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Fatima and Quito: 400+ Year Old Relevant Prophecies

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Our Lady of Good Success

Many of the messages for our own days are inseparable from the person and name of Mother Mariana de Jesus Torres. **Mother Mariana** (1563-1635) traveled from Spain to the New World at age 13 to help to found the Royal Convent. Favored with many singular gifts from Heaven, this chosen soul was given to know many future events, especially the situation of the **Church in the 20th century.**

Source: *Our Lady of Good Success, Prophecies for Our Times*, Marian T. Horvat, Los Angeles: TIA, Inc., 1999

Two important elements bind the prophecies of Our Lady of Good Success in Quito (Ecuador) to the apparitions of **Our Lady of Fatima** in 1917. First, there is a call to prayer and sacrifice to make amends for the many outrages and abuses of this unhappy century. Second, in both apparitions the Virgin assures us of her opportune intervention and triumph. Horvat, 1999, pg. 18

The prophecies of **Our Lady of Good Success** regarding the **20th century** speak directly of a profound crisis in the Church and in civil society. She warned Mother Mariana the Sacraments would be abused and set aside, that vocations would perish because of the poor formation and education in Catholic schools and monasteries, that impurity would inundate the streets like filthy ocean waters so that “there would be almost no virgin souls.” Repeatedly she warned of a crisis in the Church and the clergy. **Horvat, 1999, p. 18**

One of her forewarnings resounds loudly in the ears of those who followed the Fatima apparitions...It is impossible not to ask: Why was the third secret of **Fatima** not revealed in 1960 according to the mandate of the Queen of Heaven? Horvat, 1999, p. 18

The message of **Our Lady of Good Success** is also a motive for hope. She promised her intercession at the very moment “*when the evil will appear triumphant and when the authority abuses my power.*” This would “*mark the arrival of my hour, when I, in a*

marvelous way, will dethrone the proud and accursed Satan, trampling him under my feet and fettering him in the infernal abyss.” These words harmonize perfectly with the message of success that **Our Lady (of Fatima)** delivered to the three children (Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta) of **Fatima** in 1917: “*In the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph.*” Horvat, 1999, p. 18

Many of the prophecies of Our Lady of Good Success have already come true. She foretold that Ecuador would become a republic, and that a truly Catholic president of this country would be elected in the 19th century who would consecrate it to the Sacred Heart. She also predicted that the dogmas of Papal Infallibility and the Immaculate Conception would be proclaimed in that century. The object of this article, however, is not so much to give a detailed account of these revelations as to show their importance in our times and how **they parallel the Fatima message.** It is clear that our Blessed Mother had a reason for revealing these matters to Mother Mariana in the 1600's and only allowing them to come to light recently. In fact, she predicted that the spread of the devotion to Our Lady of Good Success would bring about a miraculous restoration of the Church at a time when the situation would seem nearly hopeless. Our Lady promised to give her special assistance — her good success — **to those who would invoke her under this title during these days of darkness.** Horvat, 1999, p. 18

In 1610, over the course of several apparitions, Our Lady ordered Mother Mariana to have a life-size statue made in the exact form that she appeared: with a crozier and the keys to the cloister in her right hand, and the Infant Jesus on her left arm. She explained that this was “*so that men will understand how powerful I am in placating the Divine Justice and in obtaining mercy and pardon for every sinner who comes to me with a contrite heart, for I am the Mother of Mercy and in me there is only goodness and love. Let them come to me, for I will*



lead them to Him.” Source: <https://cmri.org/articles-on-the-traditional-catholic-faith/our-lady-of-good-success-and-the-fatima-message/>

These ideas are replicated in the words of **Sister Lucia** in an interview with Father Fuentes in 1957, in which she speaks of the devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary: “... Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, our Most Holy Mother, consists in considering Her as the seat of mercy, of goodness and of pardon, and as the sure door by which we are to enter Heaven.”

Source: “Silencing of the Messengers, Father Fuentes (1959-1965),” Interview with Sister Lucia, <http://www.fatima.org/essential/frfuentes.asap>

One fact that stands out clearly

both at **Quito and at Fatima**, as well as in many of the other recent Marian apparitions, is the necessity of a very special devotion to the Blessed Virgin in these times, for only her grace and mercy will be able to sustain the faithful amidst such great trials and temptations.

Although many of the revelations Our Lady made to Mother Mariana referred specifically to Ecuador, it is quite evident that the “*almost total corruption*” she predicted would be **worldwide.** When she first appeared to the nun, our Blessed Mother showed herself as the Sorrowful Virgin, weeping as Christ suffered His death agony on the cross. She made known that this anguish



was “for the criminal world” — specifically for the heresy, blasphemy and impurity of the 20th century. The Holy Virgin asked Mother Mariana if she was willing to sacrifice herself for the people who would live during this time, and the holy nun agreed.

Source: Our Lady of Good Success, Prophecies for Our Times, Marian T. Horvat, Los Angeles: TIA, Inc., 1999.

