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MAY STs. JACINTA & FRANCISCO MARTO INTERCEDE FOR US!

- Dr. Christopher Dias, www.thebatimmassage.com

Today the Catholic Church welcomes two new saints in Sts Jacinta and Francisco Marto.

Pope Francis on his recent visit to Fatima to Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Fatima Apparitions canonized these siblings - two of the three seers of Fatima. The third seer is Sr Lucia, the cousin of Jacinta and Francisco Marto and whose cause for canonization has been put forward. By visiting Fatima on its centenary, the Holy Father calls to the attention of the world the story of Our Lady of Fatima who came to Fatima to reveal to us Heaven's Peace Plan for our times... times that are uncertain and fraught with conflict. However, the outcome has been foretold by Our Lady of Fatima: "**In the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph.**" Let us, children of the Mother of God, follow and live Her messages

In his homily at the Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima, 13 May 2017, His Holiness Pope Francis said " "There appeared in heaven a woman clothed with the sun". So the seer of Patmos tells us in the Book of

Revelation (12:1), adding that she was about to give birth to a son. Then, in the Gospel, we hear Jesus say to his disciple, "Here is your mother" (Jn 19:27). We have a Mother! "So beautiful a Lady", as the seers of Fatima said to one another as they returned home on that blessed day of 13 May a hundred years ago".

Appearing to Iveta at Batim on On October 13th 2014, Our Lady concluded a Message with the words: **" I Am The Woman clothed with the Sun. Amen"** following which many could see the miracle of the sun. Our Lady appeared in Batim as the **'Woman clothed with the Sun'** similar to that of her appearance in Fatima 100 yrs ago. She has declared that **'Batim lies in the shadow of Fatima'** urging her children who come to Mt Batim - in honour of and in reparation to Her Immaculate Heart - to follow and live the Fatima Message. This was a message that was lived a hundred years ago by two small children who entrusted themselves to Our Lady of Fatima and who have now been declared saints by the catholic church. **"My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge, and the way that will lead you to God."** - Our Lady of Fatima.

Our Lady told Jacinta many things including: **"Tell everybody that God gives graces through the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Tell them to ask graces from Her and that the Heart of Jesus wishes to be venerated together with the Immaculate Heart of Mary. 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 has been appearing in Batim since 24 September 1994 to Mrs Iveta Fernandes, a Canadian of Goan origin. The apparitions at Batim have concluded on October 15, 2016.

Are the messages of Batim a continuation of the Fatima Message? "Yes" and "No", I would say. The Fatima Message is not only a message for conversion, salvation of souls but also contains a plan for living and world peace. It is complete in itself. So in essence, Fatima needed no continuation or futher apparitions - but more adherence and faithfulness to its message. However could it be that since we are reaching a new phase of the Fatima Message, Our Beloved Mother has come to warn us of the dangers ahead?

In her Book: The Mercy of God and the call to return to the Harbour of Truth, Iveta writes about the Messages she has received from Our Lady. **"The Mother of God reveals that we are entering the purification before the era of a thousand years of Peace.**

JESUS said: "I will be with you till the end of time." We walk now hand in Hand with The Mother of God, of Whom Scripture reveals as The Woman clothed in the Sun, Who will take us through these moments of deep darkness of various spiritual kinds. In these messages, the Mother of God, Our Holy Mother reveals how and what we must do: "TOTAL TRUST," the only way, God's way through these times.

Here The Mother of God also reveals Her Supreme role in

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TAKING OUR WOUNDS TO THE EUCHARIST

-By Fr Ron Rolheiser.

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 hyper-sensitivity 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.

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Salvation that God has entrusted Her with as Mediatrix of All Grace, Co-Redemptrix (with JESUS The Redeemer) and Advocate before JESUS Her Divine Son, The Divine Judge.

Unto Her is given all Power, all Grace, all Gifts to bestow upon Her children, God's children who will Consecrate themselves to Her and call upon Her in each moment and decision of their lives."

