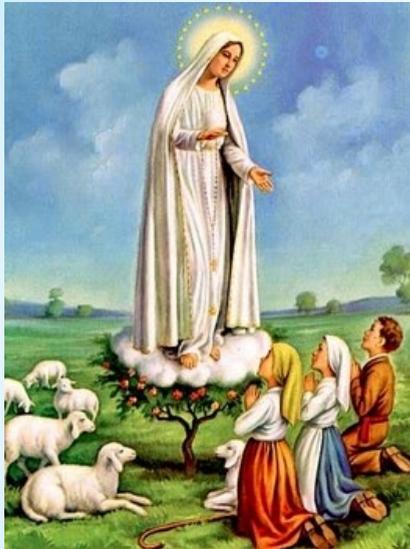




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"The Lord has confided the Peace of the World to the Immaculate Heart of Mary"- Dr Christopher Dias,

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This October we will be celebrating 100 yrs of Our Lady's final apparition at Fatima and 23 yrs since Our Lady began appearing in Batim, Goa. Through these years there have been an increase in the number of devotees who come to Batim in response to the call of Mother Mary thus fulfilling her requests at Fatima: **to pray the Rosary daily, to offer reparation to her Immaculate Heart for the sins of the mankind, to observe the First Saturday Devotions, and to obtain through her intercession the conversion of the World and World Peace.**

With the threat of another World War at our door step, never before has the message of peace given by Our Lady at Fatima been more dearer to us !

The Message of Fatima has been put to the forefront with the Holy Father canonizing the two Fatima Children, Francisco and Jacinta – earlier in May 2017.

In the disclosure of the 'three Fatima Secrets', we see a Mother who comes to comfort, encourage and heal her children. She comes as an anxious Mother pleading us to repent. Finally, she offers her Immaculate Heart as refuge from the dangers that threaten, and as the place where we can best learn to do the Father's will.

While the world grapples with World Peace, Our Blessed Mother presents to us Heaven's Peace Plan. Are we so removed from God's will that we fail to recognise Heavens solution for these times? Having put God aside we seem confident of achieving world peace and removing the threats of war. ***"Ask them to plead for peace from the Immaculate Heart of Mary, for the Lord has confided the peace of the world to Her."*** Our Lady's message at Fatima.

On, 25th March, 2014, Feast of the Assumption, Our Lady gives us the following message at Batim: ***"Pray, pray , pray many Holy Rosaries of great importance in these moments. Men continue to offend God and the cry of so many oppressed, innocent Souls have come up to God Our FATHER. If you do not pray, I will no longer be able to hold The Hand Of God, from bringing down His wrath to annihilate Nations."***

"There is confusion and distress over all the Earth, Creature and creation are growing in pain like a mother groans and cries when she is about to give birth. Know and understand, the threat of World War III is not far. Pray beloved children pray, pray that this must not come to be....."

".....Beloved children, you are at the threshold of World War Three, yet I can help if you will pray The Holy Rosary, even this course can be changed through the power of The Holy Rosary....There is no peace in your hearts, there is no peace in your families, there is no peace in the World for there is no prayer and there is no Adoration and Reverence for 'JESUS' in The Blessed Sacrament."

As we commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Fatima, this 13th October the month of the Holy Rosary, let us remember the Message of Our Lady of Fatima who promised that the whole world would be in peace, and that many souls would go to Heaven if Her requests were listened to and obeyed.

If we obey Our Lady's requests given at Fatima – and again reiterated at Batim – closer to us, she promised ***"victory over evil and an era of peace for the world ,the final triumph over Satan, the triumph of Our Lady's Immaculate Heart"***.

So much importance did Jesus give to his Blessed Mother that He through the Apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima wished to establish in the world devotion to Her Immaculate Heart". Our Lord Himself told Sr. Lucia ***" I very ardently desire the propagation of the cult and devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, because that Heart is the magnet which***

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THE SPIRITUAL MEANING OF OUR LADY'S SEPTEMBER APPARITION

“I will cure some but not others” - By Father Andrew Apostoli, CFR



Fifth
Fatima Apparition
September 13, 1917

Among the things Our Lady mentioned in her September apparition to the children was a reference to healings of the sick and infirm. When Lucia asked the Blessed Mother to heal

certain persons, Our Lady answered, “I will cure some but not others.”