We see here an echo of **Our Lady of Fatima's** words to the three children, “Do you wish to offer yourselves to God, to endure all the suffering that He may please to send you, as an act of reparation for the sins by which He is offended, and to ask for the conversion of sinners?” “Yes, we do,” Lucia answered in the name of all three. It is also significant, as Sister Lucia explained in an interview with Father Fuentes, that this eagerness for sacrifice was motivated by the children's compassion for Our Lady's great sadness: “Tell them also, Father, that my cousins Francisco and Jacinta sacrificed themselves because in all the apparitions of the Most Holy Virgin, they always saw her very sad. She never smiled at us. This sadness, this anguish which we noted in her, penetrated our souls. This sadness is caused by the offenses against God and the punishments which menace sinners. And so we children did not know what to think except to invent various means of praying and making sacrifices.”

Source: <https://cmri.org/articles-on-the-traditional-catholic-faith/our-lady-of-good-success-and-the-fatima-message/> also, Source: “Silencing of the Messengers, Father Fuentes (1959-1965),” Interview with Sister Lucia, <http://www.fatima.org/essentials/opposed/frfuentes.asp>

“Our Lady told her that in our lamentable times, heresies would abound, corruption of manners and customs would be almost complete and the light of Faith nearly extinguished...Thus, in a special way, the vocation of Mother Mariana links her to the crisis in the spiritual and temporal spheres that few would deny that we are witnessing today.

There is absolutely no way that a Spanish religious in the 1600's **could have had any idea of what would be occurring in our own century.** But there it was: Our Lady warned Mother Mariana that Sacraments would be abused and set aside, that vocations would perish because of poor formation and education in Catholic schools and monasteries, that impurity would inundate the streets like ocean waters so that “there would be almost no virgin souls.”

Source: Our Lady of Good Success: Prophecies for Our Times, Horvat, Marian T., Ph.D., Tradition in Action, (TIA) Inc., Los

Angeles, CA, © 1999.

A recurrent theme in the revelations of Our Lady of Good Success is the terrible trial which would afflict the Church in the 20th century, a crisis which would affect the sacraments, the clergy, and society in general:

“...at the end of the 19th century and into the 20th century, various heresies will be propagated... As these heresies spread, the precious light of Faith will be extinguished in souls by the almost total corruption of morals... The small number of souls, who hidden, will preserve the treasure of the Faith and suffer a cruel, unspeakable and prolonged martyrdom....”

Horvat, 1999, p. 55.

At Quito, Our Lady also foretold widespread corruption of the clergy; secular priests, especially, will become lax and worldly. “How the Church will suffer during this dark night!” she continued. “Lacking a prelate and father to guide them with paternal love, gentleness, strength, wisdom and prudence, many priests will lose their spirit, placing their souls in great danger.” **Horvath , 1999, p. 57** Horrendous scandals will take place, so that the actions of depraved priests will incite “the hatred of the bad Christians and the enemies of the Roman, Catholic and Apostolic Church to fall upon all priests.” **Horvat, 1999, p. 56.**

This seems to be a prediction of today's widespread outrage over the numerous and unspeakable cases of clergy abuse. **Fatima**, too, may have held forebodings of this shameful scandal. Again, it is Jacinta's words that draw our attention: “Pray much for priests and religious. Priests must be pure, very pure!”

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Source: Our Lady of Good Success and the Fatima Message, Sr. Agatha, The Reign of Mary, Issue No. 121, 2005.

Similarities: Fatima and Good Success

Our Lady asked Lucia, “Do you want to offer yourselves (the children) to God too endure all the sufferings He may chose to send you, as an act of reparation for the sins by which He is offended for the conversion of sinners?” **Her Own Words, p. 88.**

Likewise, in 1582, when Mother Mariana was praying before the Blessed Sacrament...Our Lady asked her: “My daughter, will you sacrifice yourself for the people of this time?” At the July **Fatima** apparition, Our Lady asked the children, “sacrifice yourselves for sinners, and say often to Jesus, whenever you make a sacrifice: O Jesus, it is for love of Thee, for the conversion of sinners and in reparations for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.” **Her Own Words, p. 94.**

Source: Her Own Words to the Nuclear Age, 101 Foundation, Inc., Asbury, New Jersey, USA © 1993.

During the third angelic apparition of the **Angel of Portugal**, at **Fatima**, the angel prostrated himself before the children and prayed: “*Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, I adore Thee profoundly and offer Thee the most precious Body, Blood, Souls and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles in the world, in reparation for the insults, sacrileges, and indifference with which He is offended. And through the infinite merits of His Most Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg Thee the conversion of sinners.*” **Her Own Words, p. 81**

Another similarity, at Quito, Our Lady said, “...It is necessary that men amend their lives, and ask pardon for their sins. Let them offend God no more, for **He is already much offended.**” These are but a few similarities; more are inferred within this text. **Her Own Words, p. 107**

Source: Her Own Words to the Nuclear Age, 101 Foundation, Inc., Asbury, New Jersey, USA © 1993.