Paramount amongst the request of Our Lady at Batim is that she be proclaimed "**Mediatrix of All Grace, Co-Redemptrix and Advocate**" - for which intention the faithful who throng the Hill of Batim pray every First Saturday.

May Sts. Jacinta and Francisco Marto pray for us and intercede for this intention!

Give all to Jesus through Mary

When a person is truly consecrated to Mary, he lives that consecration each day by giving himself and all that he has to the Mother of God. This includes his natural property and possessions as well as his supernatural merits and graces. EVERYTHING is presented to Mary to use as she wills.

Indeed, this total offering often frightens many people, but it should not. Those who cannot entrust their lives and possessions to Mary do not really know her very well. The Mother of God is all love, mercy and goodness. Basically, this is the message of her Immaculate Heart.

No Christian who understands his faith would be fearful about giving everything to Jesus, for the God-Man is completely worthy and deserving of trust. But the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary beat as one. That is to say, Mary's will is always the same as her Divine Son's. Since God wants devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary established in the world, those who consecrate themselves to the Mother of God do the will of her Son. They go to Jesus in union with Mary.

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Dates to Remember - JUNE 2017

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| 3rd | - First Saturday (Service at Batim - For details see back cover) |
| 4th | - Pentecost |
| 11th | - The Most Holy Trinity, Solemnity |
| 13th | - St Antony of Padua, Priest, Doctor |
| 15th | - Corpus Christi, Solemnity |
| 23rd | - The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Solemnity |
| 24th | - The Birthday of St. John the Baptist, Solemnity |
| 29th | - Sts Peter and Paul, Apostles, Solemnity |

THE SPIRITUALITY OF JACINTA MARTO

By Father Austin Green, O.P.

This youngest of the three Fatima children, Jacinta Marto, was only six years old when the angel appeared to her, her brother Francisco, and her cousin Lucia. She was seven when our Lady appeared to them in 1917, and she died on February 20, 1920 from the effects of the "flu" at the young age of 9 years and 11 months. Jacinta is the youngest non-martyr ever to be beatified by the church. In the course of almost 4 years, 1916 to 1920, she made giant strides in the spiritual life. God, through Mary, gave her many graces and she responded with an unwavering faith, firm trust and ardent love.

Personality

Jacinta was naturally very affectionate. Her father, Ti Marto, called her the sweetest of their nine children. She was also very capricious and before the apparitions she was somewhat self-willed. Jacinta loved games but was easily offended and would go into a corner to pout. The children called this "tethering the donkey". She could only be coaxed back if she could name the game herself.

After the apparitions, Jacinta retained her affectionate nature but became more serious. Whatever she did, she did with her whole heart. Just as before the apparitions she was one of the leaders in entering into games, songs, and dances, so after the apparitions she accepted wholeheartedly the Message of our lady. She entered into its practice with a kind of intensity that was a spur to the devotion of Lucia and Francisco. Jacinta's affection during the time of Mary's appearances was directed into new channels, not rejecting her family and friends but rather deepening her love for our lord, his mother, for the church, for the Holy Father, and for sinners. It would be true to say that the scope for love widened. It was as though the light that came from Our Lady's hands in the first and second apparitions, which reflected on all three children, gave Jacinta a deep insight into the meaning of God and eternity.



"Many people go to hell because there is no one to pray for them."

Poor Sinners

Their brief glimpse of hell also made Jacinta "think." Even in the middle of a game she would stop and ask, "But listen, doesn't Hell end after many years, then?" Or again, "Those people burning in hell, don't they ever die? And don't they turn into ashes? Poor sinners! We have to pray and make sacrifices

for them!"

Once she was asked, "why worry about sinners? You are going to Heaven." She replied, "Yes, but I want everyone to go there."

Young as she was, the thought of hell did not cause her to recoil in fear from a just God but rather stirred her to a deeper trust in God's mercy, and a trust that God, would listen to her prayers for sinners and heed her sacrifices for them. Jacinta had a deep trust in Mary's advice. "Pray, pray very much for sinners. Many people go to hell because there is no one to pray for them."

