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## AN ENCOUNTER WITH OUR LADY OF FATIMA

(by Joan Russell -Committee member for the Diocese of Dallas.)

On the 24th of June, the Diocese of Dallas bid farewell to the International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima. For 22 days the custodians of the statue of Our Lady of Fatima, Carl Malburg and Victor Fernandez, fulfilled an ambitious schedule of parish visits that our Dallas committee had prepared for them. Responding to an inspiration to have IPVS visit during the 100th anniversary of the Fatima apparitions, the chairperson of our committee successfully arranged a visit between June 2nd-24th. This key date was an opportunity for us to celebrate the 100th anniversary within the timeframe of the original apparitions, fulfill the plenary indulgence on June 13th and have 22 days of Our Lady of Fatima's message renewed in our hearts.

The first planning stages included letters mailed to all the parishes in our diocese with a return envelope and instructions to choose three dates between June 2-June 24th to schedule a parish visit. The letters in the mail and an empty calendar of June in front of us, we waited. Within 48 hours we received a phone call. An anxious voice asked if it was too late to request a date on the calendar. That was the first request and then letters poured in with dates and times and there were few overlapping conflicts. The ease with which the calendar dates filled was the first indication to us of Mary's hand already working on our behalf, leading us to her Son.

Within a month we had scheduled 28 parishes, the Carmelite Monastery, the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth Retreat Center and St. Joseph's Retirement Home. The calendar was now full and the next step was to visit the parishes to meet their committee members and discuss the Foundation's suggestions to prepare for the parish event.

The Diocese of Dallas consists of 1,300,000 Catholics and sprawls across 7,523 square miles in 9 counties. The diversity of our parishes is rich in ethnic groups as well as liturgies. Both the Roman rite and the Eastern rite are



celebrated in our diocese. This includes: Ordinary and Extraordinary Roman rite, Syro-Malabar rite, Byzantine Liturgy and Maronite. The opportunity of visiting the parishes and meeting the committees was the highlight of preparing for Our Lady's June visit. Traveling to the parishes broadened our understanding of the great connection we share as Catholics through so many diverse representations of our faith. Parish enthusiasm was apparent as each committee assimilated the Foundation's suggestions and then created their individual celebrations. I will never forget overhearing the words of one pastor to his key committee member, "Let's make this a very special day, one the parishioners will always remember."

The liturgical calendar for the month of June has an abundance of important feast days: Pentecost Sunday, Solemnity of The Holy Trinity, the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ and the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. On those feast days the celebrations had an exceptional expression of pomp and ceremony enhanced with beautiful outdoor processions, one more unique than the other. Matachines danced to the beat

of a drum and ornate canopies hoisted protectively over the Blessed Sacrament. Women wore ceremonial saris and held decorative umbrellas ringed with tassels. The Knights of Columbus flanked Our Lady in their colorful regalia. How moving to hear the gentle, soothing voices of the Vietnamese parishioners reciting the rosary and see the evening candle-light processions. The Chapel of the Carmelite Sisters was filled with the sweet melodic voices of the Sisters singing the Hail Mary in many languages. There were exquisite floral arrangements as well as simple bouquets lovingly brought to Our Lady. Mary's children did not hold back expressing their love for her and her Son.

Mr. Malburg and Mr. Fernandez arrived on the rainy evening of June 1st with the statue of Our Lady of Fatima. The Blessed Mother was already busy before she even began her official tour the next morning. A seminarian student from our parish was being ordained a priest June 3rd. The chairperson of our committee arranged for him to have a private prayer visit before the statue of Our Lady on the first evening of her

arrival.

Continued drenching rain was the forecast for June 2nd, Our Lady's first official day touring the diocese. This inclement weather was definitely not in the plans for Sacred Heart Vietnamese parish and their outdoor candlelight procession. However, Mary's intercession was apparent as one of Sacred Heart's parishioners shared with me:

*"It was a miracle, God heard our prayers through the intercession of Our Lady of Fatima. Father Dominic (the pastor) asked our parishioners in every Mass since last month to pray for nice weather so we can have a procession around the Parish Hall and our Church. Last Friday night, I was with Father Dominic since we had Mass at 6:30 PM and Adoration after the Mass. Before I left, I was driving in drenching rain around the Parish Hall and the Church to survey the road, pavement, and grasses. They were soaking wet with many puddles. By Saturday morning, it was still cloudy dark, and rain. In the afternoon the sky was clearing and our road, and pavement were dry so we had a beautiful procession."*

Our Blessed Mother was just beginning her blessings. The Carmelite Sisters had concluded ten days of their retreat. The evening of Pentecost Sunday had not been reserved on the calendar. Reverend Mother was thrilled their Monastery had been asked to host Our Lady of Fatima for the evening and as the schedule worked out the next day event did not begin until early afternoon. This allowed the IPVS to remain overnight for an all-night vigil with the sisters.

