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FATIMA & LENT Can Lent Overcome ISIS?

*The apparitions of Mary at Fatima did not come during Lent.
But, Her messages to the world certainly relate to the theme of Lent.*

(by Carl R. Malburg)



"A child photographed waiting to be killed by militants. ISIS uses these images to terrorize others. It is reported via CNN that children's heads are being erected on poles in a city park. WE CAN prevent these slaughters through our rosaries, reparation and sacrifices. When are we going to say, "Enough, is Enough."

SIN

As we meditate and begin to acknowledge our sins, Our Lady reminds us that **"God is already too much offended."** **"Stop offending God."** **"All must convert."** She reminds us of the damage caused by

our sins, and how all people must suffer because of our sins. What follows sin(s) is: **"War, famine, persecution, the Pope will suffer much - (the Church) -, etc."** She calls us to repentance - conversion so that others, the world, may be granted a heavenly peace that ONLY God can provide. We cannot do it on our own,

but with Her intercession and His Divine Mercy..."all things are possible with God!"

REPARATION

Our Lady of Fatima said the same thing: **"Pray, pray a great deal, and make sacrifices for the conversion of sinners."**

During Lent, the Church leads us to offer acts of atonement, that is, reparation for sin by means of prayer, fasting, self-denial, mortification, discipline, corporal and spiritual works of mercy, and especially to fully take advantage of God's Mercy: "The Sacrament of Reconciliation." **"For it is love that I desire, not sacrifice, (like human or animal sacrifice) and knowledge of God rather than holocausts."** Hosea 6:6 [NAB] What better or more perfect act of reparation is there than to acknowledge our own sins, to repent, and then give ourselves over to the Will of God by loving Him and His creation?

