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BENEFITS OF THE ROSARY

(by Charles M. Urban, Sr.)

“The Most Holy Virgin in these last times in which we live has given a new efficacy to the recitation of the Rosary to such an extent that there is no problem, no matter how difficult it is, whether temporal or above all spiritual, in the personal life of each one of us, of our families...that cannot be solved by the Rosary. There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot resolve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary.” (Sister Lucia dos Santos) We know that Our Lady asked the three visionaries during each apparition to pray the Rosary. In a previous IPVS article, it was mentioned that prior to Our Lady’s visitation, the three (3) children were visited by the Angel of Peace and the Angel of Portugal over a period of more than one year while instructing them on the prayers dedicated to the proper adoration of the Most High and encouraging them to offer their daily sacrifices for the sins by which He (God) is offended and in supplication for sinners. [Source: **HER OWN WORDS The Memoirs of Sr. Lucia...pp 80-81**]

As for me, while pondering on each of the mysteries of the life of Our Lord, his mother, and his foster father Joseph, I began to notice what has become the obvious request of Our Blessed Mother that in praying this Holy Rosary, Our Heavenly Mother wants us to recognize the Christ that is in each of us. For as the Scripture says: **“God created man in his own image, in the divine image he created him, male and female he created them.”** [NAB Gn 1:27]

She loves us with the same intensity as she loved Him, with the same total affection and care, with an unconditional desire for our eternal salvation, and concerned with every detail and outcome in our lives, so much so, that the King of Kings would permit His own Queen Mother to visit us and to risk and bare, for our sake, insults, outrages, and blasphemies against Her Immaculate Conception, Her Perpetual Virginity, Her Divine Maternity, Her Image(s), and finally those who seek to openly foster indifference or contempt

and even hatred for this Immaculate Mother.

[Source: www.catholicapologetics.info/catholiciting/privatevelation/fatima.htm]

As the Psalmist declares: **“What are humans that you are mindful of them, mere mortals that you care for them? Yet, you made them a little less than a god, crowned them with glory and honor. You have given them rule over the works of your hands, put all things at their feet.”** [NAB Ps 8:5-7]

100th Fatima Anniversary

Soon, on May 13, 2017, we will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of the Rosary’s apparition to Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta at the Cova da Iria in Fatima, Portugal. One wonders why after nearly a century of spreading the Fatima message regarding the “vision of hell, establishing world devotion and the consecration of Russia to Her Immaculate Heart,” as well as the “communion of reparation on the First Saturdays,” we presently live in a world that seems to be committed to a complete reversal of all that is virtuous in society and that GOD has planted in our hearts.

Further reading of Sr. Lucia’s memoirs also reveals that not all the religious took the Fatima message seriously, but was rather relegated to a private revelation by which status it was not necessary to neither believe wholeheartedly nor follow the explicit requests She made. However, others took it so seriously that it is at the present time regarded as the most influential and important event since the time of Our Lord. [pp 115-117]

Fatima and Sinai

The much quoted work throughout this and in previous articles of John M. Haffert’s book titled **“HER OWN WORDS to the Nuclear Age”** published in the US in 1993 by the 101 Foundation, Asbury,

NJ, as The Memoirs of Sr. Lucia, with Mr. Haffert’s comments, unless carefully read, one would have missed the following analogy to the Red Sea event.

The Red Sea event was God’s plan to free His people from the grasp of slavery they endured for over 400 years while living in the land of the Egyptians. After revealing His name as the great “I AM” who am, to his servant Moses, Moses led the Israelites out of the land of Egypt, through the Red Sea, into the desert.

Here, **God again called Moses and while on Mt. Sinai**, God delivered to Moses His Law – The 10 Commandments! After a period of 40 years of wandering lost in the desert, eating manna for sustenance, they wandered until Moses’ death. Joshua, the second in command and acknowledged as a great military leader, finally led the Israelites to the Promised Land, a land of “milk and honey,” a land provided by God’s providence they could call their own.

“To this day Jews refer over and over, as we do, to the miracle of the Red Sea. It recurs again and again in our liturgy, and in our acknowledgement of what God has done for His people.”