Reverend Mother shared this with me: *"She arrived just as we came out of our 10 day retreat on Pentecost! It was like coming out of the Upper Room into the arms of the Blessed Mother to be enflamed by the Holy Spirit. Our little chapel was filled to capacity and as Her welcoming ceremony came to a close, people were calling to tell us that the Monastery had a huge, vibrant rainbow over it."*

The Blessed Mother continued to care for her daughters. The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth graciously reserved rooms for part of the custodians stay. Again Mary's hand was evident as the sisters personal retreat coincided with the reservations. The Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady found a home in their chapel after a long day of touring.

Mary's intercession continued. Our diocese sponsored a Eucharistic conference for Saturday, June 17th. The purpose of the conference was to deepen the understanding of the true presence of Jesus. One of the topics was Fatima and the Eucharist. The Conference was in need of a speaker for that topic. Mr. Malburg's visit in the diocese perfectly coincided with the Conference date and his speaking time did not conflict with the parish visits.

From the Bethlehemite Sisters, Staff and Residents of St. Joseph Residence: *"For us at St. Joseph's Residence the visit of our Lady of Fatima was a moment of GRACE. It was a beautiful spiritual experience that touched our lives deeply, a beautiful encounter with our Lady Fatima honoring our place again. We felt a great spiritual joy, which has remained in our hearts. Our gratitude goes to all the members of the team who made this rich religious experience possible for us."*

From a parishioner of Santa Clara parish who organized the event: *"Personally I was very excited to be asked to prepare her visit. I felt she was the one telling me to do it. But the day of the event I saw all those coming from far away churches to be with her and to visit for the first time our church...I think the Blessed Mother with her presence unified us all in one, as in Pentecost. No Santa Clara or Blessed Sacrament Church or...*

*but the Universal Church."*

And from St. Peter the Apostle Parish: *"We at St. Peter the Apostle have a culturally diverse parish. However, during this visit, we all gathered as her children to participate in this great teaching mission. It is evident that our commitment and prayers are needed now as we hear about the world-wide tragedies on a daily basis."*

A committee member from St Rita's shares her thoughts on Our Lady of Fatima's visit: *"At St. Rita's we were blessed to receive the visit of Our Blessed Mother of Fatima on the solemnity of Corpus Christi! As we processed around the parish campus, from one altar to the next, the Blessed Mother was carried in front of the Blessed Sacrament as guiding us, then as we approached the altars, she stood by the side so we could adore the Body and Blood of her Son. It was the most beautiful experience!"*

The following inspirational testimony from a parishioner at Sacred Heart Parish confirms the love of a Mother that Mary has for her children. *"I am one of the privileged parishioners that had the once-in-a-lifetime experience at our parish with Our Lady of Fatima. When I was only 4 years of age, I was lost at sea during our escape from Vietnam. Through my youthful eyes I witnessed death, fear, and pain... the pain of seeing the sorrows of others. The pain of seeing my own parents fading in a distant as I continue to be swept further and further after our boat had been destroyed. That fateful night of December 24th, 1979 forever changed my life and left an indelible mark upon my heart. With the Will of God, Malaysian fishermen rescued me and another 14yr boy at the time and for the next 1-2 months we lived in a shelter along the coast. I*

*remember praying the Rosary on my own each and every night. I remember the pain of not seeing my own mother, not feeling the warmth of her embrace, and not knowing if and when I will ever see her again. Yet, I never cried and I never wavered. My heart resolute and my thoughts focused on praying the Rosary. Through this life-changing experience, I believe that Our Lady came and comforted me each night as I slept alone. I felt the "touch" of a mother but not of my own. Not till later in life did I realize that was Mother Mary there beside me all those lonely nights. The night I witnessed Our Lady of Fatima statue in our church brought me such peace. I remembered such comfort during those lonely nights when I was separate from my parents. As I stood before Our Lady of Fatima statue, I was humbled by her simplicity and tenderness. That experience reminded me of my life altering experience - one that few will ever know and one that has made me a better person because of it. Thank you for that special memory and helping me bridge the gap across so many years back into lost memories."*

In the early morning hours of June 24th, the last day of the IPVS tour, heavy rains began. The parish event began at 3:00 in the afternoon. A large outdoor procession was planned to circle the parish campus around the building site of the new sanctuary and then back to the existing parish sanctuary. As the rains continued through the morning, the prospects of an outdoor procession diminished. However, at 2:30 pm the rains stopped and the sun came through the dark clouds. The procession began on schedule!

