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## Exactly 100 Years Ago (by Charles M. Urban, Sr.)

While researching the relationship between terrorism, Fatima and the 2015 Martyrs, an international turbulence was brewing as CNN reported on April 13, 2015: **“Pope Francis risked Turkish anger on Sunday by using the word ‘genocide,’”** to refer to the mass killings of Armenians a century ago under the Ottoman Empire. Within a few days, the Turkish government were so offended by the Pope’s statement, they ordered the Vatican ambassador to leave his post and return to Rome.

“At the beginning of the 4th Century A.D., Armenia became the first nation in the world to make Christianity its official religion.” As the Armenian genocide began on **April 24, 1915**, “...people began to be turned out of their homes, sent on marches through the desert to starve to death, drowned in rivers, crucified, burned alive...in short order, the Turkish country side was littered with Armenian corpses,” **“By 1917, 1.5 million** Armenians were murdered. This is incredibly identical to what is happening again **TODAY**, in May of 2015, in Africa and the Middle East.

The question of PENANCE and REPARATION remains as true today as was in 1917, when Our Lady’s requested of the 3 visionaries during the first apparition: **“Are you willing to offer yourselves to God and bear all sufferings He wills to send you, as an act of reparation for the conversion of sinners?”**

Is it not odd that in the same year the Armenian genocide ended, Our Blessed Mother appears to the 3 children at Fatima and asks for conversion, reparation, and devotion to Her Immaculate Heart? But why Fatima?

FATIMA, is also the prophet’s Mohammed daughter’s name who said of her in the Koran. **“She has the highest place in heaven after the Virgin Mary.”** Are not good Moslems required five times daily to kneel and prostrate themselves in prayer to Allah?

What in heaven’s name is wrong with us? Do we really want to experience this type of suffering, as what the people of Africa and the Middle East are enduring, and for this type of persecution to spread to what

is left of Christendom in this world? Have we lost all divine direction? Would it not be simpler to heed Our Lady’s request to stop offending God, pray the Rosary and offer sacrifices in reparation for our own sins and that of others, and turn back to renew our devotion to Mary and sincerely pray for Her intercession that we may contritely renew our relationship with God? Or, would we rather experience the wrath that is forthcoming?

### Devotion to My Immaculate Heart:

“Ad Jesum per Mariam”  
When Mary appeared to Jacinta, Francisco, and Lucia on June 13, 1917, she not only encouraged them to pray the Rosary daily, but She also gave them the reason for Her visit. She said, **“JESUS wants to use you to make Me known and loved. He wishes to establish the devotion to my immaculate Heart throughout the world.”**

Pope John Paul II, now St. John Paul, said that Mary’s spirituality is the best help to draw near to the mystery of the Eucharist. Studying and adopting Mary’s spirituality is a means of growing closer to the Eucharist. Mary’s spirituality emerges throughout her life as Pope John Paul II notes in speaking of Mary as a woman of the Eucharist in her whole life. **“There are people and nations, Mother, that I would like to say to you by name. I entrust them to you in silence, I entrust them to you in the way that you know best.”**

The point of devotion to Mary isn’t adoration; She simply offers Herself as a vehicle to Her Son. When one just cannot bring themselves to face the reality and consequences of their sin, sometimes a “mother” figure seems to be more understanding and forgiving.

It seems to me that God, in the old covenant, had His fill of sin because it negated the true purpose of LIFE. But, HE so dearly and immensely loved His creation that He sent His only begotten Son to suffer the consequences of sin, which is both a spiritual and physical death, for the remission of our sins and to show us physically and spiritually the **WAY** the LORD God intended for us to

live temporally among ourselves and eternally with HIM. And, by chance, that is the meaning of the Jewish salutation: Shalom...meaning, “May you go in the peace [meaning the perfect harmony and peacefulness] GOD intended to extend to you since the beginning of creation.”

We recently celebrated Pentecost Sunday on May 24, 2015, the coming of the Holy Spirit who would lead us to all TRUTH. At the Annunciation, when Mary was bewildered by the angel’s announcement of the new birth, Mary, a virgin, asked the angel how this was possible since she had no relations with a man and the angel replied, **“The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.”** And that **Jesus is the Son of God** is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth!

### In just two years

In just two short years, on May 13, 2017, the world will be celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the FIRST apparition of Our Lady of Fatima to the three shepherd children, Jacinta, Francisco, and Lucia at the Cova da Iria, in Fatima, Portugal. Mary told them she would return on the 13th of the next few coming months. In Our Lady’s own words, she stated: **“I have asked you to come here for six months on the 13th day of the month, at this same hour.”** During each subsequent apparition, Our Lady asked the 3 children to **“...pray the Rosary every day.”**

### What is so important about the Rosary

Why is the Rosary so important that Our Lady would ask these 3 shepherd children to pray the rosary each and every day of their lives? Some might think that it may be some sort of aggrandizement for her benefit, or that she is placing herself on the same level as Her Son, or even in place of Him.

