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## HONORING THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Excerpts from Pope Pius XII Encyclical: "Ad Caeli Reginam" on the Queenship of Mary: "We, by our apostolic power, decree and institute the 'Feast of Mary as Queen' to be celebrated through the entire world every year (August 22) and likewise; we command that on that same day there be renewed the consecration of the human race to the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Upon this there is founded a great hope that there may arise an era of happiness that will rejoice in the triumph of religion and in Christian peace."

During our trip to Australia, Archbishop Costelloe crowned Our Blessed Mother's Image, the International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, and Archbishop Barry Hickey led the faithful into the prayer of CONSECRATION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY. An estimated crowd of at least 3,000 joined the glorious celebration.

"From the earliest ages of the Catholic Church a Christian people, whether in time of triumph or more especially in time of crisis, has addressed prayers of petition and hymns of praise and veneration to the Queen of Heaven." These first words to promulgate the Queenship of Mary still have a profound effect everywhere we visit. Prayers, petitions, thanksgiving and consecration to Our Lady, Queen of Peace."

This reminds us of the Holy Father's words before he even promulgated the Queenship of Mary. In 1951, Pope Pius XII remarked over the Vatican Radio that, "in 1946 we crowned Our Lady as Queen of the World, and the next year, through the PILGRIM VIRGIN, She set forth as though to claim Her dominion. And the wonders She performs along Her way are such that we could hardly believe what we are seeing with our own eyes."

Also, in the turn of events, from St. Peter's on the feast of the Maternity of the

Blessed Virgin Mary, the eleventh day of October, 1954, in the sixteenth year of His Pontificate, Pope Pius XII again, in His Encyclical Ad Caeli Reginam, proclaimed Mary as QUEEN.

"It is well known that we have taken advantage of every opportunity – through personal audiences and radio broadcasts – to exhort our children in Christ to a strong and tender love, as becomes children, for our most gracious and exalted Mother. On this point, it is particularly fitting to call to mind the radio message which we addressed to the people of Portugal, when the miraculous image of the Virgin Mary, which is venerated at Fatima, was being crowned with a golden diadem. We ourselves called this the heralding of the 'sovereignty of Mary.' "

It is also important to note here that Pope Francis asked the Bishops of Portugal that his Papacy be consecrated to Our Lady of Fatima at the Shrine in Fatima, Portugal. And on October 13, 2013, he will consecrate the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary inviting "all ecclesial entities of Marian spirituality" to take part in the celebration. He eventually appealed to the whole of Humanity so that it may acknowledge "the needs to these gestures of peace and to hear words of hope and peace" as he asked all the local churches, in addition to fasting, that they gather to pray for peace. Realizing the role of the Blessed Mother, he invoked this powerful prayer at the end of his pleading:

*"Let us ask Mary to help us to respond to violence, to conflict and to war, with the power of dialogue, reconciliation and love. She is our mother: may she help us to find peace; all of us are her children! Help us, Mary, to overcome this most difficult moment and to dedicate ourselves each day to building in every situation an authentic culture of encounter and peace. Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us!"*



Pope Francis' first outing was to kneel in prayer in front of the icon of the Virgin Mary in St. Mary Major Basilica in Rome, this was several hours after his election to the papacy.



The Most Rev. Timothy Costelloe, Archbishop of Perth, Western Australia, crowns and welcomes the International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima.



Emeritus Archbishop Barry Hickey leads the faithful devotees in the prayer of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary in the Cathedral of St. Mary in Perth.



## A PERSONAL EXPERIENCE OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER

Venice, Florida - MARCH 15, 2013.