Our Lady warned that in these times the sacraments would be attacked, abused, and neglected. Laws would be passed undermining marriage so

that many people will live in sin. She also said, “*In these unhappy times, there will be unbridled luxury that will conquer innumerable frivolous souls who will be lost. Innocence will almost no longer found in children, or modesty in women. In this supreme moment of need in the Church, those who should speak will fall silent. The spirit of impurity will permeate the atmosphere during these times. Like a filthy ocean, it will run through the streets, squares and public places with astonishing liberty, to the point that there will be almost no virgin souls.*” As far as I can determine, this describes our present day follies.

Source: Our Lady of Good Success and the Fatima Message, Sr. Agatha, The Reign of Mary, Issue No. 121, 2005.

The Message of Fatima also predicted that if the requests of the Virgin Mary at Fatima are not honored, many souls will be lost, “*the Holy Father will have much to suffer*”, there will be further wars and persecutions of the Church and “*various nations will be annihilated.*” The annihilation of nations predicted at Fatima has not yet occurred, but many fear that it will soon happen, given the growing immorality and corruption of the world.

Source: <http://www.getmeprepared.com/heavenly-warnings-fatima-lasalette-marie-julie-jahenny.html>

Comment: It would not be a stretch of the imagination to equate the annihilation of nations with well over one billion worldwide abortions in the last five decades. After all, how many living people does it take to make a nation? This does not preclude that a nation, or nations, may not be decimated exactly as foretold. We pray not!

Fatima and the 3rd Secret

The Fatima message contains similar/same warnings, although some are not directly explicit, while others are obviously so, but with logical certainty these could be part of, or many of the actual events mentioned in the third secret of Fatima. We may never know in our lifetime. However, as the secret given Lucia was thought to be so dastardly it may have been decided that it should not have been revealed during the time of the 1960's. (who would have ever believed in 1960 that our country would debase itself to such an immoral stature in such a short 60 year time) One could come to the conclusion that if this secret pertained or revealed events that produced such as the mess we find in our times, it may have been against the better judgment



of all the previous popes to do so to overcome or at least seriously delay these events. A most likely possibility is that there was a 'higher' reason for this **omittance** that we are not privy to.

This I know, what we think is not important. Our Lord did not give us the key to the Kingdom of Heaven. He gave the keys to St. Peter, our first pope. Our Pope makes those tough decisions and as Catholics it is our duty then to keep our Faith. Had the pope decided to reveal the third secret, it may have hastened the arrival of our current circumstances. Most sincere people are daily shocked at the criminality that is repeated on all the different media and news cycles that occur hour by hour on our

radios, televisions, telephones, etc. In a matter of speaking, it really does not matter whether the secret had been revealed or NOT. It is obvious that today there is a worldwide general decay of values, mores, disrespect for authority and law and order. These are events and circumstances that have slowly progressed over decades, not only of years, and not only in our country.

The best response would be to repent our ways, pray for the correct direction to lead our lives, place our wants, needs, our soul in the hands of God, remember the first five Saturday's devotion Our Lady requested, meditate on the Holy Rosary, and make an honest reparation to the Immaculate Heart of

Mary. She **IS** not only the daughter of God, she also **IS** the bride of the Holy Spirit, she **IS** the mother of Our Lord Jesus Christ, she **IS** Queen of Angels, Queen of Heaven and Earth, but she also **IS** our very own spiritual mother, given to us by her son Jesus, could we ask for a better recourse? We all want to go to Heaven and understand that Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Our Blessed Mother is ready and more than willing to intercede on our behalf to lead us to Her Son, **JESUS!**

In a matter of speaking it really does not matter whether the secret had been revealed or NOT. It is obvious that there is a general decay of values, mores, and a worldwide disrespect for authority and law and order to say the least. Simply stated,

what could any one have directly done about it? These are events and circumstances that have progressed over decades, not only years, and not only in our country.

As Marian T. Horvat, the author of the book titled, *Our Lady of Good Success: Prophecies For Our Time*, concludes that the number of visions and mystical favors that graced her life are too numerous to recount in such a small book. This is but a small summary of all the revelations in the book in hopes of raising a greater devotion to her. May this hasten the day when she will be known and honored everywhere as Queen of Heaven and Earth as she has prophesied in **Quito and Fatima**.

OUR LADY OF AKITA – TEARS AND MESSAGES OF MARY FOR THE WORLD

Akita follows the extraordinary true story of the Marian apparitions to Sister Agnes Katsuko Sasagawa at a small convent in Japan. Beginning in June of 1973, a wooden statue of Mary not only bled, sweat, and cried human tears, but also animated and spoke to Sister Agnes on three separate occasions. The apparitions, which focused on prayer, penance, and conversion, were approved by Most Reverend John Shojiro Ito, Bishop of Niigata, Japan in 1984 after eight years of extensive investigation. With ties to Fatima, Our Lady of Akita relayed a similar message of repentance and prayer to a Japanese religious sister, Sister Agnes Sasagawa.

July 6, 1973

"My daughter, my novice, you have obeyed Me well in abandoning all to follow me. Is the infirmity of your ears painful? Your deafness will be healed, for sure. Be patient. It is the last trial. Does the wound of your hand cause you to suffer? Pray in reparation for the sins of men; Each person in this community is my irreplaceable daughter. Do you say well the prayer of the Handmaids of the Eucharist? Then, let us pray it together."

"Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, truly present in the Holy Eucharist, I consecrate my body and soul to be entirely one with your heart being sacrificed at every instant on all the altars of the world and giving praise to the father, pleading for the coming of His Kingdom. Please receive this

humble offering of myself. Use me as You will for the glory of the Father and the salvation of souls. Most Holy Mother of God, never let me be separated from your Divine Son. Please defend and protect me as Your special child. Amen. Pray ever much for the Pope, the bishops and the priests."



August 3, 1973

The second message, like the first time, was given by the voice coming from the statue of the Holy Virgin:

"My daughter, my novice, do you love the Lord? If you love the Lord, listen to what I have to say to you. It is very important. You will convey it to your superior. Many men in this world afflict the Lord. I desire souls to console Him to soften the anger of the Heavenly Father. I wish, with my Son, for souls who will repair their suffering and their poverty for the

sinner and ingrates. In order that the world might know His anger, the Heavenly Father is preparing to inflict a great chastisement on all mankind. With my Son, I have intervened so many times to appease the wrath of the Father. I have prevented the coming of calamities by offering Him the sufferings of the Son on the Cross. His Precious Blood, and beloved souls who console Him and form a cohort of victim souls. Prayer, penance, and courageous sacrifices can soften the Father's anger. I desire this also from your community, that it love poverty, that it sanctify itself and pray in reparation for the ingratitude and outrages of so many men. Recite the prayer of the Handmaids of the Eucharist with awareness of its meaning; put it into practice; offer (whatever God my send) in reparation for sins. Let each one endeavor, according to capacity position, to offer themselves entirely to the Lord. Even in a secular institute prayer is necessary. Already souls who wish to pray are on the way to being gathered. Without attaching too much attention to the form, be faithful and fervent in prayer to console the Master."

October 13, 1973

The third and last message was given also by the voice coming from the statue of the Holy Virgin.

"My dear daughter, listen well to what I have to say to you. You will inform your superior. As I told you, if men do not repent and better

themselves, the Father will inflict a terrible punishment on all humanity. It will be a punishment greater than the deluge, such as one will never have seen before. Fire will fall from the sky and will wipe out a great part of humanity, the good as well as the bad, sparing neither priests nor faithful. The survivors will find themselves so desolate that they will envy the dead. The only arms which will remain for you will be the Rosary. With the Rosary, pray for the Pope, the bishops and the priests. The work of the devil infiltrate even into the Church in such a way that one will see cardinals opposing cardinals, bishops against other bishops. The priests who venerate me will be scorned and opposed by their confreres, churches and altars sacked, the Church will be full of those who accept compromises, and the demons will press many priests and consecrated souls to leave the service of the Lord."

"The demon will be especially implacable against souls consecrated to God. The thought of the loss of so many souls is the cause of my sadness. If sins increase in number and gravity, there will be no longer pardon for them."

May 30, 1982

On this date, the Feast of Pentecost, at the moment of Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, Sr. Agnes Sasagawa hearing was cured instantly.

VENERABLE MOTHER MARY ANGELINE TERESA, O. CARM.

- DAUGHTER OF CARMEL

By Rev. Fr. James L. P. Miara

On October 13, 1917, during Our Lady's final apparition at Fatima and the great Miracle of the Sun, She came dressed as Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and holding out the Scapular to the world. Sr. Lucia said it was at that moment seeing Our Lady dressed in the brown Carmelite habit that she desired to become a Carmelite Nun which she did in 1948.

Another daughter of Carmel, someone who someday might be a Saint, is Venerable Mother Mary Angeline Teresa, O. Carm. We would do well to get to know these holy individuals now as we hope to be spending eternity with them in Heaven.

Mother M. Angeline Teresa (Bridget Teresa McCrory) was born on January 21, 1893 in Mountjoy, County Tyrone, Ireland. When she was seven her family migrated to Scotland. At the age of nineteen she left home to become a Little Sister of the Poor, a Congregation engaged in the care of the destitute aged. She made her novitiate in LaTour, France and after Profession in 1915 was sent to the United States.

In 1926, Mother Angeline was appointed Superior of the Home of the Little Sisters of the Poor in the Bronx. During an annual retreat in 1927 she received a "call within a call" as Mother Teresa did and felt urged to reach out to do more for the people for whom she cared. She felt that the European way and many of the customs of France did not meet the needs or the customs of the Americans.

Being unable to effect any necessary changes in her present situation, Mother Angeline sought advice and counsel from the Archbishop of New York, the "Cardinal of Charity," Patrick Hayes. Not only did he encourage her, but he likewise felt more could be done for the aged people in the New York area and beyond. In order to accomplish what she felt called to do, and with the blessing of the Cardinal, Mother Angeline and six other pioneer Sisters withdrew from the congregation of the Little Sisters of the Poor and were granted permission from Rome to begin a new Community in the care of the aged putting into effect Mother Angeline's ideals. They lived for a time with the Dominican nuns before



Picture credit: Venerable Mary Angeline Teresa portrait by Robert Whelan 3022

moving into their own convent.