"Pray, pray very much for sinners."

Spirituality

The spirituality of Jacinta may be said to rest on a three-fold basis: 1) Devotion to the holy trinity, expressed in the prayers to the trinity taught to the children by the angel and which the children faithfully prayed, sometimes for hours on end. 2) Devotion to Mary: they faithfully put into practice the message of prayer and penance given them by Mary. Jacinta especially had a deep devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary due to special graces given her by our lady. 3) Devotion to the Eucharist, or "the Hidden Jesus" as the children liked to call him.

Jacinta made her first communion some time before her final illness. When she became ill and had to go to Lisbon for treatment, she spent some weeks in a catholic infirmary with a chapel. There she spent hours before the blessed sacrament, sitting in a little tribune for the sick.

These three supporters of her spiritual life : The Trinity, Mary and the Eucharist spurred Jacinta to encourage others to pray and make sacrifices for sinners. She would talk to children of her own age or younger. If they called her names, a "pious Mary" or a "little worm-eaten saint," she would just look at them and walk off without a reply. But to those who would listen, she never tired of encouraging them to love our Lord and his mother, as well as to pray for the Holy Father and make sacrifices for sinners.

Immaculate Heart

We in the Blue Army look upon Jacinta as one of our particular patrons, indeed, one of our spiritual treasures. May we pray to her and ask for some share in that deep love she has for Mary. She expressed this to Lucia one time when she (Jacinta) said: "The Lady said that her Immaculate Heart will be our refuge and the way that will lead us to God. Don't you love that? Her Heart is so good! How I love her!"

May Jacinta help us to deepen our own love for the Immaculate Heart of Mary and in doing that also deepen our love for the sacred heart of her son, because Mary refers the gift of our love to her son who is himself the source of all our good.

Blessed Jacinta, pray for us!

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SACRED HEART OF JESUS

The Sacred Heart of Jesus is a devotion to Jesus Christ, consisting of worship of Him through His heart as representing His love shown in the Incarnation. His passion and death, the institution of the Eucharist. The devotion is centered on reparation to Christ for man's ingratitude, manifested particularly by indifference to the Holy Eucharist. The worship is not directed to the Heart alone, but to the Person of Jesus Christ. The Church forbids public cult of the Heart separated from the rest of the body, but allows private veneration, as is the case of Sacred Heart badges.



A feast, requested by our Lord Himself, commemorates the unrequited love of the Sacred Heart in the Eucharist and is celebrated on the Friday after the feast of Corpus Christi.

According to Catholic teaching-

It was to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, a humble nun of the Order of the Visitation of Our Lady that Our Lord chose to reveal to the world His Sacred Heart, thus opening a New Era of Grace and Mercy in the history of the Church and the world. These private revelations took place during the years 1673-1675, and are drawn from the diary of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, the witness of her fellow sisters, and that of her spiritual director, St. Claude de La Colombiere.

Notice how St. Margaret Mary Alacoque describes the revelation of the "Sacred Heart" of Jesus (emphasis is mine):

Our Lord makes known the Devotion of the First Fridays: June 1674

On the First Friday of each month, the above-mentioned grace connected with the pain in my side was renewed in the following manner: ***the Sacred Heart was represented to me as a resplendent sun***, the burning rays of which fell vertically upon my heart, which was inflamed with a fire so fervid that it seemed as if it would reduce me to ashes. It was at these times especially that my Divine Master taught me what He required of me and disclosed to me the secrets of His loving Heart. On one occasion, while the Blessed Sacrament was exposed, feeling wholly withdrawn within myself by an extraordinary

recollection of all my senses and powers, Jesus Christ, my sweet Master, presented Himself to me, all resplendent with glory, His Five Wounds shining like so many suns. Flames issued from every part of His Sacred Humanity, especially from His Adorable Breast, which resembled an open furnace and disclosed to me His most loving and most amiable Heart, which was the living source of these flames. It was then that He made known to me the ineffable marvels of His pure love and showed me to what an excess He had loved men, from whom He received only ingratitude and contempt.