It wasn’t until Pope John Paul II introduced and approved the new Luminous Mysteries that praying the rosary made ‘complete’ sense to many of us who had been praying the rosary daily and felt a detachment in



the continuity of the 3 Rosary Mysteries.

Previously, the Holy Rosary consisted of the **Joyful Mysteries** which spanned the angel Gabriel’s Annunciation to the time of the Finding of Jesus in the Temple around the age of 12. But, we never heard anymore about Jesus until he was to suffer humiliation for **OUR** sins. The **Sorrowful Mysteries** followed and focused on the suffering of Jesus during His final 3 days of earthly life beginning with the Agony in the Garden to his Crucifixion and Death on the Cross. The **Glorious Mysteries** revealed the glory of God’s Plan of Salvation from the very beginning for ALL mankind, by Jesus’ suffering, death, resurrection, and ascension.

By the inclusion of the **Luminous Mysteries**, Jesus’ ministry is linked to His redemptive work and His saving act. Consequently, all mankind is not only given the favor of becoming adopted children of God through baptism and no longer has sin the ability to grasp, enslave, and destroy the soul because Jesus now clearly commands his disciples to forgive sins and reaffirms that He will be with them/us until the **consummation of the world.**

# Exactly 100 Years Ago (Continued)

Prayer is the raising of the mind and soul to God. The recitation of the Holy Rosary is important as a daily prayer because it is intended to accomplish several goals. By praying the Holy Rosary daily, it now becomes a catalyst to recall, in meditation, reflection, and recitation, the life of Her Son, JESUS. Consequently, we not only become more familiar with the biblical account of Jesus' life and ministry, but we hopefully begin to realize how much God really cares for each and everyone, even to the point of death, as Scripture says:..."**For God so loved the world [us] that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life.**"

## So it wasn't aggrandizement after all

Correct? As Jesus was dying on the cross, we might recall His command to his disciple John to care and protect His Mother Mary and conversely His command to Mary to behold her son. At that moment in time, Jesus' final intention and command was not only that John, his beloved disciple, would care for Mary, but that Mary, **Jesus' first disciple**, would forever care and protect and intercede for us, His new brothers and sisters...his new family...his new BRIDE, the Church - Mankind."

## We are called to conversion

Conversion is "any turning or changing from a state of sin to repentance, from a lax to a fervent way of life, from unbelief to faith, and from a non-Christian religion to Christianity. Since the second Vatican Council the term is not used to describe a non-Catholic Christian become a Catholic. The preferred term is 'entering into full communion with the Church.'"

As we advance in praying the Rosary, with dutiful meditation and reflection on the words we pray with the corresponding decade of the Rosary, we begin centering our thoughts on the ministry, the suffering, the dying and rising of the LORD. The

church calls this the **Paschal Mystery**, and the reality of being a Christian is that we are also called to the same depth of love and service to all; in other words, it's time to **GROW UP!**

Furthermore, we should realize and live out our own Paschal Mystery simply because whether we like it or not, we will experience it in everyday life. And, what joy is derived from being aware that when we are made to suffer, [and we will be] we can realize that our lives can be offered in reparation for not only our sins, but for those of others as well. Why miss this divine opportunity?

This is Our Lady's foremost intention. That we, who are chosen by the grace and favor of God, will recall Jesus' true purpose of reuniting sinful mankind to God. Most assuredly, Mary is now bringing us into a fuller union with Him and Jesus is reuniting us back to God, our Creator. The Rosary now becomes the perfect vehicle for repentance and reparation. She strongly advised the 3 children the following, "**When you pray the Rosary, say after each mystery, 'O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to heaven especially those who are in most need of your mercy.'**"

## Queen of Heaven and Earth

In the Old Covenant a King could have many wives but would only have one mother. Unlike the English commonwealth, in the ancient Middle East, the King's mom was often the Queen. It was a very specific role. The kingdom of David included a Queen Mother and this Kingdom would be fulfilled in Christ.

Psalm 2:9 says, "with an **iron rod** you shall shepherd them. In the New Testament, the passage that introduces Mary as the Queen with 12 stars for a crown (Rev 12:1) describes her as "The woman" who brings forth a male child who will rule the nations with a **rod of iron.**" (Rev 12:5) I believe Jesus chose Mary to be the Queen Mother in His Kingdom.