“Yet the miracle of Fatima could be considered even greater than the miracle of the Red Sea for at least five reasons:”

- 1) It was intended to deliver the world not from Egypt but from Communism, and from a tide of evil which merited “several entire nations be annihilated”;
- 2) Just one element of the miracle of Fatima was essentially the same as the miracle of the Red Sea: The Cova, which had become a sea of water and mud, [which had] dried instantly;
- 3) More than this similarity to the Red Sea miracle, the miracle of Fatima was also essentially the same as the miracle performed by Elias (Elijah) “That all may know the God is God, “ when the



prophet called down fire from Heaven; (NAB I Kings 18:38)

4) It is furthermore essentially the same as the miracle of Joshua causing the light of the sun to shine independently of the sun; (NAB Joshua 10:12-13)

5) But over and beyond all the reasons above, it (Fatima) was the FIRST miracle in history, permitted by God at a predicted time and place “so that all may believe.”

“Certainly, all the Popes have taken it [Fatima] very seriously as Divine intervention at a most critical moment

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in the history of man. It is not only reaffirmation of the Gospel. It is the new Sinai...the beautiful message which God's Merciful Love conveys through Her to our atomic age." [pp 117-118]

The Good News of Fatima and Its Warnings

She came to bring us good news *"that GOD wishes to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart. If this is done, many souls would be saved and there will be peace; World War I would soon end; asked for the consecration of Russia; that Russia would be converted and a period of peace will be granted to the world, and in the end Her Immaculate Heart would triumph."*

But, these predictions were predicated with warnings as that of a **"momentary vision of hell,"** She also said: *"that if people do not cease offending GOD, a worse one [WW II] would break out during the Pontificate of Pius XI; that punishment would come in the form of war; famine, and persecutions of the Church and of the Holy Father; the good will be martyred; the Holy Father will have much to suffer; various nations will be annihilated; [a 'final' coming war?] if Russia is not consecrated, she will spread her errors throughout the world, causing wars and persecutions of the Church."*

WW II – Hiroshima and Nagasaki

On the morning of 6 August 1945 an American B-29 bomber, the 'Enola Gay', dropped the first atomic bomb used in warfare on the Japanese city of Hiroshima.

The bomb was dropped by parachute and exploded 580m (1,900ft) above the ground. Between 60,000 and 80,000 people were killed instantly. The heat from the bomb was so intense that some people simply vanished in the explosion. Many more died of the longterm effects of radiation sickness. **The final death toll was calculated at 135,000.** As well as residents of Hiroshima, the victims included Koreans who had been forced



to come to Japan as laborers, and American prisoners-of-war who were imprisoned in Hiroshima.

On the morning of 9 August, the Americans dropped a second, bigger atomic bomb. The original target was Kokura, but this was obscured by clouds so the bomb was dropped on nearby Nagasaki, an important port. About 40,000 people were killed instantly and a third of the city was destroyed. The final death toll was calculated as at least 50,000. **Source: www.bbc.co.uk/history/ww2peopleswar/timeline/factfiles/nonflash/a6652262.shtml**

CURRENT World Nuclear Forces, 2014

There are nine (9) countries that have deployed and other warheads as follows: **USA** has 7,300; **RUSSIA** has 8,000; **UK** has 225; **FRANCE** has 300; **CHINA** has 250; **INDIA** has 90-110; **PAKISTAN** has 110-120; **ISRAEL** has 80; **NORTH KOREA** has 6-8. **A TOTAL of 16,300.**

{'Deployed' means warheads placed on missiles or located on bases with operational forces. All estimates are approximate and are as of January 2014.} [Source] www.sipri.org/media/pressreleases/2014/nuclear_May_2014

Should We Believe The Fatima Message?

Absolutely, unless we are the dumbest people ever placed on the face of this earth!

Why? Did Our Lady of Fatima in 1917 correctly state that WWI would end soon? Yes, it ended on November 11, 1918, the day that for decades we celebrated as Armistice Day.

Did a "worse" war begin because people would not stop offending God? Absolutely! It was called WWII and millions of people died between September 1939 and May 1945, called V-E Day for Victory in Europe, but for America the war continued until September 1945, called V-J Day, or Victory over Japan Day. The National World War II Museum estimates that there were approximately 85,000,000 combined deaths of civilians, military, and those dying from wounds. **Source: <http://www.nationalww2museum.org/>**

Did God perform the Miracle of the Sun on October 13, 1917, as Our Blessed Mother told Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta would happen "so that all may believe?" Absolutely!

The world population in 1945 was approximately 2.2 billion people. The world population in 2016 is approximately 7 billion people.

