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## Nigerian Bishop - Vision Of Christ Reveals Rosary Will Defeat Boko Haram

A Nigerian bishop says that he has seen Christ in a vision and now knows that the rosary is the key to ridding the country of the Islamist terrorist organization Boko Haram.

and he in turn reached out for it. "As soon as I received the sword, it turned into a rosary," the bishop said, adding that Jesus then told him three times: "Boko Haram is gone."

"I didn't need any prophet to give me the explanation," he said. "It was clear that with the rosary we would be able to expel Boko Haram."

The bishop said he didn't want to tell anyone, but "felt that the Holy Spirit was pushing him to do so." He started with the priest of his diocese, and then told participants in a conference in Madrid, Spain which was dedicated to gathering ideas on how to preserve the Christian presence in nations where they are the most persecuted.

Bishop Dashe leads the Diocese of Maiduguri, located in north-eastern Nigeria's Borno State, one of the worst hit areas. It was here that the terrorists seized more than 250 girls from a school in Chibok, most of which have never been seen again. Just last month, five suicide bombers killed 54 people and wounded hundreds of others where the bishop lives. In January, more than 150 people were slaughtered as they tried to flee to safety.



Bishop Dashe said he has a strong devotion to Christ's mother, and that "I never joke with 'Mamma Mary.' I know She is here with us."

And he is not the only Nigerian bishop putting the future of the country in the hands of Mary. The nation's bishops' conference has consecrated the country to Mary twice in recent years.

Bishop Dashe believes that one day his diocese will completely recover and grow, thanks to Her intercession.

"These terrorists...think that by burning our churches, burning our structures, they will destroy Christianity. Never," Bishop Dashe

told several hundred people from the Congress. "It may take a few months or a few years...but 'Boko Haram is gone.'"

He later told EWTN News that "prayer, particularly the prayer of the rosary, is what will deliver us from the claws of this demon, the demon of terrorism. And, of course, it is working."

Terrorism is just an act, a means to an end. It is what is driving the terrorism that is the real demon.

*The cruel persecution they face now, may be our own soon enough.*



Bishop, Oliver Dashe Doeme

Bishop Oliver Dashe Doeme says he is being driven by a God-given mandate to lead others in praying the rosary until the extremist group disappears.

"Towards the end of last year I was in my chapel before the Blessed Sacrament...praying the rosary, and then suddenly the Lord appeared," Bishop Dashe told EWTN News on 4/18/15.

In the vision, the prelate said, Jesus didn't say anything at first, but extended a sword toward him,



# Fatima And The 2015 Martyrs



*Firing squad: Amassed jihadists appear to be just about to open fire on the bodies who are arranged in a shallow ditch.*

It's true, people are being martyred, killed because they are Christians, right now, this year. We are uncomfortable thinking of it. We want to relegate martyrdom to the times centuries ago. But, the truth is, we have perhaps 100's of new martyrs just this year. Often our news media tries to hide or ignore the religious aspect of the carnage in the Mid-East and Africa.

We deplore this bloodshed and say we wish there was something we could do for these suffering people.

## There Is!!

There is something we can do and we must do. In fact, we are the only ones who can do something to bring a long term solution to the religious wars.

At Fatima, Our Lady warned of Wars, Famine, Persecution; good

people will be martyred, the Holy Father will suffer much, and several nations will be annihilated. But, like all prophetic warnings, these things are revealed by God in order that we will react to avoid them. Our Lady gave us a specific formula to follow: --The Peace Plan from Heaven. Our Lady said: "If the things I tell you to do are done, many sinners will be converted, and there will be peace." These words should haunt us whenever we hear the bad news.

## Only Us

But why, with 6 or 7 billion people on earth, are we who know the Fatima Message the ones with the responsibility? It is because God has always had a favored "chosen" group of his people. In the Old Testament, He made the Hebrews his special ones. He revealed His plan for salvation to them. And with this knowledge, they carried a responsibility that others, pagan

peoples, did not have.

And so it is for us. We are so lucky, so favored! Not only having the true Christian faith, but also we know Our Lady's Peace Plan and Her promise.

To be sure, Our Lady said the miracle of Fatima would come so that ALL may believe, and God does invite all. But we, the special lucky ones, are expected to respond immediately.