As we reflect on Our Lady's words, we spontaneously ask ourselves, “Why some or why not others?” We should ask, first of all, where did suffering, sickness and infirmity come from? The Catholic Church's answer is that they are, in general, the effects of original sin. Before their sin, our first parents enjoyed a freedom from all forms of physical suffering, as well as from ignorance, disordered passion (called concupiscence) and even death itself. As a result of their fall, they lost these freedoms for themselves and for us too. Consequently, suffering entered into human history. Suffering may take the form of disastrous events in nature such as earthquakes, tornados or drought. Most times, it is experienced in personal forms such as accidents, cancer or other illness.

When suffering comes our way, it is always related to God's will. Either He wants it to happen or He at least permits it to happen, but always for His own purpose. This purpose may be to convert someone back from a life of sin.

How many people turn to God during times of disaster or personal difficulties who otherwise forget Him? Sometimes suffering is meant to purify a good person from the remnants of their sinful habits. As G.K. Chesterton once said, “It is good for a Christian to get into a lot of hot water; it keeps him clean!” Or God may even send suffering to certain people who bear these sufferings heroically in union with Jesus for the salvation of souls. Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta did this with the sufferings God sent them.

“They must amend their lives.”

Many times when people are suffering, they ask God to take their sufferings away. Sometimes He does, sometimes He does not. We cannot understand all the workings of God's mysterious will, but we can gain some insights from

Our Lady and sacred Scripture. In the October apparition when Lucia asked her again for cures, Our Lady replied, "Some yes, but not others. They must amend their lives and ask forgiveness for their sins."

The Gospels show us that sometimes suffering is directly connected with sin. For example, after Jesus healed a man at the side of a pool who had been paralyzed for 38 years, He told him, "You have been made well! Do not sin any more, so that nothing worse happens to you" (Jn 5:14). Maybe this was also the reason why Jesus first forgave the sins of another paralyzed man who was brought to Him by his companions before He healed him of his paralysis (Mt 9:2-8).

We may conclude that the presence of unrepented mortal sins in the hearts of certain individuals could be one reason why God does not cure some people of their illnesses. After all, God listens to those who listen to Him! Perhaps some who sought cures at Fatima were refused because their hearts still clung to sin, thus remaining far from God.

Now, not all sufferings are directly resultant from sin. This is clear from Our Lord's words about the man born blind (Jn 9:1 ff). When Jesus' disciples had seen this man, they asked Our Lord, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" (The Pharisees taught the preposterous idea that an unborn infant can sin in the womb of his or her mother. At the same time, it was commonly held that if parents sinned, God sometimes punished them by inflicting infirmity on their children.) Jesus responded, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him." This blind man did, in fact, receive his sight from Jesus because he believed in Him!

Faith needed for cures

Faith is probably the greatest factor in the case of cures. Faith, which places trust in God's goodness, moves the Lord to exercise His power to help us. St. Therese put it this way, "We will get from the Lord what we expect!" The Canaanite woman, who persevered in her petitioning the Lord's mercy, received the miraculous healing she requested: "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you have believed." And her daughter was healed instantly (Mt. 15:28). St. Paul cured a crippled man at Lystra who was listening intently to him preach when the saint observed that the man "had the faith to be healed" (Acts 14:9).

Lack of faith is a major obstacle to the grace of healing. It is recorded in the Gospel that Jesus, when He had returned to His hometown of Nazareth, "did

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Enthroned Jesus and Mary in your home

By Kristin Stravinsky

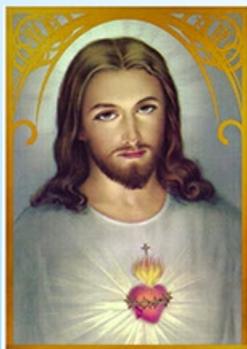
For the 100-year celebration of Our Lady of Fatima this year, I cannot think of a more special way to celebrate than to have your home enthroned to the Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart. The hidden graces and blessings that flow from having this done are immeasurable and there is no greater protection for your family than Jesus' most loving Sacred Heart and Mary's Immaculate Heart.