I saw a notice in The News Press on March 9 telling of Our Lady of Fatima visiting Florida. I was raised a Presbyterian not a Catholic but I have always read the articles that pop up every few years telling of Our Lady of Fatima and how she spoke to 3 children in Portugal in 1917. I found it fascinating that after many years the Catholic Church acknowledged Our Lady of Fatima and sanctioned a Second statue to be carved in 1947. So many places wanted her to visit, a 3rd was also carved. The one we saw is the Western Traveling Pilgrim and she has been traveling ever since...now for 66 years. I never understood this fascination the Catholics had with Mary...being raised Presbyterian there was little mention of Mary in our Church.

So I jumped at the chance to finally see Our Lady of Fatima. My friend, Mary Volk and I travelled out to Ave Maria complex to see the statue. I was immediately drawn to her LEFT EYE and is my custom to connect with people. I was told many years ago to always look deeply into the left eye as that is the window to the SOUL. So I looked deeply into her left eye and said my Prayer of Thanksgiving to her. A veil or soft shadow lifted off her face. Later I realized there was no outside light in the Church. She stared back at me and shone a bright Lazer, clear white light at me from her left eye. She was looking at me! Mary Volk said to me "Kathy she is looking at you!" I said I know....slowly a fog or smoke like effect surrounded her face and head and I thought for a second I was losing my vision. I had to look away for several seconds to see if I could see or was I going blind? I could see and I looked back at her again and the fog or mist slowly returned but just below her face not encircling it. Now I was not afraid and I just went with the ENERGY....fully relaxing and engaged in her Left Eye.

Then SHE spoke to me in English and I could understand it all and I nodded my head to agree with her. But afterwards I could not remember one word that SHE spoke to me. I just know it felt very good and reassuring and Peaceful and very, very TENDER! I now know and understand the significance of Mary.

Then both Mary Volk and I saw the eye move its gaze to Mary Volk and look at her. So it was my turn to say to Mary, "Now SHE is looking at you" Mary replied "I know."

After a while, SHE looked at both of us at once. We just froze in place, unable to move our arms or legs or take our eyes off her. Then her face softened and SHE became almost human. I felt I could almost see her breathing...it was so real! SHE appeared to be alive for a short period of time. We stayed locked into the energy! MARY wrapped us with tender energy, as if Mary and I were one unit. We both felt this wrapping around our bodies.

Then several priests came in on our right and walked past us up to the altar. They did the Hail Mary's and I whispered to Mary, "What should we do now?" She said at the appropriate time we should get up and find a pew to sit in. We were frozen in an envelope of tremendous love and we felt as if we could not move. A priest walked behind us and went up on the altar and started to recite the rosary. How special for us to be kneeling in front of Our Lady's statue reciting the rosary, when her message to the children of Fatima was to say the rosary daily for World Peace. The priest recited about 5 Hail Mary's and as he left the altar, a procession of priests and lay people approached from our right and walked behind us to the altar to start a high mass. Once they were assembled on the altar we felt we should leave the statue and take a place in the one of the pews.

When we looked behind us much to our surprise the Church was full! We made our way back to a pew about 4 rows back but with a good view of MARY. The Mass then started and by the way this was my first Mass ever! Our Lady of Fatima kept her eyes down throughout the Mass. I have no idea how long we had knelt before MARY. We think it was probably 30-40 min. As the Mass ended the priest thanked everyone for coming and said Our Lady of Fatima would be leaving right after the service. We then realized we had been the last 2 people to spend time with her before she left. I was able to take one picture of her....we felt like our timing was in Divine Order.

I felt very blessed to have seen her.... while I was with her I sent blessings to her for all her travels and good works. What a gift I was given....A rare experience I will never forget.

As we drove back to Bonita Springs and Unity church we talked about the amazing experience we both felt. I would not be here today telling you about this if I had been alone. But

because we were together and both saw and felt it....we knew it was real....not imagined. We wondered if everyone has the same thing happen upon seeing Our Lady of Fatima or if it was indeed special? If it was indeed special we decided we needed to report it to someone. So from the article I had we could tell that MARY would be in Lehigh Acres on Sunday.