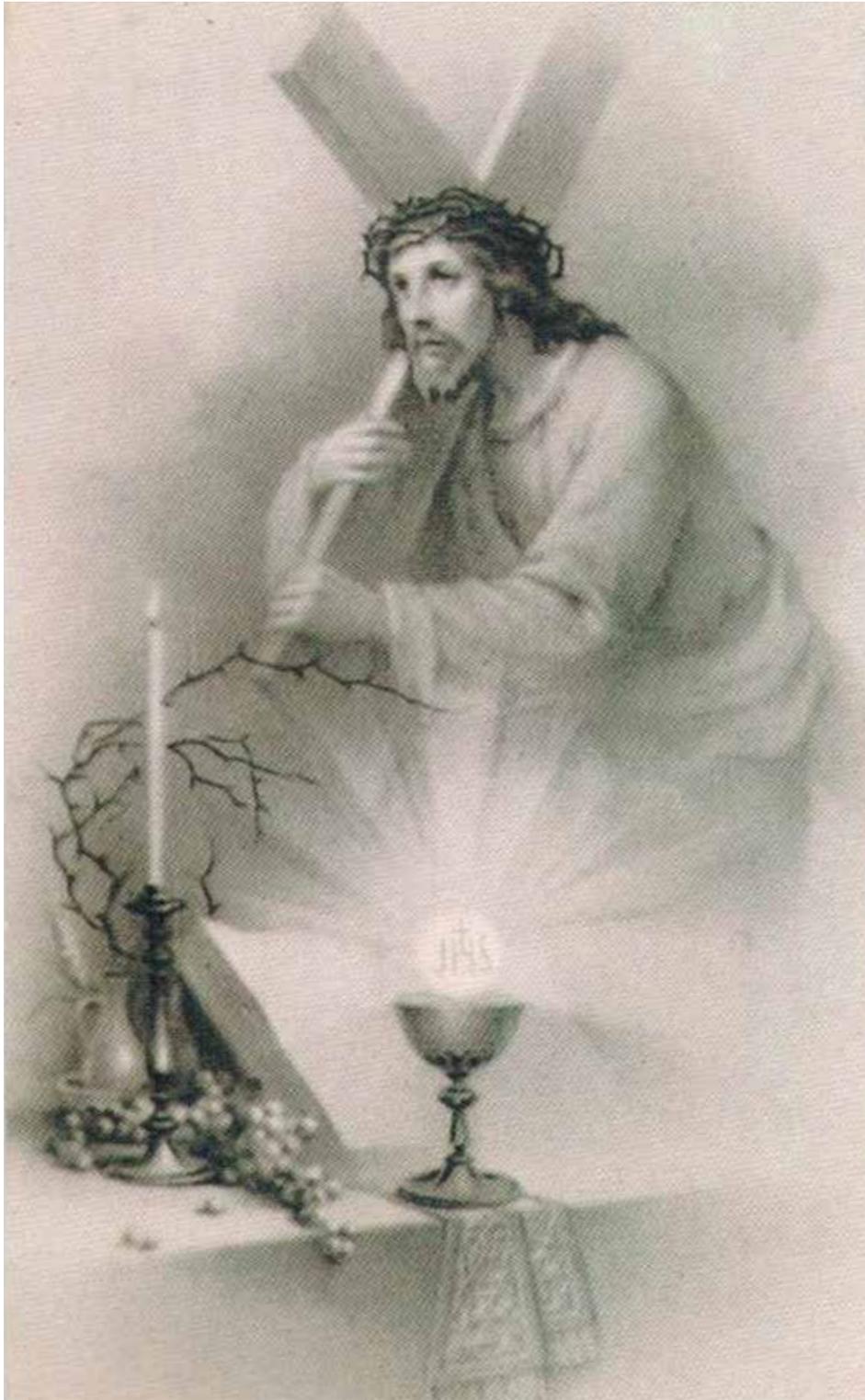
THE BEST PART

In our human nature lent is a rather somber, sad, unpleasant, joyless season. But, Our Lady comes reminding us of the happy, joyful result of our Lenten efforts. The best part of the Lenten message is the reward, the gifts that God gives us in return for our offerings: "sinners will be converted." Each of us goes into Lent realizing that "this sinner," (me, you, and all others) need conversion and with the hope that this Lent will advance my spiritual journey; and of course, God does then give us these graces that we need. In His mercy he rewards us in more ways than we deserve for our little efforts.

But at Fatima, Our Lady reminds of a bigger picture. The grace of conversion not only of ourselves, but of others whom we will never know how they are being affected until Judgment Day. The Church also reminds us at the conclusion of the Lenten Penitential Season by the Ceremonial blessing of the Baptismal Waters and new Catechumens (converts to Catholicism) are admitted into the catholic faith and their greatest anticipation and joy is in the participation and reception of their "First Holy Communion."

It is a fact that each year, during Lent, many sinners who did not willfully participate in

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the Lenten practices, by the grace of God, unknowingly are converted. Each year, at the end of Lent, the world is a better place than it was at the beginning of Lent. Recognizing this will give us the incentive to try harder during this Lent

WE NEED MORE LENT

Currently, many Christians in the world are suffering persecution. Families are being displaced, separated, their possessions seized, being driven from their homes forced into exile to become refugees in a foreign land, completely helpless and dependent on charity from others for their survival. Just in the last few months we have witnessed thousands of people being martyred for their faith. Many more have drowned trying to cross the Mediterranean Sea to escape persecution. Entire dioceses have been emptied of all Christians, and I might add that even entire countries which once were Christian, today are devoid of Christianity.

Additionally, here in the U.S.A., the creeping secularism has caused Christian values to almost disappear. If a nine year old child tells his school friends "My parents and I go to church every Sunday," his friends will stare in disbelief. How many movies and TV shows depict a family going to church every Sunday and keeping Sunday as the Lord's Day? It is no wonder why we have so much gun violence, drug abuse, broken families, abortion, etc., etc. Then we ask God to bless our country with good weather, good economy, and no terrorism. THIS IS ABSURD! What is needed is reparation for OUR sins. Our Lady at Fatima said, "***If the things I tell you to do are done, many sinners will be converted and peace will come.***" We should try to keep the spirit of Lent all throughout the year.

WHAT TO DO

The things Our Lady asked of us at Fatima are exactly what our Catholic Church asks of us during Lent. "***Stop offending God. He has already been too much***

offended." "***Pray, pray a great deal, and make sacrifices for sinners, for many souls go to hell because they have had no one to pray and make sacrifices for their conversion.***" Not just during Lent, but throughout the entire year. Although the 40 days of Lent are a time for special focus on the theme of reparation, the church too, teaches that some reparation is to be offered all the year around.

So, if we want an end to abortion, and end to terrorism, and God to "Bless America", we must offer reparation for sin. If we don't, who will? Remember, we are the "chosen ones," the lucky few who know more about the infinite love of God, His boundless mercy, and His Divine economy."

HOW TO DO IT

Our Lady of Fatima asks us to offer reparation for the sins of the world all year round by means of the daily recitation of the Holy Rosary; by offering of our daily duty and living the devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

For many of us, the most difficult and most important part of this offering to God is the giving of our time. How many of us are "too busy" to pray a good quality Holy Rosary each day? How many of us are too busy to make a Holy Hour or at least a visit with Jesus in the Tabernacle? What about the time to visit the sick or lonely? Or, even other corporal or spiritual works of mercy?

As I was privileged for many years to travel and give witness to the Fatima message, whenever I was asked to speak to young elementary and even high school students, I tried to impress on them that their Holy Rosaries were surely gaining more merit for them than my own Rosary simply because due to their schooling and studying, the sacrifice of their time was a more difficult task than mine.