Throughout the Fatima message, the two Hearts of Jesus and Mary are promoted together and Jesus made it clear to Sister Lucia that he wanted devotion to the Immaculate Heart placed alongside devotion to His Sacred Heart.

The first to speak of this was the Angel of Peace in the spring of 1916: "The Hearts of Jesus and Mary are attentive to the voice of your supplications." The Angel speaks again in the summer of 1916: "The Holy Hearts of Jesus and Mary have merciful designs for you." Again in the fall of 1916, he dictates a prayer that, in part, says: "And through the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary I beg of Thee the conversion of sinners."

Jesus and Mary are at the heart of the message of Fatima and they are inviting you to answer their gentle call of welcoming them into your home.

In my work as the home enthronement national coordinator for the World Apostolate of Fatima, the testimonies of people who have had their homes enthroned witness to the power of this devotion.



Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, come live in my heart.

Here's a story shared by a wife and mother: "I recently had my home enthroned. I decided to do this after my husband and I had some serious marital issues. He had left me, partly because he felt like he was under a spiritual attack, feeling like something in this house was tormenting him, and he was drinking more and

more, which made everything worse. For months we lived apart and talked about getting divorced. Anytime I talked to him or saw him, it was like he wasn't the man I had married. I prayed a lot while we were apart, him living an hour away, and me at my mom's place. Eventually in January, he said he wanted to work on the marriage, and a few months later we moved back into my house. I decided to have the home enthronement because I was afraid, not of evil spirits in my house, but of him leaving again.

If anyone was under attack, it was him. So I hoped that if the house was blessed, it would keep the negative energies away. So I set up the appointment, even though my husband didn't want me to. We argued quite a bit about this; my husband's feelings about religion and mine differ a lot. But when they came out and blessed the house, he changed his mind about whether it was a good idea or not. He said to me after it was over, "When everyone was praying, I felt a cold draft come out of the basement, smelled a foul odor, as something went past me. It was like something was leaving." He also apologized for the hard time he had given me and said, "You were right" — three words I never heard before and will probably never hear again. "The house feels different now, lighter, like someone opened the curtains and let the light in."

Please prayerfully consider this one-hour celebration in your home with a priest who will conduct the ceremony. May your home become a domestic church with the Hearts of Jesus and Mary at your side.

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not do many deeds of power there because of their unbelief" (Mt 13:58). No doubt, there were many sick and suffering in Nazareth who needed to be cured, but their lack of faith in Jesus prevented His divine power from working freely!

At Fatima on Oct. 13, 1917, there were many atheistic Masons and government officials as well as skeptics who simply did not believe Our Lady was truly appearing. The presence of their disbelief actually diminished the magnificence of the "miracle of the sun." Their hearts were closed. Some of these persons were, no doubt, among those people who did not experience the miraculous cures Our Lady wanted to obtain for them, but they did not believe.

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THE SIXTH APPARITION: OCTOBER 13th, 1917 APPARITION

By Vincent J.Covello

When Our Lady appeared to the three children in August 1917, she stated, "In October I will perform a miracle so that all may believe."

October Apparition:

Lucia relates that on Oct. 13, "We left home quite early, expecting that we would be delayed along the way. Masses of people thronged the roads. The rain fell in torrents. My mother, her heart torn with uncertainty as to what was going to happen, and fearing it would be the last day of my life, wanted to accompany me.

"On the way, the scenes of the previous month, still more numerous and moving, were repeated. Not even the muddy roads could prevent these people from kneeling in the most humble and suppliant of attitudes. We reached the holm oak in the Cova da Iria.

Once there, moved by an interior impulse, I asked the people to shut their umbrellas and say the Rosary. A little later, we saw the flash of light, and then Our Lady appeared on the holm oak.

"What do you want of me?" I asked. "I want to tell you that a chapel is to be built here in my honor. I am the Lady of the Rosary. Continue always to pray the Rosary every day. The war is going to end, and the soldiers will soon return to their homes.