So we made plans to make a trip there on Sunday. Then we had a chance to speak with Carl, her Custodian. He was a very friendly, jolly soul. I said I wanted to report my experience on Friday and he smiled and asked me what had happened? After I explained it, he said about once a month someone will report an experience to him. People have seen her smile, cry and like me a light from one or both eyes. Sometimes it happens in a crowd and sometimes alone. The smile and the tears have been documented with pictures. People have reported changes in expression, even in coloration and pose. Physical cures have also been reported. He then told us he travels all around with Our Lady of Fatima and has a very special case for her. He even buys her a seat on the plane! He told us many of the reports are from young children. He encouraged us to write down our experience and submit it to the newsletter. So I may send this off to them.

I put Our Lady of Fatima's picture next to my bed where it has remained. That night, after seeing her the first time I slept well but I was awakened sometime between 4-5 a.m. A voice was telling me to get up and write a message down. I was tired and didn't want to get up. The voice insisted I get up, go to the bathroom and get a drink of water and write a message down....then I could go back to sleep.! So I reluctantly got up, went to the bathroom, got a drink of water and I wrote this message down:

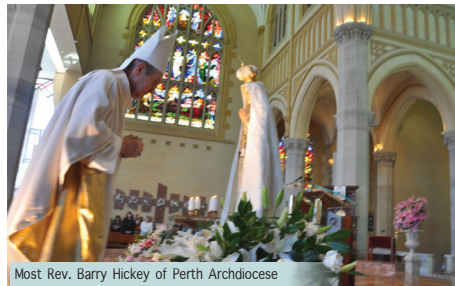
"THIS IS AN ACCOUNT OF ONE PERSON'S EXPERIENCE. IT HAS THE POSSIBILITY OF TOUCHING ANOTHER PERSON'S HEART, TO BE OF SERVICE TO HELP US REMEMBER THE GIFTS OF LOVE AND PEACE THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO ALL OF US."

I hope this touches someone's HEART today and fills them with Love and Peace.

## TRAVELS



Captain Ron of Qantas Airlines, in one of the IPVS flights in Australia. August 2013



Most Rev. Barry Hickey of Perth Archdiocese



Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate



Vietnamese Children in Cleveland offer flowers to Our Lady

Field PHOTO: En route to Sydney from Melbourne

The first time I read the news about Pope Francis to consecrate the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I really felt Our Lady is calling us to express our solidarity with the Holy Father as he “strongly desires that the Marian day may have present, as a special sign, one of the most significant Marian icons for Christians throughout the world..” I have been praying about it and asking others too, for prayers for this special intention. I do not know where will this lead me, but I am sure it will be closer and in union with the Pope during that day in St. Peter’s Square on October 13. This is one of those occasions where the Holy Father invites us. I felt like it was really the Pope who personally asked us when Archbishop Fisichella (Pontifical Council for New Evangelization) said that “all ecclesial entities of Marian spirituality” are invited to take part in the celebration. Hundreds of movements and institutions that emphasize Marian devotion are expected to attend.” We are often amazed by Blessed Francisco and Blessed Jacinta’s love and prayer for the “poor Holy Father”. Well, we can still join them in their quest in saving souls, consoling God, with solid obedience to the Pope and obtain peace in our troubled world.

I thought I would soon forget about this. The news came during our whirlwind trip in Australia and we were busy. I called a priest friend of mine upon learning he would be in Eastern Europe for the month of October with a group of pilgrims. I told him about how I felt and he forwarded the word to the travel organizers and to the Confraternity of Mary Mediatrix of all Grace based in the Philippines whom he founded. Eventually, they changed their plans and would also join in the Vatican Square. This thought never left me, instead it grew stronger. The calls were louder. It was clear

as day we must respond. Our Lady is calling us to join the Holy Father in this event. I am convinced it will be very fruitful. Time will come when we can say we expressed our solidarity and communion with the Pope and the bishops. We joined them in the event which they called one of the greatest and most significant Marian Day in our history. People will surely ask us about this over and over again in churches we visit. I would also love to tell them that indeed we were there representing the International Pilgrim Virgin Statue Foundation for Our Lady of Fatima.