Besides our daily rosary, Our Lady asks us to offer sacrifices. "***Sacrifice yourself for sinners.***" The ways to offer sacrifices are

How To Save Your Children Through The Rosary

During one of the cenacles which Fr. Gobbi gave in the United States, he was urged by many concerned people to ask Our Lady specifically what could be done to save the youth from the seductions of the world which were leading many of them astray and causing them to leave the Church. Our Lady gave Fr. Gobbi this definite and final solution to console the parents who are so concerned about the salvation of their children:

****Pray the Rosary.***

****Every time you pray the Rosary, say: "With this Rosary, I bind all my children to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for Her guidance and protection."***

****In doing so, Our Lady promised "to see to their souls."***

Having such a powerful weapon at our disposal, we must make use of it to save our youth? Let us bring all Her children, young and old alike, into the refuge of Her Immaculate Heart!

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many. Fasting, self-denial, disciplines of all sorts, but Our Lady gave us something better. **“Make everything you do an offering.”** She reveals to us a method of gaining much grace doing something that is easier to do than not to do. I will explain.

The three children, visionaries at Fatima, were asked **“Will you be willing to accept and bear whatever suffering God wills for you, always offering it in reparation, so that sinners can be converted?”** The three young children bravely said “yes.”

We also have already said YES to this many times. As often as we have heard Jesus in the Gospel simply asking us to willingly join Him in carrying our own crosses as He so eloquently says, **“...For whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up their cross, and follow me.”** NAB Mt 16:25.

Mary, the mother of Jesus, the mother of our Lord, is only reminding us of the great merit--the powerful reparation we offer Jesus simply by accepting and silently carrying our crosses in union with His infinitely bigger cross. We should already be very good at this, because we have so many opportunities to practice it. But how much easier is it to do, than “not” to do? This can effortlessly be accomplished

by simply reciting our Morning Offering. A simple example I often used to motivate students and adults was to explain to them the following simple example: “ ... *Let’s say my cross today is a headache. I can take a couple of aspirins, endure it alone, and waste it! Or, I can offer it to God and know that His graces will help me with it and may have an affect on others. Realizing that much grace can come from this cross makes not only my own suffering easier to bear, but in a spiritual sense, it becomes a joy knowing that I have complied with God’s Holy Will. Alleluia!*”

SUMMARY

The graces we gain for the conversion of sinners by our Lenten offerings are limited only by our efforts. Yes, if all Christian people would do enough during Lent, ISIS may be ended by their conversion. But, to make up for our own too often half-hearted response, and lack of effort by many others, we must go through the year offering reparation for sins, so that sinners may be converted. Continuing to offer our daily rosary and our daily share of crosses throughout the year, in reparation for sins, will bring from God the conversion of many sinners and a better world for all of us.



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The Message of Fatima In Our Lady’s Own Words (Fifth Apparition)

(From John Haffert’s Last Book

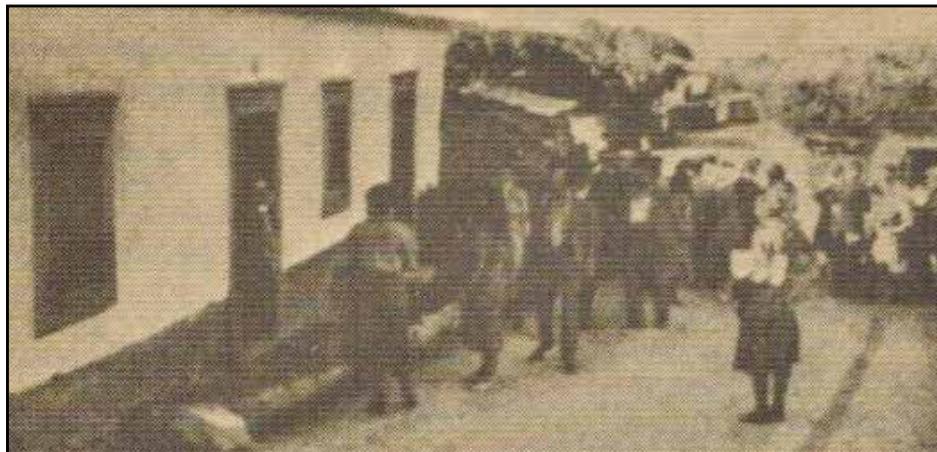
“To Shake The World”)

On September 13, 1917, Our Lady appeared as usual, following the flash of light. She said: **“Continue to pray the Rosary in order to obtain the end of the war. In October Our Lord will come, as well as Our Lady of Sorrows and Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Saint Joseph will appear with the Child Jesus to bless the world. God is pleased with your**

sacrifices. He does not want you to sleep with the rope on, but only to wear it during the daytime.”

“I was told to ask you many things,” Lucia said, “the cure of some sick people and a deaf mute...”

“Yes, I will cure some, but not others. In October I will perform a miracle so that all may believe.”