"... Looking very sad, Our Lady said: Do not offend the Lord our God any more, because He is already so much offended.

"Then, opening her hands, she made them reflect on the sun, and as she ascended, the reflection of her own light continued to be projected on the sun itself." Lucia then directed the crowd to look at the sun.

"... After Our Lady had disappeared into the immense distance of the firmament, we beheld St. Joseph with the Child Jesus and Our Lady robed in white with a blue mantle, beside the sun. St. Joseph and the Child Jesus appeared to bless the world, for they traced the sign of the cross with their hands. When a little later, this apparition disappeared, I saw Our Lord and Our Lady; it seemed to me that it was Our Lady of Dolors. Our Lord appeared to bless the world in the same manner as St. Joseph had done. This apparition also vanished, and I saw Our Lady once more, this time resembling Our Lady of Carmel."

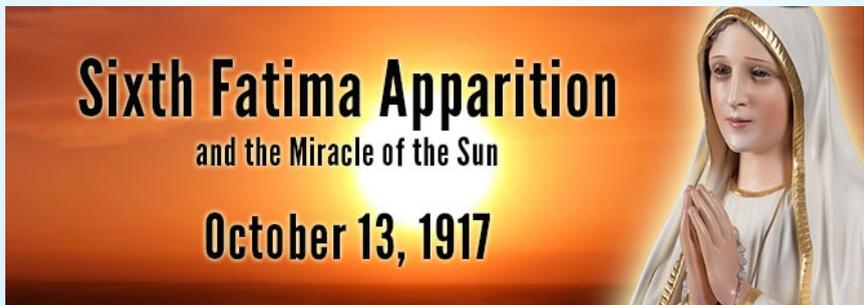
THE MIRACLE OF THE SUN

While the children were watching the apparitions, the crowd saw something

completely different. Our Lady had said a miracle would occur on Oct. 13. This is the only time a known miracle has been witnessed, that was predicted for a specific time and place and actually occurred exactly as predicted. What has been described as the miracle of the sun is described by an eyewitness, one Mary Allen:

“As we approached the hillside upon which the appearances were supposed to have taken place, I saw a sea of people. (Some newspapers said there were 70,000 people there). I didn’t count, but it was more people than I have ever seen in my life, even to this day.”

“We had just arrived there when suddenly my attention was drawn by a sudden bright light from the heavens, lighting up the whole countryside. Suddenly the rain ceased, the clouds separated and I saw a large sun, brighter than the sun, yet I could look at it without hurting my eyes, as if it were only the moon. This sun began to get larger and larger, brighter and brighter until the whole heavens seemed more brilliantly lighted than I have ever seen it. Then the sun started spinning and shooting streams of light, which changed to all colors of the rainbow.



“At the same time, it started getting bigger and bigger in the sky as though it were headed directly for us, as though it were falling on the earth. Everyone was frightened. We all thought it was the end of the world. Everyone threw themselves on their knees praying and screaming the Act of Contrition. Suddenly, the sun stopped spinning and returned to its place in the sky. Everyone started shouting: ‘Miracle. This is a miracle.’ Just then I noticed that both the ground and my clothes were bone dry. Everyone seemed to rush forward to see the children. Unfortunately, I was only able to see them at a distance.”

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TAKING OUR WOUNDS TO THE EUCHARIST

- By Fr Ron Rolheiser, OMI

Recently a man came to me, asking for help. He carried some deep wounds, not physical wounds, but emotional wounds to his soul. What surprised me initially was that, while he was deeply wounded, he had not been severely traumatized either in childhood or adulthood. He seemed to have just had to absorb the normal bumps and bruises that everyone has to absorb: some belittling, some bullying, never being the favorite, dissatisfaction with his own body, unfairness within his family and siblings, career frustration, unfairness in his workplace, the sense of being chronically ignored, the sense of never being understood and appreciated, and the self-pity and lack of self-confidence that results from this.