I do not feel worthy but honored to travel the world with the famous IPVS. Why me? I ask often Our Lady. There are so many other persons better than me. Smarter. Holy men and women. But I am a faithless sinner. Yet recently during the World Youth Day in Brazil, I heard the Holy Father sending the young people to be evangelizers. Where is he sending them? To everywhere! Because he said there are no boundaries to proclaiming the good news! While here I am spreading the gospel call to prayer penance and conversion - the message of Our Lady of Fatima, which is a call from heaven. I am telling you this because indeed there are no boundaries, no age limit, no right or wrong accent. It is the Lord speaking, and it does not matter what color is our skin or where we come from. We are all called to be evangelizers to the world, even in social media. The Fatima visionaries were little children who were not scholars nor theologians. The message of Our Lady is a simple yet profound call, thus everyone can respond and MUST respond. There should be no excuses to not responding to this beautiful messenger from heaven. Surely, what She has asked us will bring true peace! True peace can only come from the

Lord. This is what Mary has given to the world. This is what Pope Francis advocates the whole world to respond: by means of prayer and penance, and to show gestures of dialogue and reconciliation.

We live in a troubled world because we live a sinful life. There is so much suffering and pain in this world because there is so much hatred and selfishness. Our Lady begged humanity to stop offending God because He is already too much offended. This then is our prayer, that we may replace our hearts with a worthy heart, worthy of Christ, as we consecrate ourselves to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. As Our Lady promised to Lucia, and therefore to all of us, My Immaculate Heart will always be your refuge, your consolation, the way which will lead you to God! We pray that we may have a clear and perfect vision of the Lord. Like Mary sees Her divine Son. Like the shepherd children of Fatima, we may respond to God’s call.

This pilgrimage to Rome is a humble gesture of standing with the Church and a form of thanksgiving for all the wonderful things God has done for us through this Apostolate, and for all the graces obtained through the Immaculate Heart of Mary. I will bring petitions of people all over the world who personally asked me to pray for them. May this Marian Day in the Vatican, with Her faithful devotees united with the Pope, may offer sacrifices in the true spirit of penance to end all wars and violence and so that finally, it may hasten the triumph of Her Immaculate Heart.



## REAL PRESENCE IN THE HOLY EUCHARIST!

In 1996 in the Archdiocese of Buenos Aires, Argentina, when the present Pope Francis was Auxiliary Bishop under Cardinal Quarracino, an amazing Eucharistic miracle took place. He himself had it photographed and investigated and the results are astonishing.

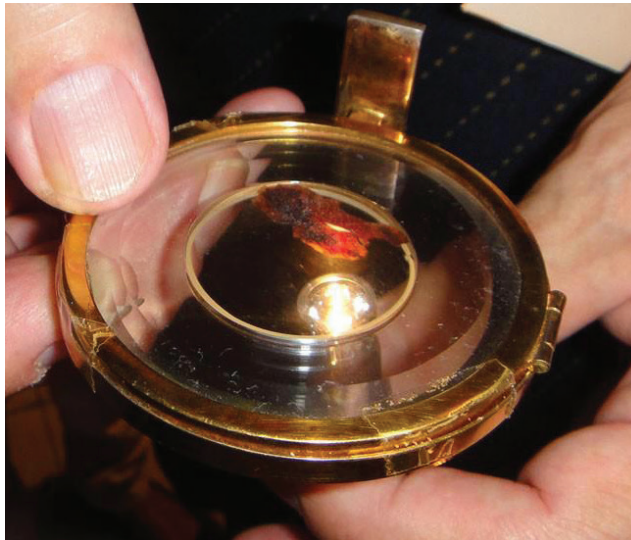
At seven o'clock in the evening on August 18, 1996, Fr. Alejandro Pezet was saying Holy Mass at a Catholic church in the commercial center of Buenos Aires. As he was finishing distributing Holy Communion, a woman came up to tell him that she had found a discarded Host on a candle holder at the back of the church. On going to the spot indicated, Fr. Alejandro saw the defiled Host. Since he was unable to consume it, he placed it in a container of water and put it away in the tabernacle of the chapel of the Blessed Sacrament.