Home where Lucia was born



Home where Francisco & Jacinta were born

Three Most Defining Marian Apparitions

(by Charles M. Urban)

Without an extensive explanation, for the purpose of this writing, it is historically recorded that all three of these apparitions are documented in the annals of the Catholic Church and have survived the test of time and truth.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Patroness of the Americas

Circa 431 A.D., the Council of Ephesus declared Mary, the mother of Jesus, as the *THEOTOKOS* (Gk: "God-Bearer.") From his book, "The World's First Love" Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen explains how the Blessed Mother existed in the mind of God "as an eternal thought before there were any mothers. She is the mother of all mothers – she is the world's first love."



#1 – **MEXICO** – Just over a millennium later, in 1531, a beautiful young woman appeared to an Indian (Aztec) named Juan Diego, a convert to Catholicism, and asked him to go to the bishop because she was requesting that a temple be built at the site of the apparition. After several

meetings, the bishop requested that Juan Diego obtain the name of the "Lady from Heaven," as Juan Diego called her. Upon his return to Tepeyac Hill, the site of the initial apparition, he informed the Lady from Heaven that the bishop was requesting to know her name, and she attests that her name is: "...**Mother of the True GOD,**" exactly what the Church had declared of Her at the Council of Ephesus 1,100 years earlier.

In further continuous disbelief, the bishop orders Juan Diego to request a "sign" from Her. Returning to the site and encountering the Lady from Heaven, She fills his tilma with roses and orders him to return to the bishop. As Juan Diego is now in the presence of the bishop, he opens his tilma, a covering made of cactus fibers, and many roses from Castilla, which were completely out of season for the time, fell to the floor revealing an amazing representation of the "**Lady from Heaven**" imprinted in Juan Diego's tilma.

Recent modern and numerous scientific inspections have determined that the entire image of the Virgin Mary is embedded, not painted or weaved, in the actual fibers of the cloth producing a most intricate and astonishing representation of Herself. Further scientific inspections have also determined it can be seen in the pupils of Her eyes, what was in front of Her at that time...Juan Diego. Today, Juan Diego's 500 year old tilma, which should have deteriorated after 20 or so years, with Her image, is publicly displayed in the Basilica of Guadalupe in Mexico City, miraculously preserved, and where annually some 10 million visitors come on pilgrimage.

A worthy mention is that while tens of thousands of representations of Mary throughout the world have been painted, sculptured, manufactured and designed using other methods, are ALL human works of art. However, it is said that the Guadalupe tilma, is the only image in the entire world produced by Our Blessed Mother herself.

It should also be noted that during those days, the Aztecs annually offered at least 20,000 men, women, and children to their serpent gods. These human sacrifices had been performed for decades. Source: www.michaeljournal.org/guadalupe.htm

OUTCOME: The following decades

produced the conversion of over nine million Aztec Indians to the Christian faith. Source:

[www.ewtn.com/saintsHoly/saints/O/ourladyofguadalupe.asp]