But he was a sensitive man and the combination of all these seemingly little things left him, now in late mid-life, unable to be the gracious, happy Elder he wanted to be. Instead, by his own admission, he was chronically caught-up in a certain wounded self-absorption, namely, in a self-centered anxiety that brought with it the sense that life had not been fair to him. Consequently he was forever somewhat focused on self-protection and was resentful of those who could step forward openly in self-confidence and love. "I hate it," he shared, "when I see persons like Mother Teresa and Pope John Paul speak so with such easy self-confidence about how big their hearts are. I always fill with resentment and think: 'Lucky you!' You haven't had to put up with what I've had to put up with in life!"

This man had been through some professional therapy that had helped bring him to a deeper self-understanding, but still left him paralyzed in terms of moving beyond his wounds. "What can I do with these wounds?" he asked.



My answer to him, as for all of us who are wounded, is: Take those wounds to the Eucharist. Every time you go to a Eucharist, stand by an altar, and receive communion, bring your helplessness and paralysis to God, ask him to touch your body, your heart, your memory, your bitterness, your lack of self-confidence, your self-absorption, your weaknesses, your impotence. Bring your aching body and heart to God. Express your helplessness in simple, humble words:

Touch me. Take my wounds. Take my paranoia. Make me whole. Give me forgiveness. Warm my heart. Give me the strength that I cannot give myself.

Pray this prayer, not just when you are receiving communion and being physically touched by the body of Christ, but especially during the Eucharistic prayer because it is there that we are not just being touched and healed by a person, Jesus, but we are also being touched and healed by a sacred event. This is the part of the Eucharist we generally do not understand, but it is the part of the Eucharist that celebrates transformation and healing from wound and sin. In the Eucharist prayer we commemorate the “sacrifice” of Jesus, that is, that event where, as Christian tradition so enigmatically puts it, Jesus was made sin for us. There is a lot in that cryptic phrase. In essence, in his suffering and death, Jesus took on our wounds, our weaknesses, our infidelities, and our sins, died in them, and then through love and trust brought them to wholeness.

Every time we go to Eucharist we are meant to let that transforming event touch us, touch our wounds, our weaknesses, our infidelities, our sin, and our emotional paralysis and bring us to a transformation in wholeness, energy, joy, and love.

The Eucharist is the ultimate healer. There is, I believe, a lot of value in various kinds of physical and emotional therapies, just there is immeasurable value in 12-Step programs and in simply honestly sharing our wounded selves with people we trust. There is too, I believe, value in a certain willful self-effort, in the challenge contained in Jesus’ admonition to a paralyzed man: Take up your couch and walk! We should not allow ourselves to be paralyzed by hypersensitivity and self-pity. God has given us skin to cover our rawest nerves.

But, with that being admitted, we still cannot heal ourselves. Therapy, self-understanding, loving friends, and disciplined self-effort can take us only so far, and it is not into full healing. Full healing comes from touching and being touched by the sacred. More particularly, as Christians, we believe that this touching involves a touching of the sacred at that place where it has most particularly touched our own wounds, helplessness, weaknesses, and sin, that place, where God “was made sin for us”. That place is the event of the death and rising of Jesus and that event is made available to us, to touch and enter into, in the Eucharistic prayer and in receiving the body of Christ in communion.

We need to bring our wounds to the Eucharist because it is there that the sacred love and energy that lie at the ground of all that breathes can cauterize and heal all that is not whole within us



100 YEARS OF THE MATERNAL PROTECTION OUR LADY OF FATIMA: MESSAGE OF PRAYER, PENANCE AND PEACE

By Dr Celcio Dias, International Secretary of the World Apostolate of Fatima, www.WorldFatimaTv.org

INTRODUCTION: Fatima is a Message of Peace brought to humanity by three great communicators who were less than 13 years old. The World can Hope for Peace. [1]



CHRISTIAN MUST BE MARIAN: No other creature ever basked in the light of God's face as did Mary; She in turn gave a human face to the Son of the Eternal Father. Now we can contemplate Her in the succession of Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful and Glorious moments of Her life,

which we revisit in our recitation of the Rosary. With Christ and Mary, we abide in God. Indeed, **if we want to be Christian, we must be Marian**; in a word, we have to acknowledge the essential, vital and providential relationship uniting Our Lady to Jesus, a relationship that opens before us the way leading to Him. [2]