On Monday, August 26, upon opening the tabernacle, he saw to his amazement that the Host had turned into a bloody substance. He informed Bishop Jorge Bergoglio (now Pope Francis, Auxiliary Bishop that time), who gave instructions that the Host be professionally photographed. The photos were taken on September 6. They clearly show that the Host, which had become a fragment of bloodied flesh, had grown significantly in size. For several years the Host remained in the tabernacle, the whole affair being kept a strict secret. Since the Host suffered no visible decomposition, Cardinal Bergoglio (Who became Archbishop by that time) decided to have it scientifically analyzed.

On October 5, 1999, in the presence of the Cardinal's representatives, Dr. Castanon took a sample of the bloody fragment and sent it to New York for analysis. Since he did not wish to prejudice the study, he purposely did not inform the team of scientists of its provenance (the source of sample was kept secret to the scientists).

One of these scientists was Dr. Frederic Zugiba, the well-known cardiologist and forensic pathologist. He determined that the analyzed substance was real flesh and blood containing human DNA. Zugiba testified that, "the analyzed material is a fragment of the heart muscle found in the wall of the left ventricle close to the valves. This muscle is responsible for the contraction

of the heart. It should be borne in mind that the left cardiac ventricle pumps blood to all parts of the body. The heart muscle is in an inflammatory condition and contains a large number of white blood cells. This indicates that the heart was alive at the time the sample was taken. It is my contention that the heart was alive, since white blood cells die outside a living organism. They require a living organism to sustain them. Thus, their presence indicates that the heart was alive



when the sample was taken. What is more, these white blood cells had penetrated the tissue, which further indicates that the heart had been under severe stress, as if the owner had been beaten severely about the chest."

Two Australians, journalist Mike Willesee and lawyer Ron Tesoriero, witnessed these tests. Knowing where sample had come from, they were dumbfounded by Dr. Zugiba's testimony. Mike Willesee asked the scientist how long the white blood cells would have remained alive if they had come from a piece of human tissue, which had been kept in water. They would have ceased to exist in a matter of minutes, Dr. Zugiba replied. The journalist then told the doctor that the source of the sample had first been kept in ordinary water for a month and then for another three years in a container of distilled water; only then had the sample been taken for analysis. Dr. Zugiba's was at a loss to account for this fact. There was no way of explaining it scientifically, he stated.

Also, Dr. Zugibe passionately asked, "You have to explain one thing to me, if this

sample came from a person who was dead, then how could it be that as I was examining it the cells of the sample were moving and beating? If this heart comes from someone who died in 1996, how can it still be alive?

Then did Mike Willesee inform Dr. Zugiba that the analyzed sample came from a consecrated Host (white, unleavened bread) that had mysteriously turned into bloody human flesh. Amazed by this information, Dr. Zugiba replied, "How and why a consecrated Host would change its character and become living human flesh and blood will remain an inexplicable mystery to science—a mystery totally beyond his competence."

Then Doctor Ricardo Castanon Gomez arranged to have the lab reports from the Buenos Aires miracle compared to the lab reports from the Lanciano miracle, again without revealing the origin of the test samples. The experts making the comparison concluded that the two lab reports must have originated from test samples obtained from the same person. They further reported that both samples revealed an "AB" positive blood type. They are all characteristic of a man who was born and lived in the Middle East region.

Only faith in the extraordinary action of a God provides the reasonable answer—faith in a God, who wants to make us aware that He is truly present in the mystery of the Eucharist.