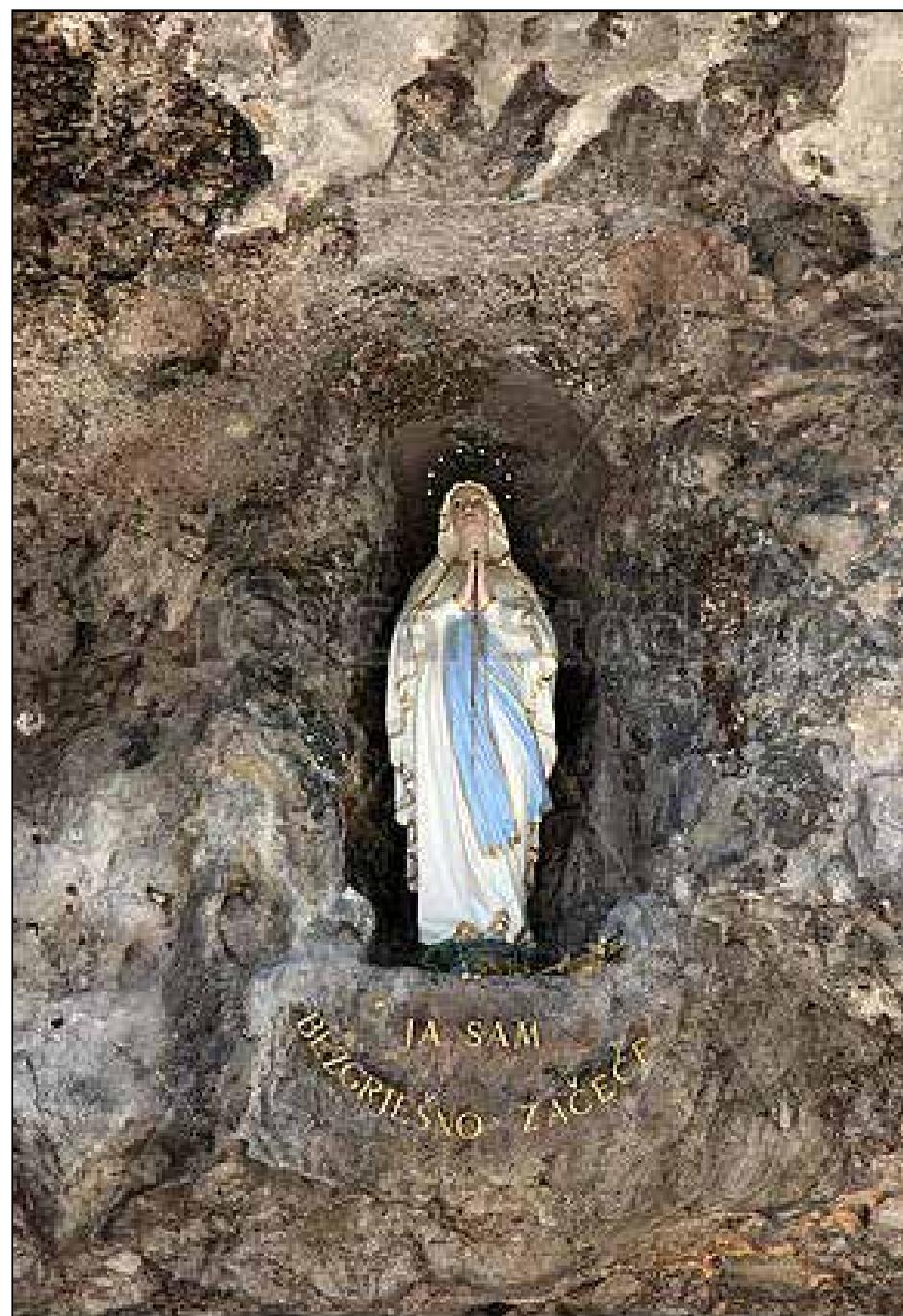
Today, the Church annually celebrates the Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception on December 8, and the feast for Saint Juan Diego on December 9.

NOTEWORTHY: A descriptive account of the story of Our Lady of Guadalupe apparitions to Juan Diego can be read at:

Source:
[www.michaeljournal.org]

Our Lady of Lourdes – "I am the Immaculate Conception"

#2 **FRANCE** - The Constitution "*Ineffabilis Deus*" of December 8, 1854, Pope Pius IX pronounced and defined that the Blessed Virgin Mary "*in the first*



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instance of her conception, by a singular privilege and grace granted by God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the human race, was preserved exempt from all stain of original sin."

See:

[www.newadvent.org/cathen/07674d.htm]

The 1858 Virgin Mary apparition in Lourdes, FRANCE, to a young sickly peasant 14 years old Bernadette Soubirous, follows a similar progression, although not necessarily identical events. Bernadette was so sickly she seldom went to school and could neither read nor write in her native French dialect. Consequently, one can deduce that she was then unable to "fully" and correctly understand her Catechism lessons being taught in French and while she often attended Holy Mass, she had not been granted the favor of receiving Holy Communion as Bernadette had not yet made her First Holy Communion.

See [<http://www.medjugorjeusa.org/lourdes.htm>]

Bernadette was visited in total 18 times at the Grotto of Massabeille and described Mary as a young 16 to 17 year old most beautiful girl, wearing a white robe, girdled at the waist with a blue ribbon, and holding a Rosary. Mary said to Bernadette, "**Do penance. Pray to God for the conversion of sinners.**" And, "**Pray the Rosary!**"

But it was not until the ninth visit that the Beautiful Lady told Bernadette, at the Grotto of Massabeille, to drink from the fountain and to bathe in it. Stupefied at the request since there had never been a fountain at the grotto, this innocent child began clawing the ground and noticed that bubbles of water were forming in the ground. She cupped her hands and drank and then washed her face in the mud. The next day, that small pool of bubbling water had become an overflowing stream.

On the eleventh apparition, the Lady told Bernadette she wanted a chapel built by the clergy and that people should come in "as in procession." Gaining her courage, Bernadette went to the clergy informing him of the Lady's request and in turn the clergy told her that if the Lady wanted a chapel built she must reveal Her identity.

The sixteenth apparition occurred on March 25, 1858, [the feast day the Church celebrates the Annunciation] the Lady revealed to Bernadette that She was the

"Immaculate Conception". Bernadette, who had not been fully instructed in the Catholic Faith, was unaware of the meaning of the term used by the Lady. However, the people needed no explanation since the Papacy had declared Mary that title four years earlier.