INVITATION AND FOREWARNING: Our Lady of Fatima invites us once again to turn to **prayer, penance, and conversion**. She asks us to never offend God again. She forewarns all humanity about the necessity of abandoning oneself to God, the source of Love and Mercy.[3] Our Lady foretold, and **warned** us about, a way of life that is godless and indeed profanes God in His creatures. Such a life – frequently proposed and imposed – risks **leading to hell**. Mary came to remind us that God's light dwells within us and protects us, for, as, “*the child [of the woman] was snatched away and taken to God*” (Rev 12:5). [4]

GOD'S LIGHT: We can take as our examples Saint Francisco and Saint Jacinta, whom the Virgin Mary introduced into the immense ocean of God's Light and taught to **Adore Him**. That was the source of their strength in overcoming opposition and suffering. [5] In 1916, God prepared the shepherd children by sending them a **celestial messenger, the Angel of Peace, Catechist of Fatima**. This Angel taught them **prayers**, the sense of reverence before God's presence, the value of time: make good use of it, offering of one's life, the Sanctification of our daily duties, the supernatural value of suffering and its fruits of **peace**. Finally, the Angel focused on the **most profound esteem for the Eucharist**, how to make Reparation to the Most Holy Trinity through the Eucharist and Christ's real presence in the Eucharist and the fruit of

reparation: **the conversion of poor sinners.** School, Catechism children and youngsters do this **Reparatory Adoration** for goodness to triumph over modern day evils.

GOD'S WISHES: 1) COMMUNION OF REPARATION OF FIRST SATURDAYS known as the **Great Promise of the Immaculate Heart of Mary** blessed by five tremendous Graces from heaven: (1) Grace of final perseverance; (2) conversion of many sinners; (3) salvation of many souls; (4) peace of the world; (5) unity and strength of the Universal Church against inner dissensions opposing the Magisterium of Peter.

This "**Forgotten part of the Message of Fatima**" is the essential condition missing to obtain the definitive Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, when devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary is spread throughout the world and the Immaculate Heart of Mary is venerated alongside with the Sacred Heart of Jesus by the Universal Church. [6] On June 13, 1912, Pope Pius X gave a **plenary indulgence** to the faithful who performed "some special exercises of devotion on the First Saturday of the month in reparation to the Blessed Virgin Mary Immaculate."

This is done on the First Saturday of Five consecutive months, with the intention of making Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, we confess and receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary, and keep company with Our Lady for fifteen minutes while meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary. There are Five kinds of **offences and blasphemies**: against the Immaculate Conception; against Her Virginity; against Her Divine Maternity; those who openly seek to Foster in the Hearts of children indifference or even hatred for this Immaculate Mother and the offences of those who directly outrage Her in Holy Images. Each of the Five Saturdays corresponds to a specific offence. In this way, we can help remove the thorns from Our Lady's Heart. This Devotion dissolves the **attacks on families**, which is the final battle for the human heart and the family now, offering life and peace.

CHRISTIAN CHARITY: We can ask Our Lady to apply the promise to a particular soul for each set of Five First Saturdays. If we continue this life long, so many would benefit. This is Christian Charity as we are members of the Mystical body of Christ.

2) CONSECRATION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY: We must Consecrate ourselves or Entrust those in most need of God's Mercy to the Immaculate Heart of Mary: (1) to prevent the loss of faith and morals among the faithful in our days, this is part of the Fatima prophecy; (2) to atone for the sins of the society of our time; (3) to bring down on the Church the special Marian protection given to those "favoured disciples of Jesus," like John the Apostle, who was closer to the Heart of His Master and Redeemer and who received Mary as Spiritual Mother at the foot of the Cross. We must become

other John's. This must be done frequently on special Marian feast days and even daily. Many Popes have done this. The **Brown Scapular** is a sign of this Consecration.