## What Are "The Things I Tell You To Do?"

- (1) "Stop offending God (Conversion).
- (2) "Prayer and Sacrifice for sinners (Reparation)
- (3) "Devotion to My Immaculate Heart" (turn constantly to Mary for the help we need to do it.) called Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

## Offer Reparation

Each year, during Lent, we learn again about the need, the value, and the rewards of offering prayers and penances in reparation for our sins. We remember that our offerings strengthen us against temptation, and reduces the temporal punishment due for our sins. But, the Church also teaches that during Lent other sinners besides ourselves are given the graces of conversion. We celebrate this at the end of Lent with ceremonies of light and the blessing of the Baptismal water. It is true that every year the world is a better place at the end of lent than it was at lent's beginning.

So, if reparation for sins obtains from God the conversion of sinners, more reparation is desperately needed in 2015, throughout the year, on a daily basis... Hasn't the Church always taught that we have an obligation to offer some reparation all through the year?

If we don't do the things Our Lady asks, Who Will??? And, isn't it comforting to realize how important and influential each of us is whenever we are making some offering of reparation?

Each day, when you hear all the bad news from around the world, ask the new martyred saints of 2015 to help you renew your offering of the crosses of the day, and to offer a quality rosary today, and even make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament or a Holy Hour.

***"Our Lord and Our Lady are waiting for your response."***



# Attacks on the Church

(by Rev. Walter M. Ciesla)

Catholics, wake up!!! This great nation needs your prayers and involvement. Currently we enjoy the freedom to serve God as we choose and minister to others, according to the dictates of our conscience, not as the White House and the Health and Human Services bureaucrats order us. The “Obamacare” mandate on Catholic run institutions could not be more serious or more immediate and far-reaching. An important question looms. Will the Catholic Church be pushed out of the health care ministry completely and sanctioned by the government for its moral beliefs? We as believers must stand up to this serious threat to our religious freedom before it is too late.

Through the secularized media, the Administration in Washington is attempting to spin the argument that contraception alone is the focus of the argument. Actually the mandate is far more sinister. Abortion and sterilization have been conveniently included as “free” benefits. Let’s face facts. Nothing is free. The cost will be passed on to the Catholic Church by the insurance provider. Consider that in the mindset of the Washington Administration, pregnancy is considered a disease that may be cured by the horrific performing of abortion. A more suitable word for the practice is MURDER not “paid for” choice.

The Church will not accept the degradation of the sanctity of human life. The Church cannot change or alter the natural MORAL LAW. It MUST be faithful to Jesus Christ, who came NOT to change the law, but to fulfill it. Ministers of the Gospel have a responsibility to

teach the TRUTH. The Church will not be railroaded into teaching or propagating a second-rate morality that advocates and promotes the destruction of human life or act as accomplice in paying for such diabolical practices.

Boldly the culture of death expects God’s blessings upon our Nation, but has blatantly moved so far away from the Divine Law that we currently face a possible Constitutional crisis. There is a concerted attempt to reshape the mission of the Catholic Church according to secularist standards that hold contraception, sterilization and abortion as freebies, with priorities even above the Constitutional right of religious freedom.

The reality our Nation faces is very basic and tragic. Rejection of God’s law is in effect, rejection of God. These days, God is acceptable in our society on secularist terms only. Our Nation wants a God silenced and restricted to the inner walls of the Church. Our culture conveniently labels religion as a private matter that must not touch or influence society. God is acceptable as long as God does not tell us what to do or how to live. Do we enjoy freedom of religion or freedom from religion?

Consider the media driven diatribes against religion that frequently are evident these days. The Catholic Church is “out-of-touch” because it maintains the doctrine of the sanctity of human life. Recently a Catholic politician defended their pro-abortion position with the following logic: “Roe v Wade is the law of the land, and it is my job to defend this law



and the rights of women in this area.” Privately this politician claims to be pro-life but publicly (because of the immoral law) is pro-choice and must support abortion.

Our abortion culture has conveniently established a dual morality. Many ill informed leaders defend the murder of the unborn as is evident in the flagrant disregard by our government for the moral concerns and sensitivities of faithful American Catholic believers. We face a misinformed administration in Washington, eager to promote abortion, contraception and sterilization on American citizens including our children. The terrible scandal is that many who call themselves Catholics are at odds with the Church over this matter. Some in government these days are brazenly describing the Catholic Church as a mere fraternal organization. The argument is an attempt to eradicate any supernatural ties to

the Church and justify government intervention and intrusion in the Church’s mission.