OUTCOME: Millions, of people have made annual pilgrimages to the Grotto and literally thousands of miraculous cures have been scientifically recorded over the years. There are "...Testimonies and accounts of thousands who have claimed healing due to the miraculous waters of the Grotto of Massabeille, in Lourdes France. Hundreds of cases have been reviewed by the Medical Bureau of Lourdes and deemed to be of a supernatural nature. The water from the Grotto still flows today, and people continue to attest to the healing powers of this **God-given grace.**"

Furthermore, a sign from heaven can be visibly seen in the incorruptible remains of Bernadette Soubirous. Live Webcam from the Grotto in Lourdes can be accessed at: <http://en.lourdes-france.org/tv-lourdes/>

NOTEWORTHY: A fuller account of all the eighteen apparitions of Our Lady of Lourdes can be read at: www.medjugorjeusa.org/lourdesprayernovena.ht

Our Lady of Fatima I am the Lady of the Rosary

#3 - **PORTUGAL** - Less than 60 years after the apparition at Lourdes, France, while in the midst of **WWI** during the spring of 1917, May 13, 1917 to be exact, Our Lady appears at the Cova da Iria to three young shepherd children: Jacinta 7, Francisco 9, and Lucia 10 years old, on six (6) consecutive occasions during that year.

1915 -1916 - Not much is spoken about in the course of the message of Fatima regarding the three visits of the Angel of Portugal. These 3 visits preceded and prepared the visionaries for the advent of Mary's apparitions. In the memoirs of Sr. Lucia's book titled, "Her Own Words," Lucia explains an apparition of what appeared to be a "young man of 14 or 15 years, white as snow, transparent as crystal when the sun shines through it and of great beauty."



This angel identified himself to be the Angel of Peace and said, "**Do not be afraid...pray with me.**" He then knelt on the ground, bowed his head until it touched the ground, and asked to pray the following: "**My, God, I believe, I adore, I trust and I love you. I ask pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not trust and love You.**" Then, rising, he said: "**Pray thus, The Hearts of Jesus and Mary are attentive to the voice of your supplications.**" [pg. 79]

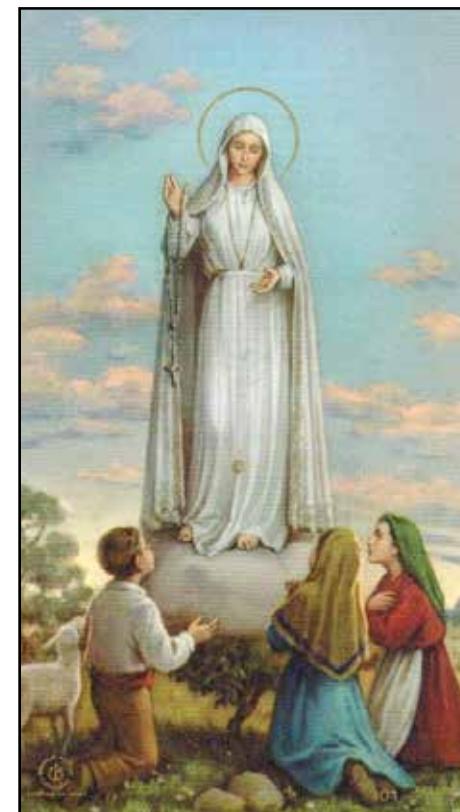
During the second visit by the angel, Lucia asks: "How are we to make sacrifices?" "**Make everything you do a sacrifice, and offer it to God as an act of reparation for the sins by which He is offended, and in supplication for the conversion of sinners. You will thus draw down peace upon your country. I am its Guardian Angel, the Angel of Portugal...**" [pg. 80]

On the third visit by the Angel, "while... we knelt down, our foreheads touching the ground, and began praying the Angel prayer...a light shone on us. We sprang up...and beheld the Angel. He was holding a chalice in his left hand with the Host suspended above it, from which some drops of Blood fell into the chalice..."

He gave the Sacred Host to me, and shared the Blood from the chalice between Jacinta and Francisco." As he did so he said: "**Take and drink the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, horribly outraged by ungrateful men! Make reparation for their crimes and console your God.**" [pg. 81]

OBSERVATION: (1) Most Christians, including myself, are not aware that God had assigned a Guardian Angel to each country. (2) Even this Angel strongly reinforces the need for the visionaries to make sacrifices for the conversion of sinners. (3) How can a mere human possibly deny the True Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, when the Angels know this? (4) Did you miss that the Angel is not only saying that by sacrificing themselves that they not only facilitate the conversion of sinners, but also that, by offering their daily duties...and everything they do, they are also being patriots by drawing peace upon Portugal? (5) Both a copy of Sr. Lucia's book "**Her Own Words**" and an inexpensive booklet containing "**Mary's Peace Plan from Heaven,**" can be purchased by visiting this newly reconstructed website. [www.pilgrimvirginstatue.com/pdf/Booklet.pdf]

May 13 to October 13, 1917 - A summary



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of the visitations always included Mary's encouragement to **PRAY the ROSARY every day** to obtain the conversion of sinners. Below are Our Lady's profound and prophetic words as Lucia recalls: "We then looked up at Our Lady, who said to us so kindly and so sadly:

'You have seen hell where the souls of poor sinners go. To save them, God wishes to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart. If what I say to you is done, many souls will be saved and there will be peace. The war is going to end: (meaning WWI) but if people do not cease offending God, a worse one will break out during the pontificate of Pious IX. (meaning WWII) When you see a night illumined by an unknown light, know that this is the great sign given you by God that he is about to punish the world for its crimes, by means of war, famine, and persecutions of the Church and of Holy Father.