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY FOR GRACE AND PEACE: God gives Graces through the immaculate Heart of Mary. We must ask Grace from Her. We must plead for Peace from the Immaculate Heart of Mary, for the Lord has confided the Peace of the world to Her. [7]

SECRET OF FATIMA: This has three Parts: **1) the vision of hell**, where the souls of poor sinners go. To save them, God wishes to establish in the world the devotion to the Immaculate Heart. If people do what She tells us, many souls will be saved and there will be peace. [8] If we do not respond to Her, there are ramifications. **2) She spoke on atheism** which opposes God's kingdom. She foretold future events and revealed miraculous signs to prove the truth of God's predictions. **3) The struggle between good and evil and the liberating effects of penance.** **Penance** today is, before anything else, the Sanctification of our Daily Duties. To purify our hearts and the Body of Christ, the Church, we must do penance. In the **Mystery of evil**, She showed the way to triumph over evil, the need of God's grace to overcome all obstacles and the need for prayer and penance in a well balanced life.

PURIFICATION: Whenever we experience the Cross, Jesus has already experienced it before us. But, when there is no habit of practicing penance and the worldly spirit brings people to search for unlawful pleasures and desires, the only possibility is to be **purified by suffering**. The Church has suffered much in the XXth century, "the Century of Martyrs." For those suffering from illnesses, Pope Francis called on them to live their lives as a gift: "Like the shepherd children, tell Our Lady that you want to offer yourselves to God with all your heart." [9]

MARY'S SUPREME ROLE IN SALVATION: Most Apparitions at Fatima began with Our Lady outstretching Her hands, signifying Her as Mediatrix of all Grace. She has been given all Power, all Grace and all Gifts to bestow upon Her children. On 13th October 1917, She was also seen as Our Lady of Sorrows signifying Her role as Co-Redemptrix. She is our Advocate pleading for us as God seeks our conversion. We must pray for the proclamation of this Fifth Dogma. This is God's Salvific plan.

HEART OF CHILDREN: With the canonization, of the two Shepherd children, Pope Francis has proposed to the whole Church to have the **heart of children**. Their sanctity is not a consequence of the Apparitions, but of the fidelity and ardour with which they corresponded to the privilege they had received of being able to see the Virgin Mary. The Visionaries, after having seen Mary, frequently said the Rosary, did Penance, and offered Sacrifices for

an end to the war [World War I, which was raging at the time], and for the souls most in need of Divine Mercy. In our day, too, there is great need of **Prayer and of Penance** to implore the **Grace of Conversion** and an end to the many wars and conflicts in the world today, which disfigure the face of humanity. Let us allow ourselves to be guided by the light that comes from Fatima. **May the Immaculate Heart of Mary always be our refuge, our consolation, and the way that leads to Christ.** [10]

CONCLUSION: The entire Message of Fatima is a great call to Holiness for the Church of our time. It is a Message which reveals the desire of the Maternal Immaculate Heart of Mary: an **Urgent** call to Holiness for the Peace of the World and for the Salvation of all in Christ. [11] Let us **Live and Spread** this Message, which has the fundamentals of **Evangelization** by inner conversion, Prayer especially the Holy Rosary, Penance, the First Saturdays, Consecration, Reparatory Adoration and frequent Sacraments.

NOTES:

[1] Pope Francis' in-flight press conference: Fatima to Rome: 14 May 2017 (Vatican Radio) [2] Greeting of His Holiness Pope Francis: Vigil at the Chapel of the Apparitions: 12 May 2017 (Vatican Radio)

[3] Pope Francis on 11 May 2016 (Vatican Radio)

[4] Pope Francis' homily for the Canonization of Saint Francisco and Saint Jacinta on 13 May 2017 (Vatican Radio)

[5] Pope Francis' homily for the Canonization of Saint Francisco and Saint Jacinta on 13 May 2017 (Vatican Radio)

[6] Prophecy of Saint Pio of Pietrelcina; 'Forgotten part' coined by Prof Americo, WAF International President.

[7] Our Lady of Fatima to St Jacinta.

[8] Our Lady on 13 July 1917

[9] Pope Francis: 13 May 2017, at Fatima (Vatican Radio)

[10] Pope reflects on pilgrimage to Fatima: Regina Coeli: 14 May 2017 (Vatican Radio)

[11] Sr. Lucia in her book "Calls from the Message of Fatima"

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attracts souls to Me, the Heart which radiates on the earth the rays of My light and of My love, the inexhaustible source which causes to pour over the earth the living waters of My Mercy."