Source: <http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0762181.html>

Should we not take seriously the words Our Lady of the Rosary told the visionaries *"...if people do not cease offending God... various nations will be annihilated?"*

In 1945, America was the only country that developed the Atomic Bomb which was dropped on those two cities in Japan. Today, there are over 16,000 nuclear weapons thousand of times more devastating than any atomic bomb.

As Jean Guitton puts it: "[Fatima is] An intervention by God 'At the hinge of history, before and after Hiroshima, dividing history forever.'" In other words, Fatima marks a turning point in [world] history. [p 116]

The intention of this article is not to beleaguer every evil that is upon us, but rather to serve and encourage an examination of our souls to determine whether we are following and living according to His Holy Will, and to turn to Our Heavenly Mother with the Holy Rosary in hand and beg, if we must, that God will grant us the grace to follow His Holy Will before it is too late, if not for this world, at least for our eternal souls.

God Himself, in His Triune Divinity, will judge each one of His creation. He will separate the good from the evil, the wheat from the chaff, and the sheep from the goats. It is not up to us!

In conclusion, I must emphatically state that the reader take the time to visit the IPVS (International Pilgrim Virgin Statue) website and at a minimum purchase a copy of the booklet titled: "Our Lady of Fatima ...Our Mother Comes To Us," or read it on our website.

FATIMA MESSAGE FOR OUR TIME



At Fatima, Our Lady foretold the moral and spiritual breakdown of our society if Her requests were not heeded. She offered us a spiritual means for restoring the moral order and establishing peace in the world. Her Message is a MESSAGE OF HOPE for our times.

...it is prophecy concerning people living during this time...

On October 13, 1982, St. John Paul II said *"I had the joy to go personally to*

that glorious celebrated Marian Shrine. I went there with the rosary in my hand, the name of Mary on my lips, and the canticle of mercy in my heart."

Again, on October 13, 1997, St. John Paul II called the miracle of Fatima *"One of the greatest signs of our times because it brings us face to face with the great alternatives facing the world today."*

The importance of the Fatima Message today stems from the fact that *it is prophecy concerning people living during this time.* The Message foretold, at a time when Russia was not a world power, of the rise of Russia; the spread of Communism throughout the world; the end of World War I; the coming of World War II; and other important events that have happened. Of importance to us now is that Our Lady of Fatima foretold

what is yet to happen, *"If My requests are not heeded."*

When the first pilgrim virgin statue was in the Vatican, Pope Pius XII, himself, saw a reenactment of the miracle of the sun which occurred at Fatima on October 13, 1917.

It would be well here to explain the Catholic attitude toward such statues. Physically, they are nothing more than a piece of wood which has been beautifully carved into a likeness of the Blessed Virgin Mary as She appeared in Fatima. It is an image of the Mother of Our Lord and a sacramental. The honor, which is given wherever Our Lady's images go, is given solely to Our Lady as She appeared at Fatima and promised that on certain conditions, *"Russia will be converted and a period of peace will be granted to the world."*

The Message of Fatima is the reason for the travels of Our Lady's Images, the Pilgrim Virgin, nationally and internationally. On May 13, 2010, Pope Benedict XVI said "At that time it was only three children, yet the example of their lives spread and multiplied, especially as a result of the travels of the Pilgrim Virgin, in countless groups throughout the world dedicated to the cause of fraternal solidarity."

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it but pass it on to others. Together, as Apostles for Peace through Prayer, we can help bring about God's promise of peace as revealed at Fatima.

There have been many reported appearances of Our Lady; only a few have yet received approval by the Church. None have had more significance and impact than the apparitions of the Mother of God at Fatima, Portugal, in 1917. The Message was: *Peace for the world through prayer, penance, Eucharistic reparation and devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.*

In Mary's own words, *"I come from Heaven. I am the Lady of the Rosary. I have come to warn the faithful to amend their lives and to ask pardon for their sins. They must not offend Our Lord any more, for He is already to grievously offended by the sins of men. People must pray the Rosary. If people do as I ask, many souls will be converted and there will be peace."*

In 1930, after 13 years of thorough and careful investigation, the Bishop of Leiria-Fatima, released his pastoral letter stating that the revelations of Fatima were worthy of belief by the faithful.