In 1931 the Community became affiliated with the great Order of Carmel and became known as "Carmelite Sisters of the Aged and Infirm."

On January 21, 1984, Mother Angeline Teresa the Foundress, went to her eternal reward, leaving her Order with 59 homes for the aged which she established. She is laid to rest in the Congregation's Queen of Carmel Cemetery at St. Teresa's Motherhouse in Germantown, New York. On June 28, 2012, Pope Benedict XVI affirmed Mother Angeline's heroic virtue and issued a Decree declaring her to be "Venerable," which is the first step to being declared a Saint. Now two miracles are needed through her intercession in order for Beatification and Canonization to take place. Ask Mother Angeline for her intercession and help in your lives and to obtain graces for you. She is a model of dedication and

compassion from whom we can all learn. For much more information on Venerable Mother Angeline and to join the Society which prays for her Beatification and sends out a periodic newsletter to members visit: <https://motherangeline.org/> and to learn more about the Congregation which she founded, the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm, visit their website at <https://www.carmelitesiers.com/>

Venerable Angeline has many titles such as *Mary's Faithful Daughter* because of her great devotion to Our Lady as the Queen and Splendor of Mt. Carmel, *Daughter of Carmel Wrapped in a Mantle of Prayer* because of her great devotion to the Holy Rosary, and *Model of Hospitality* as she wanted the homes she founded to be more home-like, inviting the residents to bring items that were dear to them for their rooms and even providing "beverages" as she called them. She was also known

as *Mother and Friend to Priests*. Not only the priests of the Carmelite Order who were a support to her from the very beginning, but also Diocesan priests, Jesuits, Passionists, Franciscans, LaSalette Missionaries, the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, etc. were counted among her friends who experienced her unique charism of profound love and respect. This Venerable Servant of God always possessed a completely natural, affectionate, and spiritual regard for priests, bishops and seminarians, caring for them, loving them and encouraging them in a gentle and maternal way. Many a priest was the recipient of her warm and heroic hospitality on their visits to Avila-on-the-Hudson, a virtue she passed down so beautifully to her spiritual daughters who do the same today. Mother built a "hotel" for priests at the Motherhouse so they could get away and take a little rest. She would pray for them before the Blessed Sacrament. The following was found in Mother Angeline's personal writings: "My principal occupation is the immolation of self for the sanctification of Priests and Candidates for the Priesthood." In 1942 this 'Princess,' as she was referred to by the Prior General of the Carmelites Fr. Doswald, began to offer up every Saturday for priests, a custom which the Carmelite Sisters continue to this day. Mother Angeline's great love for the priesthood should come as no surprise as she was deeply devoted to the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar, decorating the High Altar of the Motherhouse chapel with flowers and candles and providing beautiful vestments for the Holy Sacrifice. She never missed Holy Mass nor the reception of Holy Communion which were the highpoints of her day. Like St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta, she was always thrilled when a new house of the Congregation was opened, as there was another tabernacle for the Lord.

Venerable Mother Angeline Teresa McCrory, O. Carm., Pray for us and Protect us who put our confidence in you! #

TAKEN TO PURGATORY, MYSTIC GLIMPSED THE FRUIT OF HER SACRIFICES AND INTERCESSION

St. Anne Catherine Emmerich, whose revelations on the Passion of Our Lord are so well known, had a special devotion to the souls in purgatory, who often came to ask for her help. She would kneel on winter nights in the snow, praying for them, until she was stiff with cold.

At other times she would kneel on a piece of wood with sharp edges in order to increase the efficacy of her prayers by her penances; and she often had the consolation of receiving the thanks of the souls she had delivered! You can also (in your own way). She related the following story.

“When I was still a child, I was led by an unknown person to a place which seemed to me to be purgatory. I saw many souls suffering grievously, who earnestly asked for my prayers. I seemed to be gazing into a deep abyss of vast extent, terrible to look upon; but it was a touching sight, for the place was full of silent persons, who seemed to be in great affliction, and yet there was something in their countenances which showed that in their hearts they had hope in the Mercy of God.”

“When I prayed with fervor for the poor souls, I often heard voices around me crying, ‘Thank you! Thank you!’ When I was older I was going early one morning to Mass, and I chose a lonely road to pray better for the souls in purgatory.”

“It was still dark, but the poor souls that hovered above me in the air lighted my way. I was delighted to seem them, for I knew them and loved them; and in the night also they used to come and ask for my assistance.”

The relationship of Anne Catherine with the suffering souls was affected by the guidance of an angel—who led her through the vast spaces of purgatory in order that she might

be refreshed by the fruits of her penances (seeing, as she was able, those who were destitute of spiritual aid).

“I was with my guide near the poor souls,” she noted. “I saw their great desolation, for they cannot help themselves, and the living seem to do so little for them. While I was thinking of their misery, I was accidentally separated from my guide. I hastened to find him, searching everywhere until I was nearly fainting with terror and fatigue. I saw him at last, and he said to me, ‘Now you understand something of what these poor souls must feel in their longing for help.’”