The Eucharistic miracle in Buenos Aires is an extraordinary sign attested to by science. Through it Jesus desires to arouse in us a lively faith in His real presence in the Eucharist. He reminds us that His presence is real, and not symbolic. Only with the eyes of faith do we see Him under appearance of the consecrated bread and wine. We do not see Him with our bodily eyes, since He is present in His glorified humanity. In the Eucharist, Jesus sees and loves us and desires to save us.

Editor's Note:

*Archbishop Bergoglio became a Cardinal in 2001, this miracle was published after many researches, by that time he became a Cardinal, that's why he is addressed as cardinal in this post.*



## Our Lady of Fatima, Pope Francis and Us Fatima Is More Important Than Ever

As we honor Our Lady of Fatima on the 96th anniversary of her first appearance to the three children in Portugal, one new and one little-known but major fact should give us a real boost to listen to her.

The new?

Pope Francis requested that Cardinal José Policarpo, the archbishop of Lisbon, consecrate his pontificate to Our Lady of Fatima, which the cardinal was going to do at the shrine along with the Portuguese bishops at the end of the Mass of the International Anniversary Pilgrimage.

This act of Pope Francis should make us take notice because he's showing us how important to him the significance of Our Lady of Fatima and her message is in these dire times for peace in the world.

The little-known, major fact?

This first apparition on May 13 took place on a day celebrated liturgically back then as the feast of Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

That title was given to Our Lady by St. Peter Julian Eymard, known as "The Priest of the Eucharist," who founded the Congregation of the Most Blessed Sacrament on May 13, 1856.

What does Franciscan Father Andrew Apostoli of the Friars of the Renewal have to say about this?

In his book *Fatima for Today* (Ignatius 2010), Father Apostoli tells us: "Since heaven's choices are never made randomly, we must assume that Jesus was sending his mother with a message of his love and peace on a feast day that reminds us of the awesome gift he had already given us: his precious Body and Blood in the Eucharist."

At that same first apparition on May 13, our Lady stressed to the children: Say the Rosary every day, to bring peace to the world and an end to the war.

It is the request — the directive — she gave to us through them in each of her six apparitions at Fatima. She even went on to identify herself, saying, I am the Lady of the Rosary.

Put Our Lady's two titles together at Fatima and she puts together for us the Eucharist and Marian

devotion as the answer to all the world's woes.

"The Mother of God herself came from heaven with a message of hope and a plan for victory," says Father Apostoli.

He reminds that even before our Lady appeared she sent a powerful lesson in Eucharistic devotion given by the Angel of Peace's third apparition to the children to prepare them for our Lady and her messages.

"This apparition would instill in the young children a very ardent devotion to Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament," says Father Apostoli.

So what happened?

The Angel held a chalice with a host suspended in the air over it. Drops of blood fell from the host into the chalice. The Angel left the chalice and host suspended in the air, knelt, repeated three times:

Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore You profoundly, and I offer You the Most Precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifferences by which He Himself is offended. And through the infinite merits of His most Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of You the conversion of poor sinners.

Then the angel rose and gave the host to Lucia and the Precious Blood to Jacinta and Francisco as he said, Eat and drink the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ terribly outraged by the ingratitude of men. Make reparation for their crimes and console your God.

Father Apostoli explains that from this apparition we learn the importance of Catholic Eucharistic devotion. The angel was teaching the children how Eucharist adoration, receiving Jesus in Holy Communion, attending the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, "are the essential elements of our Catholic devotion to Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament."

Then at our Lady's May 13 apparition, she opened her hands bathing the children in a heavenly light that the children knew was the light of God, and Lucia described that "By an interior impulse of

grace we fell to our knees, repeating in our hearts: 'Oh, Holy Trinity, we adore You. My God, my God, I love You in the Blessed Sacrament.'"

After that, our Lady gave that first of the repeated directives: Say the Rosary every day, to bring peace to the world and an end to the war.