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On May 13, 1982 (based on a homily at Fatima), St. John Paul II said *"If the Church has accepted the Message of Fatima, it is above all because that Message contains a truth and a call whose basic content is the truth and the call of the Gospel itself."*

Before releasing the last secret of Fatima St. John Paul II asked Sister Lucia for her interpretation. She replied that the visions (of the Angel of Justice, the mountain of corpses, the ruined city, etc.) referred to the part of Our Lady's message, which ended with the words *"several entire nations will be*

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(Continued)

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

In 2017 we will celebrate the 100th year of the apparitions of Our Lady in Fatima.

Today, there are many indications that we are entering a crucial time in world history, and while we cannot predict exactly how future events will unfold, the pace of moral decay, the threat of war and terrorism, the rapid disintegration and persecution of the church, we seem helpless to turn back the tide. It is as if we are facing the sea and watching the surging wave of a tsunami rolling in, and there is nothing we can do about it except to pick up our rosaries and pray for the strength to stand firm. We can be sure that those who live out their faith in Jesus will be preserved from harm and, in the end, be given every reason to rejoice.

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Live the Message of Fatima by praying for the conversion of sinners, especially the Rosary, by doing penance and offering sacrifices for the moral and spiritual renewal of our country, and by making acts of reparation to console the gravely offended Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of His Mother. It seems that the words of Our Lady of Fatima "are nearing their fulfillment."

OUR LADY OF FATIMA'S 1917 PREDICTIONS FULFILLED

+ "I will perform a miracle so all may believe."

-- *Miracle of the sun - 10/13/17.*

+ "Russia would spread atheistic errors."

-- *Marxist revolution - 11/17/17*

+ "The war will end soon."

-- *End of World War I - 11/11/18*

+ "I will take Francisco & Jacinta (Seers of Fatima) to Heaven soon."

-- *Francisco dies at age 11 - 4/4/19;*

-- *Jacinta dies alone at age 9 - 2/20/20*

+ "I will return to ask for the Communion of Reparation on the Five First Saturdays."

-- *Our Lady appears to Sr. Lucia requesting the Five First Saturdays - 12/10/25*

+ "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...."

-- *The Great Sign occurs in the sky 1/25/38*

+ "Another and more terrible War..."

-- *World War II begins - 9/39*

+ "The Holy Father will have much to suffer..."

-- *Assassination Attempt 10/13/81*

+ "The Holy Father will consecrate Russia to My Immaculate Heart."

-- *Consecration 3/25/84*

+ "Russia will be converted..."

-- *Berlin Wall and Iron Curtain collapsed 1989-1991*

OUR LADY OF FATIMA'S 1917 PREDICTIONS YET TO BE FULFILLED

+ "Annihilation of nations" (Can be avoided if we heed Her requests.)

+ "My Immaculate Heart will triumph"

+ "An era of peace will be granted to mankind"

PRO LIFE ROSARY TREE OF LIFE

The Tree of Life symbolizes many things, including wisdom, protection, strength, bounty, beauty, and redemption. This wise and holy Tree is like the Creator as it sustains creation with its abundant fruit, protection and generativity. The Pro Life Rosary Tree Of Life (pictured above) features all twelve birthstone colors as a reminder that all children are children of God, and are helped to heaven through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the New Eve.

Over the past years, Nancy Cassidy of Hollidaysburg, PA worked on her Pro Life Rosary Tree of Life "to encourage prayer for the unborn, all children who are abused, for all God's children throughout the world and our nation." The tree holds 1,000 rosaries and each one has a prayer card and scapular attached to each rosary. For three weeks, during the month of May, the Rosary Tree was on display at St. Mary's Church in Hollidaysburg, PA.



Daily Offering

Dear Jesus:

I offer all my works, prayers, joys and sufferings of this day, in union with all the Masses offered throughout the world, in reparation for the sins committed in our nation, and for the intention that our nation will once again be blest with Christian leadership.

For each unborn child in danger of abortion and for all children immorally abused in our country and throughout the world.

For all Your children throughout the world, for their spiritual and temporal needs, for Our Blessed Mother's intentions, and for the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Amen

Archbishop Fulton J Sheen's Prayer for Spiritual Adoption

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,

I love you very much.