Let’s face facts. As much as promoters of the culture of death attempt to defend the crime of abortion as a “legal right”, they can never justify it in the eyes of Almighty God, the author and giver of life. God said to Moses: “I set before you a blessing and a curse, life and death, choose life.”

Let us remember that Jesus Christ came NOT to bring peace but to bring the sword. More and more evident is the fact that the Christian message is not popular and NOT wanted in so many sectors of our culture today. From it’s beginning, Christianity has been at odds with the ways of the world. May we pray for continued strength and courage to live and teach the Gospel of life, the Gospel of truth as we continue our struggle with the culture of death. *May God bless America!*



## Why Is It We Don't Pray?

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*Do you realize that what breathing is to our physical lives, prayer is to our spiritual lives?*

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While Jesus was on earth, He was dependent on spending vital time in prayer with the Father. How much more should we pray? Jesus offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the One who could save Him from death, and He was heard because of His reverent submission.

Before you think you don't need to take time to pray, think of the staggering defeat of the Israelite army when they went out to fight against the little city called Ai. Confident with victory over the mighty fortress of Jericho, they neglected to pray and consult the Lord before going to battle. Bold and careless, they were soundly defeated.

Prayer's not magic; it isn't simply submitting a grocery list to God. Remember that our Father is in Heaven and we are on earth. But as His children, we can be confident that He wants to bless, use, guide, and provide for us. Perhaps "you have not because you ask not."

According to a recent article in *The Wall Street Journal*, a Neilson Study reported that in 2010, Americans spend 63.5 billion minutes on social networks and blogs. How much time do you spend on Facebook? Another Nielson study indicates that an average Internet user spends 68 hours on the Internet per month, about 2 hours and 6 minutes per day. As

someone said recently "one of the great uses of Twitter and Facebook will be to prove at the Last Day that prayerlessness was not from lack of time."

Is it because many of us lead satisfied, complacent lives; only having an occasional problem or two and the rest of the time things go pretty well for us in our comfortable homes? Why pray a lot when we basically have everything we want. Our lives revolve around our daily routine, television, minor aches and pains, restaurants, shopping malls, continuously talking and texting on cell phones. Not too much praying happening here.

Do we happily say "Good morning" and "Have a nice day" to people we meet? Do we ever go beyond that and pray for them? Do we remember to pray for people to whom we have said "I will pray for you," but your words are soon forgotten?

Aside from Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation, the Holy Catholic Church offers many opportunities for prayer to obtain many graces, but sadly very few take advantage.

Daily prayer is a way to acknowledge who is really in control of our lives. God is sovereign over all. He deserves our worship and praise; He is our great King and as such He controls every aspect of our lives. Nothing happens to us without Him knowing about it.

**Talk to Him as you would your dearest friend.** Tell Him all that fills



your mind and heart. Ask for many graces for yourself, your family and others, for peace in the world. Tell Him how self-seeking you are; proud, vain, irritable, cowardly in sacrifice; lazy in work, uncertain in your good resolutions, and then ask Him to bless and crown your efforts. Ask Him for gifts of body and mind, health, judgment, memory and success. Ask for them for His sake, that God may be glorified in all things. Discuss your plans for the future with Him. Tell Him your hopes and your fears. Tell Him your crosses and your pains. Tell Him of the happiness you have experienced. Promise Him to love your neighbor.

Prayer is a daily dialog with the One who created us. It gives us the opportunity to share all aspects of our lives with Him; to express

our gratitude for the things He provides; for confessing our sins and asking for help in overcoming them; and is an act of worship and obedience, and acknowledging who is really in control of our existence.

**O, SWEET JESUS,** *let me lay at Thy sacred feet my daily share of joys, struggles, and sorrows; of hopes, fears and failings. Gather them tenderly into Thy most Sacred Heart. Console my doubts and calm my fears. Grant that I may become more united to Thee. O Heart of Jesus, in the most Holy Eucharist, overflowing with gentleness, tenderness and charity, I bury my sins and negligence in the abyss of Thy Great Mercy. I offer Thee my actions and sufferings, my sorrows and miseries. I recommend to Thee my life and death. Amen*



# Our Lady of Fatima, Our Mother comes to us in Sacramento



**I wanted to share** with you how the visit of Our Lady of Fatima deeply touched me and my parishioners during Her visit here during the month of March, 2015 to the Sacramento, CA diocese.