To prevent this, 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 shall 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 period of peace will be granted to the world.'"

The "Hounds Of Hell" Are Marching

Here we are, January 2016, and the entire East Coast of the US is experiencing a mega blizzard expecting 24-30 inches of snow and major winds to reach 70+ MPH. Today's Mass intentions were offered for the Sanctity of Life, and to date, world wide abortions performed during the past 40 years are said to have exceeded 1.5 BILLION innocent lives and baby parts are presently being harvested for sale. The combined populations of North and South America and Europe, approximates 1.5 Billion people.

US and Worldwide stock markets tumble

and fumble. Hundreds of young Christian girls in Africa are abducted from their schools by savages threatening to murder them if they do not convert; and if they do, they are then used as sexual objects or sold into sexual slavery. Men, women, and children are murdered, crucified, buried alive, burned to death in cages, throats slashed, and who knows what else. Middle Eastern countries once Christians have been purged of them by this recent rise of Antichrist who wants to subjugate the entire world into a one world demonic religion. Drugs, divorce, adultery, pornography, the disregard for life, and so many other evils are destroying not only our communities and nations, but also our very souls. The Hounds of Hell are marching!

We Cannot Defeat Them On Our Own

While watching tens of thousands young and old people marching in protest of the killing of the unborn and pleading for a change in the unconscionable January 22, 1973, Roe V. Wade decision, it occurred to me that these brave souls were much like the 3 children of Fatima as they

were praying, offering their sacrifices, and pleading with God to end this unfathomable destruction of His Creation and all this with the threat of a mega blizzard on the way. Not overly concerned for their own safety or well being, but rather concerned about others and the direction of this country. Truly, not only Christians, but also Patriots!

This is the objective of this article, that in describing these 3 defining apparitions we may realize the power of a mother's love for Her Son and Her children because She is the "Mother of the True God, the **Immaculate Conception**, and the Lady of the Rosary," who begs us to repent, do penance, by praying the Rosary, and offering our daily sufferings...whatever God sends not just for our own salvation, but that for others as well.

You see, there was no military uprising against the Aztec chieftains, it was just Mary's appearance that caused the conversion of millions Aztec people. At Lourdes, Mary came not only to heal peoples' physical ills, but more importantly are the silent conversions over the years of the millions of souls whose miraculous spiritual recoveries are still ongoing today, but are never recorded in medical journals. All this is because of the God given graces that flow through Mother Mary. At Fatima She brings relief with news of an end to the war and introduces Her "Peace Plan from Heaven" as a remedy for future disasters and warns us, like our own mothers always do when we go to school or out to play, that if Her words are not heeded, worse will happen.

We cannot stop or defeat these evils on our own. I firmly believe it is up to Divine Providence and Intervention that will defeat this evil. But, we can, with Jesus and Mary's assistance, through Her Plan for Peace, permanently delay this inevitable persecution of God's children if we but follow what She asks! We might recall that when Jesus faced his own inevitable death, He agonized in the Garden and asked his disciples to pray with Him. Instead they all fell asleep and in a short time Jesus was arrested, convicted, scourged, and crucified. Likewise, Mary asks us during this inevitable persecution to pray with Her in the manner she asks. Will we also fall asleep? Is it too late? Mary, help us!

THE FEAST OF MERCY

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - APRIL 3, 2016

The Feast of Divine Mercy, as recorded in the diary of Saint Faustina Kowalska, receives from Jesus himself the biggest promises of grace related to the Devotion of Divine Mercy. During the course of Jesus' revelations to Sister Faustina, he asked on numerous occasions that a Feast Day be dedicated to His Divine Mercy and that this Feast be celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter.

On February 22, 1931, in Cracow, Poland, Helen Kowalska, a 25 year old nun known as Sister Mary Faustina, had a mystical experience of the Lord Jesus clothed in a white garment with one hand raised in blessing and the other over His heart from which came two rays of light. One ray of light was pale and represented the waters of baptism. The other ray of light was red and represented the Blood of Christ. The Lord told Sister Faustina, "**These two rays came forth from the depths of my most tender mercy at that time when my agonizing heart was opened by the lance on the Cross.**"

The Lord requested that the Sunday after Easter be designated as the "**Feast of Divine Mercy.**" He said, "**On that day, the depths of My tender Mercy will be open to all... I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon souls who approach the fount of My mercy.**" The Lord promised that "**Mercy Sunday shall be a day of complete forgiveness and pardon, --all our sins and the punishment due to them will be atoned for...**" Jesus told the young nun, "**Humanity will not enjoy**

peace until it turns with confidence to My Mercy."