I beg you to spare the life of the preborn child

that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion. Amen

THE MESSAGE OF FATIMA IN OUR LADY'S OWN WORDS

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



THE FIFTH APPARITION OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA - SEPTEMBER 13, 1917-

Our Lady appeared as usual, following the flash of light. She said: *"Continue to pray the Rosary in order to obtain the end of the war. In October Our Lord will come, as well as Our Lady of Sorrows and Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Saint Joseph will appear with the Child Jesus to bless the world. God is pleased with your sacrifices. He does not want you to sleep with the rope on, but only to wear it during the daytime."*

"I was told to ask you many things," Lucia said, "the cure of some sick people and a deaf mute... *"Yes, I will cure some, but not others. In October I will perform a miracle so that all may believe."*

THE SIXTH APPARITION OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA - OCTOBER 13, 1917-

It had been raining heavily for hours. The Cova was a sea of mud and water. Following the usual flash of light Our Lady came. *"A chapel is to be built here in my honor. I am the Lady of the Rosary. Continue to pray the Rosary every day. The war is going to end and the soldiers will soon return to their homes."*

Again Lucia presented petitions to Our Lady that people had given her. Our Lady said: *"Some yes, but others, no. They must amend their lives and ask forgiveness for their sins."* Then looking very sad She added: *"Do not offend the Lord, our God, any more, because He is already much offended."*

After those last words of Our Lady the rain stopped and the crowd of some 100,000 saw the sun seem to move and revolve "like a St. Catherine's wheel." The children saw in the sky next to the sun the visions of St. Joseph with the Holy Child, Our Lord and Our Lady of Sorrows, and Our Lady of Mount Carmel with the Scapular.

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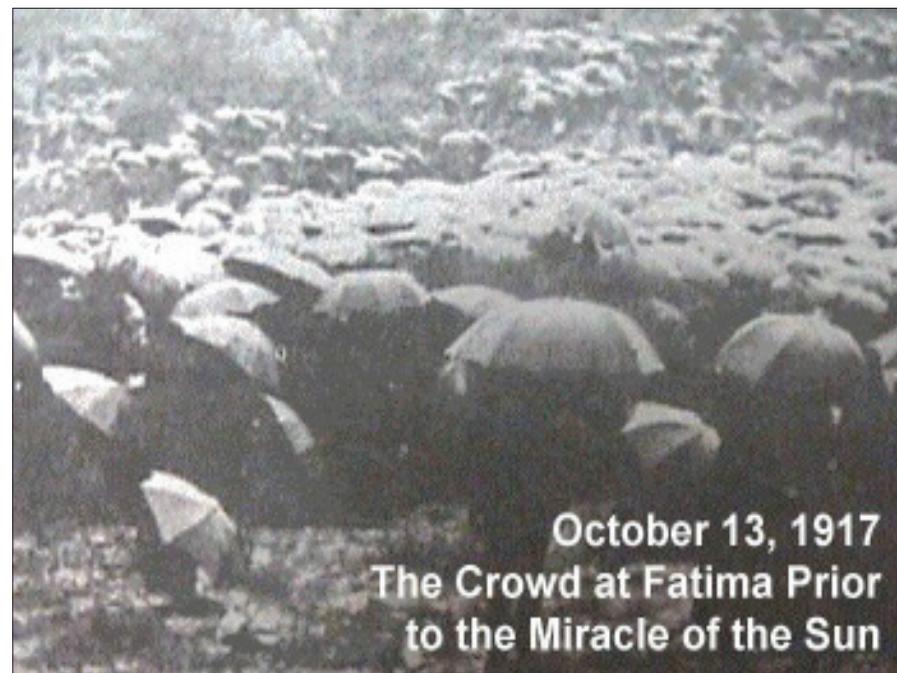
St. Catherine's wheel."

As the visions ended, the sun (or ball of fire) plunged towards the earth as though about to engulf it. All thought it was the end of the world. Instead, the fiery ball returned to the sky. Instantly everything in the Cova...even where there had been deep pools of water... was dry and clean.

Questions

What was the meaning of the series of visions during the miracle?

Most feel that the Holy Family, followed by Our Lady of Sorrows and then by Our Lady of Mount Carmel, signify the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious mysteries of the Rosary. They also emphasize the family, the importance of St. Joseph (as He and the Holy Child bless the world together), reparation to Our Lady of Sorrows and the wearing of the Scapular of Mount Carmel as the sign of consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.



October 13, 1917
The Crowd at Fatima Prior
to the Miracle of the Sun

OUR LADY'S TRAVELS-- THROUGH THE INTERCESSION OF ST. JOSEPH



My friend and I are partners who work at a Flea Market and I felt very blessed to be asked to be the driver for the custodian and the Pilgrim Virgin Statue for their 21-day tour in our diocese. In meeting my special guests, Mr. Carl Malburg and the International Pilgrim Virgin Statue, at the airport, I apologized for the very poor condition of my old rusted car and prayed that during this special tour at least it would not rain, drenching my special guests.