“My guardian angel often led me into solitary places that I might pray for the poor souls; and in tears, with arms outstretched; I implored God to have mercy on them.”

“Those poor souls are so grateful for all that is done for them; and when I offer my sufferings on their behalf, they pray for me in return. It frightens me to see how men neglect and despise the graces that the Church offers them in such abundance while the poor souls in purgatory languish with desire of them.”

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *Sacramentus Caritatis* (The Sacrament of Charity), Pope Benedict XVI highlights what is the source and summit of Christian life, the Eucharist. Among the awesome list of aspects of the Eucharist, emerges the Prayer for the Dead (32). Writes the Pope:

“The Eucharistic celebration, in which we proclaim that Christ has died and risen, and will come again, is a pledge of the future glory in which our bodies too will be glorified. Celebrating the memorial of our salvation strengthens our hope in the resurrection of the body and in the possibility of meeting once again, face to face, those who have gone before us marked with the sign of

faith. In this context, I wish, together with the Synod Fathers, to remind all the faithful of the importance of prayers for the dead, especially the offering of Mass for them, so that, once purified, they can come to the beatific vision of God. A rediscovery of the eschatological dimension inherent in the Eucharist, celebrated

and adored, will help sustain us on our journey and comfort us in the hope of glory (cf. Romans 5:2; Tit 2:13). The Eucharistic banquet comes to the aid of our freedom as we continue our journey and the freedom of the holy souls languishing in purgatory.”



Prayer for the Souls In Purgatory

O gentle Heart of Jesus, ever present in the Blessed Sacrament, ever consume with burning love for the poor captive Souls in Purgatory, have mercy on them.

Be not severe in Your judgments, but let some drops of Your Precious Blood fall upon the devouring flames. And, Merciful Savior, send Your Angels to conduct them to a place of refreshment, light and peace. Amen.

THE NEW EFFICACY OF THE ROSARY

By Michael Chavis

“The Most Holy Virgin, in these last times in which we live, has given a new efficacy to the recitation of the Rosary to such an extent that there is no problem, no matter how difficult it is, temporal or especially spiritual, in the personal life of each one of us, of our families, of the families of the world or of the religious communities, or even of the life of peoples and nations, that cannot be solved by the Rosary.”

“There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot resolve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary. With the Holy Rosary we will save ourselves. We will console Our Lord and obtain the salvation of many souls.”

A quotation of: Sister Lucia dos Santos of Fatima to Father Fuentes, 1937

What is the the Holy Rosary and how did it become part of our Catholic faith? The first apparition of Our Lady of the Rosary is by tradition attributed to St. Dominic. According to the attribution, the Virgin Mary appeared to St. Dominic in 1208, in the church of Prouille, in France, and introduced him to the Rosary. Also, on October 13, 1917, Our Blessed Mother identified herself as “The Lady of the Rosary” – to Lucia dos Santos and Jacinta Marto – at Fatima. The current structure includes a set chronology of prayers. One Apostle’s Creed; One Pater; 3 Ave’s; The Angel of Fatima Prayer (O My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fire’s of hell, lead all souls to heaven, especially those who are most in need of Thy Mercy). There are four Mysteries. Each Mystery contains five meditations: **The Joyful:** *The Annunciation; The Visitation; The Nativity; The Presentation of The Christ Child at The Temple and The Purification of Mary; and The Finding of The Christ Child in The Temple After Three Days.* **The Luminous:** *The Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan; The Wedding Feast at Cana; The Proclamation of The Coming of The Kingdom of Heaven; The Transfiguration; and The Introduction of the Institution of The Sacrament of The Eucharist.* **The Sorrowful:** *The Agony in The Garden; The Scourging at The Pillar; The Crowning of Thorns; The Carrying of the Cross; and The Crucifixion.* **The Glorious:** *The Resurrection; The Ascension; The Descent of The Holy Spirit In Tongues of Fire; The Assumption of Our Lady Into Heaven Body and Soul; and The Coronation of Our Lady As Queen of*

Heaven and The Universe.

Each mystery contains five decades of the prayer: Hail Mary. The Archangel St. Gabriel, God’s messenger of The Annunciation, gave us the opening salutation of this prayer. “Hail full of grace The Lord is with thee!” The second Joyful Mystery continues St. Gabriel’s salutation, as St. Elizabeth says to her kinswoman Mary: “Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb.” It was not until the sixteenth century that the words: “Holy Mary Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death” – were added.

Growing up, I remember seeing rosaries hanging from the bed posts, in drawers, and practically everywhere I visited. Daily/weekly recitation was a tradition in many homes and parishes. One of the gifts I received at my First Holy Communion was a rosary. I remember seeing the movies: “The Song of Bernadette” and “The Miracle of Our Lady of Fatima.” That solidified my interest in The Rosary.

