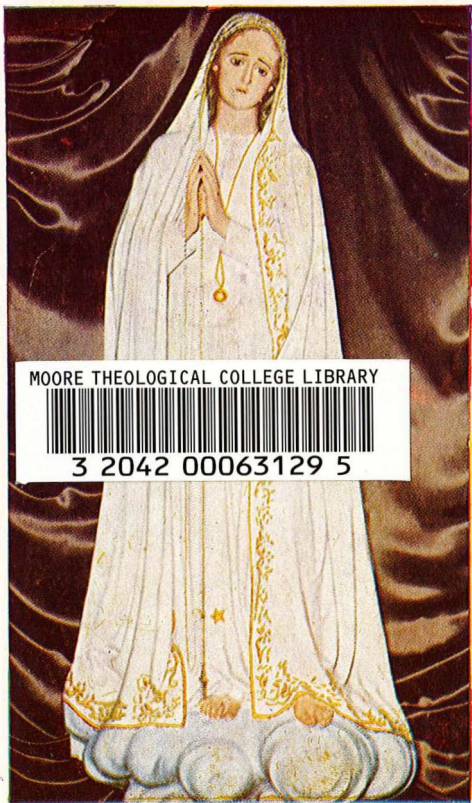


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INTRODUCTION

The year 1917 is one of the most important in the History of the Church and will ever be recorded as such. For on the 13th May of that year the Blessed Virgin appeared to three children tending their flocks on the rocky slopes of Fatima in Portugal. She gave them the weapons by which the forces of evil might be overcome and men brought back to the service of God. These weapons are especially effective against Atheistic Communism which reared its ugly head in the October revolution of the same year.

The full story of the apparitions of Fatima, six in number and occurring on the thirteenth of each month from May to October, 1917, may be read in any of the many booklets and pamphlets that have been written on the subject and which are procurable at all Catholic Stores. It is sufficient to note here that the recipients of the heavenly message were three peasant children—Lucia de Santos, aged ten, and her two cousins, Jacinta and Francisco Marto, aged nine and seven respectively. Their claim to have seen the Blessed Virgin was substantiated by an extraordinary phenomenon known as the Miracle of the Sun, witnessed by seventy thousand

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people, and consisting of the sun spinning in the heavens like a giant catherine-wheel and sending out shafts of coloured light all over the countryside.

Now what was the message these children said they received from Our Lady of Fatima? It was that men should do penance for their sins, be devoted to her Immaculate Heart, say the Rosary, and receive Holy Communion by way of reparation on five consecutive First Saturdays.

The Novena conducted each week in this Church gives the faithful the opportunity they seek of complying with the first three requirements of this message.

PENANCE.

In each apparition, Our Lady insistently emphasised penance.

"I have come to warn the faithful to amend their lives and ask pardon for their sins. Men must not continue to offend Our Lord, already so keenly offended."

Little Jacinta remarked, "Oh, if men only knew what Eternity is, how they would amend their lives! The sins of the world are too great. The sins which lead most men to hell are sins of

the flesh. Oh, men must do penance. If they amend their lives God will pardon the world, but if they do not, punishment will come."

Do I keep God's commandments in my state of life? If not, I am putting off by just that much, the fulfilment of Mary's ultimatum at Fatima . . . do penance.

THE ROSARY.

The Rosary is an antidote to the spirit of a godless world. The Rosary has saved the world in the past. It has preserved the Faith. It is Mary's own prayer. At each apparition, she requested that all say the Rosary. "You must say the Rosary every day, adding after each decade . . . 'Oh my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fire of hell, and bring all souls to Heaven, especially those who most need Thy mercy'."

In the Rosary we recall Mary's dignity as the Mother of God. We see how Jesus Christ suffered and died to redeem our souls. We hail the risen Christ Who has won Heaven for us; and we implore His Mother, as the crowned Queen of Heaven, to bring us safely to Him.

The Rosary is within the reach of everyone. It is a prayer that even the simplest child can

say, and when said in the family circle each evening it must bring God's blessings on the home and keep the family safe from the evils of the world.

DEVOTION TO MARY'S IMMACULATE HEART.