(Source: The Revelation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, online at [The Mantle](#), the Apostolate Alliance of the Two Hearts.)

THE TWELVE PROMISES OF THE SACRED HEART TO ST. MARGARET MARY

I will give them all the graces necessary for their state of life.
I will give peace in their families.
I will console them in all their troubles.
They shall find in My Heart an assured refuge during life and especially at the hour of death.
I will pour abundant blessings on all their undertakings.
Sinners shall find in My Heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy.
Tepid souls shall become fervent.
Fervent souls shall speedily rise to great perfection.
I will bless the homes in which the image of My Sacred Heart shall be exposed and honoured.
I will give to priests the power to touch the most hardened hearts.
Those who propagate this devotion shall have their name written in My Heart, and it shall never be effaced.

The all-powerful love of My Heart will grant to all those who shall receive Communion on the First Friday of nine consecutive months the grace of final repentance; they shall not die under My displeasure, nor without receiving their Sacraments; My Heart shall be their assured refuge at that last hour.

THE IMMACULATE HEART APPEALS

- Annabelle Mendonca

When we speak of the heart, we speak of the whole person: his or her personality, character, attitudes, and actions. Likewise, when we speak about Mary as the Immaculate Heart, we are reflecting on her whole lifestyle in committing herself totally to the Lord without any reservation. She made her permanent commitment at the time of the Annunciation: "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word" (Lk. 1:38). The word "immaculate" usually means clean and unadulterated, but in this context it also means free, unattached, detached from anything and everything that would divert our attention and energy away from serving the Lord. Mary kept a pure and single hearted focus on the Lord and His divine will for her, reminding us of Our Lord's promise: "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God" (Mt. 5:8).



During Our Lady's third apparition at Fatima, on July 13 (1917), she requested that devotion and consecration to her Immaculate Heart be spread throughout the world. Consecration to Mary's Immaculate Heart means to strive "with holiness" with the help and guidance of Mary as our model and exemplar. It means that we have chosen to follow as closely as possible in the footsteps of Mary, our Mother, in fulfilling our mission in life. When we consecrate ourselves to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, we are promising to live in union with the mind and heart of Mary by following her requests and instructions announced at her many different appearances here on earth. When we pray the Rosary for peace in our own hearts and for peace in the world, we are fulfilling one of Our Lady's requests at Fatima. Imploring God's mercy and forgiveness for sinners and for the conversion of the whole world delights the heart of Mary, the Refuge of Sinners. Striving to do precisely what God asks of us in all the happenings of the day is our attempt to fulfil her earlier admonition, "do whatever he tells you" (Jn. 2:5).

Consecrating ourselves to the Immaculate Heart of Mary should not be done lightly. We need to take time to prayerfully discern and listen with our whole being to the inspirations, promptings, and motivations of the Holy Spirit operating within us. We need to ascertain just what the Lord is trying to tell us. Only after we have discerned what God would have us do should we decide

how we are to put it into practice in our daily living.

As we strive to hear more precisely what the Lord is asking of us, as Our Lady requests, we begin by making an honest review of our own life. This is not a negative survey of our spiritual life, but rather a means of discovering in what areas we can further our spiritual growth and maturation. Here are a few areas our Blessed Mother at Fatima requested that we live more deeply.

Faith: Is my faith a real, dynamic, operative faith? Is there any area in my life where I find it difficult to place my complete confidence and trust in the Lord? Am I prepared to offer that area up to Him now?

Prayer: Am I faithful in giving the Lord some quality time for prayer each day? Do I strive to offer "ever more intense prayer"? Do I pray daily and fervently for peace in our world? Do I pray daily for conversion of the world?

Penance: Do I make some sacrifice each day? Do I practice spiritual disciplines such as fasting and self-denial in order to grow to maturity in Christ? Remember, the Lord wants us to be prudent and to avoid any extreme penances that are too difficult to fulfil.