## Mary as Intercessor/ Mediatrix

Mary, now Queen of Heaven and Earth, has the "ear" of Her King son, Jesus. We see this in the Old Covenant 1 Kings 2:12-19 when Solomon was seated on the throne of his father King David, and Bathsheba, the mother of Solomon, "...**approaches King Solomon with a request...Not only did the king stand up to meet his mother, but he paid her homage...and provided a throne for his mother to sit at his right.**" Furthermore, in the following verses 20-21, Bathsheba asks King Solomon for a small favor and requests not to be refused. The king replies: "**Ask it, my mother,... for I will not refuse you.**" And such is the continuing relationship of the King of Heaven, the King of Glory, the King of Kings, and the King of Angels and Saints with His mom, the Queen Mother, the Queen of Heaven and Earth, who now, and forever, will NOT stop interceding for Her children.

## Penance, Penance, Penance

*"Stop offending God, for He is already too much offended."*

*"Penance is the repentance we must make to remove the guilt, or to reinstate ourselves in God's friendship. Reparation is the pain we must endure to make up for the harm we brought about by our self-indulgence when we sinned."*

*"As we look into our hearts we must humbly confess that truly, we have sinned, sinned often, sinned deeply, and sinned willfully. But God is good. He gives us the privilege of not only expiating what we have done wrong, but actually becoming more pleasing to Him by our penance and reparation."* "It was no pious statement that St. Paul gave us when he said, "Where sin abounded, grace has even more abounded." "In other words, in God's providence, He allows us to sin so we might repent and become saints."

## In August of 1917

In August of 1917, Our Lady instructs the visionaries to, "**Go again to the Cova da Iria on the 13th and continue to say the Rosary every day.**" Mary also said she would perform a miracle, so all would believe. Finally, she requested the children to, "**Pray, pray very much, and make sacrifices for sinners; for many souls go to hell because there is no one to pray for them.**"

And may I add, that God have mercy on the souls of those, who for whatever reason, even ignorance of Her role in salvation history, have insulted HER MAJESTY in so many varied and despicable ways, against Her Immaculate Heart, Her Immaculate Conception, Her Perpetual Virginity, Her Divine Maternity as the God Bearer, (Theotokos) and Her Divine motherhood of all mankind, may they come to realize that the love Our Lord has for His mother precedes any love He has for mankind since He chose Her to be the Ark of His New Covenant.

## "I am the Lady of the Rosary"

During the final apparition and just prior to the Miracle of the Sun, Jacinta, Francisco, and Lucia finally learn the name of the beautiful lady. Mary identifies herself when she says, "**I am the Lady of the Rosary,**" and asks the children to, "... Continue **always to pray the Rosary every day in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary in order to obtain peace for the world...**"

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## How To Save Your Children Through The Rosary

During one of the cenacles which Fr. Gobbi gave in the United States, he was urged by many concerned people to ask Our Lady specifically what could be done to save the youth from the seductions of the world which were leading many of them astray and causing them to leave the Church. Our Lady gave Fr. Gobbi this definite and final solution to console the parents who are so concerned about the salvation of their children:

*\*Pray the Rosary.*

*\*Every time you pray the Rosary, say: "With this Rosary, I bind all my children to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for Her guidance and protection."*

*\*In doing so, Our Lady promised "to see to their souls."*

*Having such a powerful weapon at our disposal, we must make use of it to save our youth? Let us bring all Her children, young and old alike, into the refuge of Her Immaculate Heart!*

# A Review Of The Life Of The Great Fatima Lay Apostle Formed By Our Lady

*John M. Haffert - On The 100Th Anniversary Of His Birth*

*(August 23, 1915 - October 31, 2001)*



John Haffert

From his childhood Mr. John M. Haffert hoped to join a religious order. He became a Carmelite novice and expected to be a professed Carmelite. But unexpected circumstances placed him back in the world as a layman before taking final vows. He spent 2 years teaching in a seminary. He loved the book "Glories of Mary" by St. Alphonsus de Ligouri and used it, printed in different languages, to help himself learn languages. He became editor of "SCAPULAR" magazine and was very successful, reaching over 150,000 copies per issue

"Sign of Her Heart," with a preface by Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, was Mr. Haffert's first book which quickly sold 100,000,

When Mr. Haffert decided to write a book about Blessed Nuno, a 15th century Portuguese saint from the diocese of Leiria, Portugal, he became acquainted with Bishop Dom Jose Corriera da Silva while doing research. Since John had no difficulty learning language and translating, the Bishop asked him to write about Fatima.

Mr. Haffert had already lectured on the Fatima Message and taught devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. At the request of Bishop da Silva, he interviewed Sister Lucia in 1946. With her he formulated

the Fatima Pledge. Within 40 years some 25,000,000 of these pledges were signed.

His first full-length book on Fatima "Russia Will be Converted" was published in 1950. But, in 1947, the International Pilgrim Virgin Statue was blessed on May 13th at Fatima. John was there and desired that it would tour America. But with so many other places already asking, he and the Bishop agreed to commission a second statue for the Western Hemisphere. This second pilgrim virgin statue was owned by Mr. John M. Haffert and he first assigned it to Msgr. William McGrath of the Scarboro Mission of Toronto, Canada. Msgr. McGrath was the custodian for 20 years and others followed him. Although Mr. Haffert knew that collections could be taken on these tours to obtain funding, he refused to ever accept a single dollar, not even to repay the original cost. Later he assigned the statue to Prof. Plino Correa de Oliveira in Brazil and continued the same policy.