On 31st October, 1942, on the occasion of the solemn closing of the jubilee celebrations in honour of the apparitions at Fatima, Pope Pius XII consecrated the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Is this sufficient? No. Christians individually and collectively should re-echo the Holy Father's voice by a similar consecration of their homes and their families to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Let all have devotion to her, have her picture enthroned in the home, and invoke the Immaculate Heart of Mary daily. Our Lady said, "When my Immaculate Heart triumphs, the world will have peace."

COMMUNION OF REPARATION ON FIVE CONSECUTIVE FIRST SATURDAYS.

Regarding this devotion, Our Lady said, "I promise to assist at the hour of death, with graces necessary for salvation, all those who, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, confess their sins, receive Holy Communion, recite the Rosary and keep me company for a

quarter of an hour while meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of offering me reparation."

THE ORDER OF THE NOVENA EXERCISES

1. The Rosary.

JOYFUL MYSTERIES (Annunciation, Visitation, Nativity, Presentation, Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple).

SORROWFUL MYSTERIES (Prayer and Agony of Our Lord in the Garden, Scourging of Jesus at the Pillar, Crowning of Jesus with thorns, Jesus carries His Cross, Crucifixion and Death of Our Lord).

GLORIOUS MYSTERIES (Resurrection, Ascension, Descent of the Holy Ghost, Assumption, Crowning of the Blessed Virgin).

PRAYER AFTER EACH DECADE:—

"Oh my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fire of hell, and bring all souls to Heaven, especially those who most need Thy mercy."

2. PRAYER FOR OUR HOLY FATHER:—

"May the Lord preserve him, and give him life, and make him blessed upon the earth,

and deliver him not up to the will of his enemies."

Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory be to the Father (for the intentions of His Holiness).

3. RECOMMENDATIONS:—

- (a) Holy Mass and Communion on at least one other day besides Sunday during each of the nine weeks of the Novena.
- (b) Visit our Blessed Lady's altar in the Church and spend a short time there in prayer of petition or thanksgiving.
- (c) Put written petitions or Acknowledgments of Favours received in the box provided for this purpose. (These intentions will be remembered at every Mass said in the Church.)

4. SHORT EXHORTATION FROM THE DIRECTOR OF THE NOVENA (five minutes).

5. PRAYER TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY:—

"O Mary, Lady of the Rosary / we humbly prostrate ourselves before thy Altar / to offer thee our love and affection / and to renew the consecration of ourselves and of all that we have to thee.

"O Immaculate Heart of Mary, refuge of the human race / ever mindful of thy powerful intercession / we fly with confidence to thy motherly protection / in this, humanity's most perilous hour. / Shield us, we beseech thee, from the forces of Atheistic Communism / that are striving to destroy the love and the ideals of Christ / in the hearts and lives of men. / Shower down upon us in these days of fear and anxiety / the great blessing of peace—peace in our hearts, in our homes, and in our country. / We beseech thee likewise to obtain for us our own personal requests in this Novena (pause to mention them).

"Grant us the grace, dearest Mother, to imitate thee / to become more like thee in the practice of charity, purity, humility, meekness and patience. / Help us to follow faithfully through life the counsels of prayer and penance, for which you pleaded so earnestly at Fatima. / Draw us ever closer, O Immaculate Mother, to the Heart of Jesus and to thy heart. / Then safe in Heaven we will pour forth eternally to thee our praise, gratitude and love. Amen.

BLESSING OF THE SICK (as given at
Fatima).

Lord, we adore Thee!
Lord, we trust in Thee!
Lord, we love Thee!
Hosanna, Hosanna, to the Son of David!
Blessed is He Who cometh in the name of
the Lord
Thou art Jesus, Son of the Living God!
Thou art my Lord and my God!
Let us adore forever the most Holy Sacra-
ment! (3 times).
Lord, we believe in Thee, but increase our
Faith!
Thou art the resurrection and the life!
Save us, Jesus, or we perish!
Lord, if you wilt, Thou canst make me whole!
Lord, say but one word and I shall be healed!
Lord of the afflicted, help us!
Lord, Son of Mary, have mercy on us!
Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us!
Sacred Heart of Jesus, I trust in Thee!
Spare, O Lord, spare Thy people, and be not
angry with us forever (3 times).
My God, incline unto our aid, make haste to
help us.
Lord, he whom Thou lovest is sick.