I was so excited about the visitation of the statue of Our Lady of Fatima and welcomed such an honorable guest from above. I prayed to God to give to me a sign from Heaven that he is happy with this event. He answered my prayers abundantly. A few days before the visit of the statue I re-established a connection with my good friend, a priest from Ukraine. On the day of the visitation when my parishioners were praying the rosary, out of

the blue I decided to chat with him via Skype. It was such a great experience, not only to hear his voice, but also to see him. He told me how people suffer because of the war and political situation in his country during the past few months. I told him we would pray for peace in Ukraine. I decided to go to the church with my phone and asked him to be quiet because the parishioners were praying. He asked me to particularly pray for our priests. I went into the church and one of the parishioners had begun the Luminous Mysteries. He was on the fifth decade, which is the Institution of the Eucharist, and then, I don't know why, but I put him on speaker and I asked him to lead us in the prayer. So he said the first part of the Hail Mary in Ukrainian. Our people could hear his voice and our congregation answered the second part of the Hail Mary in English. It was a great sense of joy and solidarity with people in the Ukraine and the United States all praying for peace. When we finished the prayer, I realized that one of the main themes of the Blessed Mother when she appeared in 1917 was a request to pray for peace and particularly for Russia.

My friend, Father Wladyslaw, and his family suffered greatly because of his beliefs. His younger brother was killed by KGB in a very mysterious way and they never received any answer as to what the motive of this horrible tragedy was. He received his first holy communion underground but through great and strong faith of his parents, not only he, but also his older brother Celestyn, joined the only Catholic Seminary in the former Soviet Union in Riga, Latvia and became priests in 1989 when communism was already shaking and this evil empire was

approaching its end.

I am so thankful to Carl and Victor, the members of the team, that brought the statue to our parish and gave a wonderful talk about the message from Fatima. Our parishioners were praying all the time in silence and we could feel the gentle presence of our Heavenly Mother.

*In Christ,*

**Fr. Sylvester Kwiatkowski, Pastor**  
St. Patrick Parish

**This was a special honor** for our Parish to host "Our Lady". The day began with the Welcoming, Our Lady of Fatima was then ushered in by four of our faithful parishioners and honor guard by the 4th degree Knights of Columbus. It was Awesome! So many parishioners there to greet Her with candles and were waving white hankies to show their gratitude and support! Once Our Lady was positioned, everyone dropped to their knees in honor of our Lady, shortly thereafter Father began Mass at 8AM. At the completion of Mass the Ladies from St. Jude Prayer group lead the Rosary. At 9:20 AM St. Rose of Lima School began to arrive (just over 300 students) along with other parishioners who were all treated to a 25 minute informative narrative of Our Lady of Fatima. I have never seen everyone so engrossed; the narrator was wonderful, engrossing and very clear.... The children were listening and at the end asked very intuitive questions. (They had been listening!). At 10AM Father began Mass. Following Mass, our St. Jude Prayer group held a prayer session. At noon our Altar Society began leading readings and meditation to Our Lady followed at 1PM by our A.C.T.S. Community who lead prayers and personal

time for prayer. At 3PM our St. Jude Prayer Group returned, followed at 4PM by the Leaders of our Hispanic Community. Mass began at 5:30 PM with Fr. Tom Bonacci presiding. (Fr. Tom was presenting our Lenten Mission) After Mass Fr. Tom began his Mission and at 7:45pm Father took a break for those wishing to visit with Our Lady until 8:15 pm at which time the Statue was ushered from St. Rose of Lima.

This was such an inspiring time for our church. Everyone who spent any time with Our Lady felt her presence. For me, I was there to greet the custodians of Our Lady and led the prayers as she entered the church. I watched as she was placed on her podium. At 9:30AM I returned to the church to listen to the story of Our Lady of Fatima, and what I saw was a white haze (aura) around her. I thought it was the lighting, but when I returned later that afternoon, the light around her was gone! What an awesome experience! Thank you and Fr. George for allowing St. Rose of Lima the time with Our Lady of Fatima.