In 1949 Mr. Haffert joined forces with Msgr. Harold Colgan, a parish priest in Plainfield, NJ; together they liked to call the millions of people signing and keeping the Fatima pledge "the Vast Blue Army" of people opposing the "Red" communist armies of Russia and China. "SOUL" magazine was launched in 1950, edited by Mr. Haffert. Its circulation reached above 150,000 before he retired in 1987. Groups of his followers spring up in many cities promoting the Fatima Message.

Until 1972 there was no organization of these various groups. Mr. Haffert proposed an annual meeting of Fatima promoters. Eventually an organization of them was formed and called the "Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima". Its first constitution was dated 1973. Mr. Haffert continued as its director until his retirement in 1987.

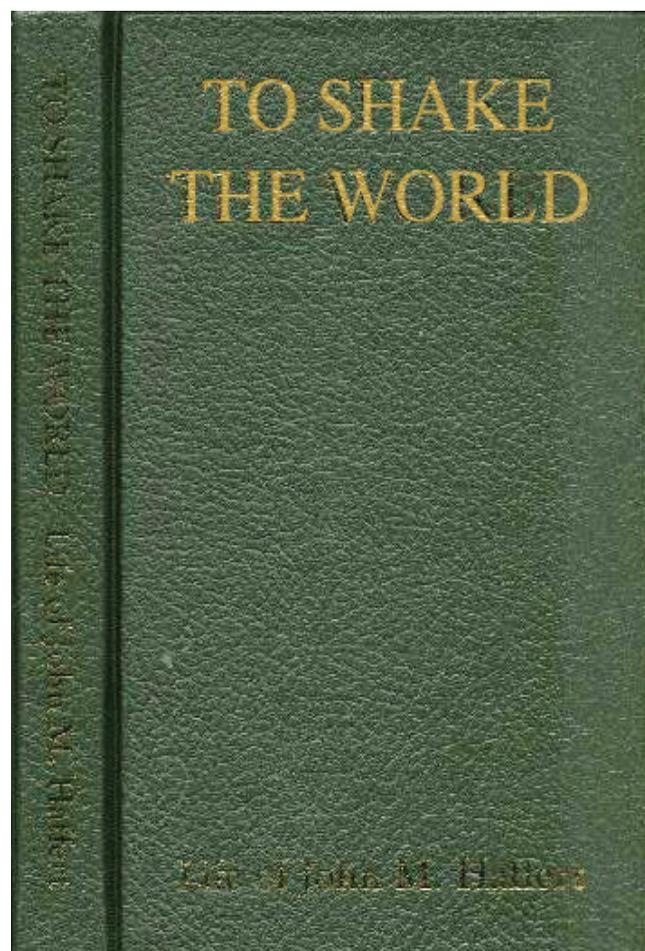
Mr. Haffert authored more than 30 books about Fatima, the Rosary, Scapular, and Marian devotions. His autobiography, "To Shake the World", and the booklet the "Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary," were published after his death.

Even while producing countless pamphlets, booklets, literature, and even radio & TV appearances, Mr. Haffert found time in the 1960's to attend the Vatican Council II sessions, helping various Bishops with translations, etc. He spent time with St. Padre Pio and served his Mass.

Mr. Haffert had an unwavering faith in the Immaculate Heart, and Her coming victory. He was an inspiration to all who knew him. He never demanded nor expected from others the high level of integrity and virtue that he himself practiced. Whenever he would appoint someone for a particular duty, he placed great trust in them, and prayed much for them. Many of us who knew him were beneficiaries of this honor.

After being asked by the local Bishop to retire from the Blue Army in 1987, Mr. Haffert continued to work for the promised triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, publishing 15 more books, establishing the Lay Apostolate Foundation (LAF) to work toward the canonization of lay people; appointed the 1st directors for the International Pilgrim Virgin Statue Foundation; served for a time as a representative to the WAF International, and helped in the forming of the Alliance of the Two Hearts. He always remained active as a secular Carmelite.

Mr. Haffert was survived by Patricia, his wife of 25 years, his daughter Betty, and his brother Horace and sister, Sr. Therese Of the Queen of Carmel, OCD.



# Our Lady of Fatima statue visit to Syria in September 2015 delayed

The rector of Fatima announced that the statue in the Fatima chapel in Portugal was to be brought to Syria in an effort to bring peace to that nations.

Fr Cabecinhas said the proposed visit of the statue was in response to a petition made by his His Beatitude Gregory III Laham, Patriarch of Antioch and All the East, and Alexandria and Jerusalem. He said: "The message of Fatima is a message of peace."