Lord, make me see.
Lord, make me walk.
Lord, make me hear.
Mother of the Redeemer, pray for us.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us
sinners.
Health of the sick, pray for us.
Show us that Thou art our Mother, and may
He Who took human nature from thee and
was born for us, receive our prayers
through thy intercession.
Queen of the most Holy Rosary, pray for us.
O Mary, Comforter of the afflicted, pray
for us.
Most Holy Mary, my Mother, have pity on us.
Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima, give us
health for the love of God and for the
glory of the Most Holy Trinity.
Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima, convert
sinners.
Health of the sick, pray for us.
Help of the suffering, pray for us.
O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us
who have recourse to thee.
Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima, save us!

7. THE MEMORARE.
Remember, O Most Gracious Virgin Mary,
/ that never was it known / that anyone who

fled to thy protection, / implored thy help,
/ or sought thy intercession / was left un-
aided. / Inspired with this confidence, / I
fly 'unto thee, O Virgin of Virgins, my
Mother; / to thee I come / before thee I
stand, / sinful and sorrowful; / O Mother
of the Word Incarnate, / despise not my
petitions; / but in thy mercy, / hear and
answer me. Amen.

8. BENEDICTION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

O SALUTARIS HOSTIA.

O Salutaris Hostia,
Quæ coeli pandis ostium;
Bella premunt hostilia,
Da robur, fer auxilium.

Uni trinoque Domino,
Sit sempiterna gloria;
Qui vitam sine termino,
Nobis donet in patria. Amen.

Prayer for the Conversion of Australia:—

O God, Who has appointed Mary, help of
Christians, St Francis Xavier, and St. Teresa
of the Infant Jesus, Patrons of Australia,
grant that through their intercession our
brethren outside the Church may receive
the light of faith, so that Australia may
become one in faith under one Shepherd.
Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Mary, Help of Christians, pray for us.

St. Francis Xavier, pray for us.

St. Teresa of the Infant Jesus, pray for us.

TANTUM, ERGO, SACRAMENTUM.

Tantum, ergo, Sacramentum,
veneremur cernui,
Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui;
Praestet fides supplementum
Sensuum defectui.

Genitori, Genitoque,
Laus et jubilatio;
Salus, honor, virtus quoque
Sit et benedictio;
Procedenti ab utroque
Compar sit laudatio. Amen.

V. Panem de caelo praestitisti eis.
(T.P. Alleluja.)

R. Omne delectamentum in se habentem.
(T.P. Alleluja.)

LET US PRAY.

O God, Who in this wonderful Sacrament has left us a memorial of Thy Passion, grant us we beseech Thee, so to reverence the sacred mysteries of Thy Body and Blood, that we may continually find in us the fruit of Thy redemption. Who livest and reignest, world without end. Amen.

THE DIVINE PRAISES.

Blessed be God.
Blessed be His Holy Name.
Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.
Blessed be the Name of Jesus.
Blessed be His Most Sacred Heart.
Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.
Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary Most Holy.
Blessed be her Holy and Immaculate Conception.
Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.
Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse.
Blessed be God in His Angels and in His Saints.

Adoremus in aeternum Sanctissimum Sacramentum.

Laudate Dominum omnes gentes; laudate eum omnes populi.

Quoniam confirmata est super nos misericordia ejus; et veritas Domini manet in aeternum.

Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto.

Sic erat in principio, et nunc et Semper et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

O sanctissima, O purissima,
Dulcis Virgo Maria,
Mater amata, intemerata
Ora, ora pro nobis.

HYMN TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA.

O come to the throne of Grace,
O come to the heart most pure,
To Mary, our hope, of life,
In whom salvation is sure.

Chorus: O Lady of Fatima, Hail,
Immaculate Mother of Grace,
O pray for us, help us to-day,
Thou hope of the human race.
Immaculate Heart we kneel,
To consecrate all to thee;
Thou present, its pain and joy,
Thou future, all it may be. (Chorus.)

CONCLUSION.

Our Blessed Lady has appeared to the world on many occasions to help the Church and her children against their enemies. Now again, in our age, with the Communist movement towards world domination in full swing, she has appeared to warn us that this terrible "intrinsic evil" (Pope Pius XI) can be overcome and true peace restored to the world only by prayer (especially the Rosary) and Penance. Let us then be wise. Let us heed her message without delay and so merit her protection against the danger that threatens us. Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima, Seat of Wisdom. Pray for us!



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