While taking Carl and the Pilgrim Virgin Statue to their lodging, and again profusely apologizing for my old car, I mentioned to Carl "even St. Joseph provided a Donkey for Our Lady to travel on, which would be equivalent to a Cadillac in his time."

Carl explained to me the fervent devotion he has had with St. Joseph throughout his life. "After all, Jesus had to obey St. Joseph when He was a Child and so in Heaven Our Lord still does as St. Joseph asks."

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was a Child and so in Heaven Our Lord still does as St. Joseph asks."

Returning home, I mediated on Carl's words and began talking to St. Joseph. I apologized to St. Joseph for having to transport the Image of His spouse throughout the diocese in my rusted old car. At 1:00 a.m. the telephone rang. My partner, who by the way is of the Protestant faith, insisted that I pick up his new SUV to transport the custodian and Our Lady's Image during the entire tour. Thank you Carl for really introducing me to St. Joseph. I only thought of him as the foster father of Jesus. Thank you! Robert

"Our Lady of Fatima... Our Mother Comes to Us"

Today will remain in my memory all the days of my life. Several days ago I was informed that the Our Lady of Fatima



statue was going to visit my church here in California. Although I was very busy, I made up my mind to stop at the church for a visit after picking up my six year old daughter from school. We were greeted by the custodians and received a small booklet *Our Lady of Fatima, Our Mother Comes To Us* and a brown scapular. Many people were in church and after saying a few prayers, I went to kneel in front of the statue, along with my daughter, and offered my silent prayers. After a short time we left. Today, my six year old daughter told me she wants to go back to the church to see the beautiful statue. I took her by the beautiful Fatima statue we have in my home. She said to me "Mommy, not that one, I want to see the other one that talks to me." Thank you Carl and Victor for bringing Our Lady. I will always remember this special day. We continue to pray to Our Lady of Fatima. Maya

Little Miracles Received:
Dear Members of the Pilgrim Virgin Foundation,

I want to thank you for bringing Our Lady of Fatima statue to Montana. My wife and I had been lapsed Catholics for more years than I can remember. After supper, my wife informed me she was going down to the church to view the traveling statue that her co-workers were talking about and encouraged her

to visit. As she was ready to go, I felt the need to go with her, which really surprised her. You see, I am an alcoholic and just enjoy sitting and drinking. I don't know if it was looking at the statue or listening to the talk, but I was overcome with a sensation I never felt before and didn't understand. Returning home, I sat at the table and my wife went to bed--probably thinking I needed my drink. Before long, I picked up the Bible. When my wife woke up in the morning, I was still reading the Bible. I now understood that the "sensation" I felt was a special grace given me by Our Lady of Fatima to save my life and soul. Once again, thank you for all you do traveling with Our Lady to save souls---like mine. Pat

I would like to share with you my very first experience traveling with Our Lady's Image. Because of a tragic accident, leaving me with many screws in both legs, retirement was now a necessity. When I learned the custodian of the statue was looking for a helper, I volunteered my time. My first tour would be Sacramento. After the first church we visited, the crowd was so huge the entire day that my legs became very swollen with excruciating pain that I knew then there was no way I could continue and would have to return home. I told Carl, and that night he suggested that I take the statue to my room and talk to Our Lady. With a sincere heart, I talked to Our Lady the same way I would talk to my mother. When I awoke the next morning, my legs were still swollen, but absolutely no pain. A couple days later, a lady with a heavy heart came into the church and told me she wasn't Catholic and didn't know what to do. I told her to go kneel before the Our Lady's Image, look into Her eyes, and tell Her everything in your heart. She knelt in front of the statue for quite some time before arising and then rushing down the aisle crying, almost hysterically. As I witnessed the "Grace of Tears" given to this woman, it showed me my purpose was to take Our Lady wherever she wanted to go and spread hope. **Victor Fernandez**

SISTER LUCIA BEAUTIFICATION NOVENA



May I share with you? From the early age of 17, I suffered from severe heart palpitations. Although money was an issue, my mother took me to a heart specialist, which led me from doctor to doctor, many EKG's, EEG'S, taking medications, wearing heart monitors for many weeks at a time, being examined and tested by Internist with no results. I lived each day thinking it may be my last. Falling asleep at night with a rosary or a statue of St. Anne on my chest brought relief, mentally and physically.

