciation at the closing ceremony of the Holy Year of the Redemption. For this 1984 consecration, Pope John Paul II had sent out letters, 3 months in advance dated December 8, 1983, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, to all Catholic bishops of the world, even to bishops of the Orthodox churches and to major Protestant leaders. The Orthodox responded and even some of the non-Catholic or Protestant leaders joined Pope John Paul II in the collegial consecration which he made from Saint Peter’s Basilica in the Vatican with numerous cardinals and

bishops who were personally present, as well as in union with all the bishops throughout the world. 200,000 of the faithful were gathered in St. Peter's Square. The Holy Father knelt before the statue of Our Lady of Fatima that, at his request, had been specially sent from the Fatima Chapel of the Apparitions in the Cova da Iria. A bullet from the assassination attempt had been placed in the crown of the statue of Our Lady of Fatima.

March 26, 1984 – the day after the act of consecration, in the presence of cardinals and bishops, including the Bishop of Leiria-Fatima, Pope John Paul II asked: “Have I done what our Lady asked in Fatima? What does Sister Lucia think?” Father Luis Kondor, the vice-postulator for the causes of canonization for Francisco and Jacinta Marto, answered the Holy Father's question:

“Holy Father, before leaving for Rome with the [Fatima chapel] statue, I informed Sr. Lucia about the act which Your Holiness was about to carry out on March 25, and I asked her if this now would fulfill our Lady's request. The reply she gave me was that, “Now the Holy Father will do all that is in his power.”

October 19, 1984 – Fr. Jerry Popielusko was apprehended for speaking out against the Communists and beaten to death in Poland. Over 250,000 attended his funeral.

1985 – Mikhail Gorbachev implemented reforms in the Soviet Union.

1986 – General amnesty was granted to Polish political prisoners. Lech Walesa is released.

1988 – Solidarity leading voice in the Labor union in Poland.

1989 – Free elections are held in Poland.

December 1, 1989 – Pope John Paul II met Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev at the Vatican for the 1st time. This is the first encounter between a Soviet Communist leader and a Pope.

1990 – Free elections are held in many Communist Countries.

December 9, 1990 – Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev meets with Pope John Paul II at the Vatican a 2nd time.

March 3, 1992 – The ex-leader of world Communism, Mikhail Gorbachev praised Pope John Paul II. He said that Pope John Paul II played a major political role in the collapse of Communism in Eastern Europe. *“Personal contact with the Pope leaves a special impression, as if this man exudes an energy allowing one to experience a profound sense of confidence regarding him,”* He said his influence stemmed from the political dimension of the Gospel that requires the Church to defend human rights and religious freedom.

Pope John Paul II, conscious of the power of prayer and reparation of the universal Church (as called for by Our Lady of Fatima) attributed the collapse not simple to actions of the Pope but the Church.



August 29, 1989 – In a letter addressed to Sister Mary of Bethlehem, Sr. Lucia stated, “Afterward [Pope John Paul II] wrote to all the bishops of the world asking them to unite themselves to him. He had the statue of Our Lady of Fatima [from the Cova da Iria chapel] brought to Rome on March 25, 1984. Then publicly, in union with those bishops who wished to associate themselves with His Holiness, he made the consecration in the way in which the Blessed Virgin had wished that it should be made. Afterwards people asked me if it was made in the way our Lady wanted, and I replied: ‘Yes.’ From that time, it is made!”

1989 – Sister Lucia’s words, “God accepted the Consecration of March 24, 1984 as the one that fulfilled all the conditions for the conversion of Russia...The Pope was united to all the bishops in 1984. Those who did not want to be united with the Holy Father, the responsibility is theirs. The request for the Consecration was always an appeal for union. The Mystical Body of Christ (the Church) must be united! The members of the same Body are united!

His Excellency, the Bishop of Leiria (Bishop Alberto Amaral) was here. He asked me and I told him. “Yes. Now it was made.”

The Apostolic Nuncio (of Lisbon) has been here recently and asked me, “Is Russia now consecrated?” “Yes. Now it is,” I answered. The Nuncio then said, “Now we wait for the miracle.”

I answered, “God will keep His word!”

November 9, 1989 – The Berlin Wall Falls – The head of the East German Communist Party announced that citizens of the GDR could cross the border whenever they pleased. That night, ecstatic crowds swarmed the wall. Some

crossed freely into West Berlin, while others brought hammers and picks and began to chip away at the wall itself. To this day, the Berlin Wall remains one of the most powerful and enduring symbols of the Cold War.