The plan to promote peace by taking a statue of Our Lady of Fatima from Portugal to Syria has now been delayed because of the dire state of affairs in Damascus, but has not been canceled altogether. "No new date has been set, but a Shrine spokesman affirmed that the visit will happen."

Fr Cabecinhas urged Christians to pray "so that the Lord may grant peace to Syria and strengthen the Christians who live there."

Writing in the Arab edition of the Shrine's bulletin, the rector said that an offering of three bullets and a handkerchief was recently made by three nuns to the Bishop of Leiria-Fatima, in honour of three Christians who were martyred in 2013 and relating to the third secret of Fatima which prophesied the martyrdom of Christians.

## The message of Fatima

The "secrets" of Our Lady of Fatima tell of today's Christian persecution, in addition to the martyrdom of the past century, Cardinal Angelo Amato had earlier said.

Cardinal Amato said he had "the privilege" of reading the original manuscripts of the secrets of Fatima when he served as secretary of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith from 2002 to 2008.

"I meditated on them at length because they cast a light of faith and hope on the very sad events of the past century, but not only," he said.

Despite popular hopes that the 20th century would be a time of reason and brotherhood, "it was in fact a tragic period

for Christianity", he said.

Besides the two world wars, he said, "most tragic" incidents of Christian persecution occurred, including "the Armenian genocide, the Mexican repression, the Spanish persecution, the Nazi massacres, the Communist extermination and, in this first part of the third millennium, Islamist persecution."

"There are millions of victims of evil ideologies, which generated conflicts and continue to generate conflicts, hatred and division," he added.

"As Pope Francis often repeats, the Church today is a Church of martyrs, of those Christians who, defenseless, are killed daily out of hatred for their unshakable faith in our Lord, Jesus Christ," he continued.

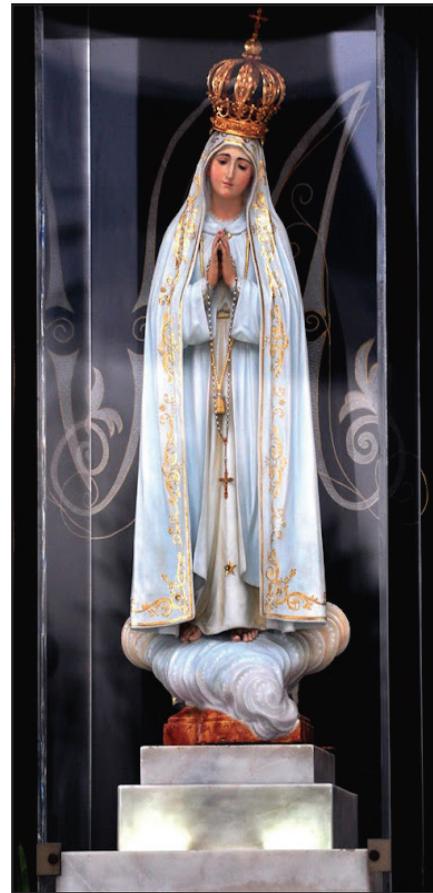
"The message of Fatima, in a visionary way, evokes this tragedy, lifting the veil on concrete historical events," where the Devil "opposes God's benevolence" and "continues to tempt" the Church, just as he tempted Jesus, "instilling in men's hearts feelings of enmity and death", he said.

Cardinal Amato described the Fatima message, with its concrete allusions to war, division and tragedies, as "without a doubt the most prophetic of modern apparitions".

But he dismissed claims that there is more to the secrets of Fatima than what has been made public. Some claim there was more to the secret than was revealed. Sister Lucia personally confirmed that this solemn and universal act of consecration corresponded to what Our Lady wished ("Sim, está feita, tal como Nossa Senhora a pediu, desde o dia 25 de Mar o de 1984": "Yes it has been done just as Our Lady asked, on 25 March 1984": Letter of 8 November 1989.) Hence any further discussion or request is without basis.

"There is no fourth secret and there are no other hidden secrets," said Cardinal Amato.

Mary appeared to three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal, in 1917, and confided in them three secrets. Years



later, Carmelite Sister Lucia dos Santos, one of the visionaries, wrote them down. The first two secrets included a vision of hell, along with prophecies concerning the outbreak of World War II, the rise of Communism and the ultimate triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, especially in Russia if the country was consecrated to her Immaculate Heart. They were made public in the 1930s.

Sister Lucia wrote down the third secret, and gave it to her local bishop in a sealed envelope. It was sent to the Vatican in 1957, where successive popes read it but decided not to reveal its contents. It was finally made public in 2000. It told of a "bishop in white" who falls dead after being shot by soldiers on a hill. Behind him are many martyred priests, bishops

and faithful.