In retrospect, devotion and recitation of the Holy Rosary seemed to be geared more towards women than men. Fortunately, there is equanimity among man and women currently praying the Rosary. This equanimity has as a foundation: **“The New Efficacy of The Holy Rosary.”** The Queen of The Most Holy Rosary is telling all of her children: “There is nothing that we cannot solve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary.”

THE FIRST JOYFUL MYSTERY: THE ANNUNCIATION

(Meditation: Scene of The Annunciation from the movie titled: “The Nativity.”) Also, keep in mind the regal bearing and lineage of “Our Most Holy Queen and Mother!” Born into The Tribe of Judah – of the Royal House of David. Presented at Temple at the age of 5 (according to Venerable Mary Agreda – “The Mystical City of God.”) Educated at Temple (Convent School) by the Prophetus Anna – daughter of Phanuel -who Mary would later meet in the Fourth Joyful Mystery – The Presentation of Jesus at The Temple and The Purification of Mary.

Her kinsman Sts. Zacharias and Elizabeth, parents of St. John The Baptist, are Levites. Priests! This explains why Mary questioned St. Gabriel at The Annunciation. Having

taken a vow of perpetual virginity in her youth, Mary was well versed and anticipating the coming of The Messiah, in fulfillment of scripture. This is proven by St. Gabriel’s answer to her: “You shall conceive of The Holy Spirit!” “He Shall Be The Son Of The Most High!” Whereas, when Zacharias doubted Gabriel’s announcement at The Visitation, he was struck dumb until he wrote the name of his son “John” on the tablet. Immediately afterwards, the lips of Zacharias were loosed as he praised God. This was an affirmation of St. Gabriel’s announcement which was witnessed by the Temple Elders and Priests. How many people underestimate the wisdom and education of Our Blessed Mother? In the “Mystical City of God” - Our Lady tells Venerable Mary Agreda that her most ardent desire is to be Our Mother and Our Instructress in The Science of The Cross.

THE SECOND JOYFUL MYSTERY: THE VISITATION

(Meditation: Our Lady’s kinswoman St. Elizabeth (pregnant with St. John The Baptist) salutes her by saying: “Who am I, that the mother of Our Lord should come under my roof?” “As soon as your greeting reached my ears, the babe in my womb leapt for joy!”) Mary’s response is the Magnificat! “My soul doth magnify the Lord. And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. Because he hath regarded the humility of his handmaid, for behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. Because he that is mighty, hath done great things to me; and holy is his name. And his mercy is from generation unto generations, to them that fear him. He hath shewed might in his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble. He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away. He hath received Israel his servant, being mindful of his mercy. As he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever.

Zacharias is visited by an angel that announces his wife Elizabeth’s conception in her old age. “His name shall be John!” “He will be filled with The Holy Spirit!” “He shall not drink wine or strong drink.” “He will

prepare the way of The Pantocrator!” “The Holy One of God that will forgive the people their sins!” As Isaiah said: “The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, prepare ye the way of The Lord!”



THE THIRD JOYFUL MYSTERY: THE NATIVITY

(Meditation: Micah 5:2 – “And thou, Bethlehem Ephrata, art a little one among the thousands of Juda; out of thee shall He come forth unto me that is to be the ruler in Israel; and his going forth is from the beginning, from the days of eternity.”) The Nativity is an angelic explosion! An angel announces to the shepherds: “Fear not! I bring you great tidings of comfort and joy to all men! On this day, in the city of David, a Savior is born, who is Christ The Lord! And this shall be a symbol to you: You will find the child with his mother, laying in a manger, wrapped in swaddling clothes. Rejoice! For the Redeemer is born!” And suddenly, a multitude of angels appeared praising God and saying: “Glory to God in The Highest! Peace on Earth and goodwill towards men!”

The heavens affirm scripture – displaying the birth of “The King of Kings” and “Lord of Lords!” The stars and planets align with Jupiter rising. Jupiter, is the planet of royalty associated with the House of David. A solitary star – The Star of Bethlehem - guided a caravan of kings from the East. Their names were Balthazar, Kaspar, and Melchior. The star hovered above the location of the Nativity - where they found Mary with the child Jesus. The kings knelt in reverence, worshipped and adored Jesus, and offered him gold,



frankincense, and myrrh. Sing choirs of angels! Sing in exultation! Hark the herald angels sing! Glory to the new born king!

THE FOURTH JOYFUL MYSTERY: THE PRESENTATION OF THE CHRIST CHILD AT THE TEMPLE AND THE PURIFICATION OF MARY

(Meditation: Joseph and Mary are received by Simeon and Anna at the temple. The prophet Simeon says

of Jesus: "This child comes into the world, for the rise and fall of many, as a sign that will be a contradiction; Thou has dismissed thy servant in peace O Lord, for I have seen the salvation of the world, a light to all nations, and a servant to your people Israel." Simeon then turned to Mary and said: "And you are the mother? Thy own soul a sword shall pierce, that the hearts of many may be revealed.") This scripture also holds devotion to The Seven Sorrows of St. Joseph and Mary. It is a manifestation of the lowliness of Mary – as she attests to in the Magnificat – and the existential humility of Jesus. Purification of

Mary? How can The Immaculate Conception be purified? Mary's participation in the Presentation/Purification was in obedience to Jewish law. Ontologically, how can The Son of God be presented to His Father? Once again, obedience!