May 13, 2000 – The Third Secret of Fatima is revealed to the world. Pope John Paul II has his secretary of state, Cardinal Angelo Sodano read the Third Secret of Fatima at the solemn Mass of Beatification for Francisco and Jacinta Marto at the Shrine of the Cova da Iria. Sister Lucia, then a Carmelite nun in Coimbra, Portugal, attended the Mass of beatification for her two little cousins.

November 11, 2001 – When Cardinal Bertone met with Sister Lucia, she put to rest the rumors that the 3rd Secret published by the Vatican was incomplete. “‘Everything’ --- and when she said this, she paused to give the word its full weight --- ‘has been published, there are no more secrets’.” Cardinal Bertone told Lucia that some media both in Italy and abroad were saying that she had warned the pope in advance of the September 11 attack on the World Trade Center and that she was spreading new apocalyptic interpretations of the Fatima message. “None of this is true,” she said. “If I had had any new revelations, I wouldn’t have divulged them to anyone. I would have relayed them directly to the Holy Father.”

According to Sister Lucia’s prioress, the visionary suffered great deal over the constant and widespread speculation about the Third Secret before it was revealed. When she would hear of it, she would say, If they would just devote their energy to living out the real essence of the message, which has already been revealed... All they care about is what hasn’t yet been said, rather than the fulfillment of Our Lady’s request for prayer and penance. (The Last Secret, p55)

After the Third Secret was revealed by the Vatican, and some people were questioning if the text were genuine, she said, “Well, if they know what it [the Third Secret] is, then let them tell us.”

Penance --- Penance --- Penance

**Offer Up Your Suffering for the Holy Father
For Sinners, To Save Souls**

**Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of
Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ in atonement for our
sins and those of the whole world. For the sake of His sorrowful passion,
have mercy on us and on the whole world.**

February 13, 2005 – On the 1st Sunday in Lent, the day of the Gospel reading of Jesus conquering the temptation of Satan (Mt 4:1-11). Sr. Lucia died at the age of 97. She is interred in the Basilica at Fatima.



At dawn, we noticed she had a great light about her. She opened her eyes after so many day of them almost always closed, and did not show any signs of distress...

At 10am she received a blessing from the Holy Father, faxed over from the Nuncio and brought to her by our Bishop: **Reverend Sister Lucia of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart. Carmel of Santa Teresa - Coimbra.** I was informed of the state of your health. I come to affirm our affectionate union with a special remembrance of your personal union with God, with all the comfort to help you overcome these worthily resigned serene moments of trial united to Christ the Redeemer, and let yourself be enlightened by your Easter. As a pledge of the best heavenly graces, I send to you and the Carmelite Community and families my apostolic blessing, **Johannes Paulus PP II.**

Between noon and 1pm her ultimate decline began; she was extremely weak and was breathing harder. The oxygen could no longer enter her lungs that were closed. About 5pm, the Prioress asked the doctor not to try more intravenous feeding, because the beloved patient was very close to death. They surrounded the bed of their dying

beloved Sister, as they accompanied the prayers of the ritual spoken by the Bishop. "Just when we never expected to see those eyes again, they opened! Her eyes went slowly to all the sisters that surrounded her and they, in turn, received her expression indicating her farewell with deep emotion. When her eyes stopped at the Prioress, they fixed deeply for a long time. She received this look and the message that emanated from it as if she were completely alone with the Shepherdess, as if she was outside of time. Then placing the crucifix before those eyes like two beams of light, Lucia set her eyes on Him and she closed them again. It was the final farewell. Thus she departed, adorned in silence and simplicity, leaving her life here to find now eternal life. She went into the arms of the Lady brighter than the sun to meet her cousins, letting the scent of her virtues embalm each corner of the Monastery of St. Teresa.



The Children of Fatima
 Servant of God - **Lúcia Santos**
 1907 - 2005
 Blessed **Francisco Marto**
 1908 - 1919
 Blessed **Jacinta Marto**
 1910 - 1920

April 5, 2005 - On the 1st Saturday of the month (the day devoted to the Immaculate Heart of Mary) and Divine Mercy Sunday Vigil at 9:37pm, Pope John Paul II died after receiving the Precious Blood of our Lord at the Vigil Mass said in his room by his longtime friend and personal secretary, Stanislaw Cardinal Dziwisz.



The future is not in fact unchangeably set, and the image which the children saw is in no way a film preview of a future in which nothing can be changed. Indeed, the whole point of the vision is to bring freedom onto the scene and to steer freedom in a positive direction...it is meant to mobilize the forces of change in the right direction.

Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger
(Pope Benedict XVI)



December 1, 2016 — The final battle between the Lord and the reign of Satan will be about marriage and the family. Don't be afraid, because anyone who works for the sanctity of marriage and the family will always be fought and opposed in every way, because this is the decisive issue. However, Our Lady has already crushed its head. (Cardinal Caffara, Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage & Family.)

May 13, 2017 — 100th Anniversary of the Blessed Virgin Mary's appearance at Fatima.



Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus (9 - 1st Fridays)

Devotion to the Sacred Heart, as we know it, began about the year 1672. On repeated occasions, Jesus appeared to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, a Visitation nun, in France, and during these apparitions He explained to her the devotion to His Sacred Heart as He wanted people to practice it. He asked to be honored in the symbol of His Heart of flesh; He asked for acts of reparation, for frequent Communion, Communion on the First Friday of the month, and the keeping of the Holy Hour. **The following First Friday devotions are efficacious in honoring the Sacred Heart of Jesus:** 1. [The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass](#);

2. [Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament](#); 3. [Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus](#); 4. [Act of Reparation](#) 5. [The](#)

[Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus](#) 6. [The Sacrament of Reconciliation](#)

Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, I consecrate myself to Your Most Sacred Heart. Take possession of my whole being; transform me into Yourself. Make my hands Your hands, my feet Your feet, my heart Your heart. Let me see with Your eyes, listen with Your ears, speak with Your lips, love with Your heart, understand with Your mind, serve with Your will, and be dedicated with my whole being. Make me Your other self. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, send me Your Holy Spirit to teach me to love You and to live through You, with You, in You and for You.

Come, Holy Spirit, make my body Your temple. Come, and abide with me forever. Give me the deepest love for the Sacred Heart of Jesus in order to serve Him with my whole heart, soul, mind and strength. Take possession of all my faculties of body and soul. Regulate all my passions: feelings and emotions. Take possession of my intellect, understanding and will; my memory and imagination. O Holy Spirit of Love, give me an abundance of Your efficacious graces. Give me the fullness of all the virtues; enrich my faith, strengthen my hope, increase my trust, and inflame my love. Give me the fullness of Your sevenfold gifts, fruits and beatitudes. Most Holy Trinity, make my soul Your sanctuary.

Act of Reparation

Sacred Heart of Jesus, animated with a desire to repair the outrages unceasingly offered to Thee, we prostrate before Thy throne of mercy, and in the name of all mankind, pledge our love and fidelity to Thee!

The more Thy mysteries are blasphemed, the more firmly we shall believe them, O Sacred Heart of Jesus!

The more impiety endeavors to extinguish our hopes of immortality, the more we shall trust in Thy Heart, sole hope of mankind!

The more hearts resist Thy Divine attractions, the more we shall love Thee, O infinitely amiable heart of Jesus!

The more unbelief attacks Thy Divinity, the more humbly and profoundly we shall adore It, O Divine Heart of Jesus!

The more Thy holy laws are transgressed and ignored, the more we shall delight to observe them, O most holy Heart of Jesus!

The more Thy Sacraments are despised and abandoned, the more frequently we shall receive them with love and reverence, O most liberal Heart of Jesus!

The more the imitation of Thy virtues is neglected and forgotten, the more we shall endeavor to practice them, O Heart, model of every virtue!

The more the devil labors to destroy souls, the more we shall be inflamed with desire to save them, O Heart of Jesus, zealous Lover of souls!

The more sin and impurity destroy the image of God in man, the more we shall try by purity of life to be a living temple of the Holy Spirit, O Heart of Jesus!

The more Thy Holy Church is despised, the more we shall endeavor to be her faithful children, O Sweet Heart of Jesus!

The more Thy Vicar on earth is persecuted, the more we will honor him as the infallible head of Thy Holy Church, show our fidelity and pray for him, O kingly Heart of Jesus!

O Sacred Heart, through Thy powerful grace, may we become Thy apostles in the midst of a corrupted world, and be Thy crown in the kingdom of heaven. Amen.

Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make my heart like unto Thine



Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary (5 – 1st Saturdays)

When Mary appeared again to Sr. Lucia, the last remaining visionary from Fatima, in Pontevedra, Spain on December 10, 1925 she said, “I promise to assist, at the hour of death, with all the graces necessary for their salvation, all those who, in the First Saturday of five consecutive months”:

1) went to Confession, 2) received Holy Communion, 3) recited five decades of the Rosary 4) “Keep me [Our Lady] company for 15 minutes while meditating on the mysteries

of the rosary,” 5) all with the intent of making reparation to My Immaculate Heart.