Reconciliation: Am I at peace with God, with myself, with all my brothers and sisters? Do I readily and really forgive? Do I always reflect the peace of the Lord by my attitudes, my words, and actions to everyone who crosses my path?

Conversion: Do I need to turn more completely to God by detaching myself from my comforts and hobbies, or from easy compromises with the worldly society in which I live?

Consecration: When she asked that we consecrate ourselves to her Immaculate Heart, Mary was simply asking for a resolve or commitment on our part to live a dedicated Christian way of life, following her example of striving to fulfil the will of God in every aspect of her life. Each day we must choose to renew our commitment to follow Christ, as echoed in the words of the morning offering: "O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary I offer you all my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass." In all events of the day, we seek to find and follow the will of God to the best of our ability, relying on the graces God grants us through the Sacraments. May our prayer be the same as the prayer of Jesus: "I have come to do thy will, O God" (Heb 10:7).

Granted the weakness of our human nature, our enthusiasm and resolve to live our consecration daily may wane, as we are more and more engrossed in the demands of daily living. To encourage us to persevere in our

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HUMILITY IN THE APOSTOLATE

Presence of God

Impress in me such a deep sense of my poverty, O Lord, that I may look to You for everything and attribute to You, to You alone, all that is good.

Meditation

1. Humility is the indispensable foundation of the whole spiritual life; hence it is the basic condition of every apostolate and constitutes the principal part of the programme of abnegation and forgetfulness of self which the apostolate requires. Because the apostle is placed, as it were, on a candlestick, he needs more than others to protect himself from pride and vainglory by a deep humility. In glancing through the Gospels, it is significant to note how much Jesus insisted on this point relative to the training of His Apostles. While they were debating among themselves who would be the greatest in the messianic kingdom, the Master answered: "Unless you be converted and become as little children, you shall not enter the kingdom of heaven." (*Matthew* 18:3) On another occasion, when the mother of James and John asked the first places for her sons, Jesus replied: "He that will be first among you shall be your servant" (*ibid* 20:27). And on the evening of the Last Supper, while washing the feet of the Apostles, He showed them to what extent they should make themselves *servants*: "If then, I, being your Lord and Master, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet" (*John* 13:14). Finally, before sending them into



His vineyard to bear "much fruit", He repeatedly told them, "Without Me you can do nothing." (*ibid* 15:5)

Yes, the apostle is the friend of Jesus, chosen by Him and destined to evangelize the world. Some have been appointed by Him to govern the Church, clothed

with the dignity of the priesthood, with the power "to loose and to bind". All — cleric or lay — have been elevated to the dignity of collaborators with the Hierarchy in the work of saving souls. But at the base of all these

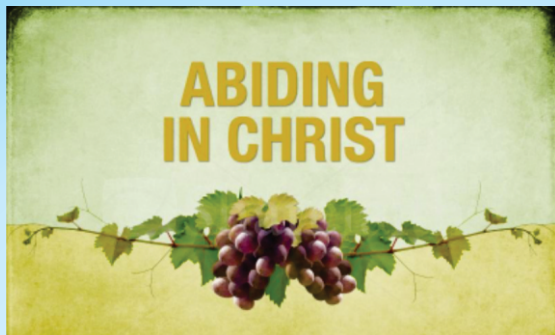
privileges, all these honours, are found the great words: "You must become as little children.... Without Me you can do nothing." Oh! If we were truly convinced that, although God may will to make use of us, He alone possesses the power to make our action fruitful, He alone can produce fruits of eternal life, He alone can give grace to souls, and we are nothing but instruments! In fact, the smaller we make ourselves by acknowledging our poverty, the more qualified we become to be used as a means for the salvation of others. What glory can a brush claim if a skilful artist uses it to perfect a work of art? Can the marble used by Michelangelo to sculpture his Moses boast any merit? "You have not chosen Me," Jesus said to His Apostles, "but I have chosen you; and have appointed you, that you should go and should bring forth fruit." (*John 15:16*)

2. "Without Me you can do nothing." How many ambitions and points of honour, how much vain self-complacency, how many desires for applause and for advancement in recognition of our personal worth are broken, like waves on the rocks, by these words! Jesus does not tell us that "without Him we can do little" but, *nothing*, absolutely *nothing*, and if in appearance the works flourish, admirers increase, churches and halls are filled, in reality not the least atom of grace can descend into hearts of God does not intervene.