Mr. Malburg and Mr. Fernandez professionally managed the tour with precision. Seven days a week they



brought Our Lady of Fatima to the parishes as early as 7:30 am and stayed as late as 10 pm. By the 22nd day they had travelled 1,400 miles, distributed nearly 12,000 scapulars as well as giving away almost 11,500 booklets of Fatima. The combined efforts of Our Lady's custodians plus so many parishioners made this an extraordinary event in our diocese. It was not just a singular parish event. Together we witnessed all of us being Mary's children and what great numbers we are! The Blessed Mother appeared 100 years ago to invite her children to participate in the *Peace Plan from Heaven*. Her invitation was to sacrifice for the conversion of sinners, recite the rosary daily and observe the Five First Saturday Devotion. 100 years later she came to reacquaint us with the same relevant message. Let us not disappoint her!

## WHY FATIMA? (by Charles M. Urban, Sr.)

During this past year and leading to the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima's apparitions, we have been blessed with the canonizations of Sts. John Paul II, Mother Theresa of Calcutta, and most recently this year on the anniversary of the first apparition, May 13, 1917, Jacinta and Francisco Marto, the two youngest visionaries of Fatima.

### MAY 9, 1981 - MEHMET ALI AGCA

On May 9, 1981, Agca took a plane from Majorca to Milan and entered Italy under an assumed name. He took

a room in a hotel near the Vatican and on May 13 walked into St. Peter's Square and shot the pope with a 9mm Browning automatic. A handwritten note was found in his pocket that read: "I am killing the pope as a protest against the imperialism of the Soviet Union and the United States and against the genocide that is being carried out in Salvador and Afghanistan." He pleaded guilty, saying he acted alone, and in July 1981 was sentenced to life in prison.

Source: <http://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/pope-john-paul-ii-shot>

### MAY 13, 1981 – ALL NIGHT VIGIL

Distinctly do I recall the evening of May 12, 1981, (at which time we had earlier convened at St. Bridget Catholic Church in Hobart, Indiana, for an all night vigil sponsored by the Blue Army of O.L. Fatima – Diocese of Gary), when Rose Mary (Malburg) hurriedly announced that there had been an attempted assassination on Pope John Paul II.

At that moment, it must have crossed the mind and heart of every participant the words Our Lady gave

the children contained in the second secret as follows: *"...I shall come to ask for the Consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart, and the Communion of reparation on the First Saturdays. If my requests are heeded, Russia will be converted, and there will be peace; if not, she will spread her errors throughout the world, causing wars and persecutions of the Church. The good will be martyred; the Holy Father will have much to suffer; various nations will be annihilated. In the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph. The Holy Father will consecrate*

*Russia to me, and she shall be converted, and a period of peace will be granted to the world."*

**DECEMBER 28, 1983 – POPE JOHN PAUL II FORGIVES AGCA**

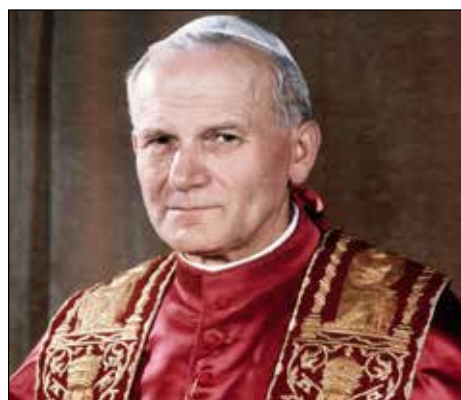
**DECEMBER 28, 2014 – AGCA LAYS ROSES AT THE POPE'S GRAVE**

**JUNE 7, 1981 – "ACT OF ENTRUSTMENT"**

After the attempt, as is well known, Pope John Paul II immediately thought of consecrating the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and he himself composed a prayer for what he called an "Act of Entrustment", which was to be celebrated in the Basilica of Saint Mary Major on 7 June 1981, the Solemnity of Pentecost, the day chosen to commemorate the 1600th anniversary of the First Council of Constantinople and the 1550th anniversary of the Council of Ephesus. **Since the Pope was unable to be present, his recorded Address was broadcast.** [EWTN...see source below]

**MARCH 25, 1984 – "ACT OF CONSECRATION"**

...On 25 March 1984 in Saint Peter's Square, while recalling the "fiat" uttered by Mary at the Annunciation, the Holy Father, in spiritual union with the Bishops of the world, who had been "convoked" beforehand, entrusted all men and women and all peoples to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, in terms which recalled the heartfelt words spoken in 1981: (Pope JPII continues)



**"O Mother of all men and women, and of all peoples, you who know all their sufferings and their hopes, you who have a mother's awareness of all the struggles between good and evil, between light and darkness, which afflict the modern world, accept the cry which we, moved by the Holy Spirit, address directly to your Heart. Embrace with the love of the Mother and Handmaid**

of the Lord, this human world of ours, which we entrust and consecrate to you, for we are full of concern for the earthly and eternal destiny of individuals and peoples.