**Deborah Fazzino, Admin. Asst.**

**I would like to share** with you my thoughts on having the Fatima Pilgrim Virgin Image visit our parish. We began with mass at 8:00 am. with a special (9) year old female guest from St. Robert's Catholic elementary school sing for us. Her angelic voice singing the Ave Maria made you definitely feel the presence of our Blessed Mother in the sanctuary. The day was amazing seeing other people come from other parishes to visit her. When it was the 3:00 hour after the Divine Mercy chaplet, it was time for confessions to begin - the line was getting longer and longer. I was aware that there was

## Sacramento.....continued



Most Rev. Myron J. Cotta, Aux. Bishop of Sacramento

going to be a vigil mass at 5:00 pm. and Father Lester, our Vicar Pastor, would not get done so I phoned Father Leon to tell him that Father Lester was going to need help and he said he was on his way; couldn't believe how the line wrapped around the sanctuary. We had a Communal Service the following Tuesday and the church was packed--all to go to confession. The remaining weeks, Father Leon said all scheduled confessions and Holy Week was incredible to have so many of God's people come to confess their sins. Praise God!

Our Blessed Mother's mission is to save man-kind through the conversions of repentance, and she did that at Good Shepherd of

Elk Grove. She drew many to Her Immaculate Heart and drew them closer to Her Son during the 2015 Lenten season. Below is Father Leon's response:

Fr. Leon said there were so many extra confessions, and one person in particular commented that because of the visit from the statue, she came back to do her confession after 40 years. She first started off shyly behind the curtain and Fr. Leon asked her to come around to talk. After a half an hour she said, should I start my confession now, and he told her she already had.

*In His Service, For His Glory*  
**Donna Gutierrez**

## The Power Of The Holy Rosary

### A ROSARY WONDER.

In 1978, the Rosary saved a college girl from dying at the hands of the in-famous serial killer Ted Bundy.

Ted Bundy had just murdered or fatally injured all the other girls in a college sorority house, and then entered her room—but some unexplainable force made him stop, drop his weapon and flee.

That particular girl had promised her grandmother she would pray the Rosary every night, and when Bundy entered her room, she was still clutching the Rosary beads in her hand.

The date was January 15, the time approximately 3 a.m., when the horrific serial killer –on the loose after a prison escape – entered a sorority house and killed two sleeping women, before searching for other victims.

The unnamed girl awoke to a man standing over her with a bat. When she opened her hands, Bundy looked at the rosary beads in them, and fled, notes another account; such is the power of our Mother's protective mantle!

This was related to a priest, Monsignor William Kerr, of Tallahassee, Florida, who was called by the police to accompany them to the Chi Omega sorority house at Florida State University – where the girl was found catatonic and in fact would only speak to the priest (who died in May of 2009). Monsignor in his turn had related it to a priest named Fr. Gabriel Gillen, OP.

When Monsignor Kerr approached the near catatonic girl, she told him her grandmother had made her promise before going off to college that she would always

pray the Rosary every night before bed for protection even if she fell asleep praying it – which she had that night; thus, when he entered, the beads were still clutched in her hands.

Bundy eventually confessed to over thirty murders, although the actual total remains unknown, with estimates of twenty-six to over a hundred (the general figure set around 35). Typically, notes a web biography, "Bundy would bludgeon his victims, then strangle them to death," sometimes along with sexual assault.

Ironically, when Ted Bundy was on death row, awaiting execution for his crimes, he asked Monsignor Kerr to serve as a spiritual counselor, and the priest took the opportunity to ask about that terrible night. Bundy explained that when he entered the girl's

room, he had fully intended on murdering her; some mysterious power was preventing him from doing so.

There are very powerful promises attached to praying the Rosary," notes Father Esper. And not only does it aid our own spiritual growth—it also undermines the kingdom of Satan. The famous Vatican exorcist Father Gabriel Amorth testified, "One day a colleague of mine heard the devil say during an exorcism, "Every Hail Mary is like a blow on my head. If Christians knew how powerful the Rosary was, it would be my end." Padre Pio who called the Rosary an extraordinarily powerful weapon against Satan, once said, "The Rosary is the weapon for these times." And so we pray.



# The Message Of Fatima In Our Lady's Own Words

(From John Haffert's Last Book "To Shake The World")

## The Rest of the Secret

Immediately after the words of July 13th, quoted in our last Newsletter, Our Lady added: "The dogma of the faith will always be kept in Portugal." Then immediately Our Lady showed the children two visions that were still kept secret until they were revealed June 26, 2000, by order of Pope John Paul II. Lucia describes them in these words:

At the left of Our Lady and a little above, we saw an Angel with 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 towards him from Her right hand. Pointing to the earth with his right hand, the Angel cried out in a loud voice: "Penance, Penance, Penance!"

And we saw, in 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).