At Fatima, Our Lady told Sr. Lucia: "**Continue to say the Rosary everyday in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary, to obtain the peace of the World and the end of the war, because only she can obtain it.**"

She told us that war is a punishment for sin; that God would punish the world for its sins in our time by means of war, hunger, persecution of the Church and persecution of the Holy Father, the Pope, unless we listened to and obeyed the command of God.

It becomes all the more necessary for us First Saturday Devotees to redouble our efforts in repairing for sins committed, especially those sins against the Immaculate Heart of Mary, particularly the Communion of Reparation on the First Saturday of five consecutive months.

THE FATIMA PRAYERS

PARDON PRAYER: My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love Thee! I beg pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love Thee.

ANGEL'S PRAYER: O Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore Thee profoundly. I offer Thee the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifference by which He is offended. By the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg the conversion of poor sinners.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: Most Holy Trinity, I adore Thee! My God, my God, I love Thee in the Most Blessed Sacrament!

SACRIFICE PRAYER: O Jesus, it is for love of You, for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

DECADE PRAYER: O My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to Heaven, especially those most in need of Thy mercy.



‘God wishes to establish devotion to my Immaculate Heart in the world. If what I say is done, many souls will be saved and there will be peace.’

How Do I Start the First Saturdays?

On July 13, 1917, Our Lady appeared for the third time to the three children of Fatima and showed them the vision of hell. In this vision Our Lady said that *‘God wishes to establish in the world devotion’* to Her Immaculate Heart and that She would come to *ask for the Communion of Reparation on the First Saturdays...*

What Do I Have to Do?

The devotion of First Saturdays, as requested by Our Lady of Fatima, carries with it the assurance of salvation. However, to derive profit from such a great promise of Our Lady, the devotion must be properly understood and duly performed. The requirements as stipulated by Our Lady are as follows:

(1) Confession, (2) Communion, (3) Five decades of the Rosary, (4) Meditation on one or more of the Rosary Mysteries for fifteen minutes, (5) To do all these things in the spirit of reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and (6) To observe all these practices on the First Saturday of five consecutive months.

The idea of the Five First Saturdays is obviously to make us persevere in the devotional acts for these Saturdays and overcome initial difficulties. Once this is done, Our Lady knows that the person would become devoted to Her Immaculate Heart and persist in practicing such devotion on all First Saturdays, working thereby for personal self-reform and for the salvation of others. Our Lady has assured us that She will obtain salvation for all those who observe the First Saturdays for five consecutive months in accordance with Her conditions.

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Dates to Remember - OCTOBER 2017

- 2nd: The Holy Guardian Angels
- 7th: Our Lady of the Rosary, First Saturday Service at Batim, Goa
- 13th: 100th Anniversary of Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima, Portugal
- 17th: St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr
- 18th: St Luke, Evangelist
- 28th: Sts Simon & Jude, Apostles. Feast Day of Sts Simon & Jude Church, Batim, Goa

PRAYER PETITIONS AND TESTIMONIES

- + Your prayer petitions may be submitted online at: thebatimmessage.com
These prayer requests will be placed at the feet of Our Lady of Fatima in the the Church of Sts Simon & Jude and offered during the First Saturday Mass at Batim.
- + Your testimonies may be submitted online at:
ourladybatim5thdogma.com or emailed to: ourladybatim@gmail.com

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION IN HONOUR OF AND IN REPARATION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Church of St Simon and St Jude, Batim, Tiswadi, Goa Velha, Goa 403 108 India.

- 1.00 pm:** +Stations of the Cross
- 2.00 pm:** +Holy Rosary, +Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament, +Divine Mercy Prayers, +Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, +Confessions.
- 3.30pm:** +Holy Mass.

Services are held in Konkani and English

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In conformity with the directives of Pope Urban VIII, we have no intention of anticipating the judgement of the Holy Apostolic See and of the Church on Apparitions, reported by us, but not yet recognized; indeed, we submit to, and accept; her final decision without reservation.

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