In a special way we **entrust and consecrate** to you those individuals and *nations* which particularly need to be thus entrusted and consecrated. 'We have recourse to your protection, holy Mother of God!' **Despise not our petitions in our necessities."**

**MARCH 25, 1984 – "CONSECRATION FOR THE WORLD"**

**25 March 1984. Pope St. John Paul II in Union with All the Bishops of the World, Consecration of all Individuals and Peoples of the World to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.**

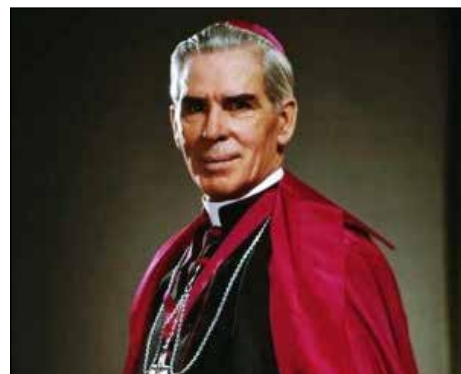
The Pope then continued **more forcefully** and with more specific references, as though commenting on the Message of Fatima in its sorrowful fulfillment:

"Behold, as we stand before you, Mother of Christ, **before your Immaculate Heart**, we desire, together with the whole Church, to unite ourselves with the consecration which, for love of us, your Son made of himself to the Father: 'For their sake', he said, 'I consecrate myself that they also may be consecrated in the truth' (Jn 17:19). We wish to unite ourselves with our Redeemer in this his consecration for the world and for the human race, which, in his divine Heart, has the power to obtain pardon and to secure reparation."

**The power of this consecration lasts for all time and embraces all individuals, peoples and nations.** It overcomes every evil that the spirit of darkness is able to awaken, and has in fact awakened in our times, in the heart of man and in his history.

**Source:** <https://www.ewtn.com/fatima/secret-of-fatima.asp>

**MARY AND THE MOSLEMS – by Bishop Fulton J. Sheen**



**The following are excerpts from Bishop Fulton J. Sheen's book, "The World's First Love"**

Moslemism is the only great post-Christian religion of the world. Because it had its origin in the seventh century under Mohammed, it was possible to unite within it some elements of Christianity and of Judaism, along with particular customs of Arabia. Moslemism takes the doctrine of the unity of God, His Majesty and His Creative Power, and uses it, in part, as a basis for the repudiation of Christ, the Son of God. Misunderstanding the notion of the Trinity, Mohammed made Christ a prophet, announcing him, just as, to Christians, Isaias and John the Baptist are prophets announcing Christ.

The Christian European West barely escaped destruction at the hands of the Moslems. At one point they were stopped near Tours and at another point, later on in time, outside the gates of Vienna. The Church throughout northern Africa was practically destroyed by Moslem power, and at the present hour, the Moslems are beginning to rise again.

If Moslemism is a heresy, as Hilaire Belloc believes it to be, it is the only heresy that has never declined. Others have had a moment of vigor, then gone into doctrinal decay at the death of the leader, and finally evaporated in a vague social movement. Moslemism, on the contrary, has only had its first phase. There was never a time in which it declined, either in numbers, or in the devotion of its followers.

The missionary effort of the Church toward this group has been, at least on the surface, a failure, for the Moslems are so far almost unconvertible. The reason is that for a follower of Mohammed to become a Christian is much like a Christian becoming a Jew. The Moslems believe that they have the final and definitive revelation of God to the world and that Christ was only a prophet announcing Mohammed, the last of God's real prophets.

At the present time, the hatred of the Moslem countries against the West is becoming a hatred against Christianity itself. Although the statesmen have not yet taken it into account, there is still grave danger that the temporal power of Islam may return and, with it, the menace that it may shake off a West which has ceased to be Christian, and affirm itself as a great anti-Christian world power. Moslem writers say, "When the locust swarms darken vast countries, they bear on their wings these

Arabic words: 'We are God's host, each of us has ninety-nine eggs, and if we had a hundred, we should lay waste the world with all that is in it.'"