"We saw other bishops, priests, men and women religious, going up a steep mountain at the top of which was a big Cross of rough-hewn trunks as of a cork tree with bark.

Before reaching there the Holy Father passed through a big city half in ruins and half trembling

with halting step, afflicted with pain and sorrow, he prayed for the souls of the corpses he met on 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 aspersion in his hand, in which they gathered up the blood of the Martyrs and with it sprinkled the souls that were making their way to God.

## Questions:

### What does the vision mean?

The Vatican document, in which the secret was released, explains: "The angel with the flaming sword on the left of the Mother of God recalls similar images in the Book of Revelation (the Apocalypse). This represents the threat of judgment which looms over the world. Today the prospect that the world might be reduced to ashes by a sea of fire no longer seems pure fantasy. Man himself, with his inventions, has forged the flaming sword."

### What does Sister Lucia

### herself say the vision means?

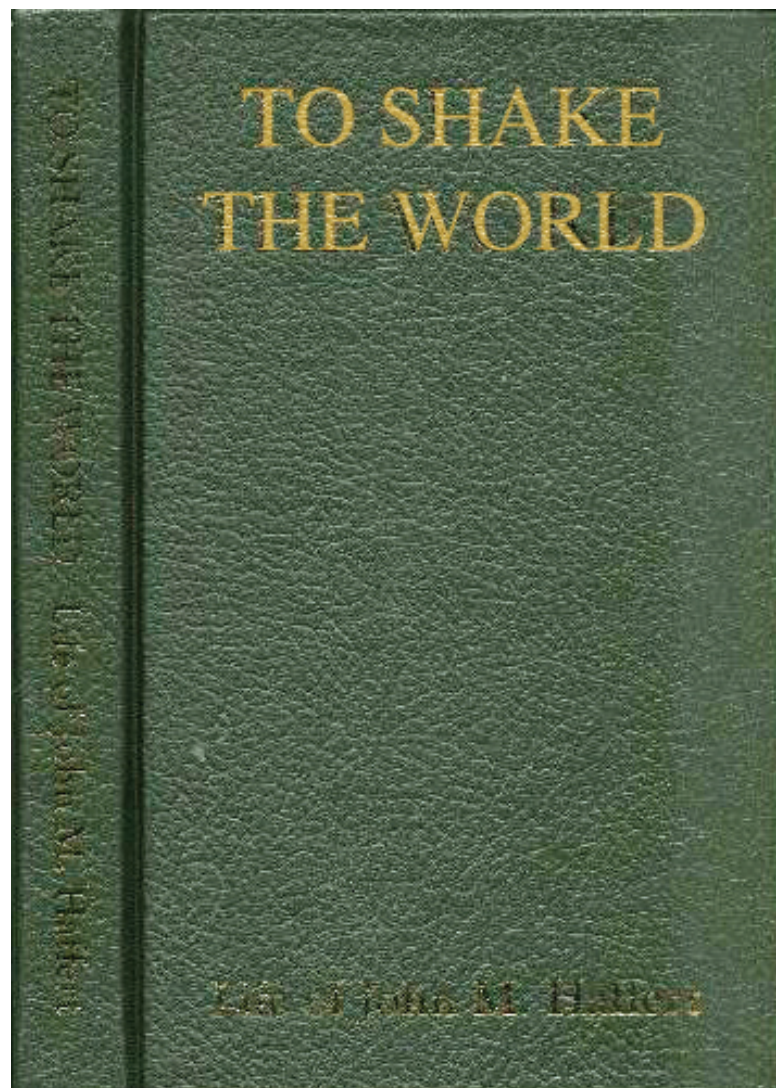
In the very beginning of the same document re-releasing the secret, the Secretary of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith recalled that on May 12, 1982, Sister Lucia wrote to the Holy Father: "The third part of the secret refers to Our Lady's words: 'If not (Russia) will spread her errors throughout the world, causing wars and persecutions of the Church. The good will be martyred; the Holy Father will have much to

suffer; various nations will be annihilated.'" (Emphasis added.)

Sister Lucia added: "*If we have not yet seen the complete fulfillment of the final part of this prophecy, we are going towards it little by little with great strides.*"

The secret deals with the present world crisis in faith and morality. It is a repetition of the final words spoken by Our Lady at Fatima:

"Men must cease offending God, who is so much offended."





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**2015**

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June	Open
July	Barto, PA (Padre Pio Shrine)
August	Pennsylvania
September	California
October	Iowa
November	Open