Then in her July 13 apparition, our Lady puts both together by telling the children of the Communion of Reparation, which, as Father Apostoli explains, is "an essential part of her request for the Five First Saturdays devotion. Our Lady wants us to stay close to her Divine Son in the Eucharist."

And look what Blessed John Paul II had to say in his encyclical *Ecclesia De Eucharistia* (On The Eucharist in Its Relationship to the Church): "Mary is a 'woman of the Eucharist' in her whole life."

And again, "If the Church and the Eucharist are inseparably united, the same ought to be said of Mary and the Eucharist."

And we know also how much John Paul II urged us to pray the Rosary, and how he credited Our Lady of Fatima with saving his life from the assassin's bullet.

Seems like what John Paul said, and what Benedict would also say, and what Pope Francis is now doing at Fatima on May 13, 2013, is a fulfillment of St. John Bosco's famous dream of the turbulent waters being calmed by the Holy Father firmly anchoring the ship of the Church to the pillars of the Eucharist and Marian devotion.

So, beginning on this feast of Our Lady of Fatima, also once celebrated liturgically as Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament, we need to heed her message to have a profound reverence for the Body and Blood of her son in the Blessed Sacrament to make reparation for the outrages and sacrileges committed against the Eucharist, and to pray the Rosary daily to bring that peace she promised.

As Father Apostoli affirms, "We, too, need to put into practice our Lady's requests to pray the Rosary daily for peace in our times and an end to the culture of death so prevalent today."

<http://www.ncregister.com/blog/our-lady-of-fatima-pope-francis-and-us/>



## THE MESSAGE OF FATIMA IN OUR LADY'S OWN WORDS

(From John Haffert's last book "To Shake the World")

### The Third Apparition of the Angel

The children were praying with the words taught to them by the angel when suddenly, holding a chalice and Host, the angel appeared before them. Leaving the Host suspended in the air he then suspended the chalice beneath it. Drops of Blood came from the Host and dripped into the chalice.

Prostrating himself, as had the first time, he asked the children to pray with him and say three times: "Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, I adore You profoundly. I offer You the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges, and indifference, by which He is offended. By the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I pray for the conversion of poor sinners."

Rising, he took the chalice and the Host in his hands. He gave the Host to Lucia and gave the chalice to Francisco and Jacinta saying: "Take and drink the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, horribly outraged by the sins of ungrateful men. Repair their crimes and console your God." The angel then prostrated himself again. Once more he repeated three times the prayer to the Most Holy Trinity, offering Jesus from all the tabernacles of the world in reparation and for the conversion of sinners.

### The Meaning

At once we think of so many talking and hastening from Church just after receiving Our Lord. They seem not aware, as was the Angel, that they are now living tabernacles containing Jesus (Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity) before Whom all the angels of Heaven fall down to adore.

In this third apparition, the Angel does not identify himself. But we understand that he is the Archangel Michael. There is reason to believe that the chalice and Host were taken by the Archangel from the tabernacle of the church of St. Michael in Juncal, about twenty miles from Fatima. Fr. Luis da Costa, the parish priest there at the time, had always left a Host in the tabernacle, together with his chalice. He later revealed that, at the time of the apparition, the Host had disappeared from

the tabernacle and the chalice had been moved. As Blood dripped from the Host to the chalice, the Angel offered Jesus in the Eucharist to the Trinity in reparation. He then prayed that sinners be converted "by the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary"

An entire book could be written about this. It is linked to the "final" vision of Fatima, which took place on June 13, 1929, of which we shall speak in due course.

But let us address just the three most often asked questions: Why the bleeding Host? Why was the Host given to Lucia and the Blood to Francis and Jacinta? How can we speak of the "infinite merits" of the Heart of Mary?

### Answers

Over six hundred years before this apparition, a woman in the town of Santarem (half way on the road between Lisbon and Fatima) took a Host from her mouth after Communion for an unholy purpose. It bled profusely. Overcome with remorse, she and her husband reported the wonder to the bishop. The Host was solemnly enshrined in Santarem's "Church of the Holy Miracle." For more than six hundred years it has remained incorrupt, evoking reparation as though in preparation for this third angelic apparition of Fatima.