The problem is, how shall we prevent the hatching of the hundredth egg? It is our firm belief that, the fears some entertain concerning the Moslems are not to be realized, but that Moslemism, instead, will eventually be converted to Christianity — and in a way that even some of our missionaries never suspect. It is our belief that this will happen not through the direct teaching of Christianity, **but through a summoning of the Moslems to a veneration of the Mother of God. This is the line of argument:**

The Koran, which is the Bible of the Moslems, has many passages concerning the Blessed Virgin. First of all, the Koran believes in her Immaculate Conception and, also, in her Virgin Birth. The third chapter of the Koran places the history of Mary's family in a genealogy which goes back through Abraham, Noah, and Adam. When one compares the Koran's description of the birth of Mary with the apocryphal Gospel of the birth of Mary, one is tempted to believe that Mohammed very much depended upon the latter. Both books describe the old age and the definite sterility of the mother of Mary. When, however, she conceives, the mother of Mary is made to say in the Koran: "**O Lord, I vow and I consecrate to you what is already within me. Accept it from me.**"

When Mary is born, the mother says: "**And I consecrate her with all of her posterity under thy protection, O Lord against Satan!**"

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The Koran passes over Joseph in the life of Mary, but the Moslem tradition knows his name and has some familiarity with him. In this tradition,

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Joseph is made to speak to Mary, who is a virgin. As he inquired how she conceived Jesus without a father, Mary answered: "Do you not know that God, when He created the wheat had no need of seed, and that God by His Power made the trees grow without the help of rain? All that God had to do was to say. 'So be it, and it was done.'"

The Koran has also verses on the Annunciation, Visitation, and Nativity. Angels are pictured as accompanying the Blessed Mother and saying: "Oh, Mary, God has chosen you and purified you, and elected you above all the women of the earth." In the nineteenth chapter of the Koran there are forty-one verses on Jesus and Mary. There is such a strong defense of the virginity of Mary here that the Koran, in the fourth book, attributes the condemnation of the Jews to their monstrous calumny against the Virgin Mary.

Mary, then, is for the Moslems the true *Sayyida*, or Lady. The only possible serious rival to her in their creed would be Fatima, the daughter of Mohammed himself. But after the death of Fatima, Mohammed wrote: "Thou shalt be the most blessed of all the women in Paradise, after Mary." In a variant of the text, Fatima is made to say: "***I surpass all the women, except Mary.***"

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This brings us to our second point, namely, why the Blessed Mother, in this twentieth century, should have revealed herself in the insignificant little village of Fatima, so that to all future generations she would be known as "Our Lady of Fatima." Since nothing ever happens out of heaven except with a finesse of all details, I believe that the Blessed Virgin chose to be known as "**Our Lady of Fatima**" as a pledge and a sign of hope to the Moslem people, and as an assurance that they, who show her so much respect, will one day accept her Divine Son, too.

Evidence to support these views is found in the historical fact that the Moslems occupied Portugal for

centuries. At the time when they were finally driven out, the last Moslem chief had a beautiful daughter by the name of Fatima. **A Catholic boy fell in love with her, and for him she not only stayed behind when the Moslems left, but even embraced the faith. The young husband was so much in love with her that he changed the name of the town where he lived to Fatima. Thus, the very place where Our Lady appeared in 1917 bears a historical connection to Fatima, the daughter of Mohammed.**

The final evidence of the relationship of Fatima to the Moslems is the enthusiastic reception which the Moslems in Africa and India and elsewhere gave to the Pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Fatima, as mentioned earlier. Moslems attended the Church services in honor of Our Lady; they allowed religious processions and even prayers before their mosques; and in Mozambique the Moslems, who were unconverted, began to be Christian as soon as the statue of Our Lady of Fatima was erected.

Missionaries in the future will, more and more, see that their apostolate among the Moslems will be successful in the measure that they preach Our Lady of Fatima. **Mary is the advent of Christ**, bringing Christ to the people before Christ Himself is born. In any apologetic endeavor, it is always best to start with that which people already accept. Because the Moslems have a devotion to Mary, our missionaries should be satisfied merely to expand and to develop that devotion, with the full realization that Our Blessed Lady will carry the Moslems the rest of the way to her Divine Son. She is forever a "traitor," in the sense **that she will not accept any devotion for herself, but will always bring anyone who is devoted to her to her Divine Son.** As those who lose devotion to her lose belief in the Divinity of Christ, so those who intensify devotion to her gradually acquire that belief.