The Confession may be made during the eight days preceding or following the first Saturday of each month, provided that Holy Communion be received in the state of grace. Should one forget to form the intention of making reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, it may be formed at the next Confession, occasion to go to confession being taken at the first opportunity.

Why 5 first Saturdays? Our Blessed Lord answered that question when He appeared to Sr. Lucia May 29, 1930. He explained that it was because of five kinds of offenses and blasphemies against the Immaculate Heart of Mary, namely: 1) blasphemies against her Immaculate Conception, 2) against her perpetual virginity, 3) against the divine and spiritual maternity of Mary, 4) blasphemies involving the rejection and dishonoring of her images, and 5) the neglect of implanting in the hearts of children a knowledge and love of this Immaculate Mother.

An Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

I, (state your name), a faithless sinner renew and ratify today in thy hands, O Immaculate Mother, the vows of my baptism; I renounce forever Satan, his pomps and works and I give myself entirely to Jesus Christ, the Incarnate Wisdom, to carry my cross after Him all the days of my life and to be more faithful to Him than I have ever been before. In the presence of all the heavenly court. I choose thee this day, for my Mother and Mistress. I deliver and consecrate to thee, as thy slave my body and soul, my goods, both interior and exterior, and even the value of all my good actions, past, present and future, leaving to thee the entire and full right of disposing of me and all that belongs to me, without exception, according to thy good pleasure, for the greater glory of God, in time and in eternity. Amen

Mary brings us to the pierced side of Jesus...to the fountain of His Mercy

How Do We Live the Message of Fatima?

1. **Strive to live good Christian lives.** We do this by obeying God's commandments and fulfilling the duties of our station in life. We also do this by growing in virtue, avoiding sin and being quick to confess our faults

2. **Pray daily, especially the Rosary.** We are nothing without God, so we must pray if we are to have the strength we need to live as good Christians. In all of her apparitions, the request made most frequently by our Lady was to pray the Rosary every day.

3. **Observe the Five (5) First Saturdays.** Our Lady asked for this devotion in order to bring about the complete conversion of Russia, peace in the world and the triumph of her Immaculate Heart. Our Lord asked that we observe five first Saturdays more than once. Because this devotion requires great commitment, it combines prayer with sacrifice into a powerful means of grace.

4. **Make sacrifices for the conversion of sinners and accept suffering patiently in reparation for our sins and those of others.** There is no better way to grow closer to Christ than to unite our sacrifices and sufferings with His. By His Passion and death He has brought man back to God. By united our sacrifices and sufferings with His, out of love for God and love for souls who are far from Him, we can participate in God's salvation of the world. There is not greater power than the sacrificial love of God, and we are called to share in it.