Poor apostle, at times so satisfied, so inflated by success! Despite your abilities, your talent, your brilliant style, your attractive conversation, your titles, your successes — in relation to the apostolate, you are smaller and more powerless than an ant before a very high mountain. Recognize your nothingness, take refuge in God, keep yourself closely united to Him, for only from Him will you draw the fruitfulness of your works.

Charged with the education of the novices, St Thérèse of the Child Jesus exclaimed: "You see, Lord, that I am too small to feed Your little ones, but if through me You wish to give to each what is suitable, then fill my hands, and without leaving the shelter of Your arms, or even turning my head, I will distribute Your treasures to the souls who come to me asking for food" (*Story of a Soul*, 11). Such should be the attitude of every apostle; and what is more the higher his mission, the more important and delicate it is, the more necessary is this humble consciousness of his personal misery, this confident recourse to God, this constant union with Him. If God does not use us to accomplish great works, is it because, being insufficiently convinced of our nothingness, we would take to ourselves the glory due to Him alone, attributing our success to our own merits? If our apostolic activity produces few fruits, is it because, relying too much on ourselves, we do not constantly strive to keep close to God by means of humility and prayer?

"Abide in Me," Jesus repeats to us. "As the branch cannot bear fruit of



itself, unless it abide in the vine, so neither can you, unless you abide in Me." (John 15:4) It does not suffice for the apostle to be united to Jesus through the state of grace; he must remain united to Him, plunged in profound humility which makes him realize that he can do nothing, absolutely nothing,

without continual help.

Colloquy

"O Lord, You wish that in my apostolate I may feel and recognize my nothingness, but at the same time You want me to let myself be taken and carried by You to accomplish the mission that You confide to me, and then enter again into obscurity and silence, boasting of nothing and saying only: 'servi inutiles sumus'; *I am a useless servant, without You I can do nothing.*

"O Lord, help me to flee praise and the applause of creatures; help me to act always with an upright intention, seeking only Your good pleasure. I beg You to put far from me those defects which could distract me from working only to please You: ostentation, compliments, adulation, the desire of making a good appearance, of being agreeable to others. Grant that I may never seek my glory but only Yours. All to please You, nothing to satisfy myself." (Sr Carmela of the Holy Spirit OCD)

"I beg You, Lord, to direct the heart and the will of Your apostles to Yourself so that they may follow You, immolated Lamb, poor, humble and meek, by the way of the Holy Cross, in Your way and not in their way. Dispel the darkness of their hearts and give them Your light; take from the all self-love and kindle in them the fire of Your charity. Make them close to the faculties of their souls, shutting their minds to vain delights and earthly benefits, leaving them open only to Your benefits, that they may love nothing outside of You, but love You above all things, and everything else according to Your will; may they follow You alone.

"Grant that, with well ordered charity, they may seek the salvation of all, disposing themselves to give their life for the good of souls. And may they be angelic creatures, earthly angels in this life, and burning lamps in the Holy Church!" (cf. St Catherine of Siena).

-Taken from "Divine Intimacy" by Fr Gabriel of St Mary Magdalene

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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commitment and consecration to her Immaculate Heart, Mary asked that we adopt a special devotional practice. She made a special request that on the first Saturday of every month we renew our act of consecration, offer Mass and Holy Communion in reparation for sin, and spend fifteen minutes in quiet prayer- all this to be done in a spirit of reparation to Her Immaculate Heart. May her instructions continue to inspire us to live a life of deeper faith, more fervent prayer, personal renewal, sincere conversion, greater penance, genuine peace and love!

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.
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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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