Many of our great missionaries in Africa have already broken down the bitter hatred and prejudices of the Moslems against the Christians through their acts of charity, their schools and hospitals. It now remains to use another approach, namely, that of taking the forty-first chapter of the Koran and showing them that it was taken out of



the Gospel of Luke, that Mary could not be, even in their own eyes, the most blessed of all the women of heaven if she had not also borne One Who was the Savior of the world. If Judith and Esther of the Old Testament were prefigures of Mary, then it may very well be that Fatima herself was a post-figure of Mary! The Moslems should be prepared to acknowledge that, if Fatima must give way in honor to the Blessed Mother, it is because she is different from all the other mothers of the world and that without Christ she would be nothing..."  
**Source:** [http://lignatiusinsight.com/features2009/fsheen\\_maryandislam\\_jun09.asp](http://lignatiusinsight.com/features2009/fsheen_maryandislam_jun09.asp)

## THE FATHER'S PLAN OF SALVATION (Eph 1:3-6)

*"Blessed be the God and Father of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in*

*Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish before him. In love, he destined us for adoption to himself through Jesus Christ, in accord with the favor of his will for the praise and glory of his grace that he granted us in his beloved."*

## FULFILLMENT (of GOD's Holy Will) THROUGH CHRIST – (Eph 1:7-10)

*"In him we have redemption by his blood, the forgiveness of transgressions, in accord with the riches of his grace that he lavished upon us. In all wisdom and insight, he has made known to us the mystery of his will in accord with his favor that he set forth in him as plan for the fullness of times to sum up all things in Christ, in the heavens and on the earth."*

# “OH BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, OUR DEAREST MOTHER AND ST. MICHAEL, THE ARCHANGEL, CAST THE DEVIL INTO HELL”

(by David Blum)



**AT THIS VERY MOMENT, the Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Fatima is gathering Her forces throughout the world to do battle with the devil and his forces of evil here on earth.**

The challenge has been laid down and the “Battle enjoined with the great apostles of the latter times” with their rosary in their hands and their “Brown Scapular” of Carmel around their necks calling upon their “Great Glorious Queen of Angels; Queen of Patriarchs; Queen of Virgins; Queen of All Saints; Queen conceived without original sin; Queen assumed into Heaven; Queen of Peace and Queen of the most Holy Rosary.

In these times of brazen impiety, multitudes of mortal sins; sins of homosexuality and abortion--rampant and uncontrollable sins of immodesty; flagrant and shameless sins against all of the Ten Commandments, especially the First, Fifth & Sixth.

Yes, we call upon you, Oh Blessed Virgin Mary, to show again your

great power with the signs which accompanied your great victories of old. In pity, watch over the church and His Holiness Pope Francis and every order of the clergy and laity suffering in grievous warfare. Hasten Oh Most Powerful “destroyer of Heresies” the hour of great mercy by inspiring “All of the Hierarchy to promulgate the Five First Saturdays of Reparation into the church.

We call upon you St. Michael, St. Raphael and St. Gabriel and all you heavenly angels and saints to help us in this battle of the end times to defeat the devil and his minions of the followers here on earth.

Most Glorious Prince of the Heavenly armies, St. Michael, the Archangel, defend us in “our battle” against the “Spirit of wickedness in high places”- come to the assistance of men whom God has created in His likeness and whom He has redeemed at a great price from the tyranny of the devil.

Holy Church venerates Thee as Her Guardian and protector; to Thee, the

Lord has entrusted the souls of the redeemed to be led into heaven. Pray, therefore, that the God of Peace to “crush satan,” beneath our feet, that He may no longer retain men captive and do injury to the Church. Offer our prayers to the Most High, that without delay they may draw His mercy down upon us; St. Michael, take hold of “the dragon, the old serpent, which is the devil and satan...and bind him into the bottomless pit-so that he may no longer seduce the nations.”

## ST. MICHAEL PRAYER

*St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray, and do thou Oh Prince of the Heavenly Hosts, by the Power of God, cast into Hell satan and all the evil spirits who prowl throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.*

## PLEAS FROM HEAVEN

Will people ever wake up to the fact that GOD INTERFENED AT FATIMA and foretold the rise of communism which would spread its errors “throughout the entire world” if people do not listen to the message which He gave us through Our Lady and confirmed with a public miracle so that “everyone may believe”? It is sad to say that people have not listened to the Heavenly Message and we did see a rise of communism, the effects of which continues to spread its errors “throughout the entire world.”

Is there not a frightening, sickening feeling of things falling apart right here in our own country, and throughout the world? It would seem that not enough people have fulfilled the requests of Our Lady of Fatima. In order to prevent the loss of immortal souls and further destruction, should we not heed Our Lady’s pleas? Our Lady gave us the

answers, SIMPLE ANSWERS, to all the world problems for peace when She appeared at Fatima in 1917. Her simple requests included: offering up our daily duty, daily Rosary, consecration to Her Immaculate Heart and the Five First Saturdays.