During my married life, I continued visiting many doctors, had many tests performed in search for a cure, without success. During an annual visit with my family doctor, he suggested that I take a tranquilizer to settle down my system. When the palpitations became unbearable, this little pill was very calming and seem to last throughout the day. After many years my family doctor retired and

his replacement did not believe in treating me with a one-a-day tranquilizer. The palpitations returned, sometimes with a vengeance, which made me seek another cardiologist. Again, after all the testing was done, there was no explanation why this was happening. The cardiologist reluctantly prescribed some tranquilizers which controlled the palpitations.

Now, after raising my children and caring for grandchildren, I kept praying to be relieved of my problem. While praying the rosary one evening, I remembered I had a second class relic of Sister Lucia. Placing the relic over my heart, I began to pray the Novena to Sister Lucia for her beautification, to heal my heart. I continued to pray the Novena and after a short time I realized I hadn't had any medication nor palpitations. It has been a year now that I have enjoyed a normal life. Thank you Sister Lucia. Each day I pray the following Novena for her beautification.

NOVENA PRAYER TO SISTER LUCIA FOR HER BEAUTIFICATION

Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore You profoundly; and I thank You for the apparitions of the Most Holy virgin in Fatima, that revealed to the world the riches of Her Immaculate Heart.

By the infinite merits of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and through the intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg You, if it should be for Your greater glory and the good of our souls, to glorify Sr. Lucia, one of the Shepherds of Fatima, by granting us the grace which we implore through Her intercession. Amen.

OUR MOTHER COMES TO INDONESIA...



During June 2016, the Catholics of Indonesia welcomed the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima with great enthusiasm, devotion and love.

In Surabaya we visited parishes day after day seeing large crowds, always overflowing the capacity of their churches. Even one day when heavy rain flooded many streets, the crowd was so large that hundreds were outside the church. Processions honoring Mary with large, enthusiastic crowds brought Our Lady into the churches. One even

filmed from above by a drone. The place of honor prepared for Our Lady's image was always adorned with mountains of flowers. In one church, over 2,000 white roses. Long processions of people presenting a rose would add more flowers.

When Mass would be offered, usually with several priests, many altar servers, 10 or 12 Eucharistic ministers, and a large choir. Scapular enrollment and the rosary would follow.

In Jakarta, known as the Special Capital Region of Jakarta, the capital, and most populous city of the Republic of Indonesia, a large enough facility could not be found. After much searching, the team secured a large meeting room with a thousand seats in a local Mall. Realizing that the room still was not big enough, the team arranged to have a morning session, afternoon session and an evening session. By repeating the presentation of the Fatima Message, the Mass, the Rosary and the flower offering three times each day for two days, approximately 7,000 people participated.

In Malang, the Cathedral was overflowing at each Mass and the retreat center hosted 3,000 pilgrims.

What an outpouring of Love and devotion to the Mother of God! Within twentyeight parishes visited, the Pilgrim Virgin Statue was visited by over 60,000 people! More than 20,000 scapulars and 30,000 pieces of literature, translated into the Indonesian language, were distributed. When we returned home, we were very overjoyed to learn that the First Saturday devotions were being implemented in all the parishes in

Surabaya. We at the IPVS Foundation are deeply grateful and indebted to the project team in Indonesia for their generous sacrifices of time and effort. You may view pictures and video on our website: www.pilgrimvirginstatue.com " also on <https://goo.gl/photos/hjKd8sETZVPkbYYbA>"



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LOUIS J. KACZMAREK

We were very saddened to learn of the passing of our good and dear friend Louis J. Kaczmarek who passed away on Saturday, March 28, 2015.

Louis was a graduate from St. Mary Catholic School in Mt. Morris, MI. He taught CCD classes there and then went on to attend Penn State University, and then served in the United States Air Force. He was the president of Casmer and Sons Manufacturing in Mt. Morris where he worked with his three brothers. Louis has been the escort of the International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima for 20 years. He spent 10 months per year traveling around the world speaking everywhere about the maternal solicitude of Mary and the Divine Love of Her Son. He also authored many books and preached Our Lady's message of prayer, penance and peace to more people than any other layman. He was a scholar on Our Lady and the Fatima Message. Louis was most kind, loving and generous person you could ever meet. He loved everyone and also had a great love of animals. Please remember Louis in your prayers.

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