THE FIFTH JOYFUL MYSTERY: THE FINDING OF THE CHRIST CHILD IN THE TEMPLE AFTER THREE DAYS

(Meditation: After three days of

absence from Mary and Joseph, Jesus is discovered in Jerusalem among the temple elders. His wisdom and knowledge exceeded all, as He spoke to them with authority and zeal. Upon finding Jesus, Mary says to Him: "Son, behold your father and I have sought thee for three days in sorrow. Why have you done so, to us?" Jesus replies: "Woman, why I have you sought me three days in sorrow? Did you not know that I would be in my Father's house, about My Father's business?") Sometimes we feel abandoned, even by God. This scripture show's us that: He is always with us – even when we can't see it.

THE HOLY SOULS WILL REPAY US A THOUSAND TIMES OVER

But what shall we say of the feelings of the Holy Souls themselves? It would be utterly impossible to describe their unbounded gratitude to those who help them! Filled with an immense desire to repay the favors done them, they pray for their benefactors with a fervor so great, so intense, so constant that God can

refuse them nothing. St Catherine of Bologna says: "I received many and very great favors from the Saints, but still greater favors from the Holy Souls."

When they are finally released from their pains and enjoy the beatitude of Heaven, far from forgetting their friends on Earth, their

gratitude knows no bounds. Prostrate before the Throne of God, they never cease to pray for those who helped them. By their prayers they shield their friends from the dangers and protect them from the evils that threaten them. They will never cease these prayers until they see their benefactors safely in Heaven, and

they will be forever their dearest, sincerest and best friends.

If Catholics only knew what powerful protectors they secure by helping the Holy Souls, they would not be so remiss in praying for them.

THE BROWN SCAPULAR AND CARL MALBURG

As was reported in our last Newsletter, Carl Malburg, my husband, who traveled with Our Lady's Image for over 20 years throughout the world, passed away last January 16, 2023. Over these years when he returned home from each tour, he would immediately begin making more brown scapulars, for a total of more than 2 million. Almost 3 weeks after Carl's death, while writing Thank You notes to many friends for Masses offered for Carl, and then feeling very depressed, I lowered my arms and lowered my head on the table to rest. Almost immediately, I felt two taps on my head. As I raised my head, what appeared before me was a group of either 8 or 10 Brown Scapulars in a row, suspended in the air with the cords hanging down. As I looked at them, they faded away. I believe Carl was reminding me of the importance of the Brown Scapular and to continue his mission.

In January 2022 Carl came down with the Covid Virus. In March 2022 he was diagnosed with stage-4 lung cancer. After we prayed the rosary. I would pray and bless him with holy water and sacramentals of the



church. Finally, one day he said to me "Rose Mary, I don't need any of these things, I have on my Brown Scapular and Our Lady is always at my side."

On July 16, 1251, during an apparition to St Simon Stock, a Carmelite, the Blessed Mother handed him a brown Scapular saying ***"Accept the Scapular. It shall be a sign of salvation, a protection in danger and a pledge of peace. Whoever dies clothed in this Scapular shall not suffer eternal fire."***

HEARTS FROM OUR LADY

If I may, I would like to share with you what I feel was a special grace from Our Blessed Mother.

I have had a lot of things happen to me spiritually. What I would like to share with you is that God keeps blessing me with hearts. I have Leukemia and have been receiving bruises that are, without question, HEARTS.

When I received the 900 Fatima booklets, "Our Lady of Fatima...Our Mother Comes To Us" ordered from your Foundation, and picked up the box, I immediately got a bruise on my hand, but didn't think too much about it. The bruise looked like a regular bruise. I then did some of my devotional prayers and, maybe an hour and a half later, I was washing my hands when I noticed the bruise on my hand didn't look the same. Instead, it was shaped in a perfect HEART. I have already given out over half of the booklets. Jeff Francis, Plano, IL



Our Lady of Fatima Pray for us!

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Angel of God, my guardian dear,
To whom God's love commits me here,
Ever this day be at my side,
To light and guard, to rule and guide, Amen.

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

Saint Michael 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, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

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THE WORDS OF ST. PADRE PIO

Always remember the words of St. Padre Pio "Pray, Hope and don't worry." He faced his trials and suffering through prayer, the Holy Eucharist, and devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Some of the quotes by St. Padre Pio:

"Jesus is always with you, even when you don't feel his presence. He is never so close to you as he is during your spiritual battles. He is always there, close to you, encouraging you to fight the good fight; he is there to ward off the enemy's blows, so you won't be hurt."

"...The Rosary is the prayer of those who triumph over everything and everyone. It was Our Lady who taught us this prayer, just as it was Jesus who taught us the Our Father."

"Some people are so foolish that they think they can go through life without the help of the Blessed Mother."

"Love the Madonna and pray the Rosary, for her Rosary is the weapon against the evils of the world today. All graces given by God pass through the Blessed Mother." St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina...Pray for us.



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