On April 30, 2000, during the Mass of canonization of St. Faustina, Pope John Paul II proclaimed: "**It is important then that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the word of God on the Second Sunday of Easter, which from now on throughout the Church, will be called Divine Mercy Sunday.**"

The words of Our Lord in the diary of Sr. Faustina are very clear. He said, "**I want the image to be solemnly blessed on the first Saturday after Easter, and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it. By means of the Image I shall be granting many graces to souls; so let every soul have access to it.**" (Diary 341, 570)

Our Lord also said, "**I desire that priests proclaim this great mercy of Mine towards souls of sinners. Tell my priests that hardened sinners will repent on hearing their words when they speak about My unfathomable mercy, about the compassion I have for them in My Heart. To priests who proclaim and extol My mercy, I will give wondrous power; I will anoint their words and touch the hearts of those to whom they will speak.**" (Diary, 50, 1521)

Our Lord Jesus said, "**The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete**

forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity...Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy." (Diary, 699)

Our Lord also said, "**I demand from you deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for me. You are to show mercy to your neighbors always and everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try to excuse or absolve yourself from it.... I am giving you three ways of exercising mercy toward your neighbor: the first--by deed, the second--by word, the third--by prayer. In these three degrees is contained the fullness of mercy, but there must also be acts of mercy....**" (Diary 742)

On Divine Mercy Sunday, 2001, the Holy Father said: "**It is the appropriate and incisive answer that God wanted to offer to the questions and expectations of human beings in our time, marked by terrible tragedies. Divine Mercy! This is the Easter gift that the Church receives from the risen Christ and offers to humanity. The Holy Father often quotes Our Lord's conversation with St. Faustina saying "The two rays, according to what Jesus Himself told her, denote blood and water. The blood recalls the**

sacrifice of Golgotha and the mystery of the Eucharist: the water makes us think of Baptism and the Gift of the Holy Spirit."

The Cardinal of Krakow, Cardinal Macharski has written that "**we should use Lent as preparation for the Feast and confess even before Holy Week!** It is clear that the confessional requirement does not have to be met on the Feast itself. That would be an impossible burden for the clergy if it did. The Communion requirement is easily met that day, however, since it is a day of obligation, being Sunday. We would only need confession again, if received earlier in Lenten or Easter Season, if we were in the state of mortal sin on the Feast.

In His revelations to St. Faustina, Jesus also asked for special, daily remembrance at 3:00 o'clock, the very hour He died for us on the cross: "**At 3:00 o'clock implore My mercy, especially for sinners; and if only for a brief moment, immerse yourself in My Passion, particularly in My abandonment at the moment of agony: This is the hour of great mercy for the whole world. I will allow you to enter into My mortal sorrow. In this hour, I will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of Me in virtue of My Passion.**" We need to experience God's mercy and share that experience with others.

Chaplet Of Divine Mercy

One Our Father, one Hail Mary, one Apostles' Creed:

Large Beads of the Rosary: "Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Thy dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world."

Small Beads of the Rosary: "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

At the end, we pray three times: "Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

Eternal God, in who mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your Holy Will, which is Love and Mercy itself. Amen.

Jesus, I trust in you!

A Million Rosaries To Defeat Isis

How do you defeat a global terrorist organization like ISIS, whose members are largely hidden throughout the world, and are willing to die in suicide bombings for their diabolical goals of worldwide mass murder and destruction?

The ultimate answer is through prayer. The battle against ISIS at its roots, a spiritual battle against the devil and the forces of darkness.

We believe Mary, the Mother of Jesus and the Spiritual Mother of all peoples, has been given the power by God to crush the head of Satan (cf. Gen 3:15) and to successfully lead the spiritual battle against the great Dragon (cf. Rev. 12). Historically, Our Lady has repeatedly interceded for victories against foreign invasion seeking to destroy Christianity and Judeo-Christian civilization (e.g. Lepanto, 1571; Vienna, 1683).

Join the spiritual battle to stop ISIS. Please pray the Rosary every day, and include in your Rosary the intention "**for the defeat of ISIS and for the conversion of its members.**"

In this worldwide expression of prayer and unity, please add your name as a sign of your commitment to pray the Rosary daily to defeat ISIS. Let us entrust the spiritual defeat of ISIS to the most powerful intercession of Mary, the Spiritual Mother of all peoples and the Mediatrix of all graces.

Please sign up at the following website:

<http://www.1millionrosaries.com/petition/defeat-isis-english/>

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