Cardinal Amato said the interpretation of the third secret was entrusted to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. Then, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, who was prefect at the time, suggested in his interpretation that it referred to the 1981 assassination attempt on St John Paul II and he "affirmed that Fatima helps us 'to understand the signs of the times and to find the correct responses for them in the faith,'" said Cardinal Amato.

"The maternal hand that diverted the bullet without killing the pope indicates that an immutable destiny does not exist and that the power of faith and prayer can influence history: prayer is more powerful than bullets," explained Cardinal Amato.

Cardinal Amato said Fatima also reveals the opposition between Mary and the Devil.

"There is the need to recognize the presence and action of evil on people and populations in history," he said. "Humanity is constantly seduced by the opponent of good, which is always ready to make [humanity] fall into the abyss of perdition."

"But the Son of God came precisely to destroy the works of evil," he continued. "And in this fight, Mary, fully involved in the saving work of Christ, cooperates effectively with her divine Son against Satan."

Mary "accompanies the Church and humanity" through history and arouses in the hearts of the faithful "forces for good" that win against the "assaults of men and perverse ideologies".

"In this resides the charisma of Fatima," he said, which he described as "a gift of the Trinity" that allows people and the Church "to become increasingly aware of the struggle of good versus evil and of the inevitable victory of grace over sin".

"The vision of Fatima lifts the veil on the hell that exists on Earth, but it also offers the consoling prophecy of our heavenly home," he concluded.

*In a letter to Cardinal Carlo Caffaro from Sister Lucia - now in the Institute's archives: "The final battle between the Lord and the reign of Satan will be about marriage and the family. Don't be afraid," she added, "because anyone who works for the sanctity of marriage and the family will always be fought and opposed in every way, because this is the decisive issue." And then she concluded: "however, Our Lady has already crushed its head."*

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

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



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On August 13th, shortly before they were to leave for the place where Our Lady appeared, the three children of Fatima were taken away by the civil authorities who tried to cajole or frighten the children into a denial of the apparitions. Finally on the morning of the 15th they were threatened with death in boiling oil. They thought, one after the other, that they were really going to die. But when this terrible threat failed they were set free and returned home.

That afternoon Our Lady appeared to them in a grove not far from their hamlet. As before Lucia asked: "What do you want of me?" Our Lady replied: "I want you to continue to go to the Cova da Iria on the 13th and to continue praying the Rosary every day. In the last month I will perform a miracle so that all may believe.

"What do you want done with the money that the people leave in the Cova da Iria?"

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

"I would like to ask you to cure some sick persons."

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

## Questions

**Is there any special meaning to the two litters:**

Canon Barthas of Toulouse, France, perhaps the greatest of all experts about the Fatima events, believes that they refer to the two International Pilgrim Virgin statues which left Fatima on May 13th and October 13th of 1947 to be carried on litters to Russia, one circling the world from the East and the other from the West. Pope Pius XII, referring to both simply as "the Pilgrim Virgin" said: "It seemed that Our Lady went forth as though to claim Her dominion and the favors She has

performed along the way are such that we can hardly believe what we are seeing with our eyes.

**Was there any other message in August?**

In an interrogation by her pastor shortly after they were released from prison, Lucia said that on August 15th Our Lady told them that because of what had been done to them the miracle in October would not be as great and, if they had been in the Cova on August 13th (at the time they were spirited away by the administrator of Ourem), "they would have seen Saint Joseph with the Child Jesus giving peace to the world, Our Lord blessing the people, Our Lady of the Rosary with an angel on each side and Our Lady surrounded by an

arch of flowers."

**Does this have some special meaning?**

It shows that the evil men do affect us all. It explains the urgent need for reparation today.

**Why did Our Lady describe the vision the children had not seen?**

First, even though the children were not present, and even though the thousands of people in the Cova did not see Her, She was there. Second, part of what they missed on this day they would see on October 13th



## Devotion to the Drops of Blood Lost by Our Lord Jesus Christ on His Way to Calvary

St. Elizabeth, Queen of Hungary, with St. Matilda and St. Bridget, wishing to know something of the Passion of Jesus Christ, offered fervent and special prayers upon which Our Lord revealed to them:

**To all the faithful who shall recite for 3 years each day, 2 Our Fathers, 2 Hail Mary's and 2 Glory Be's in honor of the drops of Blood I lost, I will concede the following 5 graces?**

1. The plenary indulgence and remittance of your sins.
2. You will be free from the pains of Purgatory.
3. If you should die before completing the said 3 years, for you it will be the same as if you had completed them.
4. It will be upon your death the same as if you had shed all your blood for the Holy Faith.
5. I will descend from Heaven to take your soul and that of your relatives, until the fourth generation.