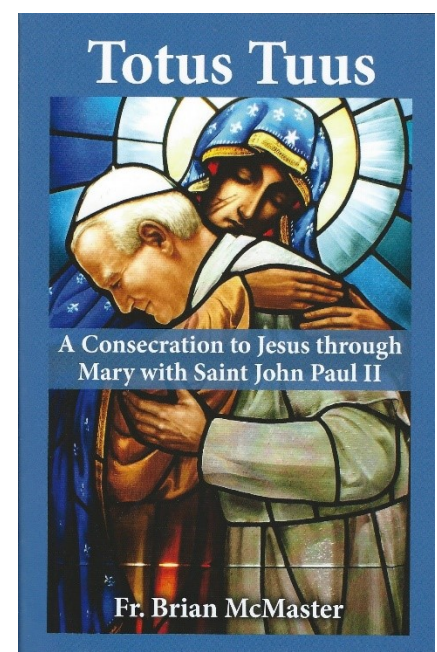
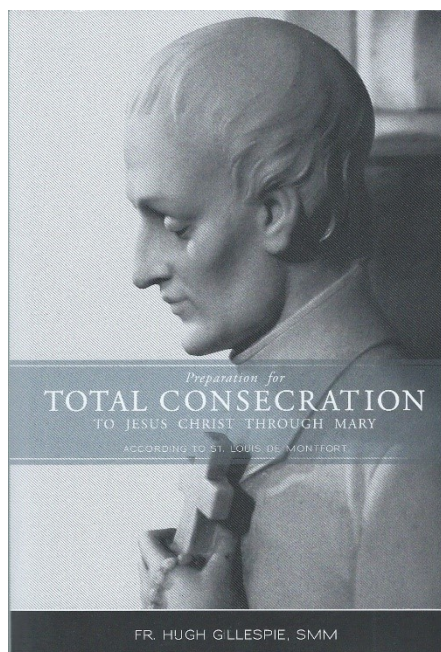
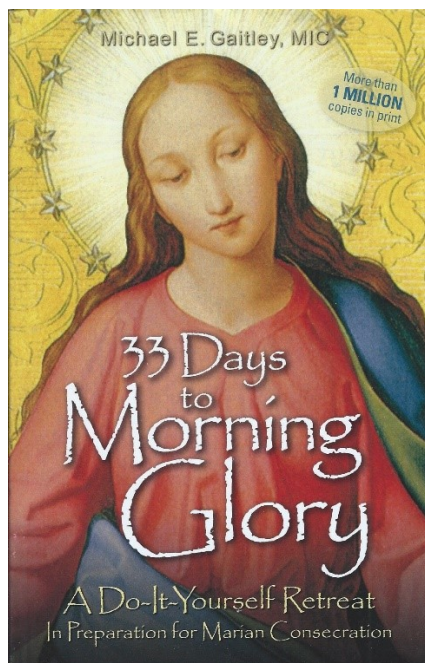
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For information about Marian Consecration, 1st Saturday Devotions, the Message of Fatima see The World Fatima Apostolate at <https://wafusa.org/> and Hearts Afire Program at <https://www.allheartsafire.org/>

5. Marian Consecration

6. **Wear the Brown Scapular** – See Sister Lucia - August 15, 1950.

Example of Marian Consecration Texts



Calendar for Marian Consecration

begin 33 days prior to a Marian Feast

START OF THE 33 DAYS	MARIAN FEAST	CONSECRATION/ FEAST DAY
January 9	Our Lady of Lourdes	February 11
February 20*	The Annunciation	March 25
April 10	Our Lady of Fatima	May 13
April 28	The Visitation	May 31
Varies	Immaculate Heart	Saturday after Corpus Christi
June 13	Our Lady of Mt. Carmel	July 16
July 13	The Assumption	August 15
July 20	Queenship of Mary	August 22
August 6	Nativity of Mary	September 8
August 10	Holy Name of Mary	September 12
August 13	Our Lady of Sorrows	September 15
September 4	Our Lady of the Rosary	October 7
October 19	Presentation of Mary	November 21
November 5	Immaculate Conception	December 8
November 9	Our Lady of Guadalupe	December 12
November 29	Mother of God	January 1
December 31	Presentation of the Lord	February 2

* During a leap year, when February has 29 days, the starting date is February 21.

Now is the Time of Mercy

How do we make use of this Time of Mercy?

1. Make, Renew & Spread **Marian Consecration**
2. **Experience Divine Mercy** --- Realizing that we are all sinners. The just man sins 7 times per day. Jesus wants us to be saints. *“I have come to set the world on fire and O how I wish it were already burning”* (Luke 12:49). Experience mercy through the Mass, Confession, Reading Holy Scripture and Reading the Diary of St. Faustina – the Apostle of Mercy.
3. **Live Divine Mercy** – Be merciful to others in deed, word & prayer.

Fr. Michael Gaitley, 2016

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Sister Lucia on the Important of the Rosary

“To pray the Rosary is something everybody can do, rich and poor, wise and ignorant, great and small. All people of goodwill can, and must, say the Rosary every day...

“I believe that, after the liturgical prayer of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the praying of the Rosary, in view of the origin and sublime nature of the prayers used in it, and of the mysteries of the redemption,

which we recall and on which we meditate during each decade, is the most pleasing prayer that we can offer to God, and one which is most advantageous to our own souls. If such were not the case. Our Lady would not have asked for it so insistently” (*Calls from the Message of Fatima*, p132).

“The Rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich in graces of all prayers; it is the prayer that touches most the Heart of the Mother of God... and if you wish peace to reign in your homes, recite the family Rosary.”

Pope St. Pius X

I desire trust from My creatures.

Encourage souls to place great trust in My fathomless mercy.

Let the weak, sinful soul have no fear to approach Me, for even if it had more sins than there are grains of sand in the world, all would be drowned in the unmeasurable depths of My mercy.

Jesus to Sr. Faustina, 1937

(see page 20 regarding the 1931-1937 apparition of The Divine Mercy Jesus)