Certainly Our Lord is most offended not only by the outrageous sins we see all about us, but most especially by those who know and who have received so much from Him—who do not love Him enough to pray, to do penance, to offer sacrifices to Him, to turn back the tide of evil that engulfs the present world.

There is no peace among individuals, families, societies and nations. Even nature seems to have gone into a state of revolt. Where will the peace our hearts yearn so much come from?

We have to wake up, really wake up

and not depend on someone else, and recognize that each one of us has a responsibility to do something...and the answer is so SIMPLE....The Fatima Message. Each one of us will be held responsible.

The heart of the Fatima Message and First Saturday Devotion is Eucharistic Reparation. Therefore, it is important that Catholics know and appreciate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and the Eucharist.

Only by stopping the offenses against God can there be True peace. Our Lady of Fatima predicted wars and persecutions would come if mankind did not convert.

Her predictions have come true and are still playing out in our catastrophic times.

Do we not all belong to God’s plan? Let us wake up and unite our sufferings with those of Jesus. Let us fulfill Our Lady



## PLEAS FROM HEAVEN ...Continued

of Fatima's request to offer up our daily duty, pray a daily rosary, wear the brown scapular as a sign of consecration, and accept Our Lord's personal invitation to make the Five First Saturdays.

On December 10, 1925, Our Lady made this electrifying statement: *"I promise to assist them at the hour of death, with all the graces necessary for the salvation of their souls all those who on the First Saturday of five consecutive months, go to confession, receive Holy communion, recite the rosary and keep me company for 15 minutes meditating on its mysteries with the intention of offering me reparation."* *"I promise salvation to those who adopt this devotion and the souls who practice it will be beloved of God. They will be as flowers placed by me adorning His Throne."*

In addition to promising us Heaven, Our Lady promises us the grace of dying

well. She promises Her presence at the hour of death. All who lead good lives have a reasonable assurance of going to Heaven, but how wonderful it is to have the assurance of dying well! Of dying in the arms of Mary! Of being presented into the presence of God by His Mother! *(Editor's Note: I was blessed to be at the side of my comatose mother before she died when suddenly she very lovingly looked up and cried out "Mary, Mary, Mary." For years my mother made the First Saturdays.)*

Next, there is a second most important reason why we should make the Five First Saturdays: Our Lady has promised by this means to bring an end to the world crisis.

If enough people were aware of the tremendous graces to be obtained from this simple devotion of the Five First Saturdays, would not every sincere and devout Catholic hasten to fulfill these conditions? **And why do so few fulfill them?**

Dr. Thomas Smyth, of Ireland, wrote: *"When we practice the devotion of the Five First Saturdays with love and devotion, the whole message of Our Lady of Fatima blossoms out into something very beautiful—changing one's whole life. And when a sufficient number of people practice this devotion it is certain that we shall have the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the era of peace she promised."*

*And, what is the punishment for not establishing in the world devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary through the five First Saturdays? Our Lady tells us that: "God is going to punish the 'World' for its crimes by means of war, hunger, persecutions of the church and of the Holy Father."*

This is evident from the very words of Our Lady Herself in the July apparition of 1917: *"To prevent this (i.e., war, hunger and persecution of the Church*

*and the Pope), I will come to ask for the consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart and the Communion of Reparation on the First Saturday."*

This indicates that in 1917 Our Lady gave the conditions which the world must fulfill in order to obtain a Christian world, while announcing another devotion which the elite, Her chosen children, could practice in order to cause the floodgates of Her Immaculate Heart to open with enough grace to cause the world to finally listen to the basic conditions for that peace, namely by ceasing to offend God, by making the sacrifices necessary to obey His Commandments in reparation for sins throughout the world.

Will you *"Have pity on the Heart of Your Most Holy Mother that is covered with thorns which ungrateful men pierce Her (Heart) without anyone making an Act of Reparation to remove them?"*

## FATIMA -- BLESSED SISTER ELENA AIELLO

Sister Elena Aiello was born on April 5, 1895. She had 7 brothers and sisters. She became a nun and later founded the Sister Minims of The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ. This order was based on the similar order of Monks founded by San Francesco di Paola. Sister Elena experienced apparitions of St. Francesco and other saints as well as the Blessed Mother. Sister Elena Aiello was made venerable by Pope John Paul II in 1992.