(Blessed by His Holiness Pope Leo XIII in Rome April 5, 1890)

# At Fatima, Portugal why do many people walk on their knees to the Capelina or circle the chapel on their knees?



*They do so, imitating the penance Lucia and all her sisters offered to Our Lady of Fatima in thanksgiving for the cure of their mother.*

In 1918, Lucia's mother, Mario Rosa, fell so seriously ill that the family thought she was dying. All of her children gathered around her bed to receive her last blessing and to kiss her hand. Sister Lucia being the youngest, her turn came last. "When my mother saw me she brightened a little,

flung her arms around my neck and, with a deep sigh exclaimed:"

"My poor daughter, what will become of you without your mother! I am dying with my heart pierced through because of you!"

"My eldest sister forcibly pulled me away from my mother, took me to the kitchen and forbade me to go back to the sick room, saying:"

"Mother is going to die of grief because of all the trouble you've given her!" "I knelt

down, put my head on a bench, and in a distress more bitter than any I had ever known before, I made the offering of my sacrifice to our dear Lord."

"A few minutes later my two older sisters, thinking the case was hopeless, came to me and said:" "Lucia! If it is true that you saw Our Lady, go right now to the Cova da Iria and ask Her to cure our mother. Promise Her whatever you wish and we'll do it, and then we'll believe."

"Without losing a moment I set out. In order not to be seen, reciting the Rosary all the way I made my way across the fields along some by-path. Finally at the Cova I placed my request before Our Lady and unburdened myself of all my sorrow, shedding copious tears. I went home comforted by the hope that my beloved Mother in Heaven would hear my prayer and restore health to my mother on earth. When I reached home my mother was already feeling somewhat better. Three days later she was able to resume her work around the house."

I had promised the most Blessed Virgin that if She granted me what I asked, I would go there for nine days in succession,

together with my sisters, to pray the Rosary and go on our knees from the roadway to the Holm Oak tree...and on the next day we would take nine poor children with us and afterwards give them a meal. We went, then, to fulfill my promise and my mother came with us."

"How strange she said. "Our Lady cured me and somehow I still don't believe" I don't know how this can be."

The pilgrims come to the shrine of Fatima not to worship Christ but rather to pray and express gratitude to Mary. At Fatima, Mary is not generally approached as the idealized chaste virgin, but rather as a down to earth mother figure that understands, deeply loves, and offers assistance to all of our concerns.

"Her Own Words - Memoirs of Sister Lucia"

<sup>1</sup> The cure of Lucia's mother was certainly an answer to prayer. She herself marveled that she had experienced a personal miracle and still could not believe. Certainly God permitted this for what became Lucia's greatest sacrifice.

<sup>2</sup> Because of this promise of Lucia, today hundreds of pilgrims to Fatima make the same penance in fulfillment of a similar promise for a favor asked or already received. To accommodate them a path of marble has been placed from the entrance of the Cova to the place of the apparitions.

## Will Tomorrow Be Too Late?

The Mother of God has visited our earth many times in recent years to warn mankind, through the medium of certain chosen souls, that if penance is not done and the anger of God appeased by prayers and good works, the world will be plunged into a cataclysm such as it has never seen before. Mary pleaded at Lourdes, and again at Fatima, for prayer and sacrifice; she wept at LaSalette for the sins of men and their dread consequences. Certain conditions were at these times provided whereby men could more easily turn to God and with greater surety of forgiveness approach Him. Yet, if these conditions are not fulfilled, Mary will no longer be able to stay the hand of God. The chastisement of the world will then be merely a matter of time.

We have but to look about us to see, clearly enough, that the simple requests of Our Blessed Mother have not been, and are not being carried out. We speak, of course, of the world as a whole. The world is literally steeped in sin and, what is far worse, it is

complacent in its sin. There is little thought for what the future may bring. True, there are many who are doing their best to heed these heavenly warnings. They are living pure and sacrificial lives, becoming saints over sink and stove, in fields and factories, or in the wearisome round of office duties. But how small their number when compared with the thousands who remain unmoved, indifferent!

### Our Lady's Requests

At Fatima in recent times Mary, with tender and motherly concern for the welfare of her children, asked:

1. That we unite in praying the Rosary daily for lasting peace among the nations of the world. We carry in our pocket or purse, often without realizing it, a weapon many times more powerful than a nuclear bomb stock pile. The prayers of Our Lady's Rosary, fervently and reflectively recited, have a power beyond comprehension.

2. That we do penance in earnest to atone for sin, our own sins and those of all the world. What Mary asks is the willing acceptance of the little sacrifices inseparable from the daily fulfillment of the duties of our state of life -- what is more simple, or more heroic?

3. That we practice special devotion to Mary's Immaculate Heart and that we consecrate ourselves, without reservation, to Her. By this means we give glory to God, profess our love for Mary and insure our own sanctification while helping many other souls to serve God better. The consecration, perfectly lived will lead to highest sanctity. At the same time we are fulfilling a specific request of Mary made at Fatima.