Nothing offends the Sacred Hearts more than irreverence to the Blessed Sacrament. Indeed Our Lady, following the apparitions of the Angel, would request a special Communion of Reparation on the First Saturday of every month in honor of Her Immaculate Heart, just as Jesus had previously asked for a Communion of Reparation on the First Friday in honor of His Sacred Heart.

Perhaps the Angel communicated Francis and Jacinta from the chalice because they had not yet made their first Communion. Several commentators see this as a reference to the Church in Russia, where Communion is given with the Precious Blood. Others have suggested it might have been because they were soon to die and Lucia was to remain on earth.

When Francis at first did not understand fully what it meant, Lucia explained that Jesus is

wholly present under both species. At once he said (as though now he fully understood): "Oh, I knew God was inside me... but I did not know how."

The Angel prostrated himself after the children had received Jesus. Now prostrate in front of the children, the Angel again offered the prayer of adoration three times. The Angel was adoring and offering Jesus now present in three little children in reparation to the Trinity, and for the conversion of sinners "through the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary."

### Infinite Merits of the Sacred Hearts

As in his two previous appearances, St. Michael refers to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary. He tells us to pray for the conversion of sinners through Their "infinite merits." We usually apply the word "infinite" only to God. But the Angel is affirming here what was said by St. Grignon: "Mary is by Grace what Jesus is by nature." Many other saints and doctors of the Church have spoken in a similar manner. Her Heart is truly one with His. Their Hearts form One single Flame of Love. Recently it has become more affirmed that Our Lady was the only one, after Adam and Eve, who lived in the Divine Will. Many saints of the era of the triumph of the Sacred Hearts, like Saint Faustina, will have this great gift which is said to give "infinite" merit to their prayers and actions. They are the infinite merits of God's Own Divine Will.

In Her very first apparition, following the three messages of the angel, Our Lady would explain: "God wishes now to establish in the world devotion to My Immaculate Heart." This devotion is the door to life in the Divine Will. In the course of the Fatima apparitions to follow, it would become clear that Jesus now desires "that devotion to the Immaculate Heart of My Mother be placed alongside devotion to My Own Sacred Heart." If there is something "new" in the messages of the angel, perhaps it is that all three times the Hearts of Jesus and Mary were acknowledged. The Angel prepared the way for the Queen of Angels by announcing the essence of the entire message of Fatima, which, in the words of Pope John Paul II, offers to the world "the specific response necessary to save mankind from self destruction."



## FAMILY RENEWS CONSECRATION

My husband Peter and I met in front of the International Pilgrim Statue while She visited one of our local parishes in Denver many, many years ago. He went with his mother and I, with my parents. We married 8 months later. I have always had a devotion to the Mother Of God and it was so natural to consecrate our marriage to Her heavenly intercession. It has been a most blessed union and we are still madly in love after all these years!!!! Each one of our 8 children have been consecrated to Her on their Baptism day as well. As infants, I rocked them to sleep while whispering the Hail Mary softly in their ears. We continue as a family to pray Her Heavenly Psalter each night. So, visiting Her when She arrived in 2009, then again in 2013 is like greeting an old and most trusted friend and truly is just as difficult to say good-bye at the end of the visit. Thankfully, we have Almighty God's promise we will see Her again one day!!! Always thru Mary's intercession we will find Christ, Her Son and the way to Salvation.

-Mary Murphy



The Murphy Family in 2009



The Murphy Family in 2013



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### 2013

October Detroit, MI  
November Harrisburg, PA

### 2014

January San Francisco, CA  
February Dallas, TX  
March California  
April Washington  
May Duluth, MN  
June Metuchen, NJ  
August Gaylord, MI  
September Florida  
October California  
November Open