Sister Elena began suffering the stigmata every Good Friday from 1923 until her death on June 16, 1961. On September 14, 2011, Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, Pope Benedict XVI declared Sr. Elena Aiello "Blessed" Elena Aiello—Mystic, Stigmatic, Victim Soul, Prophet and Foundress of "The Minim Tertiaries" of the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

On Good Friday, April 8, 1955, Our Lady said to Blessed Elena: "You are to transmit these warnings to all, in order that the new generation will know that men had been warned in time to turn to God by doing penance and thus could have avoided these punishments."

On August 22, 1960, Our Lady said "Do not fear, for I will accompany with my maternal protection, my faithful

ones and all those who accept my urgent warnings, and they, especially by the recitation of my rosary will be saved." "If the people do not recognize in these Scourges of Nature (earthquakes; famine; hurricanes, tornadoes) the warnings of Divine Mercy, and do not return to God with truly Christian living, another terrible war will come from the East to the West. Russia with her secret armies will battle America; will overrun Europe...spread the devotion to my Immaculate Heart..."

"IN THESE TRAGIC HOURS, THE WORLD HAS NEED OF PRAYERS AND PENANCE BECAUSE THE POPE, THE PRIESTS, AND THE CHURCH ARE IN DANGER. IF WE DO NOT PRAY, "RUSSIA WILL MARCH UPON ALL OF EUROPE, AND PARTICULARLY UPON ITALY, BRINGING MUCH MORE RUIN AND HAVOC!"

Good Friday – 1960 – The Blessed Virgin Mary Speaks: "How youth lives in perdition! How many innocent souls find themselves enwrapped in a chain of scandals! The world has become as a flooded valley, overflowing with filth and mud! Some of the most difficult Trials of "Divine Justice" are yet to come, before the deluge of fire."



"I (the Blessed Virgin Mary) for a long time have advised men in many ways, but they do not listen to my maternal appeals, and they continue to walk the paths of perdition. But soon terrifying manifestations will be seen, which will make even the most obdurate sinners tremble! Great Calamities will come upon the world, which will bring confusion, tears, struggles and

pain. Great earthquakes will swallow up entire cities and countries and will bring epidemics, famine, and terrible destruction—especially where the sons of darkness are. Propagate the devotions to my Immaculate Heart (the 5 First Saturdays), Mother of Mercy, Mediatrix of Men, who believe in the Mercy of God, and Queen of the Universe."

## MAIL FROM OUR READERS

*Thank you for this publication - IPVS News Issue 21 It has made a difference in my spiritual life. I have saved this issue and refer to it as needed to nourish my faith, to become closer to our Lord and our Blessed Mother, to become a better Christian, to encourage me to pray the rosary daily, to appreciate and ask for Divine Mercy by reciting the Chaplet of Divine Mercy daily and to help me be mindful of the need to always strive to increase my faith and trust in The Lord, and to ask for mercy and forgiveness when I fail. **Craig***

*Dear members of the Pilgrim Virgin Foundation. Thank you for your latest issue of the IPVS News No. 21. It is invaluable. I would like to order 200 copies. Thank you. **Jeanette***

*I would like to order 25 copies of your Newsletter #21. Everyone needs to read it. It is priceless. **Henry***

*Not too long ago I was given a copy of your booklet "Our Lady of Fatima, Our Mother Comes to Us." For some time I quit going to church. After reading and rereading this little booklet many times, I am now back going to church. I would like to order 900 copies, half English and half*



*Spanish, to pass out to friends and members of our church. Thank you very much for all the work you do in promoting Our Lady of Fatima. Her Fatima Message is the Hope of the World. **Rita***

*My dearest Lady. Thank you for answering my prayers. I will continue to pray to you. **Laurie***

*Our Lady of Fatima, Thank you for always guiding and protecting my family and for answering my prayers. **Your child***

*Dear Lady of Fatima, please ask your precious Son, Jesus, to pour his Precious Blood on TJ and heal him of his cancer; on all of my children and their spouses and children to return to the church and sacraments; on RB to stop condemning the Catholic Church and Our Lady; and on all those who have asked of my prayers and those I promised to pray for; and on me, Dear Lady, to accept and do God's Will. **Thank you Dear Lady***

### 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 or 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)*

Our Lady of Fatima

Pray for us!

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## OUR LADY OF ALL NATIONS

*In 1973 an Image of this statue in the chapel of the Handmaids of the Eucharist in Akita, Japan, came alive and spoke to Sister Agnes Katsuko Sasagawa. Later, it shed miraculous tears 101 times, in confirmation of the message. The Lady of All Nations is not just repeating what She had said at Fatima. Now She is explicit. If the world does not heed these signs from God, much of humanity will be destroyed by fire. And She added the terrible words: "Those who survive will envy the dead."*