### The Time is Now

These are the simple requests which Our Lady made to us. Why do we Catholics do so little? Will it not be to our eternal shame that we, having had in our hands all that was needed to save mankind, yet failed to

do so? Do we not grasp the gravity of the situation? We are as though asleep, while daily, hourly, our civilization and all that we value so highly move toward the chasm. Let us not delude ourselves, saying, "tomorrow there will be time." Tomorrow may be too late. The Rosary you say today may be just the one needed.

Our Lady's requests present a program of life that will carry us personally far on the road to sanctity and, by working a Christ-like transformation in our individual lives, help to transform the world and save the way of life we prize so much. We will, by fulfilling a few simple conditions, bring about the return of a great world power to the feet of Christ and ensure peace to all men. The fear that is everywhere so prevalent will be abolished and the era of peace promised by Our Lady of Fatima will be ours.

# The Brown Scapular

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A glorious assurance of Salvation is Our Lady's Brown Scapular. However, the great mystery of our time is that the great majority of Catholics either ignore or have forgotten the Blessed Virgin Mary's promise: "**Take this Scapular, it shall be a sign of salvation a protection in danger and a pledge of peace. Whosoever dies wearing this Scapular shall not suffer eternal fire.**" Our Lady further said "Wear it devoutly and perseveringly. It is my garment. To be clothed in it means you are continually thinking of me, and I in turn,

am always thinking of you and helping you to secure eternal life."

To obtain the fullest possible benefits from the Brown Scapular devotion, one must be validly enrolled in the Brown Scapular by a priest or Deacon. Once you have been officially enrolled, subsequent scapulars do not need to be blessed. The original blessing remains with you for life.

During the Scapular Anniversary celebration in Rome, Pope Pius XII told a very large audience to wear the Brown Scapular as a sign of consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Our Lady asked for this consecration in the last apparition at Fatima, when She appeared as Our Lady of Mount Carmel, holding the Brown Scapular out to the whole world. It was Her last loving appeal to souls to wear Her Scapular as a sign of Consecration to Her Immaculate Heart. Sixteen Popes have written about the Brown Scapular or indulgenced it. Next to the Rosary, it is the most highly indulgenced sacramental in the Church.

We should even give the Scapular to non-Catholics as Our Lady will bring conversions to those who will wear it and say one Hail Mary each day.

The devils revealed to Francis of Yepes, the brother of St John of the Cross that three things especially tormented them. The first is the **NAME OF JESUS**, the second, the **NAME OF MARY**; and third, **THE BROWN SCAPULAR OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL**. "Take off that habit," they cried to him, "which snatches too many souls from us. All those clothed in it die piously and escape us."

The scapular must be worn on the shoulders in such a manner that one part hangs in front of the body and the other in back. Worn in any other way, it carries no indulgence or promise."

## The Sabbatine Privilege

The Sabbatine Privilege is based on the Papal Bull issued on March 3, 1322 by Pope John XXII. This Privilege was approved and confirmed by many popes including St. Pius V. It essentially says that those who wear the Scapular and fulfill two other conditions can obtain early liberation from Purgatory, through the special intercession of the Virgin Mary. It promises freedom from purgatory soon after death, especially on the first Saturday.

### The other two conditions are:

- 1) Observe chastity according to one's state in life, and
- 2) Recite the Little Office of Our Blessed Mother or the Holy Rosary.

Our Lady revealed to Venerable Dominic of Jesus and Mary: "Although many wear my Scapular, only a few fulfill conditions for the Sabbatine Privilege." A soul from Purgatory was asked by a Sister: "What is the average stay of the souls in Purgatory?" The Poor Soul answered: "From thirty to forty years!" Can you see the importance of making Our Lady's Privilege known—if you consider that the flames are the same as the fires of Hell!

## Scapular Act Of Consecration

O My Mother and loving Queen of Carmel, as I behold you in the skies of Fatima holding forth the great gift of your Scapular, my heart is overwhelmed. What return shall I make for so great of a gift, with your promise of Heaven and your own mantle to protect me and keep you near!

I desire in return, dear Mother and Queen, that my heart be yours: yes, forever yours. Forsake me not my Mother! Remember that through your holy Scapular you have made me your special child. Help me to sanctify every act of my day with a sincere desire to please God under the protection of your Mantle and in the light shining from your sorrowful and Immaculate Heart.

## Merciful God, Save America

Merciful God, we cry to Thee for pardon and Mercy.

We are "an unbelieving and perverse generation."

We are disobedient, disloyal and ungrateful to Thee.

We have excluded Thee from our homes, our schools, and our business places.

We are no longer worthy to be called Thy children.

But, Merciful God, spare America, forgive us!

Save us from the scourge which we have deserved.

Teach us Thy law, and move our wills to serve Thee

henceforth. Merciful God, spare America.

Our Lady of Fatima  
Pray for us!

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### 2015-2016

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November	New York
January	Open
February	Open
March	(Tentative)
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